

# MINUTES

— OF THE —

## Eighteenth Annual Session

— OF THE —

St. Mary's River Missionary Baptist Association,

— HELD WITH THE —

Live Oak Baptist Church, Nassau County, Florida,  
October 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1896.

### OFFICERS:

A. E. OGILVIE,	Moderator
C. A. SAULS,	Clerk
REV. D. C. ANDRESS,	Treasurer

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pointed the pastor and messengers from Live Oak church a Committee on Religious Exercises during the session.

Then, by motion of L. L. Jones, the association adjourned to meet Friday at 9 A.M. Benediction by Rev. J. C. Porter.

### SECOND DAY.

The association was called to order by the Moderator.

After singing and prayer by Rev. D. C. Andress, business was resumed. Yesterday's minutes were received as read. Then letters were called for by the Moderator from other churches. Several being present, the letters were read and messengers enrolled as follows:

Bethel—Rev. D. C. Andress, J. D. Chalker.

New Providence—Alex. Mills, John Brazell.

Folkston, First—Rev. D. Sikes, T. E. Wainwright.

Deep Creek—H. Norton.

Brandy Branch—B. L. Higginbotham, N. L. Thomas.

Ephesus—J. D. Haddock, Thomas Libbey, H. H. Haddock, P. C. Haddock.

Visiting brethren were then invited to seats with us by the Moderator, when Rev. J. C. Porter, editor of the "Florida Baptist Witness," Rev. L. W. Kickliter, of the New River Association, and Rev. R. J. Woodell, correspondent of the Piedmont Association of Georgia, were welcomed to seats by the Moderator.

Then the Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Temperance—James D. Chalker, L. W. Braddock, Rev. D. C. Andress.

On Nominations—John Brazell, Rev. D. Sikes, H. R. Stewart.

On Missions—Rev. J. J. Parsons, J. A. Braddock, B. L. Higginbotham.

On Christian Education—Rev. D. Sikes, Alex. Mills, H. Norton.

At this point Rev. J. C. Porter addressed the body in behalf of the Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association. Then the appointment of committees was resumed.

On Periodicals—Rev. D. Sikes, Thomas Libbey.

On Sunday Schools—D. C. Andress, Edwin Braddock, B. L. Higginbotham.

On Finance—H. C. Pickett, J. A. Braddock, J. M. Cooner.

On Woman's Missions—Rev. L. W. Kickliter, J. C. Braddock, Rev. D. C. Andress.

On Letters and Queries—J. C. Braddock, W. F. Allen, Paul Lowe.

On Church Discipline—T. J. Wingate, H. C. Pickett, J. H. Buford.

On Prayer Meeting—H. R. Stewart, B. L. Higginbotham, E. Johnson.

On the State of Religion in the Churches—J. D. Haddock, Rev. L. W. Kickliter, L. W. Braddock.

There being no messengers or letter from Macedonia, Brother J. C. Braddock and wife were received by the association as messengers from that church.

Then the association took a recess of ten minutes before the 11 o'clock sermon, which was preached by Rev. J. C. Porter from Matt. xiii: 18—"Hear ye, therefore, the parable of the sower"—after which the association adjourned until 1:30 P.M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. D. Sikes. The Moderator called the association to order. Then, the messengers from Moncrief Spring having arrived, the letter was read and messenger enrolled—Paul Lowe.



The Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, respectfully submit the following:

Realizing the great evil of indulging in intoxicating drinks, we recommend that any members of a church using it to excess should be sufficient cause for expulsion.

Respectfully submitted.

D. C. ANDRESS, Chairman,  
JAMES D. CHALKER,  
L. W. BRADDOCK.

Remarks by Revs. D. C. Andress, J. C. Porter, J. J. Parsons. Report adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

Recognizing the power of the religious press for good, your committee would urge all our Baptist families to supply their houses with sound religious literature. We recommend the "Florida Baptist Witness," our own denominational organ, to the prayerful consideration of all our people. It is indispensable to the full development of our church members. We request our pastors to urge their people to take and read the "Baptist Witness." We also recommend the "Foreign Mission Journal" as the best periodical to furnish our people with information about our foreign mission work. For Sunday schools we would recommend the literature of the Sunday School Board, and also the valuable helps of our American Baptist Publication Society.

REV. D. SIKES, Chairman,  
THOMAS LIBBY.

Remarks by Revs. D. Sikes, J. J. Parsons and L. W. Kickliter. The report was adopted, after which the association adjourned to Saturday at 9 A.M.

THIRD DAY.

After devotional exercises, led by Rev. D. Sikes, the association was called to order by the Moderator, and the reports of committees were called for. The Committee on Christian Education reported.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Christian Education, submit the following report:

We deem Christian education one of the precious privileges that all Baptists should enjoy, as on it depends the intelligence of the rising generation; and we should put forth every effort to religiously educate our children, by taking advantage of all the opportunities that we are blessed with.

Submitted in the favor of the Lord.

D. SIKES, Chairman,  
H. NORTON,  
J. A. MILLS.

After remarks by Revs. D. Sikes and D. C. Andress, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, would respectfully report that many of the churches report good Sunday schools, and that many of the churches depend upon Sunday school and prayer meeting, having no preaching service; and would recommend that all the churches deny themselves to be present at Sunday school, thereby encouraging the officers and children of the school.

Respectfully, your committee,

D. C. ANDRESS, Chairman,  
L. W. BRADDOCK,  
EDWIN BRADDOCK.

After remarks by Brethren J. C. Braddock, D. C. Andress and Rev. L. W. Kickliter, the report was adopted.

At this point the minutes of yesterday were read and received. Then Rev. D. C. Andress was re-elected Treasurer of the association.

The Committee on Prayer Meeting reported.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRAYER MEETING.

Your Committee on Prayer Meeting find that very few of our churches have reported from their letters that they have prayer meetings. Brethren, we think that it is an important thing to have in a church, and we also think they ought to have a prayer meeting by all means in every church in this association, so that our churches may be spiritually strong.

H. R. STEWART, Chairman.  
B. L. HIGGINBOTHAM,  
E. T. JOHNSON.

After remarks by T. J. Wingate, D. Sikes, D. C. Andress and J. C. Braddock, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, report the following:

We recommend that the next association meet with the Ruhamah church Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1897; that Rev. J. Thompson preach the introductory sermon at 11 o'clock, and that Rev. J. J. Parsons preach the missionary sermon Sunday at 11 A.M.; and we nominate as the Executive Committee the following brethren:

A. E. Ogilvie, Chairman and Treasurer.

L. L. Jones,	T. E. Wainwright,
P. L. Jones,	J. D. Chalker,
John Brazell,	Paul Lowe,
T. J. Wingate,	B. L. Higginbotham,
H. R. Stewart,	L. W. Guernsey,
P. C. Haddock,	J. C. Braddock,

C. A. Young.

Submitted in the love of God.

H. R. STEWART, Chairman,  
D. SIKES,  
JOHN BRAZELL.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

Your Committee on Letters and Queries beg leave to report as follows:

We find no queries propounded in any of the letters from the churches.

W. F. ALLEN, Chairman,  
J. C. BRADDOCK,  
PAUL LOWE.

After remarks by Brother T. J. Wingate, there was an intermission of five minutes before the 11 o'clock sermon, which was preached by Rev. J. A. Thompson from Revelations xx: 12—"I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God." Then there was a recess of one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. D. C. Andress.

The Moderator called the association to order.

The report on Letters and Queries was further discussed by Rev. D. C. Andress, Brother T. J. Wingate, Revs. L. W. Kickliter and D. Sikes, after which the report was adopted.

The Committee on Woman's Mission Work reported.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S MISSION WORK.

Your Committee on Woman's Mission Work submit the following report:

Your committee, after examination, find three churches which have Woman's Missionary Societies organized. Recognizing the importance of woman's work, we would urge upon each church the importance of organizing a ladies' missionary society for the further promotion of the work of our Master; and not only this, but that we may, through woman's work, develop a greater power among our sisters for Christian work.

L. W. KICKLITER, Chairman,  
J. C. BRADDOCK,  
D. C. ANDRESS.

After remarks by Revs. L. W. Kickliter, D. C. Andress and D. Sikes, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Church Discipline reported.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

We, your Committee on Church Discipline, report as follows:

That from the reading of the letters and what we can learn from the brethren, there is better discipline in our churches than there has been for years.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. WINGATE, Chairman,  
J. H. BUFORD,  
PAUL C. HADDOCK.

After remarks by Brother T. J. Wingate, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

That we have received balance due from last year's Treasurer, \$9.73; for minutes, \$18.06; associational purposes, \$13.35; total, \$43.19.

H. C. PICKETT, Chairman,  
J. M. COONER,  
J. A. BRADDOCK.

Then, on motion of Brother T. J. Wingate, it was ordered that the money now on hand be used to pay the expense of printing our minutes, and \$7 for the Clerk's fee, the balance to be turned over to the Executive Committee.

Then, on motion of Brother J. C. Braddock, and by a vote of the association, the Clerk was instructed to give the printing of our minutes to the "Florida Baptist Witness."

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, appointed at your last session, make the following report of our transactions:

The committee went to work as soon as it was appointed. We employed Rev. D. Sikes for part of his time, who labored for ten months. Sermons preached, 20; funeral services, 2; church organized, 1; Sunday school organized, 1; family visits, 11; number of miles traveled, 250; days' labor, 21; money received on the field by D. Sikes, \$1; for which we paid him \$45.50.

We also employed Rev. Theo. Davis, who labored for eight months. He reports: Sermons preached, 18; members received and baptized, 3 (and 1 awaiting baptism); family visits, 20; miles traveled, 266; collected on field, \$9.49; for which we paid him \$42.

We also employed Rev. D. C. Andress, who labored for twelve months. He reported: Sermons preached, 64;



baptized, 6; prayer meetings held, 8; family visits, 20; funerals preached, 2; number of miles traveled, 1,164; collected on the field, \$3.65; for which we paid him \$65.

We have received during this year the sum of \$146.08; \$7.04 in treasury from last year, making a total of \$153.12.

A. E. OGILVIE, Chairman and Treasurer.

After remarks by Rev. D. Sikes and Brother A. E. Ogilvie, the report was adopted.

"We, the members of the St. Mary's River Association, return a vote of thanks to Brother A. E. Ogilvie for his faithful discharge of services as Secretary and Chairman of the Executive Board."

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Your Committee on Religious Exercises submit the following:

We recommend that Rev. L. W. Kickliter preach Thursday night at 7 o'clock; that Rev. J. C. Porter preach Friday at 11 o'clock, and that Rev. J. J. Parsons preach Friday night at 7 o'clock [but owing to inclement weather he was not there, and Rev. D. C. Address filled his place].

We also recommend that devotional exercises be conducted Saturday morning at 9 o'clock by Rev. D. Sikes, and that Rev. J. A. Thompson preach at 11 o'clock; also that Rev. R. J. Woodell preach Saturday night at the church, Rev. D. C. Address at the Hodge school house, Rev. L. W. Kickliter at the Higginbotham school house, and Rev. D. Sikes at Bethany church.

We also recommend that devotional exercises be conducted Sunday morning at 9 o'clock at the church by

Brother A. E. Ogilvie, and that Rev. L. W. Kickliter preach Sunday at 11 o'clock. Submitted in the love and fear of our Master.

D. SIKES,  
E. HODGES,  
L. L. JONES,  
J. S. BRADDOCK,  
Committee.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

D. C. Address, Treasurer, in account with the St. Mary's River Association for the year ending Oct. 22, 1896.

Received from Finance Committee, Oct. 22, 1895	\$37. 33
Received from Brother Wheeler, Jacksonville	3 50
Paid Clerk of Association, Bro. Chalker	\$10 00
Paid for printing minutes and postage	24 60
Balance on hand	6 23
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D. C. ADDRESS, Treasurer.

"Resolved, That this association tender to the good people of Live Oak church and surrounding community their heartfelt thanks for the cordial and hospitable manner in which they have been received and entertained during this session; and we pray that God's blessing may rest on them."

Then, on motion of Brother T. J. Wingate, and by a vote of the association, it was ordered that a collection be taken after services to-morrow, half of which will be reserved by the Executive Committee, and the other half divided equally between the Home, State and Foreign Boards; after which the association adjourned to meet with the Ruhamah church, Camden county, Georgia, on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1897.

A. E. OGILVIE, Moderator.

C. A. SAULS, Clerk.



FOURTH DAY.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1896.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Brother A. E. Ogilvie, there was a collection taken for the support of Rev. Theo. Davis, amounting to \$13.70.

The missionary sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Rev. L. W. Kickliter, from Philippians ii : 15, 16:

"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain."

After this there was a collection taken, amounting to \$11.07.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

- D. C. Address ..... Macclenny, Fla.
- J. J. Parsons ..... Jacksonville, Fla.
- Theo. Davis ..... Hilliard, Fla.
- Daniel Sikes ..... Folkston, Ga.

CHURCH CLERKS.

- Bethany—J. H. Buford, Callahan, Fla.
- Bethel—G. H. Townsend, Glen St. Mary, Fla.
- Brandy Branch—Aaron Foraker, Baldwin, Fla.
- Folkston, First—G. C. Burgess, Folkston, Ga.
- New Providence—W. W. Brazell, Kingsland, Ga.
- Ruhamah—H. R. Stewart, Kingsland, Ga.
- Thomas Creek—J. D. Ogilvie, Callahan, Fla.
- Live Oak—J. S. Braddock, Dyal, Fla.
- Mount Olive—J. T. Wingate, Evergreen, Fla.
- Jacksonville, First—L. W. Guernsey, Jacksonville, Fla.
- Moncrief Springs—George R. Adams, Jacksonville, Fla.
- Ephesus—H. H. Haddock, King's Ferry, Fla.
- Deep Creek—R. C. Hicks, Inglehome, Fla.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Membership Last Year.							When Constituted.	Present Membership.	Seating Capacity.	Meeting Houses.	Value of Meeting Houses.	Parsonages.	Total Value of Church Property.
	By Baptism.	By Experience.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Exclusion.	By Erasure.	By Death.							
Bethany.....	27	23	0	0	0	0	0	250	1	200	1	250	1	250
Bethel.....	1877	1877	1	1	1	1	1	200	1	200	1	200	1	200
Brandy Branch.....	1863	1863	1	1	1	1	1	400	1	400	1	400	1	400
Jackson, First.....	1863	1863	1	1	1	1	1	500	1	500	1	500	1	500
Volusia, Alliance.....	1884	1884	1	1	1	1	1	400	1	400	1	400	1	400
Ruhamah.....	1884	1884	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	100	1	100	1	100
Thomas Creek.....	1883	1883	1	1	1	1	1	150	1	150	1	150	1	150
Live Oak.....	1883	1883	1	1	1	1	1	201	1	201	1	201	1	201
Mt. Olive.....	1876	1876	1	1	1	1	1	22	1	22	1	22	1	22
Jacksonville, First.....	1876	1876	1	1	1	1	1	55	1	55	1	55	1	55
Moncrief Springs.....	1876	1876	1	1	1	1	1	22	1	22	1	22	1	22
Ephesus.....	1876	1876	1	1	1	1	1	367	1	367	1	367	1	367
Deep Creek.....	1876	1876	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	100	1	100	1	100
Total.....	184	184	6	4	2	3	8	770	11	49,447	11	49,447	11	49,447

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES.	Home Church Expenses.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sent Up to Association.	Printing Minutes.	Visiting Ministers.	Associational Purposes During the Year.	For Poor and Home Charities	Total.
Bethany.....	\$ 40 20			\$1 50	\$1 50	\$2 70	\$11 72		\$ 57 62
Bethel.....	110 00				1 00		2 00	\$10 00	124 00
Brandy Branch.....	30 00				1 20		5 00		36 20
Folkston, First.....	33 00		1 50		1 00		6 00	10 00	51 50
New Providence.....					1 50				1 50
Ruhamah.....	105 28				2 00				107 28
Thomas Creek.....	101 65				1 00	15 50	4 25	32 61	156 01
Live Oak.....	52 50				1 31		4 50		58 31
Mount Olive.....	71 25				1 35		12 94		85 54
Jacksonville, First.....	1,000 22	\$13 50	\$ 40		5 00		1 50	38 50	2,055 22
Moncrief Springs.....	21 28								23 02
Ephesus.....	25 00				1 00		1 00		27 00
Deep Creek.....	1 00						.50		1 50
Total.....									\$2,784 70

Jacksonville, First: Value of Barrels, \$125.

Woman's Society: Foreign, \$50.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

SUPERINTENDENTS.	Contributed for Missions and Benevolence.	Contributed for Expenses.	Volumes in Library.	Number of Pupils.	Number of Officers and Teachers.
H. R. Stewart.....	\$3 34	\$ 4 18	25	45	8
Hugh J. McCallum.....	2 00	40 52	25	151	15
A. E. Ogilvie.....	2 05	2 03	25	25	5
Edwin Braddock.....		2 00	25	31	8
G. C. Burgess.....		4 20	5	20	5
J. O. Resce.....		2 00	25	20	4
T. Patten.....		10 00	25	55	9
J. B. Jones.....		2 00	25	15	4
R. G. Haddock.....		5 50	25	25	6