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OF THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Wekiwa Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

At Orlando, Orange County, Florida, Sept. 30th, Oct. 1st and 2d, 1881.

OFFICERS:

ELDER S. F. GOVE, *Moderator*, - - - - - Longwood, Fla.
E. CARROLL CULPEPPER, *Clerk* - - - - - Geneva, Fla.
J. M. BLITCH, *Treasurer*, - - - - - Orlando, Fla.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Elder R. W. Lawton.....Oviedo.
Elder S. F. Gove.....Longwood.
W. B. Culpepper.....Geneva.
J. R. A. Tucker.....Oviedo.
J. D. Dorsett.....Apopka.
J. M. Blitch.....Orlando.
J. M. Owens.....Umatilla.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Read letters from churches.
3. Elect officers.
4. Petitionary letters.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
6. Letters of correspondence.
7. Appointment of Special Committees.
8. Reports of Standing Committees.
9. Treasurer's report.
10. Appointment of Standing Committees.
11. Report of Special Committees.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

MINUTES

FIRST DAY.

FRIDAY, September 30th, 1881.

According to previous appointment the Association met with Bethel Baptist church, Orlando, Orange county, Florida, Sept. 30th, 1881.

Elder A. Tyndal preached the Introductory Sermon from Genesis 28th chapter, 18th and 19th verses.

Elder R. W. Lawton offered prayer and pronounced the benediction.

After refreshments the delegates assembled at the house. Prayer was offered by Elder G. M. T. Wilson.

The Moderator and Clerk being absent the body was called to order by Elder S. F. Gove, chairman of the executive committee.

E. Carroll Culpepper was elected Clerk *pro. tem.*

Letters from the churches were called for, and received letters from eight churches, which were read and the names of the delegates enrolled as shown by the statistical table.

On motion of Elder R. W. Lawton, the rule electing by ballot was suspended, and Elder S. F. Gove as Moderator and E. Carroll Culpepper, Clerk were elected by acclamation.

Visiting brethren of the same faith and order were invited to seats with the body, which was accepted by Elder W. N. Chaudoin, Corresponding Secretary of the State Board and Editor of the Florida Department of THE CHRISTIAN INDEX, B. M. Pack, Sunday-school Evangelist of the American Baptist Publication Society, and J. F. Prince.

Petitionary letters were then called for, when New Hope, Live Oak, of Sumter county, Damascus, New Salem, Macedonia, Altoona, West Apopka and Antioch asked for admission, which being granted, the right hand of fellowship was given by the Moderator, and delegates took their seats.

The following special committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Preaching—W. J. Hull, J. Wofford, J. M. Blitch, J. R. A. Tucker, H. L. Meeks.

On Letters and Queries—Elder G. M. T. Wilson, S. Tyner, J. D. Dorsett, J. N. Watson, S. W. Corley.

On Finance—J. H. Talbird, W. T. Denham, E. F. Driggers, J. E. Mitchell, A. J. Barker.

On Publication—Elder R. W. Lawton, Elder J. H. Hayman, Elder A. Tyndal, A. A. Lewis, J. D. Dorsett.

On State of Church—D. L. Kendrick, W. C. Jacobs, W. C. Drawdy.

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arranged.

On Temperance—Elder J. H. Hayman, D. Holton, O. O. Sloan, W. T. Denham, D. L. Kendrick.

On Deceased Members and Deacons—Elder R. W. Lawton, A. Tyndal, J. H. Hayman, G. M. T. Wilson, D. L. Kendrick.

On motion of Elder R. W. Lawton, a committee was appointed on Sunday-schools and Missions by the Moderator as follows:

On Sunday Schools—Elder R. W. Lawton, J. D. Dorsett, H. L. Meeks, Hiram Watson, Elder J. H. Hayman.

On Missions—Elder R. W. Lawton, J. W. Savage, H. L. Meeks, J. D. Dorsett, W. F. Roman.

Adjourned to meet at 8.30 o'clock Saturday morning, for prayer-meeting.

Preaching Friday night by Elder G. M. T. Wilson. Text, Numbers 32:23.

Benediction by Elder R. W. Lawton.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, October 1, 8.30 A.M.

Prayer-meeting conducted by brother D. L. Kendrick.

Business resumed at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder J. W. Savage.

Invitation to visiting brethren resumed.

By request Elder S. F. Gove was released from preaching the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock A.M. on Sunday, and Elder W. N. Chaudoin was requested to perform the labor.

On motion, Elder W. N. Chaudoin addressed the body in the interest of THE CHRISTIAN INDEX.

Adjourned to meet at 2.30 o'clock P.M.

Elder J. H. Hayman occupied the stand. Text, 1 Cor. 3:8. Followed by J. N. Watson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2.30 o'clock business was resumed. Prayer was offered by Elder R. W. Lawton.

On motion of Elder R. W. Lawton, J. M. Blich was elected Treasurer of the Association by acclamation.

On motion of J. D. Dorsett, the action of the Executive Committee in regard to the disposition of the funds in the Treasury was confirmed by this body.

On motion of D. L. Kendrick, the same Executive Committee be appointed as follows: Elder R. W. Lawton, S. F. Gove, W. B. Culpepper, J. R. A. Tucker, J. D. Dorsett, J. M. Blich, J. M. Owens.

The following delegates were appointed to the State Baptist Convention: Elder R. W. Lawton, S. F. Gove, G. M. T. Wilson, J. D. Dorsett.

To the Alachua Association: S. W. Corley.

To the South Florida Association: Elders G. M. T. Wilson, J. H. Hayman, J. H. Talbird.

Reports of Committees received and adopted:

On Letters and Queries.

Your Committee beg leave to report: We see but two churches asking for the next session of this Association, viz: Apopka and Moss Bluff. Inasmuch as Apopka is the most central, your Committee recommend that it have the next session of this body. Apopka church selected.

QUERIES.

1. Any member of a church who will not contribute to the support of his church, is he not a subject of discipline? Answer—He is.

2. Should any church retain in its membership any one who has been married and divorced from a lawful wife or husband and has been married to another? Ans—Referred back to the church for definition of what they mean by lawful.

3. Is it the duty of each member of a church to commune at the Lord's table? Ans—It is. Is he in good standing if he does not? Ans—He is neglecting duty.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. M. T. WILSON, *Chairman.*

On Publication.

Your Committee on Publication would earnestly recommend, first a more careful reading of the Word of God. After which we would urge the united support of THE CHRISTIAN INDEX, and "Kind Words." For many reasons, we deem it best for us, and most practicable, to unite all our strength for the present, in supporting these papers.

R. W. LAWTON, *Chairman.*

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

Your Committee ask leave to report that through the mercy of our Heavenly Father, the lives of all our ministers and deacons have been spared to us. Yet it becomes our painful duty to report that our beloved Father in Israel, Elder G. C. Powell, will, in all probability, very soon be called from his earthly labors, and through us, extends his farewell to all the brethren.

Pending the adoption of the above report, special prayer was offered for brother and sister Powell.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. LAWTON, *Chairman.*

On State of Churches.

Your Committee on State of Churches, beg leave to report as follows: We regret to say that from the letters from the churches, as well as the delegates, we think there is not the evidence of growth and prosperity, spiritually, that should exist.

Too much of omission, at least, too little work for the Master and his cause. We regret to come to this conclusion, but hope and pray that to announce it, will be sufficient to call the attention of the churches to the remedy.

Work, above all pray. Do your work first, and so praying and working, we may confidently expect that God will give the increase we so much need.

Souls are perishing around us. Let the remedy be prompt, for the Great Head of the Church has the right to claim our all. Pay your vows.

D. L. KENDRICK, *Chairman.*

On Temperance.

It seems that, in view of the prohibition in God's Word against the use of intoxicating liquors, and of the consequence attending its use, that it would not be necessary for us ever to report upon the subject. But the use, or rather the abuse, of ardent spirits is so wide-spread, the consequences resulting so alarming, that every citizen, patriot, and especially every follower of Christ must make war upon it. The Christian especially, for the enemy of souls uses no more deadly weapons. Let the church of God join everywhere in a holy war upon the enemy of our friends, neighbors, country, and the cause of our Redeemer.

J. H. HAYMAN, *Chairman.*

On Sunday-Schools.

Your Committee on Sunday-schools, beg leave to make the following report:

While we are thankful that in some sections there is an interest being manifested in the Sunday-school work, we are forced to report, and regret as a general thing throughout the bounds of this Association there is little or no effort being put forth for the development of this great cause, and as we deem the Sunday-school as being the greatest auxiliary which the church has, we would therefore recommend that our churches throughout the bounds of the Wekiwa Association take more earnest heed to the establishment of Sunday-schools in their midst, than they have hitherto done. As our brother, Rev. Basil M. Pack, Sunday-school Missionary, under the appointment of the American Baptist Publication Society, for the State of Florida, is with us, we would heartily welcome him into our midst, and cheerfully lend our co-operation in the prosecution of his work in our State.

We would recommend the Sunday school literature of said Society to our churches.

R. W. LAWTON, *Chairman.*

On Preaching.

Your Committee on Preaching, beg leave to report:

That Elder G. M. T. Wilson preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder A. Tyndal, alternate.

Elder R. W. Lawton preach the Missionary Sermon, Elder S. F. Gove, alternate.

W. B. HULL, *Chairman.*

On Missions.

Your Committee on Missions, beg to report:

There is comparatively little missionary work being done within the bounds of this Association, and our means for supplying the great destitution is very limited. Truly, the harvest is great and laborers are few. We would recommend that a collection for missions be taken to-morrow, at the conclusion of the morning ser-

vice, and that the funds collected there, and every other source, be turned over, except for ministers, to brother W. N. Chaudoin, Treasurer of the Florida Baptist State of Missions.

We believe it wise and practicable to form as close a union with that Board as possible, and would hereby urge its claims upon this body

R. W. LAWTON, *Chairman.*

On Finance.

Your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report:

That we have received from the several churches, and from the Midway Association, the following amount:

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Missions.	Associational Purposes.
Midway Association.....			\$8 00
Bethel.....	\$3 00	\$5 05	
Antioch.....	1 50	5 00	
Pleasant Grove.....	1 50		
Anteona.....	50		
Damascus.....	1 50		
Live Oak, (Sumter Co.).....	1 50		
Harmony.....	50		
New Hope.....	1 50		
Pine Grove.....	1 50		2 50
Concord.....	1 50	2 66	
Moss Bluff.....	25		1 30
Apopka.....	1 50		
Macedonia.....	1 00	26	
Lake Harney.....	1 00	4 60	
New Salem.....	1 00		
Orange Grove.....			2 70
	\$18 25	\$27 57	\$14 50
Total amount.....			\$60 32

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. TALBIRD, *Chairman.*

Treasurer's Report.

J. M. BLETCH, *Treasurer.*

To amount	Dr.
In account with the Wekiwa Association,	
received from Finance Committee,	\$60.32
“ “ collected for the church at Orlando,	30.50
“ “ “ on Sabbath,	28.35
“ “ “ Pledges,	13.20
“ “ “ Ministerial Education,	25
“ “ “ Sunday-school purpose,	6.47

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By amount paid for minutes,	Cr.
" " " Clerk,	\$15.00
" " " Orlando church,	10.00
" " " W. N. Chaudoin Treas, State Board	10.50
" " " B. M. Pack, S. S. Miss.,	7.12
	6.47
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Orlando, Oct. 1st, 1881.

J. M. BLITCH, *Treasurer.*

The following subscriptions given at the Wekiwa Association for State Missions, to be paid by or before Christmas:

Antioch church, \$15.00; Concord church, \$5.00; Bethel church, \$5.00; Lake Harney church, \$5.00; Orange Grove church, \$5.00; Damascus church, \$5.00; Pleasant Grove church, \$2.50; Altoona church, \$5.00; Live Oak, Sumter county, \$3.00; Mrs. Russell, Orlando, \$10.00; W. H. Barlow, \$1.00; G. W. Crawford, \$1.00; A. P. Farnell, \$5.00; Rev. T. Bishop, \$5.00; Mrs. E. T. Driggers, Longwood, \$2.00; S. B. Carter, \$2.00; Richard Savage, \$1.00; Maj. Russell, \$5.00; L. R. Phillips, \$2.00; Mrs. DeLaney, Orlando, since paid, \$5.00; Apopka, by Dunway and Mills, since paid, \$2.00; West Apopka, H. L. Meeks, since paid, \$1.00; Macedonia, Rev. A. Tyndal, since paid, \$1.00; T. Lawton and W. C. Drawdy, since paid, 50 cts.; Mrs. E. Whitted, Orlando, since paid 20 cts.; Moss Bluff, S. Holton, since paid, 50 cts.; New Salem, since paid \$3.00.

On motion, that fifteen dollars be appropriated for printing Minutes, and ten dollars be paid the Clerk for his services.

On motion, two General Meetings for the ensuing year, to be held with the following churches, commencing on Friday morning before the Sabbath designated:

Antioch church, fifth Sunday in January 1882.

Damascus church, fifth Sunday in July 1882.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered the brethren and friends of Orlando for their hospitality in entertaining the delegates and visitors in attendance on this meeting. Also to the South Florida railroad for favors in passing our delegates and ministers at half rates.

Preaching Saturday night by Rev. B. M. Pack. Text Proverbs 14th chapter 12th verse.

After preaching a collection of \$30.50 was taken up for Bethel church, at Orlando, Fla.

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

Prayer-meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., after which services were introduced by Elder W. N. Chaudoin, who preached a most interesting sermon from 1st Peter, 3rd chapter 7th verse.

A collection of \$28.35 was taken up for missions in the bounds of this Association.

A hymn was sung and the parting hand was given. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. F. B. Mays, D. D., when the Association adjourned to meet with Apopka church, at Apopka, on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1882.

ELDER S. F. GOVE, *Moderator.*

E. CARROLL CULPEPPER, *Clerk.*

At 3 o'clock P.M. a Sunday-school Convention was held. Rev. B. M. Pack spoke to the children. A collection of \$6.47 was taken for Sunday school purposes. Preaching Sunday night, by Rev. J. F. B. Mays. Text, St. John 3:16.

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND POST-OFFICES.

J. W. Savage.....Oviedo	J. H. Hayman.....Umatilla
A. Tindal.....Pine Castle	R. W. Lawton.....Oviedo
W. J. Watson.....Okahumkie	S. F. Gove.....Longwood
G. M. T. Wilson.....Okahumkie	G. C. Powell.....Geneva

LICENTIATE.

D. C. Kendrick.....West Apopka

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son or Word, and the Holy Ghost. Deut. 4:39; Cor. 8:6; and 1 John 5:7.
2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16; Romans 15:4, and 3:2.
3. We believe that Adam, by sin, fell from the state of purity in which he was created; that all his posterity are degenerate, and that all human nature is corrupt and depraved. Rom. 3:12; Gen. 1:21-28; 3:6-8.
4. We believe that man is utterly unable by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature. Heb. 9:22, 23; 1 Peter 2:34, and 3:18.
5. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the world began. Eph. 1:35; Titus 1:1, 2.
6. We believe in the covenant of redemption and salvation by grace, entered into by the Sacred Three, in behalf of the elect on whom grace and glory were settled forever in Christ, their covenant head. Psalms 89:2-4, and 27:37; Eph. 1:35; 2 Tim. 1:9.
7. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only, and that they receive pardon and reconciliation through Him. Rom. 3:22-26.
8. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the influence and operation of the Holy Spirit. 1 Peter 1:2; Mal. 3:17.
9. We believe that saints shall persevere in grace, and that none of them shall be lost. John 10:22-29; 3 Tim. 1:9.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and the general judgment; and that the joy of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. Job 19:25-27; John 5:28, 29; Matt. 25:31, 34, 41, 46.
11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only fit subjects of baptism; that immersion of the subject in water is the Apostolic mode, and that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table. Matt. 3:6-16; Mark 1:9-16; John 4:1, 2; Acts 2:38, 41, and 18:8; Luke 22:17-20; John 13:2-41.
12. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel unless he has been regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. Tim. 2:6, 7; 5:21, 22; Titus 1:5; Acts 13:2, 3.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Excluded.	Dismissed by Letter	Deaths.	Total.
Apopka.....	J. E. Mays.....	J. L. Stuart.....	J. D. Dorsett, T. A. Mills, S. A. Dimway.....	6	6	1	1	1	45
Pine Grove.....	J. W. Savage.....	S. Rogers.....	J. R. A. Tucker, Samuel Rogers, J. W. Savage.....	1	1	1	1	1	39
Moss Bluff.....	S. T. Stanlan.....	J. F. Holden.....	L. Holton.....	1	1	1	1	1	20
Concord.....	J. H. Hayman.....	W. T. Deutham.....	John Tanner, W. R. Radlerson, W. T. Denham.....	1	1	1	1	1	33
Harmony.....	A. Tyndal.....	D. L. Simmons.....	W. C. Jacobs, H. W. Tanner.....	1	1	1	1	1	16
Lake Harney.....	R. W. Lawton.....	L. D. Hart.....	J. H. Talbird, E. C. Culppeper.....	1	1	1	1	1	18
Antioch.....	S. F. Gove.....	S. B. Carter.....	W. B. Hull, J. M. Blitch, John Wafford, S. B. Carter.....	19	19	4	4	1	57
Pleasant Grove.....	G. M. T. Wilson.....	W. A. Rowan.....	S. F. Gove, W. W. Rowan, E. F. Duggers, G. W. Hicks.....	4	4	1	1	1	16
Macedonia.....	J. H. Hayman.....	C. A. Kendrick.....	H. L. Meess, D. I. Kendrick.....	2	2	1	1	1	20
New Salem.....	A. Tyndal.....	C. P. Cummings.....	J. H. Harman, C. P. Cummings.....	4	4	1	1	1	18
Live Oak.....	G. M. T. Wilson.....	A. J. Barber.....	A. Tyndal, A. J. Barber.....	4	4	1	1	1	19
Damascus.....	W. J. Watson.....	A. A. Lewis.....	O. Sloan, A. A. Lewis.....	4	4	1	1	1	12
New Hope.....	G. M. T. Wilson.....	Hiram Watson, E. W. Robbins, (Sumter county).....	Hiram Watson, E. W. Robbins, (Sumter county).....	4	4	1	1	1	19
Live Oak.....	W. J. Watson.....	S. W. Cordy, G. M. T. Wilson.....	S. W. Cordy, G. M. T. Wilson.....	4	4	1	1	1	12
Orange Grove.....	⊙.....	N. J. Trowell.....	Not Represented.....	1	1	1	1	1	20
		C. A. Love.....	R. W. Lawton, W. C. Drawdy, J. E. Mitchell.....	1	1	1	1	1	20
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* No Statistics. † No Letter.

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W. N. CHAUDOIN,

Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of State Board of Missions, Jacksonville, Florida.

To whom all funds for all missions should be sent. Or, if more convenient, persons in Wekiwa Association can send them to J. M. Bitch, Treasurer, Orlando, Florida.

REV. R. M. PACK,

Sunday-School Missionary, Jacksonville, Florida.

To whom write for Sunday-school literature.