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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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2. Read Letters from the Churches.
3. Elect Officers.
4. Petitionary Letters.
5. Invite Visiting Brethren to Seats.
6. Letters of Correspondence.
7. Appointment of Special Committees.
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11. Treasurer's Report.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ELDER R. W. LAWTON.....	Oviedo, Fla.
W. B. CULPEPPER.....	Geneva, "
J. R. A. TUCKER.....	Oviedo, "
M. A. STUART.....	Apopka, "
J. M. BLITCH.....	Orlando, "
J. M. OWENS.....	Umatilla, "
DR. W. J. SEARS.....	Kissimmee, "

MINUTES.

The WEKIVA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened according to adjournment with Bethlehem Church, at Osteen, Volusia county, October 3, 1884. Introductory Sermon preached by Rev. George P. Guild. Text, St. John xvii. 3.

Prayer by Rev. A. L. Farr.

After an intermission of one hour the delegates assembled, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator, S. F. Gove.

Prayer by Dr. W. J. Sears

Called for letters. Received and read thirteen, and names of delegates enrolled, as shown in Statistical Table.

Rev. J. D. Bohanan was elected Moderator and W. B. Culpepper Clerk.

Called for petitionary letters.

Received letter from Sanford First Baptist Church asking admission, when, on motion of Elder S. F. Gove, a standing committee of five be appointed by the Moderator for the reception of churches, the following committee was appointed: T. J. Bell, W. J. Sears, S. F. Gove, J. H. Griffith and E. Edwards.

The letter of the Sanford First Baptist Church was referred to the committee; and after their report was received, the right hand of fellowship was given by the Moderator, and the delegates took their seats.

Visiting brethren of the same faith and order were invited to seats with the body, and accepted by Rev. G. W. Hall, General Missionary and Colporteur for the State, and Bro. W. D. Frensley, of Cumberland Association of Tennessee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

On Preaching—G. Sauls, Bryant Osteen, R. D. Brooks, J. J. Dykes, B. J. Mims, and J. J. Higginbotham.

On Finance—Dr. W. J. Sears, Samuel Hodges, R. F. Tucker, R. D. Brooks, and B. J. Mims.

On Letters and Queries—T. J. Bell, C. H. Tuxbury, J. R. A. Tucker, M. M. Hansell.

On Publication—Rev. George P. Guild, Elder S. F. Gove.

On State of Churches—Rev. E. Edwards, J. R. A. Tucker, P. W. Day, A. L. Mills.

On Temperance—Elder S. F. Gove, T. J. Bell, J. J. Dykes, A. P. Farnell.

On Missions—Rev. J. H. Griffith, C. H. Tuxbury, P. W. Day, and Oscar Williams.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Elder S. F. Gove, Walter Gwynne, and A. L. Mills.

On Sunday Schools—Rev. J. H. Griffith, P. W. Day, and Oscar Williams.

Prayer by Rev. E. Edwards, and the Association adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock A. M. on the 4th, for prayer meeting.

Preaching Friday night by Elder T. J. Bell. Text, Psalms cvii. 8-15-21.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Association met according to adjournment. Prayer meeting conducted by Bro. Andrew Hooper, of New Jersey.

Resumed business at 9:30.

Invited visiting brethren to seats. Accepted by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, as Corresponding Secretary of the State Convention, and Bro. Andrew Hooper, of East New Jersey Baptist Association, of New Jersey.

Called for petitionary letters. Received letter from Altoona asking admission, and after report of committee on reception of churches, was received with the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator, and delegates took their seats.

Called for reports of standing committees, when the following resolution was carried:

Resolved, That as the disorder reported to the last Association, as existing in Concord and Moss Bluff churches, still exists, and as no steps have been taken towards reformation, the fellowship of this Association is withdrawn from them.

Association took recess till 1:30 P. M.

Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M. by Rev. E. Edwards. Text, 1 Cor. xiii. 13.

EVENING SESSION.

At 1:30 o'clock P. M., Association resumed business. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Griffith.

Called for reports of the special committees. Read and adopted.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons ask leave to report. They find that none of our Deacons have passed over the river, and rejoice that God has continued their labors. Of the Ministers, one has fallen in the forefront of the battle, and we mourn him, not as those who have no hope. In Apopka City fell asleep in Jesus, Rev. J. F. B. Mays, D. D., pastor of the Baptist Church at that place. Enlisting in the service of his Master early in life, he illustrated in his life, service and death the loveliness there is in the religion of Jesus. All his life, and in the dying hour, with clear hope, unshaken faith, he trusted in Him in whom he believed. Living, he lived for Jesus, dying rejoicing in His power to save. He has gone, sweeping through the gates of the New Jerusalem. May God help us who remain to be also ready for the hour in which the Son of Man cometh.

We submit the following resolutions and recommend their passage:

Resolved, That a page of the Minutes be dedicated to our departed brother, and inscribed with his name, date of birth and death.

Resolved, That the Wekiva Association, deeply mourning our loss in the death of Dr. J. F. B. Mays, hereby tender to Sister Mays our earnest sympathy, and the assurance that in our prayers she and her little daughter are remembered, and that we commend her to the love of God, who careth for the widow and orphan.

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to transmit a copy of the above resolutions to Sister Mays. Respectfully submitted,

S. F. GOVE, *Chairman*.

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THE MEMORY

-OF-

DR. J. F. B. MAYS, D. D.

Born April 4th, 1827.

Died December 21st, 1883.

ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee would recommend, first, that in purchasing books and tracts we patronize, as far as possible, the American Baptist Publication Society. Second, That we earnestly recommend *The Florida Baptist Witness* to every Baptist in the State.

GEORGE P. GUILD, *Chairman.*

ON MISSIONS.

Missions are an organic part of Christianity. They originated with the founder of our faith. Their claims are grounded, not in the world's perishing condition nor in their beneficent results, but in the plain, positive command of Christ, "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." These were his last words. They reveal to us that which was nearest and dearest to the heart of our Lord. From this it follows that his disciples are to be Missionaries, and his churches Missionary organizations. The mission field for us to cultivate is three-fold:

1. *State Missions.*—This field is our own State. During the present year our Convention is employing twenty-three Missionaries; but when we remember that this is the largest State in the Union east of the Mississippi, that it is entering upon a career of rapid development, through which new towns and destitute fields are rapidly springing up all around us, we are convinced that this Missionary force ought to be doubled. This can only be done by the increase of our contributions. A contribution of an average of 50 cents per member from the churches of our Association would help meet these urgent needs.

2. *Home Missions in the South.*—The aid extended to us in this part by the Home Mission Board, gives this department a special claim upon Florida Baptists. Let us not be recreant to these claims.

3. *Foreign Missions.*—The field is the world. While our Missionary work begins at Jerusalem, it must not end there. Our efforts are to be as broad and comprehensive as the love of God, and the atoning work of Christ. Let us raise not only the \$5,000 called for by this Board from this State, but let us exceed it.

J. H. GRIFFITH, *Chairman.*

ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

Your Committee beg leave to report: That after an examination of the letters presented at this session of your body, we find that brotherly love abounds. Four churches have made application for the next session of this Association, viz.: Kissimmee, Orange Grove, Midway, and DeLand. We recommend that the Association accept the invitation of Midway church.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. BELL, *Chairman.*

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Only about half of the churches have sent letters. Taking for granted that the state of the churches represented is *faithfully*, if not fully, photographed in these letters, your Committee feel that there is cause both for mourning and joy. It is right to rejoice with those that rejoice in the harmony and prosperity which have marked the past year. Several have had baptisms, and one church just half the total increase by baptism. Alas! that so few have found and confessed the Saviour. Is there not a

cause? Have the youth and children had faithful treatment at our hands? Are we free from the blood of souls? Apart from the seventy net increase by letter, which is really no increase of subjects to the kingdom of our Lord, we should probably have failed to reach last year's total of membership. After a year's preaching and prayer, your Committee would urge the churches to place their state before the Lord, and set apart a day for humiliation and supplication—humiliation in view of the past, supplication for "showers of blessings" the current year.

All of which is respectfully submitted. E. EDWARD, *Chairman.*

ON PREACHING.

Your Committee report that Rev. J. D. Bohanan preach the next Introductory Sermon; alternate, T. J. Bell. Missionary Sermon by Elder S. F. Gove; alternate, Elder R. W. Lawton.

Respectfully submitted.

G. SAULS, *Chairman.*

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The work of teaching the young the Word of God was first sanctioned and commended in the Scriptures in the case of Abraham. It was emphatically commanded in the law of Moses, and has been prosecuted by the people of God in all ages. In our own day it has been one of the efficient means for building up the cause of Christ.

Your Committee would suggest to the Association the propriety of appointing a Sabbath School Committee located in different parts of the Association, who shall be requested to hold Sabbath School institutes during the year in such places as they may deem advisable to awaken the interest of our people in this work, and more thoroughly equip them for its execution.

J. H. GRIFFITH, *Chairman.*

PLAN FOR THE SABBATH SCHOOL INSTITUTES IN THE ASSOCIATION.

First District—Harmony Church, Lake Harney Church, Orange Grove Church, Pine Grove Church. Committee—A. P. Farnell, W. P. Lassater.

Second District—Bethel Church, Sanford Church, Midway Church, Kissimmee Church, Antioch Church. Committee—Fink, Sanford; W. J. Sears, Kissimmee.

Third District—Apopka Church, Live Oak Church, Orange county, Altoona Church, Arkana Church. Committee—P. D. Shepherd, A. J. Sprouit.

Fourth District—DeLand Church, Bethlehem Church, LaGrange Church. Committee—J. H. Griffith, B. J. Mims.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee beg to report: That the almost unanimous approval of the means being taken to rid our people of the existence among us of the traffic in ardent spirits, is cause of deep gratification. Much remains to be done. The liquor dealers have not only combined together, but have announced their determination and ability to control the election in this State. The deplorable consequences to result should they be able to do so, are fearful to contemplate. The great enemy of our God and his cause has never wielded a more formidable and destructive weapon. If we know this, and the poor-houses, lunatic asylums and penitentiaries

are filled with his victims, the pages of history day by day chronicle his triumphs, written in the blood of fathers and mothers, wives and daughters, known and read of all men, it imposes upon us the duty of girding on the whole gospel armor, and with the means and ability that he gives, know no rest until we purge our land of this foul sin.

Respectfully submitted.

S. F. GOVE, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. M. BLITCH, <i>Treasurer, To Wekiva Association, Dr.</i>		
To amount received from Finance Committee.....		\$122 05
“ paid in pledges State Mission.....		10 00
“ “ Foreign Mission.....		2 75
“ “ C. B. Fund.....		24 05
“ “ Indian Mission.....		7 25
“ “ Ministerial Education.....		20 05
“ “ Colored Association purposes.....		6 20
		<u>\$192 35</u>

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By amount paid on Association Mission.....	\$ 7 00	
“ “ State Mission.....	71 40	
“ “ Home Mission.....	16 45	
“ For Mission.....	\$11 15	
“ C. B. Department.....	24 05	35 20
“ Indian Mission.....	\$ 7 25	
“ Ministerial Education.....	20 05	
“ Paid for Minutes.....	\$25 00	27 30
“ Paid Clerk.....	10 00	
		<u>35 00</u>
		\$192 35

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. BLITCH, *Treasurer.*

On motion the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend our churches to observe the fifth Sunday in November next as a day of humiliation and prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit and the conversion of souls.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are extended to Bethlehem Church and community for their hospitality; to the S. F. Railroad for half fare, and that the *Sanford Journal* be requested to publish this resolution.

On motion, general meetings were appointed, as follows:

DeLand, fifth Sunday in January, 1885; Altoona, fifth Sunday in May, 1885; Orange Grove, fifth Sunday in August. Commencing on Saturday before.

A motion that \$25.00 be appropriated for printing minutes, and the Clerk be paid \$10.00 for his services, was adopted.

The following delegates are appointed to represent the Association at the State Convention: Rev. George P. Guild, Rev. J. D. Bohanan, Elder T. J. Bell, Elder R. W. Lawton, Elder S. F. Gove.

It was moved and carried that any brother of this Association attending any Baptist Association with a minute of this Association, be requested to act as a correspondent from this Association.

On motion, the following proceedings of the ladies of the Wekiva Association be published in the minutes of this Association, to-wit:

The ladies of the Wekiva Association held a special meeting Saturday afternoon in organizing "An Associational Mission Circle." Mrs. Guild, of Sanford, was elected president; Miss Charlotte Sauls, corresponding secretary. Four of the five Circles in the Association were represented. DeLand has a membership of 35; organized March, 1883; contributed \$50.00. Sanford, organized May, 1884; membership, 12; contributed \$16.00. Bethlehem, organized January, 1882; membership, 20; contributed for 1884, \$39.59; Oveido, organized July, 1884; membership, 14; contributed \$23.00 We have occasion to rejoice and feel encouraged with the prospects of the Women's Mission Work in this State, and trust that many new Circles will be reported at our Convention.

Mrs. N. L. ANTHONY, *Chairman Committee.*

Preaching Saturday night by Rev. G. W. Hall. Text, 1 Peter ii. chapter, latter clause of 7th verse.

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock, conducted by Rev. A. L. Farr.

At 11 o'clock Elder T. J. Bell preached the Missionary Sermon; text, Matt. xxviii. 19. After which a collection was taken up, amounting to \$44.73.

At 2 o'clock Rev. G. W. Hall occupied the stand in giving a talk or lecture to the children, at the close of which a song was sung, the parting hand given, benediction by the Moderator, and the Association adjourned to meet with Midway Church, five miles south of Orlando, on the S. F. Railroad, on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1885.

J. D. BOHANAN, *Moderator.*

W. B. CULPEPPER, *Clerk.*

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Antioch	S. F. Gove.....	G. W. Hicks.....	Longwood ..
Apopka.....	L. Drury.....	J. L. Stuart.....	Apopka City..
Arkana.....	W. J. Watson...	Charley Russ....	Tangerine....
Altoona.....	S. F. Gove.....	J. H. Jackson....	Altoona.....
Bethlehem.....	S. F. Gove.....	J. W. Osteen....	Osteen.....
Bethel.....	A. Barelle.....	E. H. Rice.....	Orlando.....
Crabgrass.....	J. W. Savage....	R. B. Savage....	Rockledge....
DeLand.....	J. H. Griffith....	Joseph Dore.....	DeLand.....
Harmony.....	A. Tyndal.....	S. L. Robertson..	Ovido.....
Kissimmee.....	T. J. Bell.....	L. B. Phillips....	Kissimmee....
LaGrange.....	.....	B. J. Mims.....	LaGrange.....
Lake Harney.....	S. F. Gove.....	W. B. Culpepper..	Geneva.....
Live Oak, Orange Co	S. F. Gove.....	N. J. Tramel....	Umatilla....
Live Oak, Sumter Co	W. J. Watson...	M. B. Holby.....	.....
Midway.....	T. J. Bell.....	W. T. Hansell....	Pine Castle...
New Hope.....	W. J. Watson...	J. S. Wilson.....	.....
Orange Grove.....	R. W. Lawton...	A. P. Farnel.....	Ovido.....
Pine Grove.....	R. W. Lawton...	Samuel Hodges..	Ovido.....
Pleasant Grove.....	.....	.....	.....
Rutland Ford.....	.....	J. H. Cane.....	Sylvan Lake..
Sanford.....	George P. Guild.	C. H. Tuxbury...	Sanford.....

TABLE.

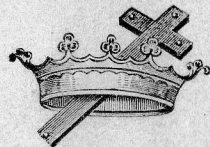
DELEGATES.	Rec. by Baptism.	Rec. by Letter.	Excluded.	Dis'd by Letter.	Dead.	Total.
S. F. Gove, G. W. Hicks.....	2	1	2	2	14	
A. L. Mills.....	1	1	1	1	61	
Not represented.....	5	1	1	1	9	
— Cummings.....	1	1	1	1	23	
{ G. Sauls, B. Osteen, J. D. Brooks, A. S. }	1	1	1	1	42	
{ Osteen, R. D. Brooks..... }	1	4	1	1	54	
J. M. Blich.....	1	1	1	1	24	
J. W. Savage.....	1	23	1	3	76	
{ J. H. Griffith, J. D. Bohanan, E. Edwards, }	2	2	1	1	23	
{ and Bro. Anthony and Mrs. Anthony. }	2	2	1	1	29	
Not represented.....	9	1	1	1	26	
T. J. Bell, Dr. W. J. Sears, — Chapman.....	3	4	1	1	25	
B. J. Mims, P. W. Day, W. J. Day.....	4	7	1	18	83	
{ J. J. Higginbotham, W. B. Culpepper, }	4	7	1	18	42	
{ W. P. Lassater, Oscar Williams..... }	13	4	4	4	41	
J. J. Dykes.....	1	1	1	1	22	
Not represented.....	3	1	1	1	27	
M. M. Hansel.....	1	1	1	1	34	
Not represented.....	1	1	1	1	20	
A. P. Farnell.....	1	1	1	1	20	
{ J. R. A. Tucker, R. F. Tucker, Samuel }	1	1	1	1	20	
{ Hodges..... }	1	1	1	1	20	
Not represented.....	30	1	1	1	10	
Not represented.....	30	1	1	1	28	
G. P. Guild, C. H. Tuxbury, Walter Gwynne.	30	90	2	38	8	
Total.....	30	90	2	38	8	713

LIST OF PLEDGES.

Names.	State Mission.	Foreign Mission.
Bethel Church.....	\$10 00	
Apopka Church.....	10 00	\$5 00
Altoona Church.....	10 00	
Midway Church.....	10 00	
Kissimmee Church.....	10 00	
Orange Grove Church.....	10 00	5 00
Antioch Church.....	15 00	
Live Oak Church, Orange Co.....	15 00	
Lake Harney Church.....	10 00—Paid \$5 00	
Pine Grove Church.....	10 00	5 00
Bro. J. Houston.....	2 00	
Sanford Church.....	20 00	
A Brother.....	5 00—Paid.	
LaGrange.....	10 00	
B. J. Mims.....		5 00
C. P. Cummings.....		2 00
George Sauls.....		Paid, 1 00
J. J. Higginbotham.....		Paid, 25
J. M. Blich.....		Paid, 1 00

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Rev. J. D. BOHANAN.....	DeLand.
Rev. A. L. FARR.....	DeLand.
Rev. J. H. GRIFFITH.....	DeLand.
Rev. E. EDWARDS.....	DeLand.
S. F. GOVE.....	Longwood.
R. W. LAWTON.....	Oviedo.
T. J. BELL.....	Kissimmee.
J. W. SAVAGE.....	Oviedo.
A. TYNDAL.....	Pine Castle.
W. J. WATSON.....	Okahumkie.
G. M. T. WILSON.....	Okahumkie.
D. L. KENDRICK.....	West Apopka.
Rev. GEORGE P. GUILD.....	Sanford.
Rev. L. DRURY.....	Altamonta.
Rev. R. TELFORD.....	DeLand.
Rev. A. BARRELLE.....	Orlando.
Dr. W. J. SEARS (Licentiate).....	Kissimmee.
R. N. J. WILLIAMS (Licentiate).....	Geneva.



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