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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Reading Letters from Churches.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Invite Visitors to Seats.
6. Election of Delegates to State and S. B. Conventions.
7. Appointment of Standing Committees.
8. Appointment of Correspondents.
9. Report of Standing Committees.
10. Arrange for Printing Minutes.
11. Treasurer's Report.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

## LIST OF MINISTERS.

T. J. Bell ..... Kissimmee  
 D. Blount ..... Altoona  
 J. W. Gillon ..... Orlando  
 C. S. Farriss ..... DeLand  
 L. D. Geiger ..... Apopka  
 R. W. Lawton ..... Oviedo  
 Robert E. Lovell ..... Apopka  
 John McKinney ..... DeLand  
 D. Palmer ..... Altoona  
 J. A. Richardson ..... Winter Garden  
 J. W. Savage ..... Christmas  
 W. J. Sears ..... Kissimmee  
 O. N. Williams ..... Kissimmee  
 P. F. Jernegan ..... DeLand  
 J. F. Forbes ..... DeLand  
 M. F. Blitch ..... DeLand  
 S. W. Sheffield ..... DeLand  
 E. N. Bell ..... Alachua  
 J. N. Bohannon ..... Tallahassee  
 J. N. Woodall ..... Kissimmee

## MINUTES.

The twenty-seventh annual session of the Wekiva Baptist Association convened with the Baptist Church of Kissimmee Friday morning, October 2, 1896. After devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. J. W. Gillon, Rev. R. W. Lawton preached the introductory sermon from II. Corinthians, vii:9.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Rev. R. W. Lawton.

Prayer by Rev. O. N. Williams.

The Chair appointed L. D. Geiger temporary Secretary. Rev. J. W. Gillon and Rev. J. C. Masee were requested to read the letters from the churches. Twenty-seven churches are represented in this meeting of the Association, by letter, or by letter and messengers, as follows:

Altoona—J. T. Crow, D. C. Tiner, W. M. Rogers, Z. N. Brantly.

Apopka—L. D. Geiger, O. D. Anderson, H. R. Wilder, F. R. Shepherd, Mrs. F. R. Shepherd.

Boggy Creek—C. R. Tiner.

Cassia—John Owens, L. J. Owens, G. C. Davis.

Clermont—M. E. Wilson, Mrs. M. E. Wilson, R. H. Puliam, Mrs. J. R. Harrison.

Chuluota—By letter.

DeLand—Rev. C. S. Farriss.

Elizabeth—By letter.

Geneva—W. P. Lasitter.

Kissimmee—Rev. J. C. Masee, Rev. T. J. Bell, C. A.

Carson, J. M. Willson, Jr., G. B. Woodall, F. McIntosh.  
Lake Ella—By letter.

Lockwood—H. W. Tanner.

Monte Vista—By letter.

Mount Dora—John Swanson.

Oakland—By letter.

Orlando—R. M. Bennet, Miss Minta Johnson, Rev. J. W. Gillon, J. W. Cain, J. D. Beggs, Mrs. J. L. Empie.

Oviedo—Rev. R. W. Lawton.

Pine Castle—A. F. Hanson, Mrs. J. W. Matchett.

Pine Grove—J. R. A. Tucker, P. M. Simmons, Rev. O. N. Williams.

Pleasant Hill—C. S. Acree.

Plymouth—H. E. Smith, Mrs. H. E. Smith.

Sanford—M. C. Lewis, W. H. Tubbs.

Umatilla—S. J. Crow.

Winter Garden—J. J. Vining.

Admitted at this meeting:

Forest City—G. W. Cooley, W. C. Morris.

Orange City—W. R. Barnhart, Joseph Padgett.

Spring Branch—Hiram Platt.

Upon motion of C. A. Carson, Rev. R. W. Lawton

was unanimously re-elected Moderator. L. D. Geiger

was elected Clerk.

Upon motion, the order of business of last year was

adopted.

Petitionary letters were called for. No response.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats. No response.

Upon motion, the following named brethren were

chosen to represent the Association in our State Conven-

tion: L. D. Geiger, J. W. Gillon, R. W. Lawton, Walter

Gwynn, C. A. Carson, D. Palmer, T. J. Bell, J. W. Cain,

T. C. Darby, S. P. Shepherd, J. T. Crow.

L. D. Geiger was elected delegate to the Southern

Baptist Convention, with J. W. Gillon as alternate.

The Moderator appointed the pastor of the church

with which we meet and its delegates as a Committee on

Preaching, also the following Committee on Finance: O.

D. Anderson, J. R. A. Tucker, W. P. Lasitter, G. W. Cooley.

The Chairman of the Committee on Divine Service announced that Rev. J. W. Gillon will preach to-night.

The Moderator requested Dr. Sears to lead us in special prayer for the churches of the Association that have asked to be remembered.

It was agreed that the hours for meeting and adjournment shall be as follows:

Meet at 8:30 a. m. Adjourn at 12 m.

Meet at 2:30 p. m. Adjourn at 5 p. m.

Meet at 7:30 p. m. Adjourn at pleasure.

Adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

Prayer by Bro. Masee.

#### FRIDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment

Rev. J. W. Gillon preached a good sermon on "The Obedience of Christ."

Delayed letters were then called for, and messengers enrolled in their proper place.

Petitionary letters were called for. Responded to by Forest City and Orange City churches. Upon motion

these churches were received into the fellowship of the Association, and the hand of welcome was extended to their messengers by the Moderator.

The invitation to visiting brethren to seats with us was accepted by Dr. W. N. Chaudoin, Corresponding Secretary State Board of Missions; Rev. B. A. Geiger, Indian

River Association; Rev. D. B. Farmer, Alachua Association.

The Moderator announced the following committees: Education—Rev. J. W. Gillon, J. J. Vining, F. McIntosh, J. D. Beggs, M. E. Wilson.

Woman's Work—Dr. W. N. Chaudoin, Mrs. H. E. Smith, Mrs. F. R. Shepherd, Miss Minta Johnson, Mrs. M. E. Wilson.

Sunday Schools—H. E. Smith, J. M. Willson, Jr., M. C. Lewis.  
 Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Rev. T. J. Bell, G. B. Woodall, C. S. Acree.  
 Nominations—W. H. Tubbs, H. W. Tanner.  
 B. M. A. A.—Rev. B. A. Geiger, C. A. Carson, H. E. Smith.  
 Temperance—Rev. O. N. Williams, L. J. Owens, John Swanson, R. H. Puliam.  
 Missions—Rev. D. B. Farmer, J. P. Owens, Rev. B. A. Geiger.  
 Religious Literature—C. A. Carson, F. R. Shepherd, S. J. Crow.  
 Letters and Queries—Rev. D. Palmer, J. T. Crow, M. C. Lewis.  
 State of the Churches—R. M. Bennett, J. W. Cain, Rev. T. J. Bell.  
 Pastor Masee announced that the sisters will meet in the Methodist Church to-morrow afternoon.  
 Adjourned with benediction by Dr. Chaudoin.

#### SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association to order.  
 Prayer by Dr. Chaudoin.  
 The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and corrected.  
 Delayed letters were called for and delegates enrolled.  
 Rev. T. J. Bell and Rev. J. C. Masee spoke briefly on matters brought forward by the reading of the letter from Oakland.  
 Correspondents to other bodies were appointed as follows: Indian River Association, R. W. Lawton; Marion, J. W. Gillon and L. D. Geiger; Alachua, L. D. Geiger.  
 Upon motion: "Resolved, That any member of this

body, being present at any other Association, be and is hereby authorized to represent it."

Rev. J. W. Gillon read the report on education. Discussed by J. D. Beggs, M. E. Wilson, D. Palmer, J. W. Gillon, J. C. Masee and W. N. Chaudoin. Pending the discussion the following pledges were made for ministerial education:

M. E. Wilson	\$ 25 00
J. W. Gillon	20 00
H. E. Smith	20 00
Orlando Church	20 00
Forest City	10 00
L. D. Geiger	10 00
C. A. Carson	10 00
R. W. Lawton	10 00
Clermont Church	5 00
Winter Garden Church	5 00
Spring Branch Church	5 00
Baptist Endeavor, Sanford	5 00
W. H. Tubbs	5 00
J. C. Masee	5 00
W. C. Morris	2 00
Total	\$157 00

The report was then adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

It is no longer a question as to whether we shall educate or not. The question now is as to the kind of education, and as to where we shall educate. There is a growing demand that our education be Christian education. The development of our institutions is demanding that our education be Christian, in order to enable them to sustain their present position. The emphasis put on secular education is gradually removing those thus educated beyond the reach of the Christian teacher who has not kept pace in his education. The demand is now that we have educated Christian men and women if Christianity is to impress itself upon the educated masses.

In view of this growing demand, we are gratified to

note that there is also a growing disposition to meet the demands. Our strongest and best men are making a commendable effort to sustain our institutions and to secure the education of the sons and daughters of our Christian parents. But, while this is true, it is necessary that a greater effort be made upon the part of the masses. We fear that our Christian parents do not appreciate their opportunities and obligations as they should. It is not sufficient that the leaders support education, nor is it sufficient that they support our educational institutions. It is necessary that our laymen and preachers support our Christian institutions, and that it be to the institutions of their own State that their support be given. We would urge our brethren who educate their sons and daughters to give their patronage to Stetson University. We cannot afford to patronize any other school. Not only do we deem it advisable that there be general Christian education, but we desire to put special emphasis on the necessity of ministerial education. To such as are thus to be educated, and to those who aid in their education, we commend Stetson University, of this State, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

J. W. GILLON,  
J. D. BEGGS,  
M. E. WILSON,  
J. J. VINING,  
F. MACKINTOSH,  
Committee.

Upon motion by Bro. Palmer: "Resolved, That during the remainder of the session the chairmen of committees shall have ten minutes in which to speak to their respective reports. All other speeches to be limited to five minutes."

Upon motion by Bro. Carson, the report on missions was made the special order for 7:30 this evening.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Bro. B. A. Geiger led in prayer, the choir rendered a hymn and Rev. D. B. Farmer preached the doctrinal sermon, on "The Incarnation," from John, i:14.

Prayer by Dr. Chaudoin.  
After announcements, the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," was sung.  
Adjourned to 2:30 p. m.  
Benediction by Bro. Farmer.

#### SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2:45.

Prayer by Rev. T. J. Bell.

Rev. O. N. Williams read the report on temperance, which was adopted without discussion, as follows:

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance urges on all Baptists the importance of studying the Scriptures on this important command: "Be ye temperate in all things." Especially do we emphasize the fact that it is not necessary for Baptists to proclaim annually that they are opposed to intemperate habits or the evil institutions that encourage them, but that all true Baptists should publish the fact by their daily walk. "By their fruits ye shall know them." And we would recommend to the churches of this Association an emphatic protest against any members using their influence in any way, either by signing liquor petitions, renting of buildings, or in any other way assisting in the encouragement of the liquor traffic.

O. N. WILLIAMS,  
L. J. OWENS,  
JOHN SWANSON,  
R. H. PULIAM,  
Committee.

The report on deceased ministers and deacons was read by Rev. T. J. Bell and adopted, as follows:

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee beg leave to state, with profound

gratitude to God, that the lives of all our ministers and deacons have been spared through another year.

T. J. BELL,  
G. B. WOODALL,  
C. S. ACREE,  
Committee.

Bro. W. H. Tubbs presented the report on nominations, which was discussed by Dr. Chaudoin, R. W. Lawton (the Secretary in the chair), D. Palmer, L. D. Geiger, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations recommend that the next session of this body be held with the First Baptist Church of Sanford, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1897, and that Rev. D. Palmer preach the introductory sermon, Rev. J. W. Gillon the doctrinal sermon and Rev. P. F. Jernegan the missionary sermon.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. TUBBS,  
H. W. TANNER,  
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read by Dr. Chaudoin, by whom it was discussed and then adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

For several years past the value of woman's work has been signally manifest in our State, but more especially so last year and this, as the reports of the State Board of Missions verify. That there has not been the falling off in contributions to the various departments of our work that was to be feared or reasonably looked for, has in no small degree been owing to the untiring efforts and downright sacrifices of our women's missionary societies and the resultant and allied work of the bands and Sunbeam societies of the children. Your committee desire further only to emphasize the reflex influence of this

work—the subjective instead of the objective view of the subject. The Lord has united these two, but we sometimes omit, in our zeal, to give the prominence we ought to the former. The intelligent, observing pastor loves to witness the blessed influence upon the sisters themselves who engage in this woman's work. These “society women,” as in a good sense they may be called, grow in loving tenderness, prayerfulness and spirituality as they in their meetings think, talk, read and study how they may help their unfortunate sisters who are without the gospel. They will not work less at home and for the home church and their pastor because of what they do for the destitute in the frontiers of our State, or for Cuban, Mexican, Italian, Brazilian or African women. We cannot work for the good of others and not be blessed ourselves. “They who water shall also themselves be watered.”

W. N. CHAUDOIN,  
MRS. F. R. SHEPHERD,  
MRS. M. E. WILSON,  
MISS MINTA JOHNSON,  
MRS. H. E. SMITH,  
Committee.

Bro. W. M. Bennett read the report on the state of the churches, which was adopted without discussion, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We find most of the churches which have sent letters in a growing condition. Considering the financial depression in the country, contributions for missions have been liberal, but fall short of what they should be. The Lord has blessed the labors of some of our churches, for we find from the letters that there have been 117 baptisms, and three new churches have been organized and received into fellowship.

R. M. BENNETT,  
J. W. CAIN,  
T. J. BELL,  
Committee.

Dr. Chaudoin made an appeal for the old ministers, and received \$10.

Upon motion of Bro. Gillon the Clerk was instructed to print the usual number of copies of the minutes and receive the usual fee.

Rev. D. Palmer read the report on letters and queries, which was adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

Your Committee on Letters and Queries would report that in the letters from the different churches we find no questions asked that call for action by this Association. As to the matter referred to in the Oakland letter, we find that no advice or counsel has been requested, hence we would advise that the question be referred back to the church for local action.

Your committee would recommend that either one or the other of the standing committees, styled "Letters and Queries" and "State of the Churches," be abolished, as these two committees embrace the same subject matter.

D. PALMER,  
D. C. TYNER,  
C. C. MYERS,  
Committee.

Upon motion, the Committee on the State of the Churches was stricken from the order of business as superfluous.

Upon motion, the report on Sunday-schools was made the special order for to-morrow at 3:30 p. m.

The report on religious literature was made the special order for this evening, after the report on missions.

Rev. B. A. Geiger read the report on the Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association. It was discussed by B. A. Geiger, L. D. Geiger and T. J. Bell.

Pending the discussion, several names were added to the membership of the B. M. A. A.

The report was then adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST MINISTERS' ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

We, your committee on the above association, beg leave to report that we most heartily endorse it, and recommend that every one who desires to add to the aid of families of deceased ministers become an honorary member. And to every minister we say it is your duty, and may prove to your family a blessing. We recommend also that as many churches become honorary members as can possibly do so. We recommend that every pastor in this Association be requested to explain the work of the B. M. A. A. to his church and seek to secure new members for the same.

B. A. GEIGER,  
C. A. CARSON,  
H. E. SMITH,  
Committee.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro D. Palmer.

#### SATURDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Service opened by singing the hymn commencing—

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Doth his successive journeys run."

and Prof. C. S. Farris led in prayer.

Upon motion the rule restricting speeches as to time was set aside during this service.

The hour for the special order having arrived, Rev. D. B. Farmer read the report on missions. The report was spoken to by D. B. Farmer, W. N. Chaudoin, B. A. Geiger, and then adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The subject of missions did not originate in the human mind, as some religious teachers have declared, but it is a God-given subject, and is very clearly stated



in our Lord's great commission to his disciples. Therefore, the anti-missionary spirit is anti-Christian. This fact should be made prominent in all of our teaching in the pulpit, in the Sunday-school, and wherever we engage in Christian work.

At the present time there are circumstances which render the mission outlook somewhat discouraging. A large number of our churches in Florida are small in membership, and not able to support pastors, even for monthly services. Some of these churches do not contribute to missions, while others give very small amounts. There are also churches which were formerly generous contributors to the cause, but their numbers have decreased by the removal of members to other sections of the country, leaving them financially unable to have pastors and at the same time give largely for the work of our mission boards. But we believe that many Baptists are not doing their whole duty in this respect, therefore it is necessary to make constant, earnest efforts to emphasize Christ's command to give the gospel to the nations. The need of funds to carry on the work of the Southern Baptist Convention is very great. The Foreign Board is largely in debt, and some of the missionaries must be requested to resign and leave the glorious work for which they have spent much time to prepare if the Baptists of the South do not increase their contributions very soon. The Home Board is in about the same condition, and if there is not a considerable increase in the income of this Board during the next six or seven months, a part of the fields now occupied will be given up.

Our own State Board has pressing demands. The missionaries are needing money to pay their debts necessarily incurred, and to purchase food and clothing for themselves and families. The question for every Baptist to answer is, What is my duty as one of the Lord's stewards? May the Holy Spirit guide us in answering this question is the prayer of your committee.

D. B. FARMER,  
B. A. GEIGER,  
J. P. OWENS,  
Committee.

Pastor Masee announced the following plan of services for to-morrow:

Baptist Church—Preaching at 11 a. m. by Dr. W. N. Chaudoin and at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. B. A. Geiger. Sunday-school mass meeting at 3:30 p. m., conducted by Bro. H. E. Smith.

Methodist Church—Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. D. Palmer, and at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. D. B. Farmer.

Bro. C. A. Carson read the report on religious literature. The report was spoken to by C. A. Carson, L. D. Geiger, C. S. Farriss, and adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

This department of religious work cannot be too strongly pressed. The Bible, as the rule and guide of life, is, of course, basal—the foundation of all progress in our work. To supplement its teachings and enforce them, other publications are extremely desirable, and we most cordially and heartily recommend as most desirable for our use:

First—The Florida Baptist Witness.

Second—The Foreign Mission Journal and the Southern Baptist Convention Series of Sunday-school Literature.

Third—General books, publications and Bibles of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. CARSON,  
F. R. SHEPHERD,  
S. J. CROW,  
Committee.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 3:30 p. m.  
Prayer by L. D. Geiger.

SUNDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3:30 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. C. A. Carson.

On motion of Bro. D. Palmer, a vote of thanks was extended to the Baptists and other friends of Kissimmee who have entertained the messengers; to the Methodist brethren for the use of their house, and to the railroad companies which have given reduced rates to messengers.

The report on Finance was read and adopted, as follows:

Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

Received from the churches for associational purposes, and turned over to the Treasurer.....\$43 31

O. D. ANDERSON, Chairman.

[Received the above amount.

L. D. GEIGER, Treasurer.]

The report on Sunday-schools was read by Bro. H. E. Smith, who discussed the same, followed by Bros. D. Palmer, M. E. Wilson, Bert Bryan, M. C. Wilson, F. McIntosh, Dr. Sears, R. W. Lawton and J. C. Masee. The report was then adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Out of a total of twenty-nine churches reporting to the Association, fourteen report having Sunday-schools, and give statistics. In the fourteen reported Sunday-schools there is a total membership of 947—131 officers and teachers and 816 scholars; \$335.54 has been contributed for current expenses of Sunday-schools and \$61.32 given for missions. There are 803 volumes in the libraries, exclusive of Bibles.

Your committee wish to urge the great importance of Sunday-school work on the churches not reporting schools, and recommend that they organize at once. We believe that the life of the church depends, to a large extent, on the organized Sunday-school.

We recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist Board as being better suited to our needs than that of any other helps published.

We further urge upon all the members of the

churches in this Association the great importance of identifying themselves with the Sunday-schools in their respective churches, and their aid in instilling the knowledge of God and his son Jesus Christ in the minds of the young, old and middle-aged, that we all grow together in the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ, and seek in every way possible to advance His cause.

H. E. SMITH,  
J. M. WILLSON, JR.,  
M. C. LEWIS,  
Committee.

On motion of Bro. C. A. Carson, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to leave them for correction in the hands of the Moderator and Clerk.

The hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," was sung while the parting hand was given, followed by prayer by Bro. T. J. Bell. The Association then adjourned to meet at Sanford on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1897.

R. W. LAWTON, Moderator.  
L. D. GEIGER, Clerk.

#### SUNDAY SERVICES.

At the Baptist Church Dr. Chaudoin preached in the morning from Ps. 97:1-2, and Bro. B. A. Geiger preached at 7:30 p. m. from Matt. 5:14-15.

At the Methodist Church Bro. D. Palmer preached at 11 a. m., and Bro. D. B. Farmer at 7:30 p. m.

Statistical Table No. 2.

CHURCHES.	WHEN ORGANIZED.	Value of Property.	Home Expense, Including Pastor's Salary.	CONTRIBUTIONS.										Grand Total.	
				Mission.	Education.	Printing Minutes.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.			MISSION BANDS.			
									State.	Home.	Foreign.	Total.	State.		Home.
Apopka.....	1880.	1,200 00	25 00	7 10	12 50	9 60	15 00	14 83	29 83	10 00	4 00	14 00	53 43		
Altoona.....	July 31, 1894.	1,200 00	4 15	12 55	6 70	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	11 70		
Astabula.....	Dec. 28, 1894.	625 00		1 00	1 00	75	75	1 50					1 00		
Boggy Creek.....	Sept. 10, 1887.			1 50	3 00	4 00							5 50		
Cassia.....	May, 1887.	1,000 00	77 00	118 18		118 00							118 00		
Clermont.....	January, 1886.												1 50		
Cross Prairie.....	Feb. 22, 1885.	500 00	17 07	1 50	1 50	8 50	41 30	49 80				13 50	223 80		
Chuluota.....	1875.	20,000 00	1772 00	153 20	7 30	160 50							34 58		
DeLand.....	Oct. 30, 1880.	50 00		2 50	34 58	65							65		
Elizabeth.....	1887.		303 05	31 78	5 00	72 75	206 40	56 90	10 00	66 90			273 30		
Forest City.....	Aug. 23, 1896.				50	50							50		
Geneva.....	1882.	3,800 00	859 74	128 66	1 00	6 00							6 00		
Kissimmee.....	Feb. 24, 1894.	140 00	40 00		1 00	6 00							6 00		
Lake Ella.....	Nov. 25, 1888.				1 00	2 59		2 50	8 90	11 40			14 99		
Lockwood.....	Nov. 11, 1894.		37 30	2 59	1 00	2 00	73 42	30 95		30 95			104 37		
Monte Vista.....	June 5, 1895.	1,000 00	757 68	71 42	2 00	5 36							5 36		
Mount Dora.....	Mch. 21, 1871.	3,000 00	14 00	3 61	1 75								1 00		
Orlando.....	1868.	600 00	100 00		1 00	1 00							1 00		
Oviedo.....	1887.		6 00		1 00	1 00							1 00		
Oakland.....	May 2, 1896.		90 00	1 00	1 50	2 50							5 00		
Orange City.....	Aug. 6, 1887.		80 00		5 00	5 00							15 50		
Pine Castle.....	August, 1874.	150 00	15 00		50	15 50							33 50		
Pine Grove.....	April 22, 1891.		2,000 00	266 59	5 00	1 50	6 50	27 00		27 00			11 60		
Pleasant Hill.....	Mch. 12, 1893.	2,000 00	700 00	8 60	3 00	11 60							1 00		
Plymouth.....	Feb. 3, 1884.	3,000 00	50 00		1 00	1 00							19 00		
Sanford.....	1896.	115 00	9 73	4 25	1 75	6 00	4 25	8 75		13 00			9 95		
Spring Branch.....		2,000 00	32 52		50	9 45	9 95								
Umatilla.....	1888.	500 00													
Winter Garden.....															
Totals.....		40,830 00	5252 68	539 54	34 20	113 50	691 85	31 25	123 35	40 78	235 88	10 00	17 50	27 50	954 73

Statistical Table No. 1.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS, 1895-1896.	PASTORS, 1896-1897.	CLERKS.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.										SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.										
				RECEIVED.					DISMISS'D					Present Number.	Increased.	Decreased.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Number Officers.	Number Pupils.	Total.	Volumes in Library.	Expenses.	Missions, Etc.	Total.
				Number Last Year.	Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Exp. rance.	Letter.	Excluded.	Prisute.	Death.	Death.											
Apopka.....	L. D. Geiger	Same	P. D. Shepherd.	125	13	7	1	55	3	1	1	1	38	87	W. T. Berry	9	50	59	\$57 19	\$ 5 75	\$62 94			
Altoona.....	D. Palmer	Same	Sidney Brantley.	120	7	0	1	1	1	2	1	12	132	J. W. Hayes	4	40	47	20 00	4 15	24 15				
Boggy Creek.....	O. N. Williams	Same	W. M. Nettles.	41	10	2	1	3	1	1	1	4	50	W. Alderman	4	46	50							
Cassia.....	D. Palmer	Same	L. J. Owens	42	9	2	1	16	1	1	1	5	33	J. P. Owens	4	20	24							
Clermont.....	Elder Osborne	Same	Chas. Phillips	43	3			3	1	1	1	6	38	M. E. Wilson	5	36	41	175	18 35					
Chuluota.....	R. W. Lawton	Same	B. F. Jamison.	36	11	13	1	19	3	3	3	1	37	W. C. Jacobs	6	45	51		14 97					
DeLand.....	P. F. Jernegan	Same	D. D. Doam	157	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	6	162	C. S. Farriss	12	100	112	50	21 22	32 93				
Elizabeth.....	B. Yates	Same	S. P. Shepherd	42	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	4	43	A. Tenney	9	50	59		8 70	8 70				
Forest City.....	L. D. Geiger, B. M. Bean	L. D. Geiger	S. D. Doam	29	1	7	1	19	1	10	1	10	19	N. C. Bryan	7	115	124	100	66 28	15 57	71 85			
Geneva.....	R. W. Lawton	Same	J. M. Willson, Jr.	156	6	7	1	3	1	1	1	2	163	G. L. Stevens	4	24	28	8	9 72	75	10 47			
Kissimmee.....	J. C. Massee	Same	S. B. Carter	131	2	2		4				4	137	J. N. Bostick	5	44	49	300	15 00	15 00				
Lake Ella.....	D. J. Blount	Same	J. M. Tanner	31	1	2		4				4	157	M. J. Hall	9	120	129		42 50	42 50				
Lockwood.....	O. N. Williams	Same	Mrs. G. I. Stevens	12	3	3		4				9	55	J. J. Birch	6	35	41		16 82	16 82				
Monte Vista.....	Rev. Osborne	Same	W. B. Rush	153	9	17		14	4	3	3	4	163	J. W. Mitchell	7	50	57	30	18 00	18 00				
Mount Dora.....	D. Palmer	Same	W. R. Barnhart	51	1	1		5	5	6	1	1	66	J. W. Savage	3	35	38		1 6	1 26				
Orlando.....	J. W. Gillon	Same	J. M. Hansel	15	2	2		1	1	1	1	3	23	H. E. Smith	8	35	43	175	13 62	1 25	14 87			
Oviedo.....	R. W. Lawton	Same	C. M. Tucker	30	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	34	D. W. Wright	9	70	79		77 42	2 52	79 94			
Oakland.....	J. H. Crosby	Same	C. S. Acree	20	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	25	J. M. Lainer	4	52	56							
Orange City.....	D. J. Blount	Same	H. E. Smith	11	9	11		4				4	137	I. L. Grier	10	43	53	160	8 74	2 55	11 29			
Pine Castle.....	G. A. Bryant	Same	S. J. Bell	131	3	3		5	5	6	1	1	137	J. H. Stov	8	50	58		2 50	2 50				
Pine Grove.....	O. N. Williams	Same	J. M. Lainer	20	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	25											
Pleasant Hill.....	T. J. Bell	Same	J. W. Epps	131	3	3		5	5	6	1	1	137											
Plymouth.....	L. D. Geiger	Same		20	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	25											
Sanford.....	M. M. Wamboldt	Same		131	3	3		5	5	6	1	1	137											
Spring Branch.....	J. N. Williams	Same		20	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	25											
Umatilla.....	D. Palmer	Same		131	3	3		5	5	6	1	1	137											

LIST OF CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.
Apopka .....	P. D. Shepherd.....	Apopka.
Altoona .....	J. R. Eubank.....	Altoona.
Astabula .....	Frank Cobb.....	Astabula.
Bassinger.....	J. C. Morgan.....	Bassinger.
Boggy Creek.....	W. M. Nettles.....	Kissimmee.
Cassia.....	L. J. Owens.....	Cassia.
Clermont.....	J. R. Puliam.....	Clermont.
Cross Prairie.....	C. W. Deeson.....	St. Cloud.
Chuluota .....	Chas. Phillips.....	Chuluota.
DeLand .....	B. F. Jamison.....	DeLand.
Elizabeth .....	H. S. Hancock.....	Narcoossee.
Forest City.....	S. P. Shepherd.....	Palm Springs.
Geneva.....	D. D. Doam.....	Geneva.
Kissimmee.....	J. M. Willson, Jr.....	Kissimmee.
Lake Ella .....	S. B. Carter.....	Umatilla.
Lockwood.....	J. M. Tanner.....	Chuluota.
Monte Vista.....	Mrs. L. G. Stevens.....	Monte Vista.
Mt. Dora.....	W. J. Bostick.....	Mt. Dora.
Oakland.....	W. B. Rush.....	Oakland.
Orlando .....	A. J. Mosteller.....	Orlando.
Oviedo .....	J. N. Jones.....	Oviedo.
Orange City.....	W. R. Barnhart.....	Orange City.
Pine Castle.....	J. M. Hansel.....	Pine Castle.
Pine Grove.....	C. M. Tucker.....	Christmas.
Pleasant Hill.....	C. S. Acree.....	Kissimmee.
Sanford .....	S. J. Bell.....	Sanford.
Spring Branch.....	J. M. Lainer.....	Crab.
Umatilla .....	J. N. Epps.....	Umatilla.
West Apopka.....	M. M. Stewart.....	West Apopka.
Winter Garden.....	Chas. Richards.....	Winter Garden.

PROCEEDINGS OF

The Third Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union.

HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE WEKIVA ASSOCIATION.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Wekiva Association met at Kissimmee October 4, 1896. Mrs. H. E. Smith presided.

The meeting was opened by singing "Stand Up for Jesus." The President read the Scriptures and Mrs. Bryan led in prayer. Mrs. J. C. Masee was then elected Recording and Corresponding Secretary.

Delegates were enrolled. Reports from the societies were called for, and the following responded:

- Apopka—Mrs. Frank Shepherd.
- Altoona—By letter; Louisa Hayes, Secretary.
- Clermont—Mrs. M. E. Wilson.
- DeLand—By letter; Mrs. F. H. Farr, Secretary.
- Kissimmee—Mrs. S. Bass, Mrs. Bryan.
- Mt. Dora—By letter; Mrs. E. L. Bostick, Secretary.
- Orlando—Mrs. J. L. Empie, Mrs. W. E. Stevenson, Mrs. M. J. Hull.

- Pine Castle—Mrs. Matchet.
- Plymouth—Mrs. H. E. Smith.
- Umatilla—By letter; Miss Beina Trowell, President.

BANDS.

- Apopka—Miss Lela Henley.
- DeLand—By letter; Miss Bessie Lynch, Secretary.
- Kissimmee—Miss Eugene Bryan.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Peeler. Mrs. Wilson, of Clermont, responded. Mrs. H. E. Smith,

of Plymouth, and Mrs. J. M. Willson, Jr., of Kissimmee, were re-elected First and Second Vice Presidents, respectively.

It was voted that any of the delegates present who should be able to attend the State Convention should be authorized to represent us.

Extracts from letters from some of our home missionaries were next read, followed by addresses by Dr. Chaudoin and Rev. J. C. Massee.

The meeting was closed by singing "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone," and benediction.

MRS. J. C. MASSEE, Secretary.

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## THE WEKIVA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

### CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the "Wekiva Baptist Association," which shall have the privilege of engaging in benevolent operations for the purpose of advancing the Redeemer's kingdom and the furtherance of Christ's glory on earth. In this the churches and individual members are left free, and the giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship.

ART. 3. The Association shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, nor infringe on any of their eternal rights, but shall merely be considered an advisory council in all matters relating to their internal concerns. Nevertheless, it becomes necessary, in some cases, to have a uniform rule of procedure, viz.: If one church commits an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction. If she fails of success, she shall call in the aid of two or more churches in our union to assist in laboring for satisfaction, and if, in the opinion of the helps thus called, it be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits. If a serious difference shall arise in an individual church which, upon due labor, cannot be reconciled, she shall call in aid from two or more churches to assist in the

work, and if reconciliation be not effected, the help so called, or the church, may bring the case before the Association to be acted upon according to its merits, but the Association shall take no notice of any case of the above kind unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of the church discipline as found in the scriptures of the New Testament.

ART. 4. The Association shall have the power to exclude any church from her union which shall violate the Constitution or shall depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

ART. 5. Each church in our union shall send to every annual session of the Association written communications, specifying the names of their delegates; their number in fellowship; the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored or deceased since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 6. Every church in this union shall be entitled to three delegates and one additional messenger for every fifty members or major fraction thereof. Should any church fail to represent herself, she shall state her reason in her next letter to the Association.

ART. 7. New churches and churches dismissed from other Associations may be admitted into our union by delegates bearing petitionary letters. If, upon due examination, they be found orderly and orthodox, the Moderator shall manifest their reception by giving their delegates the right hand of Christian fellowship.

ART. 8. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by the regular and proper rules of decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

ART. 9. At every meeting of the Association a Moderator shall be elected by and from the delegates sent, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall also be elected

in like manner, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings. Also a Treasurer. And they are to hold office until their successors are elected.

ART. 10. The Association shall furnish the churches of our union with the minutes of every session.

ART. 11. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to rectify it, but failed. In such a case, the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of the majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the minutes.

ART. 12. Queries which immediately concern the union, or state of the churches at large, sent by a particular church, or introduced by a proper motion, shall be taken up and decided as soon as practicable.

ART. 13. Any church in our Association having a preacher whom she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work. All presbyteries, in the ordaining of deacons or ministers, or in the constituting of churches, shall be governed by the Articles of Faith adopted by the Association.

ART. 14. The Association shall have a fund supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches by the delegates and paid over to the Committee on Finance, which committee shall be annually appointed, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge all moneys sent to the Association, dispose of the same agreeably to order, and make a fair and circumstantial report in writing.

ART. 15. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session.

ART. 16. The Association shall not adjourn any session until she shall have finished all business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

ART. 17. The Association shall correspond with such

other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.  
 ART. 18. The Association shall in all cases (except to amend the Constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present.

ART. 19. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the session rises.

ART. 20. The Association shall, at each session, appoint one of her members to preach an Introductory Sermon at her next session, one to preach a Doctrinal Sermon, and one to preach a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 21. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any session of the Association when two-thirds of her members may deem it necessary.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Isaiah, 45:22-23, v. 4, 6, 9; I Kings, 8:60; Joel, 2:27; Mark 28:19; II Cor., 13:14; Isaiah, 48:16; John, 14:16; Mark, 3:16-17; John, 10:20-30; Acts, 5:3-4.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. II Timothy, 3:10; Acts, 1:16; I Peter, 4:11; I Thess., 2:13; Luke, 11:28; James, 1:22; I Samuel, 15; Deut., 4:2-22-32; Proverbs, 30:8; Matt., 15:9; Rev., 22:19; John, 14:15.
3. We believe in eternal and particular election. Deut., 7:6; Acts, 22:14, 13:46, 15:18; Matt., 24:31; John, 10:16, 6:37, 10:27-29; Romans, 8:29-30, 9:15; Eph., 1:4-5-11; II Thess., 13:14; II Timothy, 1:9; Titus, 1:12; I Peter, 1:12, 2:9.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen., 5:3; Psalms, 51:5; John, 3:6.
5. We believe in man's impotency, of his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the state he is in by nature. Jer., 132:3, 17:9; Romans, 1:28-31, 8:7-8;

Psalms, 53:1; John, 7:7-3; 36:4; Eph., 4:18-19; Gal., 3:10-11; Hebrews, 10:4.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. Romans, 8:1-25, 10:4, 3:25-26; Isaiah, 1:11; Acts, 13:38-39; I Cor., 1:30; Gal., 3:21-24, 2:16; Phil., 2:8-10.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, renewed and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Rom., 8:29-30, 11:7; Acts, 13:48; John, 10:16-30-32; Eph., 2:5-10; II Tim., 1:9, II Thess., 2:13-14.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away. John, 17:9-10-21-23; 10:27-28-29; Romans, 8:31-39; I Peter, 1:4-5.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ imposed upon His churches; that nothing is baptism except immersion; that believers are the only subjects of this ordinance, and that none but baptized believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. Matt., 2:19; Mark, 16:16, 1:5-9; I Cor., 10:16, 16:29; Acts, 2:38, 8:36, 8:39, 10:47, 16:2-4; Romans, 6:3, 5:16; Col., 2:12.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment. I Cor., 15:3-4-12-20-25, 4:5; Matt., 25:46; Heb., 9:28.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal. Matt., 25:46; Dan., 12:6; Mark, 9:46; John, 5:38-39; II Thess., 1:9.

12. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances, only such as are called and have come under the hands of the presbytery. Matt., 28:16-20; Acts, 13:2-5; Tim., 4:14, 5:22; II Tim., 2:2; II John, 1:9-11.