

SAMPSON LIBRARY
JOHN B. STETSON UNIVERSITY
DeLAND ✦ FLORIDA

MINUTES

OF THE

Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

New River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Antioch Baptist Church,

Alachua County, Fla.,

November 12th, 13th and 14th, A. D. 1880.

OFFICERS:

L. W. KICKLITER,	- - - -	MODERATOR.
IRA W. PINHOLSTER,	- - - -	CLERK.
JOHN B. CASON,	- - - -	TREASURER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

H. C. PARKER	J. B. CASON.
IRA W. PINHOLSTER.	

LAKE CITY, FLA:

PRINTED AT THE LAKE CITY REPORTER OFFICE.

1881.

MINUTES

OF THE

Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

New River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Antioch Baptist Church,

Alachua County, Fla.,

November 12th, 13th and 14th, A. D. 1880.

OFFICERS:

L. W. KICKLITER,	- - - -	MODERATOR.
IRA W. PINHOLSTER,	CLERK.
JOHN B. CASON,	- . . .	TREASURER.

o

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

H. C. PARKER	J. B. CASON.
IRA W. PINHOLSTER.	

LAKE CITY, FLA:

PRINTED AT THE LAKE CITY REPORTER OFFICE.

1881.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION :

Wm. F. Malphurs.....	Starke, Fla.
John O. Kelly.....	" "
Simon S. Brown.....	" "
Josiah A. Lewis.....	" "
L. W. Kickliter.....	" "
Robert Kieth.....	" "
Uriah Roberts.....	Providence, Fla.

MINUTES

Of the 9th Annual Session of The New River Baptist Association held with the Antioch Church, Alachua Co., Fla., November 12th, 13th and 14th, A. D. 1880.

FRIDAY, NOV. 12th.—1st DAY.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder W. F. Malphurs from John xvii, 28th Verse, and closed by Elder L. W. Kickliter by prayer. After fifteen minutes intermission the Association was called to order by the former Moderator. A hymn was sung and prayer offered by Bro. Kickliter.

Letters were then called for and received from eleven churches, which were read, and names of delegates enrolled as follows :

Antioch.....	Burrel Wiggins, and H. C. Parker.
Mount Sinai.....	W. F. Malphurs.
New River.....	I. W. Pinholster.
Kingsley Lake.....	L. W. Kickliter.
Sardis.....	J. J. Clark.
N. P. Grove.....	R. Cason, and S. H. Burnett.
Bradford.....	Henry Surrency.
Santa Fee.....	J. B. Cason, and B. Beasley.
Waldo Church.....	J. Weeks, and Fare Neal.
Hope.....	B. Fortner, and M. Coward.
Mt. Zion.....	John R. Thomas, and D. W. Hazel.
Bethel.....	

On Motion to go into the Election of Officers by Ballot Brethren Burrel, Wiggins and J. J. Clark were appointed tellers of the election.

The Association then proceeded to the election of said officers which resulted in the choice of L. W. Kickliter Moderator, I. W. Pinholster Clerk, and J. B. Cason Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for and received from Bethel Church, Jno. R. Thomas and D. W. Hazen delegates which was on motion received and the Church constituted a member of the Association by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the said representatives.

Correspondence was called for and received. Elder H. M King, W. S. Perry from the Santa Fee Association.

A committee on Religious Exercises was appointed composed of brethren I. W. Pinholster, J. J. Clark with the deacons of this Church.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

We the Committee on Religious Exercises report as follows that Brother Perry preach to-night at the church at early candle light and tomorrow at 11 a. m., H. M. King preach.

I. W. PINHOLSTER, Chairman.

On motion adjourned until tomorrow at 9 A. M.

Saturday morning met pursuant to adjournment the Moderator presiding.

Prayer offered by Bro. Perry.

The following committees were appointed:

2nd.—On Nominations.—H. C. Parker, W. F. Malphurs and B. Beasley.

3rd.—On Letters and Queries—W. F. Malphurs, Jno. R. Thomas and J. B. Cason.

4th.—On Finance—B. Wiggins, B. W. Hazel and B. W. Fortner.

5th.—Sunday Schools—W. F. Malphurs, J. J. Clark and L. W. Kickliter.

6th.—Deceased Ministers and Deacons—B. Wiggins, I. W. Pinholster and J. R. Thomas.

7th.—On Missions—H. C. Parker, J. J. Clark and D. W. Hazel.

8th.—On Periodicals and Religious Literature—W. F. Malphurs, J. J. Clark, F. R. Prevatt.

A letter was received and read from the Mount Zion Church.

On motion Bro. A. Crosby was received as a corresponding visitor from the Salude Church.

On motion the unfinished business be taken up.

The queries from the Lake Butler Church read.

A motion was made to table the Queries, and Reports of committees, after having been argued for considerable time were withdrawn.

On motion the queries and reports of committees be removed from before the body.

Adjourned until after service.

AFTER SERVICE,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

We your Committee on Religious Exercises submit the following report: That Brother M. F. Malphurs preach here to-night at early candle-light.

I. W. PINHOLSTER, Chairman.

On Motion, adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations report, that we have had the same under consideration, and after due deliberation recommend that Elder L. W. Kickliter preach the next introductory sermon and Elder W. F. Malphurs alternate and that Elder W. F. Malphurs preach the next missionary sermon and Elder L. W. Kickliter alternate.

We also recommend that the next Association be held with the Sardis Church.

Respectfully submitted, H. C. PARKER, Chairman.

On motion adopted

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

We, your Committee on Letters and Queries, having had the same under consideration, report that we find cheering news contained in the letters and nothing objectionable; and there being no queries sent up from the churches; we respectfully submit this our report.

W. F. MALPHURS, Chairman.

On motion, adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

Amount in Treasury.....Nothing.

NAME OF CHURCH.	AMOUNT FOR CLERK.	NO. OF MINUTES.	HOME MISSIONS.	AMOUNT FOR TREASURY
Mount Zion		9	\$1 45	\$. 90
Bradford		10	.	1 50
Kingsley Lake		25	.	2 00
Bethel		12	.	1 20
New River		25	1 50	2 50
Antioch		15	.	1 50
Santa Fee Pond	\$1 00	25	2 00	2 50
Sardis		12	.	1 20
Mount Zion		1	.	.
N. P. Grove		5	.	50
Stark Road		5	.	1 50
	\$1 10	1 44	\$5 01	\$14 30

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BURREL WIGGINS, Chairman.

On motion, adopted

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Missions reports as follows: On examination, we find the district of our Association bounds one vast missionary field which evidently demands much of our attention, and we hear the Macedonian cry coming up from every direction. Yet with all this we see very little sent up from the churches to supply this demand and we will see by the slightest observation that we are declining into anti-missionary. We also see that the churches generally fail to pay their pastors anything worthy of their abilities and until churches will pay their own pastor, they are almost sure to do little or nothing for Missions, either Home or Foreign, and we would recommend brethren in the ministry to exact of each church more or less compensation for their services and thus produce in them a self-sustaining spirit at least, and while we are in deep sympathy with the cause of Indian and foreign missions, we cannot see how we can do much for either until we can do something at home. We would, therefore, invite the pastors generally to stir up their churches to renewed diligence in this matter.

Respectfully submitted, H. C. PARKER, Chairman.

On motion, adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS AND RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Periodicals and Religious Literature have taken the same under consideration and recommend to our brethren and friends the "Baptist," published by D. J. R. Graves at Memphis, Tenn. Also we would earnestly recommend the "Christian Index" to the support of all our brethren, sisters and friends and anew adopt it as the organ of our association.

Respectfully submitted, W. F. MALPHURS, Chairman.

On motion, adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, take pleasure in reporting that the Sunday School still is prospering. We would argue that the pastors and brethren of all the churches composing this Association observe the great importance of establishing Sunday Schools as means of Grace in bringing up their children in the vesture and admonition of the Lord, feeling assured that if they are thus brought in the way in which they should go, when they get old they will not depart from it. We hope that the churches

will feel the great importance of the Sunday School work, all of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. MALPHURS, Chairman.

On motion, adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, having had the same under consideration, and with hearts bowed in grief and humble submission to the Divine Providence of Him that doeth all things well. We have to chronicle the departure of two of our oldest and most able standard bearers.

First—The death of our Reverend Father and Esteemed Brother, Elder Silas Weeks, who departed this life in the triumphs of a living faith.

Second—The departure of our esteemed brother, Elder J. A. J. McKinney, who departed this life in the triumphs of a living faith. And in memory of them we would say: Soldiers of Christ, well done! well done! rest from thy loved employ, the battle fought, the victory won, enter into thy joys; and affectionately commend their bereaved widows and orphans as objects of our sympathies and love to the all compassionate and loving Jesus, who their husbands and fathers faithfully trusted in and served for a crown of life.

Respectfully submitted.

BURREL WIGGINS, Chairman

On motion, adopted.

MISSIONARY REPORT.

Very Dear Brethren:

Having under a Gospel commission been appointed your missionary, I respectfully submit the following report:

Miles traveled.....	760
Sermons preached.....	93
Received for baptism.....	36
Baptized.....	28
Aided in constitution of churches.....	2
Aided in ordination of preachers.....	1
Aided in ordination of deacons.....	1
Contributions received from Brother Henry C. Parker.....	\$5.00

WILLIAM F. MALPHURS, Missionary.

November 14th, A. D. 1880.

On motion that the amount for missions be paid over to Bro. Malphurs; also the amount collected on tomorrow with compliments to Elder W. S. Perry for his services.

Adopted.

SAMPSON LIBRARY
JOHN B. STETSON UNIVERSITY
DeLAND FLORIDA

On motion an Executive Committee be appointed, composed of brethren H. C. Parker, I. W. Pinholster and J. B. Cason.
Adopted.

On motion the money collected for minutes be turned over to the clerk and he be requested to have minutes printed.
Resolution adopted.

On motion Bro. W. F. Malphurs be appointed to write a circular letter. Adopted.

On motion to adjourn until tomorrow at 9 A. M., which was adopted.

SABBATH MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment when a hymn was sung and prayer offered by the Moderator, L. W. Kickliter.

On motion the report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons have added in amendment the death of Bro. Porter, Deacon of Sardis Church.

On motion the circular letter was read by Bro. W. F. Malphurs, who was authorized from last session, which was received by the body.

On motion it was adopted that the Executive Committee do obtain reasons for the delinquency of certain churches.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, submit the following report: We have employed Elders W. F. Malphurs and W. S. Perry as missionaries for the past year and have sent them out without purse or scrip, and therefore recommend that the different churches contribute to them cheerfully.

Respectfully submitted

H. C. PARKER, }
A. CROSBY, } Executive Committee.
B. WIGGINS. }

Service was held at 11 A. M., when the mission sermon was delivered by Bro. King from 1st Timothy and 3rd verse.

On motion that this body convene with the Sardis Church November 1881.

On motion that this body adjourn until the next annual session.

A hymn was sung and the parting hand taken and prayer offered by Brother Perry.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

PREPARED BY ELDER W. M. F. MALPHURS.

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish. John X., 28th v. This is the emphatic language of the blessed Jesus; who was, and is, the whole embodiment of Truth, and the wisdom and power of God. Concerning his sheep—his brethren whom he here styles his sheep because he had purchased them with the promise of his life and blood; and had become their shepherd &c. which language is, to us, a gracious promise, a link in the glorious chain of Scripture teaching; the soul cheering doctrine of the saints' final perseverance in grace.

And I give unto them eternal life. [Not mortal or momentary, but eternal life.] How, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost, under whose quickening influence they pass from death unto life, and shall not come into condemnation. Christ having become the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth, they are no longer under the law but under grace and truth that makes free indeed. To secure eternal life for believers, the blessed Jesus died, in manifestation of the love of God to him and to us; that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life, therefore it is said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and again it is said, he that believeth shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life. And to impart this eternal life, and a knowledge thereof, the Spirit of God is sent, and comes to shine into our hearts, to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, as it is in the face of Christ Jesus our Lord, and to shed abroad in our hearts the love of God, which is the love of Christ that constrains us to love, to hear, to obey and follow him, whithersoever he goeth, because by the spirit of Christ, and its holy kindlings of sacred love, and gift of faith believers are united to Him, and made living members of his mystical body. And Christ their governing head of honor, their Prophet Priest and King, who says to each one of them, I in you, and you in Me, and Me in the Father. And the Apostle in Romans VIII., 1st v. says: There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. Why not? Because to get in Christ is to become a new creature, that shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life; and they shall never perish. Through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth, souls are elected to eternal life in Christ; therefore they are kept, by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time, hear the wisdom and power of God proclaiming—All that the Father giveth me, shall come unto me, and him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast

out. For I came down from heaven not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day, and this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day — [John vi. 37th—40th verses.] And they shall never perish. All the embattled host of hell arrayed, and joined with all the doubting Thomases, and blind Cavils, of every age and place can not cause one of these little ones to perish or pluck them out of the hands of Christ, or the hand of his Father, who is greater than all. Therefore it shall never be said in the world of woe, here is one who was once born of the will of God, led by the Spirit of Christ—heard his voice—loved—and followed him, for Christ gives unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish. It shall never be said in the eternal world, that Satan hath overcome the Lamb of God, who hath all power in heaven and earth, or that he hath plucked one of his sheep out of his Father's hands, and dismembered the mystical body of Christ. No! The enemy of God and man shall never, in the dark dominions over which he presides, be able to point to one of his miserable subjects and truly say, that this soul now damned, was once washed in the blood of the Lamb, for they are born of God and can not sin, because his seed remaineth in them. The doctrine of apostacy is nowhere taught in the Scriptures, and is evidently inconsistent with the whole tenor of scripture teaching the plan, character and value of salvation—inconsistent with the unchangeable love—justice—wisdom and faithfulness of God, inconsistent with his unchangeable promises, purposes, covenant and oath, inconsistent with the honor of the Father as their Maker, inconsistent with the honor of Christ as their mighty Redeemer, inconsistent with the honor of the Holy Ghost, who is in them as a perpetual inhabitant, worker, comforter, supporter and fountain springing up into everlasting life; inconsistent with all the manifested love, extended mercy and revealed will of God. Hark the voice of Jesus now speaks: I die that they might have life, and might have it more abundantly. Again in Rev. i. 18th, I am he that liveth and was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore amen, and have the keys of hell and of death. And as he ever liveth to make intercessions for the saints, according to the will of God, and knowing that the Father heareth him always, and that Him and the Father are one, and that believers are one body, He says to each one of them, because I live ye shall live also. Why? Because they are dead, and their lives are hid in Christ with God. [And they shall never perish.] But when Christ who is their life shall appear, then shall they appear with him in glory, and they shall never perish.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	DELEGATES.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by letter.	Dism'd by letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Dead.	Total membership.	Contributions.	Minutes Wanted.
Antioch.....	Lay Cross.....	A. Crosby.....	H. C. Parker.....	N. J. Bery and D. G. Dinkins.....	1	0	5	0	0	0	62	\$ 4 35	20
Bradford.....	Lake Butler.....	Wm. F. Malphurs.....	D. Lynn.....	D. Lynn.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	1 50	10
Behnel.....	Providence.....	R. F. Rodgers.....	J. R. Thomas.....	A. A. Hazel.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1 50	14
Deep Creek.....	Dutton.....	D. L. Norton.....	D. L. Norton.....	D. L. Norton.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	30	8
Hope.....	Stark.....	J. H. More.....	J. H. More.....	By letter only.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	85	12
Kinsley Lake.....	Stark.....	L. W. Kickliter.....	L. W. Kickliter.....	J. W. F. Prevatt and D. L. Prevatt.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	44	2 00	12
Lake Butler.....	Lake Butler.....	Wm F. Malphurs.....	H. F. York.....	Not represented.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	17	1 30	12
Mt. Sinai.....	Stark.....	Wm F. Malphurs.....	B. Thomas.....	Wm. F. Malphurs.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	25	8
New Grove.....	Lake Butler.....	Wm F. Malphurs.....	D. L. Parish.....	Not represented.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	3 50	25
Sardis.....	Newnansville.....	Wm. F. Malphurs.....	R. Cason.....	S. H. Burnett.....	3	1	1	2	2	0	17	2 00	15
Stark Fe Pond.....	Stark.....	W. S. Terry.....	J. W. Pinholster.....	J. W. and W. Pinholsters.....	4	1	0	0	0	0	88	6 00	30
Stark Road.....	Lake Butler.....	Wm. F. Malphurs.....	J. J. DuBose.....	J. J. Clark and F. M. Phaks on.....	11	1	1	1	1	1	88	6 00	30
Waldo.....	Stark.....	Wm. F. Malphurs.....	S. N. Gelger.....	John B. Cason.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	88	6 00	30
	Waldo.....	Waldo.....	W. Andrews.....	Not represented.....	25	6	6	9	4	6	888	\$24 30	162
			S. T. Weeks.....	Not represented.....									

SAMPSON LIBRARY
 JOHN B. STETSON UNIVERSITY
 DELAND FLORIDA