

Wm. S. Malphurs

MINUTES

-OF THE-

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

-OF THE-

NEW RIVER

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

-HELD WITH THE-

STARKE BAPTIST CHURCH,

BRADFORD COUNTY, FLA.,

NOVEMBER 10, 11 AND 12, 1886.

OFFICERS:

W. F. MALPHURS,.....	MODERATOR.
N. S. WAINRIGHT,.....	CLERK.
W. H. PINHOLSTER,.....	TREASURER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

W. F. MALPHURS,	N. S. WAINRIGHT,	W. H. PINHOLSTER,
I. W. PINHOLSTER,	N. GEIGER,	D. E. LYNN.

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MINUTES.

The New River Missionary Baptist Association met pursuant to adjournment with the Starke Church, Bradford County, Florida, November 10, 1886.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by L. C. Music, from 1st Corinthians 3-6: "I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase."

After one hour's intermission for refreshments, the Association was called to order by Wm. F. Malphurs, former Moderator.

A hymn was sung and prayer offered by J. A. Lewis.

The former Clerk being absent, N. S. Wainright was elected Clerk, *pro tem*.

Letters were then called for and read from the following named Churches, and messengers bearing them received:

Santa Fe Pond—J. B. Cason, P. H. Cason, N. S. Wainright.

Dedan—W. F. Malphurs.

Deep Creek—

Antioch—W. H. Adams, Wm. Goosby, J. A. Celon.

New River—I. W. Pinholster, J. M. Smiley, J. H. Popel.

Hope—J. H. Moore, L. B. White.

Bradford—D. E. Lynn.

Kingsley Lake—P. Crews.

Mt. Zion—A. Peterson, J. H. Manning.

Starke—Tate Powell, Thos. E. Bugg, G. C. Looney, Henry Talbird.

Harmony—J. A. Lewis, J. S. Green.

North Pleasant Grove—J. E. Hill, G. E. Bennett.

Mt. Sinai—B. Thomas.

The Officers were elected by acclamation.

Wm. F. Malphurs was re-elected Moderator, N. S. Wainright elected Clerk.

Correspondence was then called for and received. Brother Aaron Geiger, from St. Johns Association, D. M. Smith and J. S. Griner, from Santa Fe, and Lewis Price, from New Sunbury Association.

Appointment of Committees as follows:

1. Special Committee to District the Association—J. B. Cason, I. W. Pinholster, J. E. Hill, Henry Talbird.

2. On Religious Exercises—D. E. Lynn, J. H. Popel, L. B. White and the Deacons of the Church.

3. On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—T. E. Bugg, Arch. Peterson, J. H. Moore.

4. On Nominations—P. H. Cason, B. Thomas, P. Crews.

5. On Missions—Tate Powell, J. M. Smiley, J. A. Celon.

6. On Finance—J. H. Moore, W. H. Adams, G. E. Burnett.

7. On Sunday Schools—L. Price, I. W. Pinholster, J. E. Hill.

8. On Publications—G. C. Looney, D. E. Lynn, Wm. Goosby.

9. On Temperance—L. W. Kickliter, J. B. Cason, J. A. Lewis.

10. On Letters and Queries—T. E. Bugg, J. M. Smiley, P. H. Cason.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call the Association to Order.
3. Singing and Prayer. Invite Visiting Brethren to Seats.
4. Call for Letters and reading the same.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Call for Correspondence from Other Associations.
7. Petitionary Letters called for.
8. Appointment of Committees.
 - I. On Preaching.
 - II. On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
 - III. On Nominations.
 - IV. On Missions.
 - V. On Finance.
 - VI. On Sunday Schools.
 - VII. On Publications.
 - VIII. On Temperance.
 - IX. On Letters and Queries.
 - X. Special Committee to District the Association.
9. Call for Executive Committee of Last Year.
10. Call for Treasurer's Report.
11. Call for other Committees.
12. Reading Circular Letters.
13. Adjournment.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

L. W. KICKLITER,	Starke, Fla.	J. A. LEWIS,	Starke, Fla.
ROBERT KEITH,	"	J. J. CLARK,	Worthington, Fla.
DR. HENRY TALBIRD,	"	ABRAHAM CROSBY,	Zif, Fla.
WM. F. MALPHURS,	"		

LICENTIATES.

J. R. STOAN,	La Cross, Fla.	N. S. WAINRIGHT,	Starke, Fla.
N. J. BERRY,	"		

Report of Special Committee to District the Association was read and adopted:

We, the Committee, beg leave to report that the Association is divided into the following districts:

- 1st. Antioch, Bradford, Mt. Sinai and North Pleasant Grove.
 - 2d. Dedan, New River and Sardis.
 - 3d. Hope, Santa Fe Pond and Starke.
 - 4th. Harmony, Deep Creek and Kingsley Lake.
- All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. CASON, Chairman.

Special Committee appointed to arrange for the Ministers' and Deacons Union—J. E. Hill, I. W. Pinholster, J. B. Cason and J. H. Manning.

Report of Committee on Religious exercises read and adopted:

We, the Committee beg leave to report as follows:

Brother Wm. F. Malphurs to preach at the Church to-night at 7 o'clock.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. E. LYNN, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned to meet on Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock, to
Wm. F. MALPHURS, Moderator.
N. S. WAINRIGHT, Clerk.

Met at the Church at 7 o'clock p. m. according to previous arrangement. Preaching by W. F. Malphurs. Closed by L. C. Music.

THURSDAY'S WORK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

N. S. Wainright conducted the prayer meeting; after which the Association was called to order by W. F. Malphurs, Moderator.

Called for Letters and Messengers, but none received.

Called for report of Executive Committee, who were not ready yet to report.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

Brother Henry Talbird being appointed to preach the Doctrinal Sermon, addressed a well ordered Congregation at 11 o'clock.

Met at 2 o'clock p. m. A hymn was sung and prayer offered by D. M. Smith. Association called to order by W. F. Malphurs, Moderator.

Brother G. W. Hall was received as Representative from the Santa Fe Association, also as Representative of the Florida Baptist Witness and State Board.

On motion, Brother G. W. Hall was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon at 7 o'clock p. m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The undersigned Committee on Letters and Queries beg leave to report that we find no queries sent up. On the subject of letters we find that but one church has asked for the Association to be held with it at the next ses-

sion. That church is Antioch. We therefore recommend that her request be complied with.
THOS. E. BUGG, Chairman.
Adopted.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, would report that within the bounds of the Association, during the Associational year, in the Circle of the Ministry, there is but one death to report, and that is Uriah Roberts; of Deacons there is but one death to report, and that is Joseph Truluck. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. E. BUGG, Chairman.

ON NOMINATIONS. (Report No. 1.)

Your Committee have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the first meeting of the Ministers' and Deacons' Union of the year 1887, be held with Santa Fe Church, in the third District, Saturday before the 5th Sunday in January, 1887;

That the second meeting of said Union be held with North Pleasant Grove Church in the 1st District, Saturday before the 5th Sunday in May, 1887;

That the third meeting of said Union be held with New River Church in the 2d District, Saturday before the 5th Sunday in August, 1887;

That the fourth meeting of said union be held with Mt. Zion Church in the 4th District, Saturday before the 5th Sunday in October, 1887. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. HILL, Chairman.

Adopted.

ON NOMINATIONS (Report No. 2).

The New River Association will, during the year, note four District meetings of its Ministers' and Deacons' Union; at which the following programmes will be discussed:

First Quarter—The Union will meet with Santa Fe Church of the 3d District, January 29, 1887.

1st Subject:—What are the teachings of the Bible as to the means and mode of the world's conversion? Opened by Rev. H. Talbird.

2d Subject:—What is the Scripture measure of benevolent effort? Opened by Rev. L. W. Kickliter.

3d Subject:—Consider the peculiar tests of love and enmity to God. Opened by J. B. Cason.

Second Quarter—The Union will meet with North Pleasant Grove Church of 2d District, May 28th, 1887.

1st Subject:—In what does the Spiritual prosperity of a Church and congregation consist, and how may it be best promoted? Opened by Rev. L. W. Kickliter.

2d Subject:—Does not the purpose of God, to save his people, furnish a great encouragement to Christian effort? Opened by Rev. W. F. Malphurs.

3d Subject:—Do we, as Baptists, believe in the fullness and sufficiency of the Sacred Scriptures, both as a rule of life and a standard of Faith?

What use then should we make of our confessions of Faith? Opened by Rev. J. J. Clark.

Third Quarter—The Union will meet with New River Church of the 3d District, July 30th, 1887.

1st Subject:—What are the duties which members of the Church owe to each other? Opened by Rev. A. Crosby.

2d Subject:—Which, from the teaching of the Scripture, is more acceptable to God, Public Worship, or Private Devotion? Opened by Rev. R. Keith.

3d Subject.—Can the devaluation of Paul, found in Romans 3:28, be harmonized with the devaluation contained in James 2:24? Opened by Rev. L. W. Kickliter.

Fourth Quarter.—The Union will meet with Mt. Zion Church of the 4th District, October 29th, 1887.

1st Subject:—Does the parable of the Sower, as given in Luke 8:11-15, afford any countenance to the idea, that a true Christian may fall from grace, so as to be lost? Opened by Rev. W. F. Malphurs.

2d Subject:—What are the teachings of Scripture in reference to the doctrine known as "The final perseverance of the saints?" Opened by Rev. H. Talbird.

3d Subject.—Are we warranted, from the teachings of Scripture, to believe that there will be degrees of glory in Heaven? Opened by Rev. A. Crosby.

ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications appreciate the importance of the religious press, and would earnestly call attention to this potent factor in the dissemination of the truths of the Gospel. Every family should be furnished with good religious newspapers and books. We therefore urge every Baptist family to take and read the "Florida Baptist Witness," because it is the worthy organ of communication between Baptists in our State, and the means of doing much good in every family where it is read. And where two weekly Baptist papers can be read, we recommend that sterling old Baptist Sentinel, "The Christian Index."

We also recommend the "Foreign Mission Journal" to all our Churches. To our Sunday Schools we would earnestly recommend "Kind Words," "The Childs Gem" and the publications of the "American Baptist Publication Society."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. C. LOONEY, Chairman.

ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations having duly considered the same, beg leave to report as follows: We recommend that the next Association be held with Antioch Church, beginning Saturday before the second Sunday in November, A. D. 1887. Further that Bro. A. Crosby preach the Introductory Sermon, and Bro. J. J. Clark close. Bro. L. W. Kickliter preach the Missionary Sermon, and W. F. Malphurs close.

Respectfully submitted,

P. H. CASON, Chairman.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance submit the following report: We feel highly gratified to see the interest that is being taken in the cause of Temperance, and we do earnestly appeal to the Brethren and Sisters not to

weaken in their efforts until this great evil is banished from our land. We do not see how any Christian can read Leviticus 10:9, Galatians 5:21 and I. Cor. 6:10, and then use intoxicating liquors in any way. Let us take the cause of Temperance to the Lord in prayer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. W. KICKLITER, Chairman.

After able addresses by G. W. Hall, L. W. Kickliter, D. M. Smith, L. C. Music, T. E. Bugg, W. F. Malphurs and N. S. Wainright the report was adopted.

On motion, adjourned until after the Missionary Sermon to-night.

Met at 7 o'clock p. m. Missionary Sermon by G. W. Hall, after which a collection was taken up for Missionary purposes, the amount received being \$5.64.

The Association was called to order by W. F. Malphurs, Moderator. The following report was received:

ON MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Missions, find upon examination that there has been no Missionary in our bounds, nor collection taken up in the Churches. We would recommend to this body, that some systematic plan of benevolence be placed before the Churches composing this Association, that something may be done the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMILEY, Chairman.

After address by the following named Brethren, the report was adopted:

G. W. Hall, L. W. Kickliter, L. C. Music and W. F. Malphurs.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we, as an Association, request our Brethren of the Executive Board to note four annual meetings, at the time and place of holding the Ministers' and Deacons' Union.

Resolved, That the Executive Board be requested to devise and put in operation some method by which the liberality of our Churches, in the cause of Christ, may be developed; That our Churches, for the associational year, be solicited to contribute at an average of twenty-five cents per member to the Missionary work within our bounds.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning.

W. F. MALPHURS, Moderator.

FRIDAY'S WORK.

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing a hymn, prayer was offered by W. H. Pinholster.

After which the Association was called to order by W. F. Malphurs, Moderator.

After the roll was called, the Minutes were read, corrected and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee, are glad to report, that Sunday Schools in our bounds are increasing in numbers and interest, though sorry to report several of the Churches without schools, and would recommend that those who are without would go to work at once and organize schools and give them their undivided attention. Schools reported as follows:

Names of Schools.	Name of Supt.	No. Teachers.	No. Enrolled.	Aver. age.	No. Baptised.	Vols. in Library.	S. S. Papers.	Collec- tions.
1 Starke.....	G. C. Looney	10	87	52	4	75	80	\$33.00
2 Mt. Sinal.....	N. S. Wainright	4	45	30	5	0	0	7.00
3 Dedan.....	N. S. Wainright	5	45	35	5	0	0	4.00
4 New River.....	L. W. Pinholster	7	36	25	8	0	12	3.00
5 Antioch.....	.....	2	18	15	5	0	0	0
6 Mt. Zion.....	.....	3	35	20	4	0	0	0
7 Sardis.....	A. J. York & W. B. Dees	4	61	40	0	30	0	2.00
8 Pine Hill.....	F. C. Carrell	2	38	14	0	0	0	1.04
9 Hampton.....	M. N. Blanton	6	60	40	0	0	0	48.00
10 Chautauqua.....	Pettit	4	35	20	2	150	24	0
Total.....	.....	47	450	291	42	255	116	\$98.04

Dear Brethren, strive for the conversion of your children. Submitted, I. W. PINHOLSTER, Chairman.

After addresses by G. W. Hall, Robt. Keith, L. C. Music, N. S. Wainright and W. F. Malphurs, the report was adopted.

Resolution offered by G. W. Hall:

Resolved, That the messengers of this Association, in co-operation with their pastors, present the importance of Mission work within the bounds of the Association, at their first church meeting, and take pledges of the individual members for this work, to be paid quarterly during the year; and that the amounts pledged by the members of each church be communicated to the Executive Committee, who shall communicate with the State Board of Missions at its meeting in January, asking co-operation in this work. Adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

Lewis Price preached to a well-ordered congregation at 11 o'clock a. m. from John 9:4: "I must work while it is day," etc.

Met, pursuant to adjournment. After singing a hymn, prayer was offered by J. B. Cason. Association called to order by W. F. Malphurs, Moderator.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee has not had a full meeting of all its members during the year. We have to make the painful report that there has not been anything done by this Committee for Missions. Therefore we recommend that a committee of four be appointed by this body on the Executive Board, and that the Committee thus appointed add three others to their number, a chairman, a secretary and treasurer, and that the officers of the Board be selected in, or, as near the center of the districts as possible. By this method your Committee thinks the Board would be enabled to have a meeting quarterly at each meeting of the Ministers' and Deacons' Union. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. MOORE, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows: Amount sent up from the Churches:

Antioch.....	\$3.70
Bradford.....	3.00
Hope.....	2.75
Sardis.....	1.50
New River.....	4.00
Starke.....	1.75
Mt. Sinal.....	80
Dedan.....	1.50
North Pleasant Grove.....	2.10
Deep Creek.....	60
Kingsley.....	20
Mt. Zion.....	\$22.15
Total.....	

All of which is respectfully submitted. J. H. MOORE, Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. E. Lynn, I. W. Pinholster, Noah Gieger and Arch Peterson, and report of same.

We, the Committee just appointed, would make the following report: We learn that the Executive Committee of last year were not enabled to effect anything in the work to which they were appointed. We therefore have nothing to report in their behalf.

It was made our duty to suggest the names of three others to act with us as your Executive Committee for the year upon which we have entered. There are special reasons why the elected officers of the Association should be on the committee. We therefore recommend the appointment of Rev. W. F. Malphurs, N. S. Wainright and W. H. Pinholster as the three, and that the Executive Committee be thus completed, and be published in the minutes of this session of your body.

Thus the Executive Committee will be completed by the first meeting of the Ministers' and Deacons' Union to be held with the Santa Fe Pond Church, January 29, 1887. I. W. PINHOLSTER, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received by collection the fifth Sunday in August, \$1.75; by collection the fifth Sunday in October, \$3.00; after the Missionary Sermon, \$5.64, making a total of \$10.39. W. H. PINHOLSTER.

W. H. Pinholster was re-elected Treasurer of the Association.

Delegates appointed to the State Convention: W. F. Malphurs, R. Keith, H. Talbird, L. W. Kickliter, Joseph Thomas, I. W. Pinholster, D. E. Lynn and P. H. Cason.

On motion, That the Moderator appoint the others, A. Crosby and N. Geiger were appointed.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Deeming it our indispensable duty to feel grateful, therefore be it resolved by this body, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to the Brethren, Sisters and friends of Starke and vicinity for their kind attention to us during our stay with them. May the Lord help them and us to be our workers for good. Adopted.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to draw on the Treasurer for

money to publish the Minutes, the balance in the treasury to be paid to the Clerk as compensation for his services.

Moved and carried that the Executive committee transact any business not done by the Association.

On motion, adjourned in good order.

N. S. WAINRIGHT, Clerk. W. F. MALPHEURS, Moderator.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasury of heavenly instruction, that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture or errors for its matter. That it reveals the principles by which God will judge the world in righteousness, and therefore it is and shall forever remain the true centre of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.

Article 2. We believe that there is one and only one living and true God, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection and executing harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Article 3. We believe in the total depravity of the human heart and that the natural state of man is such that he cannot prepare himself for Divine favor without the assisting grace of God enabling him to act according to the good pleasure of Divine will.

Article 4. We believe in the election according to the foreknowledge of God through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, and that God alone by His spirit, through His son and with His word, regenerates the Soul.

Article 5. We believe in justification by faith which gives peace through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Article 6. We believe the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes, and therefore should be preached to every creature that the purpose of God according to election might stand.

Article 7. We believe that all who obey the gospel and are regenerated by the power of God, are elected to eternal life in Christ, and are made heirs of and joint heirs with the Lord Jesus Christ, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed at the last time, and that not one of them will be lost.

Article 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and Spiritually designed to exemplify the death and suffering, burial and resurrection of Him, and that in baptism there are three essentials, viz: first a proper subject; second a proper mode; third a proper administration, and that a proper subject is one who has been begotten by the word and born of the Spirit, and that the only proper mode is by immersion of such subjects in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and proper administrators, only those who have been duly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

Article 9. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ to be commemorated by His followers, and none but baptized believers have any scriptural-right to partake thereof.

Article 10. We believe that a "visible" Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by a covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws and exercising His gifts, rights and privileges, vested in them by His word.

Article 11. We believe and acknowledge Jesus Christ to be the great head of the Church and the only giver; that the government under Him is with the body and is the privilege of each individual member; that spiritual discipline, with an eye single to the glory of God, must greatly conduce to the final prosperity and union of the Church.

Article 12. We believe that idiots and infants are saved, and saved alone by the mediation of Christ.

Article 13. We believe that the first day of the week is Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious duties by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreation, by devout observance of all the means of grace, both public and private, and by preparation for the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

Article 14. We believe that the end of the world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from their graves for final retribution; that solemn separation will take place; that the wicked will go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into life eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The sessions of this association shall open and close with prayer.
2. The letters from the constituent churches shall be read and the names of representatives enrolled.

3. The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot.

4. The Moderator shall preserve order, explain and put questions, and when speaking upon a matter under debate shall call some member to the chair, and in case of a tie give the casting vote.

5. The Clerk shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of each meeting; in absence of the Moderator, shall call the Association to order and preside until a Moderator *pro tem.* is elected.

6. The Treasurer shall be the proper custodian of all associational funds, which shall be at the control of the body.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall be open for discussion.

8. Every person wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator and confine himself strictly to the subject, and not speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave from the Moderator, and shall make no unkind allusions while speaking.

9. No business shall be transacted without a quorum, which shall consist of the number present at the hour to which the meeting adjourned.

10. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received except to adjourn, lay on the table, to amend, indefinitely postpone, refer to a committee or otherwise, or call for a previous question. Any member voting in the majority on any subject may move a reconsideration at any time during the session.

11. No member shall leave the meeting without leave of the Moderator.

12. The Rules of Decorum may be amended at any annual session of the Association by a majority vote of the members present.

