

MINUTES

—OF THE—
TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—
NEW RIVER MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH THE—
DEIDAN BAPTIST CHURCH

IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA,

November, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th, A. D. 1892.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call the Association to order.
3. Singing and Prayer.
4. Reading letters and enrollment of messengers.
5. Election of officers, Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
7. Call for correspondence from other Associations.
8. Call for petitionary letters.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Reports of committees.
11. Report of Executive Committee.
12. Report of Treasurer. Reports of other committees.
13. Appointment messengers to State Convention.
14. Miscellaneous business. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION OF NEW RIVER BAPTIST UNION.

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be known as the Union of the New River Baptist Association.

ART. 2. This body shall be composed of messengers appointed by the churches of this Association, and each church shall be entitled to three messengers.

ART. 3. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be elected by separate ballot at each meeting. The Moderator shall preside over the meetings of this body, and the Clerk shall keep a correct record of the transactions of this body.

ART. 4. At the first meeting in each associational year there shall be appointed or elected two standing committees consisting of three or more members each, first a committee on nominations, second a committee on ways and means.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the committee on nominations to select and arrange proper subjects for discussion, and nominate who shall open each subject.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the committee on ways and means to carefully survey and canvass our mission field and churches, encourage and take collections for mission work, confer and co-operate with the Executive Committee of the New River Association in our mission cause, and also look after and encourage Sunday School work in our bounds, and report the interest of the same to each meeting of this body.

ART. 7. All mission funds collected at each meeting shall be transmitted to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ART. 7. This constitution may be amended only in the following manner: Any proposed amendment must be submitted in writing at one meeting; if a majority shall vote in favor of the same, it shall be laid over until the next meeting for final action; if a majority vote in favor of it then, the constitution shall be so amended.



MINUTES OF NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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The New River Missionary Baptist Association convened with Dedan church, in Bradford county, Florida, on Thursday, Nov. 10th, 1892. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder A. Crosby, from Heb. xii: 1. One hour and a half was given for refreshments. The Association was called to order by the former Moderator. Psalm, xci was read and prayer was offered by Rev. S. S. Proctor. Letters were called for, and read by Bro. Jos. M. Malphurs, and J. M. Johns. The following named churches and messengers were enrolled.

ANTIOCH—Rev. C. E. Parker, J. H. Robuck, Daniel Cheshier.

BRADFORD—Not represented.

DEEDAN—W. H. Bailey.

DEEDAN—McQueen Sanders.

DEEDAN—Rev. W. F. Malphurs, T. G. Reeves, Aaron Gatling.

EVERGREEN—Jesse Redish, J. E. Norman.

HOPE—Rev. D. L. Phillips, J. H. Moore.

KIMBLE LAKE—L. D. Prevatt, Tapley Tillis.

NORTH PLEASANT GROVE—Jos. M. Malphurs, Irvin Holder.

NEW RIVER—Rev. A. Crosby, I. W. Pinholster, J. H. Poppel.

SHADDS—Rev. J. J. Clark, J. I. Dubose.

PANOLA—T. W. Newberry, J. W. Barry, E. J. Wainright.

PRATHER'S REST—J. W. Wilkerson, W. B. Griffin, B. Wilkerson.

MT. Zion—Rev. Samuel Godwin.

A quorum being present, the Association proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the election of Elder A. Crosby, Moderator; J. M. Malphurs, Clerk; and I. W. Pinholster, Treasurer.

The Moderator then appointed the following committee on preaching: J. H. Moore, J. H. Roebuck and the deacons of Dedan church. The Committee on Preaching recommend that Rev. B. H. Damon preach Friday at 11, a. m., and Rev. C. F. Parker preach at night. The Association adjourned till 9.30, a. m., Nov. 11th, 1892.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Psalm xlix was read and prayer offered by Rev. N. T. King. The Association was declared in order for business, whereupon the minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

Elders N. T. King and N. S. Wainwright were received as visitors from Santa Fe Association, and Elder S. S. Proctor from Beulah Association.

Petitionary letters being called for, one was handed in, and read, from Beulah church. Being found orthodox, the said church was duly received into the membership of this body, and the same was duly recognized by the Moderator extending the hand of fellowship to Bro. McQueen Sanders, who was enrolled as a messenger from that church.

The Moderator then added the following brethren to the standing committees to fill the vacancies of those not present.

On Education, J. M. Johns, Jesse Reddish.

On Temperance, Elder L. W. Kickliter, Eld. C. F. Parker.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons, R. F. Lewis, McQueen Sanders, Aaron Gating.

On Letters and Queries, Eld. W. F. Malphurs, W. H. Pinholster, F. J. Reeves.

On Finance, J. H. Moore, Eld. Samuel Godwin, W. H. Pinholster.

The Association adjourned till 1:30, p. m., for preaching and refreshment.

Preaching by Eldr. B. H. Damon, from Rev. I, part of the 10th. verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by W. S. Wainwright. Call for Petitionary letters renewed. One was handed in and read from Pilgrim's Rest. Being found orthodox, said church was duly received into the membership of this body, and the same recognised by the Moderator extending the hand of fellowship to Brethren J. W. Wilkerson, W. B. Griffs, and B. Wilkerson, who were enrolled as messengers from that church. The committee on preaching announce that Rev. L. W. Kickliter, will preach Saturday at 11, a. m., and Rev. B. H. Damon, Sunday, at 11, a. m.

Rev. J. C. Porter was received as visitor in behalf of THE FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS.

Rev. W. F. Malphurs moved to amend the second Article of the Constitution, by adding the following: "Each church in this Association shall be entitled to three messengers, and one addi-

tional messenger for every twenty-five members, in excess of fifty. And any church wishing to sever its connection with this body, may be allowed to do so, upon application duly made to the Association while in session, and a letter of dismission granted thereon. And all members of standing committees shall be honorary members of the Association." After discussion, the amendment was adopted. Elder J. C. Porter addressed the meeting in behalf of "Our Baptist State Paper," and other publications. Prayer was offered by Elder Kickliter. On motion, adjourned till 9:30, Saturday morning.

SATURDAY SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Read the first Psalm. Prayed by Elder J. C. Porter. The Moderator announced the Association in order for business. Committee on Publication offered a report which was read, discussed and adopted and marked "A."

The Moderator then appointed the following Committee on Nominations; J. I. Dubose, J. W. F. Prevatt and Ira Holden. The Association adjourned till 1:30 for preaching and refreshment. Preaching by Eldr. L. W. Kickliter, from Phillippians, 1:16.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Moderator called the Association to order. Report of Committee on Education, was received, discussed and adopted, and marked "B."

Report of Committee on Temperance was received, discussed, adopted and marked "C."

The Committee on Finance reported. Report adopted, and marked "D."

Report of Executive Committee follows. On motion adopted and marked "E."

Elder D. L. Phillips, Associational missionary rendered his report, which was adopted and marked "F."

Report of Committee on Letters and Queries was received, adopted and marked "G."

The Committee on Nominations reported. Report adopted and marked "H."

Report of Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was received, adopted and marked "I"

Moved and seconded that the same Executive Committee be elected again, which was unanimously carried. The Moderator appointed the following messengers to the Baptist State Convention: Elders, C. F. Parker, Wm. F. Malphurs, L. W. Kickliter, and Bro. J. H. Reebuck. The Committee on preaching announce that Rev. C. F. Parker preach at the church and Rev. L. W. Kickliter, at Mr. E. P. Ward's. The Association adjourned till 9:30 Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read Phillipsian, in. Prayer by Elder. D. L. Phillips. The Moderator announced the Association in order for business. Report of Committee on Missions was received; discussed by Revs. Wm. F. Malphurs and B. H. Damon, and unanimously adopted, and marked "J." The Moderator then appointed the following standing committees:

On Missions: Elders C. F. Parker, D. L. Phillips, and I. W. Pinholster.

Sunday Schools: Deacon Jos. Thomas, J. H. Robuck, and Elder L. W. Kickliter.

On Education: Eld. Wm. F. Malphurs, R. F. Lewis and T. G. Reeves.

On Publications: J. M. Johns, Eld. Samuel Godwin, and J. I. Dubose.

On Temperance: S. B. Cason, S. Dukes and Elder J. J. Clark.

The following resolutions were then offered and adopted:

Resolved, that the money sent up to the meeting of our body for Minutes and Associational purposes be turned over to the Clerk; that the missionary funds be paid over to our missionary, Elder D. L. Phillips. Respectfully submitted,

Wm. F. Malphurs

Resolved, that the hearty thanks of this body are due to the church and people of this community for the kindness and hospitality shown us and that the same is hereby tendered.

On motion, adopted.

On motion adjourned, to meet with the Beulah Baptist church on Thursday before the second Sunday in Nov., the 9th day of Nov., A. D., 1893. Abraham Crosby, Moderator.

Jos. M. Malphurs, Clerk.



REPORT A.

Our year Committee on Publications, in view of the vital importance of literature as a factor in building sentiment, and moulding character, and its lasting influence for good or evil, would offer the following for your consideration. The Wise Man, Solomon, has said "Of the making of books there is no end," and we would add that the choice of books and papers requires as much care as that of friends, or perhaps more as they are more influential in their nature; and like a silent friend or foe, they advise, and influence us for weal or woe. Therefore first of all we would warn our people that our country is being sown with 7th Day Advent literature in which look danger and death. The most deleterious of these publications is a book entitled BIBLE READINGS, which, in our opinion, is only sugar coated poison in book form. Beware! Beware! Believe not every spirit, but try the apostle, by the blessed Bible, the unperverted word of God, which is so converting in its nature, making wise unto Salvation. "READ THE BIBLE".

Next to the Bible we would recommend THE FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS, our own Witness and denominational organ, representing principles which are as old as the Christian era; reaching back to the Cross of Christ and forward to his Throne of Glory. We would therefore recommend its gold-leaf pages to every family in our land, and commend its valuable teachings to every heart, as an able, orthodox, evangelizing and indoctrinating agency of great power. Next to our State Baptist organ, we would recommend and indiscriminately the books, tracts, helps and periodicals of our grand old American Baptist Publication Society, which are so grand in quality, and within reach of all; and recommend with equal earnestness, the Kind Words Series, published by our Southern Baptist Convention, as being worthy of our patronage; all of which may be had by applying to our Baptist supply house at Ocala, Florida. Respectfully submitted,

Wm. F. Malphurs, Chairman.

REPORT B.

Our year Committee on Education have had the matter under consideration and believe that in this progressive age, there is nothing, short of the temple itself, of more vital importance than an education. Necessity seems to be laid on church and state to educate the masses against the teachings of atheism, immorality, and infidelity, and there is no study that we can recommend to better compete with them than the Bible. It teaches of the wonderful works of God, His love and mercy to fallen man. Therefore we should encourage Bible reading and study, especially among the young. We would that all could appreciate the importance of having our children taught by religious teachers. We would recommend the Jno. B. Stetson, our own grand institution of learning at Deland Florida, where none but those of the purest motives and soundest morals are employed as teachers. It is admitted that "knowledge is power," but a great deal depends on what kind of knowledge, whether it is a blessing or a curse to the possessor and heredity. Therefore we would earnestly urge the necessity of being careful as to what schools and kinds of literature are to be used.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Johnson, Chairman.

REPORT C.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to make the following report. That whereas we deem the saloon, and liquor traffic the greatest curse that the nation and the church have to contend with—and sad to say it is a nuisance to be found almost everywhere throughout our fair land; a nuisance in both its moral and legal aspect, it makes an undesirable neighborhood; it is an ever open school of depravity for the young; it taints and rots the manhood of all who are brought under its influence. To blot out such a plague should be the ambition of every citizen who wishes the country well. If these things be true, which cannot be gainsaid, we ask in all candor, what becomes our duty as the church of Christ? We do believe that the time has come that the churches should take more decided ground in the matter, by wholly discontinuing the use of intoxicants as a beverage, or by tampering with them in any way by the members. And we believe that to legalize the saloon by license is decidedly wrong. Against such legislation, we pledge the exercise of our power along all lines of honorable opposition from the altar of prayer to the ballot box.

Jos. Thomas, Chairman.

REPORT E.

Your Executive Committee report that soon after the adjournment of the last Association we employed Elder D. L. Philips to labor as a missionary, within the bounds of the New River Association, and we refer you to his report as regards his labors. There has been,

Collected at Union meetings and paid to him.....	\$29.69
Collected on Sunday of Association.....	9.35
Collected on the field.....	7.50
Total.....	\$46.54

We recommend that the churches in this Associational district shall take a collection at their last meeting, next preceeding each fifth Sunday, and send the amount collected to the Executive committee at each meeting of the Missionary and Sunday School Union.

Wm. F. Malphurs, Chairman.

REPORT F.

Dear Brethren: It now becomes my pleasant duty as your humble servant, to render you an account of my stewardship in the occupancy of our mission field. I have, while in discharge of the duty assigned me by your Executive Committee, traveled 930 miles: I have preached 58 sermons, and 3 Temperance sermons—given three Sunday School lectures. Organized three Sunday Schools, and three prayer-meetings. Of the number of families visited I have no record. I have received on the field, seven dollars and fifty cents. (\$7.50.) Received from Executive Committee, at Santa Fe Pond, the fifth Sunday in May, \$14.80; from same at Hope church, the fifth Sunday in July, \$6.87 cents. I have received in all, \$29.17.

I have baptized 38 converts. Brethren, I feel that I have done all that

I could, this year, according to my chance. I have had no horse, so had to travel on the railroad and walk. But I am thankful to God for the great blessings he has bestowed upon me and others. But truly our mission-field is white unto the harvest. Our Master invites us and commands us to reap. I would urge upon you, consecrated effort for the help of the Lord. I pray the good Lord that he may bless our labors for Him in this close of another year. I would urge upon you all that you pray the Lord that he send more laborers to His vineyard. May this year witness our whole duty well done, and every destitute place ringing with the proclamation of God's love and Salvation through our efforts. There has been paid to me, in all, \$37.17.

D. L. Philips, Missionary.

REPORT G.

Your Committee on Letters and Queries have had the same under consideration. We find good tidings coming up from almost all the churches of the Association, for which our hearts are glad, and would gratefully praise the Lord. We find a request sent up from Beulah asking that the next meeting of the Association be held with said church. We find no Queries sent up. From the general tenor of the letters, we believe that the bonds of our union of all the churches represented in said letters have been preserved.

Wm. F. Malphurs, Chairman.

REPORT H.

We your Committee on Nominations have had the same under consideration and do recommend that Elder W. F. Malphurs preach the next Introductory sermon; Elder A. Crosby, alternate. We also recommend that the next Association be held with the Beulah church, commencing on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in November, A. D. 1893.

J. I. Dubose, Chairman.

REPORT I.

We your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg leave to make the following report. On investigation we find that through the goodness and forbearance of our Heavenly Father, there has been no deaths reported by the churches. We feel thankful, brethren, that God, in His mercy and wisdom has spared our ministering brethren to work in His vineyard. All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. Lewis, Chairman.

REPORT J.

Dear Brethren: We your Committee on Missions, desire to make the following report. We believe that Gospel Missions is the cause of Christ. We should, therefore, engage the hearts and hands of all God's elect. We know that our Savior came from Heaven on a mission to seek and to save them that were lost. He says in his blessed Book "as my Father hath sent me into the world even so I send you into the world." So brethren he has left the work for us to do. Brethren, we would urge upon all the great duty of Missions, for we see the necessity of work to be done by us, working

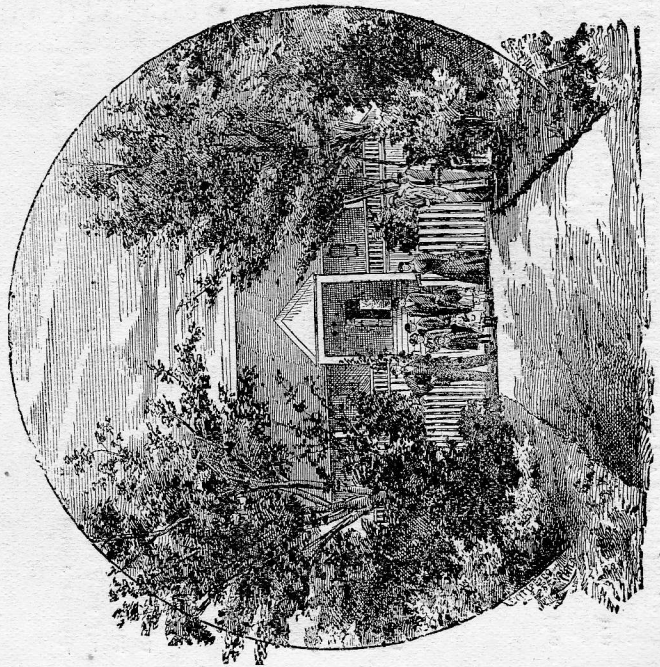
the name of Missions. Now brethren we urge upon you the importance of putting an Evangelist in our field as soon as possible; and that our ministers teach our churches and members the great importance of giving and supporting mission work. And we pray every brother and sister to show their zeal for God and love for Christ by giving as the Lord has prospered them.

D. L. Phillips, Chairman.

REPORT K.

We your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to make the following report: That whereas we believe that the Sunday School is one of the greatest means that God has placed in our hands to carry forward his work, and that we are fully satisfied that we have not come up to our duty in carrying forward this very important branch of work which God has committed to us and for which he holds us responsible, we your committee, do confidently hope that the move recently made to carry forward this important work may be owned and blessed by God, and that a greater interest may be taken by our ministers and individual members, and that Christian parents may be brought to realize the great responsibility that rests upon them to train their children for God, by teaching them the truths of the Bible; and that if we are spared to meet again a year hence, we may be able to report a great improvement in this very important branch of our work.

Jesse Thomas, Chairman.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

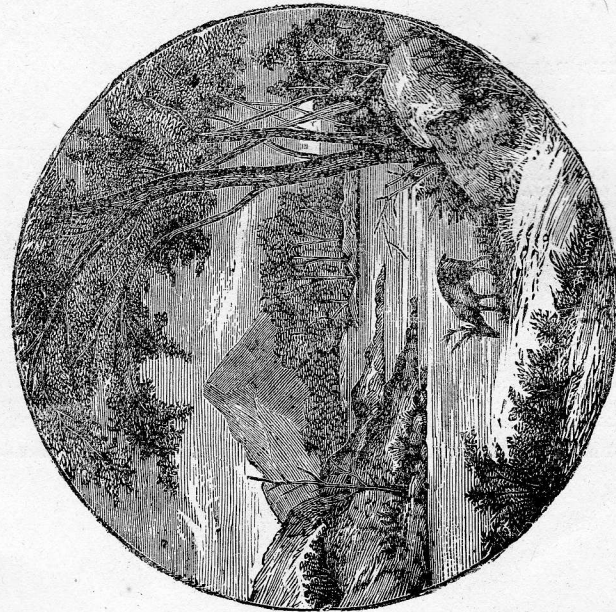
CHURCHES AND PASTORS.		CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	
Antioch, R. W. Jones	1	N. W. Malphurs, La Crosse, Fla.	1
Bethel, D. L. Phillips	1	Jesse Thomas, Lake View, Fla.	1
Bedam, W. F. Malphurs	1	N. D. Wynn, Samson, Fla.	1
Evergreen, J. J. Clark	1	L. J. Knight, Zit, Fla.	1
Hope, W. F. Malphurs	1	J. S. Green, Starke, Fla.	1
Kinsley Lake, N. S. Wainwright	1	J. H. Moore, Starke, Fla.	1
North Pleasant Grove, L. W.	1	D. L. Trevaht, Starke, Fla.	1
Kickiter, N. S. Wainwright	1	J. M. Malphurs, La Crosse, Fla.	1
New River, N. S. Wainwright	1	J. M. Duke, New River, Fla.	1
Sardis	1	D. M. Dabose, Worthington, Fla.	1
Santa Fe Pond, J. J. Clark	1	A. W. Geisler, Hampton, Fla.	1
Pilgrim's Rest, Missionary	1	R. D. Prescott, Highland, Fla.	1
Mr. Zion, Samuel Godwin	1	J. B. Hyster, Baldwin, Fla.	1
Lake Ebron	1		1
Long Branch	1		1
No. last reported.	4	Received by letter.	4
Baptized.	13	Restored.	10
Dismissed by letter.	43	Excluded.	3
Died.	1	Total membership.	18
Total member-ship.	1	Church edifices.	1
Church edifices.	1	Seating capacity.	104
Seating capacity.	1	Value of houses.	104
Value of houses.	1	Total value of property.	104
Total value of property.	1	No. officers and teachers.	1
No. officers and teachers.	1	Pupils.	1
Pupils.	1	Baptized.	1
Baptized.	1		1

I could not make a full report owing to the incompleteness of the Letters.—CLERK.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Churches.	Foreign Mis- sion	Associational Missions	Associational Purposes	Printing Min- utes	Total.
Antioch.....	\$4.06	\$1.50	\$5.56
Bethel.....	40	1.00	1.40
Dedan.....	1.96	1.50	3.46
Evergreen.....	1.00	1.00	2.00
Hope.....	1.00	1.00	2.00
Kinsley Lake.....	90	80	1.70
New River.....	65	3.00	3.65
Santa Fe Pond.....	35	80	1.15
Pilgrim's Rest.....	50	50	1.00
Bethel.....	50	50	1.00
Mt. Zion.....	2.50	1.80	4.30
Sardis.....	53	1.00	1.53
Long Branch.....	35	1.00	1.35
Totals.....	\$24.96

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