

MINUTES.

—OF THE—

Twenty-Seventh Annual Session

—OF THE—

NEW RIVER MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH THE—

Antioch Church, Alachua County, Fla., Oct. 19-20-21, 1898.

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REV. ABRAHAM CROSBY.....Moderator.
J. M. JOHNS.....Clerk.
R. F. LEWIS.....Treasurer.

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L. W. Kickliter.

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known as the New River Missionary Baptist Association, and shall be composed of accredited messengers who are members of constituent churches, and of such others as may be invited to a seat by the consent of the body.

ART. 2. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty members. Any church wishing to sever its connection with this body may be allowed to do so upon an application duly made to the Association, while in session, and a letter granted thereon. All members of standing committees shall be honorary members of this Association.

ART. 3. Churches are expected to send with their messengers letters to the Association, containing an account of their state, particularly of the additions and diminutions of the last year, and other statistics of interest, together with full statistics of the Sunday Schools under their charge. The letters should show what said churches are doing for the cause of Christ at home and abroad, and generally whatever relates to their own peace and prosperity; and with them each church should forward money for the printing of the minutes, and also their contributions for missions.

ART. 4. Baptist churches desiring admission into this body shall petition by letters and messengers, and on giving satisfactory evidence of their being sound in the faith of the Gospel, and correct in practice, may be received by a vote of the Association; and the Moderator in behalf of the body, shall give their representatives the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen by separate ballots, continue in office until others are chosen, and discharge the duties usually incumbent upon such officers.

SEC. 2. There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall be composed of seven members; the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of the Association being members and officers and ex officio, the other four members to be elected by the Association.

ART. 6. We acknowledge the independence of particular churches, and that no authority or jurisdiction is to be exercised over them by this Association, and therefore, we would disclaim all power of making laws for them under any pretext whatever, but we deem it our duty to disown any church that we may consider unworthy of our fellowship.

ART. 7. This Association will be governed while in session by regular and proper rules, and every motion made and seconded shall command the attention of the body unless withdrawn by the mover.

ART. 8. Every question asked in the letters from the churches must be based on the scriptures, and may relate the faith practice and church discipline, but the same shall not be taken under consideration except by a majority vote of the body.

ART. 9. Churches composing this Association shall be entitled to as many copies of the minutes of its proceedings as the money sent up with the letters calls for, but each constituent church shall have at least one copy.

ART. 10. When a church shall neglect to make a communication to the Association for three consecutive years, it shall be considered as having withdrawn and shall be dropped by vote from the minutes, unless two or three members of the Association request its continuance, and will engage to inquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 11. It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the churches what they think most expedient to be done to promote the spread of the Gospel in the world, and to give the best advice possible in cases of difficulty, and also to inquire into the cause of failure on the part of any church to report itself by letter and messengers at the annual meeting.

ART. 12. This Association, when convened, shall appoint the time and place of the next annual meeting, taking into account the convenience of the churches and the interest of the cause. This Constitution may be altered or amended from time to time, as experience may suggest, by a two-thirds vote of those present.

MINUTES.

October 19, 1898.

The New River Missionary Baptist Association convened with the Antioch Baptist Church in Alachua County, Florida, and was called to order by J. M. Johns, the Clerk, who called on the Committee on Nominations and the Deacons of this Church to select some one to preach Introductory sermon. They reported Elder A. J. Pinholster, who, after singing, read Malachi 3, and prayer was offered by Elder Wm. A. Malphurs. Preached from Malachi 1:10. Dismissed by prayer by Elder J. W. Deveneau.

AFTERNOON.

2 P. M.—After singing and reading the 103rd Psalm and prayer by Elder N. T. King, the Association was again called to order by the Clerk and Elder A. J. Crosby elected as temporary Moderator. Letters were called for and read by Elders N. T. King and C. F. Parker, and Churches and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Antioch—N. J. Barry, N. W. Malphurs and J. M. Kite.
Bulah—C. M. Priest, W. M. Thomas and Jesse Thomas.
Bethel—
Bradford—H. O. Barry and J. C. Barry.
China Grove—Letter.
Corinth—
Dedan—J. T. Reaves and P. A. Crosby.
Evergreen—Elder J. J. Clark.
Fellowship—
Hope—J. H. Robuck and Elder N. T. King.
Kingsley's Lake—L. D. Prevatt and A. T. Roe.
Long Branch—Elisha Harris.
Mt. Zion—
Mt. Sinai—D. J. Byrd.
North Pleasant Grove—S. L. Crews, Sister M. J. Crews, S. T. Burnett and J. M. Malphurs.
New River—I. W. Pinholster, Elder A. Crosby, J. W. Poppell, S. B. Cason and D. M. Edwards.
New Home—
Pilgrim's Rest—
Sardis—H. C. Peoples and J. N. Johns.
Santa Fe Pond—
Sampson—
St. Marys—John Mathews and W. H. Larimore.
Starke—J. M. Johns, Elder Wm. F. Malphurs and Sister Sallie Malphurs.

The Association proceeded to the election of officers with the following result: Elder Abraham Crosby, Moderator; J. M. Johns, Clerk; R. F. Lewis, Treasurer.

Visiting brethren invited and welcomed.

Correspondence called for and Brother H. C. Parker from Santa Fe Association responded, was welcomed and noted.

Committee appointed on preaching: J. H. Robuck and C. M. Priest with the Deacons of Antioch Church.

Address of welcome by Elder J. W. Deveneau. The St. Marys Church sent in a petitionary letter. On motion the petition was granted and the Moderator extended the right hand of membership and address of welcome to the Messengers. On motion adjourned. Dismissed by the Moderator.

7:30 P. M.—Elder B. H. Damon, after prayer, preached from 1st Peter 1:16. Elder J. J. Clark closed with prayer.

Thursday, October 20, 1898.

9 A. M.—After singing the Moderator read 1st Psalm, and prayer offered by Elder J. W. Deveneau. The Association was called to order by the Moderator and announced the appointment of the following committees:

On Finance—D. M. Edwards, C. M. Priest and J. T. Reaves.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Elder A. J. Pinholster, Jesse Thomas and J. W. Poppell.

On Letters and Queries—S. B. Cason, P. A. Crosby and N. J. Barry.

Report of Committee on Education received, discussed by J. M. Johns, Elder J. M. Deveneau and Elder J. C. Porter. Marked A and adopted.

Elder J. C. Porter was welcomed as representing the Baptist Witness, State Board of Missions and the John B. Stetson University, and time was granted him to present their claims, which he did in a short, but appropriate speech.

The meeting gave way for preaching. After singing and prayer by Elder B. H. Damon, Elder Wm. F. Malphurs preached from Timothy 6:12. Elder J. C. Porter closed with prayer.

AFTERNOON.

After singing Elder N. T. King offered prayer. The Moderator called the Association to order. The committee reported that Elder F. M. Hartman preach to-night and Elder J. W. Deveneau preach the Missionary sermon to-morrow at 11 A. M. Report adopted.

The Missionary Report received discussed by Elder B. H. Damon and Elder J. J. Clark. Marked B and adopted.

On motion the Teacher's Bible that was so liberally donated in supplement to order by the Bible Association of Friends of Philadelphia, be by this body donated to Elder J. J. Clark in token of our love

and appreciation of his liberality in giving away his own Bible to a destitute in his mission field and that it be erased from his report as on hand. Adopted.

Report of Standing Committee on Temperance marked C. Discussed by Elder B. H. Damon, Elder J. W. Deveneau, J. H. Robuck, Elder N. T. King, Elder J. J. Clark and Elder A. Crosby. Adopted.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons marked D. Discussed by Elder A. J. Pinholster. Adopted.

On motion adjourned. Dismissed by the Moderator.

Friday, October 21, 1898.

After reading by the Moderator of Prov. 12 and prayer by Elder A. J. York, Association called together. Invitations were again extended and Elder A. J. York and R. W. Jones responded as correspondents from the Santa Fe Association. Noted and welcomed.

Report of Treasurer marked E and received.

Report on letters and Querries marked F. No report sent in.

Report on Sunday Schools marked G, discussed by H. C. Peoples, J. M. Johns, Elder F. M. Hartman and J. H. Robuck. Adopted.

The Executive Committee, through the Clerk, made short verbal report.

On motion the Executive Committee was elected as follows: J. M. Malphurs, C. M. Priest, W. H. Pinholster, and Elder L. W. Kickliter, with the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

Standing Committees for the ensuing year announced:

On Missions—Elder C. F. Parker, S. T. Burnett and Elder J. W. Deveneau.

On Temperance Elder N. T. King, H. C. Peoples and Thomas Cason.

On Publications—Elder B. H. Damon, John Mathews and J. C. Poppell.

On Sunday Schools—J. H. Robuck, Joseph Thomas, W. H. Green and I. W. Pinholster.

On Education—J. E. J. Wainright, W. H. Hilton and J. M. Kite.

On Aged and Needy Ministers—Elder Wm. F. Malphurs, C. M. Priest and Elder D. L. Philips.

Brother S. B. Cason offered the following: Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this body is due and are hereby tendered to this church and the citizens of this neighborhood for their kind welcome and hospitality. Adopted.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk \$18.00 for printing minutes, and \$12.00 for getting up and mailing the minutes. The resolution was adopted.

Delegates to the State Baptist Convention as follows; I. W. Pinholster, B. H. Damon and J. M. Johns were elected.

On motion, the pastors of the churches of this Association be by this body requested to urge their churches to take up collections for

the Association Missionary at least once in each quarter and send to the Unions.

Report of Committee on Nominations that the Association meet with Sardis church, Bradford County, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1899. Elder N. T. King to preach the introductory sermon; Elder F. M. Hartman, alternate.

11 A. M.—Elder J. W. Deveneau read Luke 16, offered prayer and preached Missionary sermon, Collection taken up, \$3.34. Prayer offered; led by Elder C. F. Parker.

On motion adjourned to meet with the Sardis church on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1899. Dismissed by

ABRAHAM CROSBY,
Moderator.

J. M. JOHNS,
Clerk.

Report A.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to report that the time has come when we should carefully consider this question. We urge the importance of educating our children, but would earnestly insist upon the carefulness of what kind of educators we place them in the hands of. As an educational institution, we would recommend our John B. Stetson University for both our boys and girls; and above all we would urge a Biblical education and Baptist literature circulated among our people that they may be educated against the false teachings that are flooding our country.

N. T. KING,
I. W. PINHOLSTER,
J. W. HARRIS,
P. A. CROSBY,
Committee.

Report B.

Dear Brethren, the time has come that I should submit my report as your Missionary. I have endeavored to do the best I could. I have visited all of our destitute, and find the field white for harvest and the people anxious for the gospel. I find some of our small churches without pastors, and in starving condition for the gospel, to which I call your special attention, and suggest that if something in the way of evangelizing is not done they are bound to suffer. Brethren, do not slacken the mission work in our field, for the enemy is waiting for our backs to be turned, and they will step in to undo what has been accomplished. Therefore, let us take hold with a renewed will and increased energy for the cause of missions. Number of days in the field excluding Sunday, 86. Number of miles traveled, 1150. Sermons preached, 114. Baptized, 30. Received by letter, 15. Churches organized, 1. Sunday Schools, 1. Families visited, 32. Ordained three deacons. Bibles, Testaments and Psalms received from Deacon J. H. Robuck, thirteen Bibles and eighteen Testaments. From our Clerk one large Bible and five small Bibles, sixteen Testaments and Psalms, and sixteen Testaments—total received, sixty-eight. Distributed to destitute thirteen Bibles; Testaments and Psalms and Testaments, twenty-nine. Balance on hand twenty-six. Received of the Executive Committee \$69.49: from Deacon Joseph Thomas \$3.00; Expenses for conveyance \$2.00. Collected on the field, Brother H. O. Barry 50 cts, St. Marys church, \$3.00. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. CLARK,
Missionary of the New River Association.

Report C

Your Committee on Temperance thinks it is high time for Baptist to quit drinking intoxicating liquors. That we are opposed to the manufacture of intoxicating drinks. That we favor by the State voting license or no license.

B. H. DAMON, Chairman,

Report D.

We, Your Committee on deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg leave to say that the good Lord has seen fit, in his infinite wisdom, to spare all his ministers and deacons for the future work which we trust will be far better at the end of another year. Respectfully submitted

A. J. PINHOLSTER,
JESSE THOMAS,
J. W. POPELL,

Report G.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report the following: That we are glad to find there has been quite a forward movement in the Sunday School cause during this year by the young people taking hold of it with much zeal, which is very encouraging, and causes us to feel grateful to them, and we beg of them, to continue until every church and neighborhood in our bounds shall become thoroughly aroused unto a sense of their duty to the cause. We still have to regret that among our older members show very much indifference to this grand and noble work. We, your Committee, do beg of such professed Christian in the name of our Master not to neglect this very important duty of studying the Bible, and those that have children to go with them to the Sunday School, and do all in their power to train themselves and children for our Heavenly Master, who came to save the world. Respectfully submitted,

H. C. PEOPLES, Chairman.

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Treasurer's Report Oct. 24, 1897 to Oct. 30, 1898.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED.		AMOUNTS PAID OUT.	
Oct. 1897. New Hope Union.....	\$ 17 68	Oct. 1897. To J. J. Clark Bal. for 1897	\$ 6 72
Jan. 1898. Sardis Union.....	17 23	Oct. 1897. To J. J. Clark on next qr..	9 46
May 1898. N. Pleasant Grove Union	29 33	Jan. 1898. To J. J. Clark.....	10 50
Aug. 1898. New River Union.....	23 60	May 1898. To J. J. Clark.....	30 83
Oct. 1898. Antioch Association.....	29 75	Aug. 1898. To J. J. Clark.....	22 10
Oct. 1898. Dedan Union.....	13 48	Oct. 19. To Clerk Printing Minutes..	18 00
		Oct. 19. To Clerk postage and minutes	11 75
		Oct. 31. To Clerk five Union programs	7 50
		Oct. 31. To J. J. Clark bal. for 1898..	7 88
		Cce. 31. To J. J. Clark on next qr'..	4 10
		Can't account for.....	2 23
	131 07		
Advan ced on next quarter.....	4 10		131 08

R. F. LEWIS, Treasurer



Financial From Report October 24, 1897 to October 30, 1898.

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Churches	Pastor's Salaries	On Building	Sunday School	Assoc'ional Sent Union	Assoc'ional Sent Asso.	Ministers.	Foreign Missions.	Aged Ministers	Total.
Antioch.....	90 00	62 00	15 00	10 44	3 15	1 45			15 04
Bulah.....	25 00			7 00		1 50			8 51
Bethel.....				1 65					1 05
Bradford.....				2 70					2 70
Bradford Sunday School				1 30		20			1 30
H. O. and J. C. Barry									3 0
China Grove.....				25					25
Corinth.....				2 60					2 60
J. Strickland.....					15	10			25
Dedan.....				2 85					2 85
Evergreen.....				3 10		1 40			4 25
Fellowship.....									3 10
Hope.....	25 00			4 10					5 60
Kingsley Lake.....				1 80	1 46	1 50			3 86
L. D. Prevate.....				35		60			35
Long Branch.....					1 50	50			2 00
Mt. Zion.....									
Mt. Sinai.....	30 00								1 00
Mt. Sinai Sunday School				1 00	21				1 00
D. J. Byrd.....					15	10			25
North Pleasant Grove.....	75 00			5 48	2 00	1 00			8 48
New River.....				8 95		2 90			11 85
New Home.....									
Pilgrims Rest.....									
Sardis.....	60 00	300	2 30	2 41		1 10	4 00		7 51
Sardis Sunday School.....				40					40
Sampson.....				1 50					1 50
Sampson Sunday School				50					50
Santa Fe Pond.....				4 25					4 25
St. Marys.....	26000		20 00	10 00	3 65	50			17 45
Starke.....						50			25
Elder N. T. King.....						50			25
Elder F. M. Hartman						25			25
Elder A. Crosby.....						25			25
Elds Clark and Reddish						25			25
Association Collection						3 34			3 34
Union Collections.....				14 79					14 79
Totals.....	87 84	12 06	17 69	4 00	3 10	124 63			

STATISTICAL REPORT OF NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Churches and Pastors.	Clerks and Post Offices.	Last Report	Increase		Decrease		Net Change		No. on roll and Teachers	Value of Churches
			By Letter	By Baptism	By Death	By Dismission	Total	By Donation		
Antioch..... Wm. F. Malphurs	G. W. Parker..... LaCrosse	22	1	3	1	15				
Bulah..... L. W. Kickliter	L. F. Thomas..... Lakeview	45	2	1	2					
Lethel..... A. Crosby		32	1	1						
Bradford..... A. J. Pinholster	W. H. Hays.....	40			111	1				
China Grove..... M. W. Griffin..... Lakeside		18								
Corinth..... A. J. Pinholster	W. A. Crosby..... Starke	8								
Dedan..... J. W. Devaneau	R. F. Lewis..... Brooker	47		2						
Evergreen..... J. J. Clark	J. E. J. Wainright..... Starke	80	11	1	3	3				
Fellowship.....		58								
Hope..... N. T. King	J. H. Moore..... Theresa	43	13	6	4	4				
Kingsley Lake..... A. J. Pinholster		31	3	6						
Long Branch..... Samuel Godwin	E. L. Wilkinson..... Highland	54	29	2						
Mt. Zion.....		41								
Mt. Sinai..... A. Crosby	G. W. Scarborough..... Zif	41		1						
North Pleasant Grove..... J. W. Malphurs..... LaCrosse		45								
New River..... J. W. Devaneau	J. A. Poppel..... New River	103	3	9	1	1				
New Home.....		22								
Pilgrims Rest.....		27								
Sardis..... S. S. Procter	H. C. Peoples..... Dekle	47	2	1	2	1				
Sampson..... W. F. Malphurs	R. L. Prescott..... Sampson	10	2	4						
Santa Fe Pond.....		41								
St. Marys..... J. J. Clark	J. B. Burnsid..... Glen St. Mary									
Starke..... G. T. Leitner	J. M. Johns..... Starke	127	10	5	2	2				
S. S. Bloxham..... T 5, P. 47, Boatdrain, T. 3	P. 24 Litesville T. 7 P. 53.....									
Total.....		1041	77	42	8	36	16	5		

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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 delegates.
5. Election of officers, moderator, clerk and treasurer.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
7. Call for correspondence from other associations.
8. Call petitionary letters.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Report of committees.
11. Report of executive committee.
12. Report of treasurer. Report of other committees.
13. Appointment of messengers to state convention.
14. Miscellaneous business. Adjournment.



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Of the Sunday School Convention and Missionary Union of the New River Association.

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

ART. 2. This body shall be composed of Pastors, Superintendents of Sunday Schools and Messengers appointed by the Churches and Sunday Schools of this Association.

SECTION 2. Each Church and Sunday School shall be entitled to three Messengers each.

ART. 3. The officers of this Union shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be elected by ballot annually at the first meeting in each associational year.

ART. 4. At the first meeting in each associational year there shall be appointed or elected three Standing Committees, consisting of three or more members each; first, a Committee on Nominations; second, a Committee on Ways and Means; third, a Committee on District Superintendents.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Committees on Nominations to select subjects for discussion, and to 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 to look after and encourage Sunday School work within our bounds, and to report the interest of the same to each meeting of this body.

ART. 7. The association shall divide into four Sunday School Districts and each district shall have a District Superintendent elected once a year.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the District Superintendent to organize, superintend and see after the Sunday School cause.

ART. 9. All funds collected at each meeting shall be transmitted (through the clerk) to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ART. 10. This Constitution may be amended only in the following manner: Any proposed amendment must be made in writing at one meeting and if a majority shall vote in favor of the same it shall lie over until next meeting for final action; if then a majority vote in favor of it, then the Constitution shall be so amended.