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OF THE
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OF THE
NEW RIVER
Missionary Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE
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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.

OFFICERS.

Rev. A. Crosby..... Moderator.
J. M. Johns..... Clerk.
R. F. Lewis..... Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A. Crosby, J. M. Malphurs, J. M. Johns, L. W. Kickliter,
R. F. Lewis, I. W. Pinholster, C. M. Priest.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. W. Kickliter, Starke.	A J Pinholster, Brooker.
Robert Keith, Starke	Mitchell Prevatt, Lawtey.
Thomas Cason, Starke.	Samuel Godwin, Long Branch.
D L Phillips, Theressa.	A. Crosby, Brooker.
W. H Larisey, Theressa.	J. W. Hilton, Sampson.
C. F Parker, LaCrosse.	J. J. Clarke, Lawtey.
J. W. Deveneau, LaCrosse.	B. H Daimon, Lawtey.
S. S. Proctor, Lake Butler.	

LICENTIATES.

J. C. Poppell, New River.	N. J. Barry, Worthington.
J. W. Poppell, New River.	L. R. Thomas, Leno, Clay Co.
D. M. Edwards, Lake Butler.	Plato Cason, LaCrosse.

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CONSTITUTION

Of The Sunday School Convention and Missionary Union of The New River Baptist 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 Committee 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 the 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.

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 of error 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 center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.

ART. 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, inexpressively glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence, obedience and love. That in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in every divine perfection, but executing distinct and harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

ART. 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 God's divine will.

ART. 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 by his spirit through His Son, and with His word regenerates the soul.

ART. 5. We believe that the great Gospel blessings which Christ secures to such as believe in Him, is Justification by Faith, which gives peace with God, the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, His Son.

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

ART. 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 God 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.

ART. 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.

ART. 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.

ART. 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 ordinance of Christ, governed by His laws and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges vested in them by His word.

ART. 11. We believe and acknowledge Jesus Christ to be the great head of the church, and the only law giver; that the government under Him is with the body, and in 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.

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

ART. 13. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or the 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.

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

MINUTES.

OCTOBER 11, 1899.

THE New River Baptist Association convened with the Sardis Church, in Bradford County, Florida, and was called to order by Elder Abraham Crosby, the Moderator, and appointed I. W. Pinholster and J. S. Burnett with the deacons of the Sardis Church to select someone to preach the introductory sermon. They reported the selection of Elder W. F. Malphurs, who read a part of a Song of Solomon, and after prayer by Elder A. Crosby and singing, preached from John iii: 1. A song. Dismissed with prayer.

AFTERNOON.

After singing and reading of the 1st Psalm, and prayer by Elder J. W. Deveneau, the Association came to order for business. Letters called for and read by J. C. Poppell and J. T. Reaves, and churches and messengers enrolled as follows:

- Antioch—J. M. Kite and Elder C. F. Parker.
 - Beulah—Jesse Thomas.
 - Bethel.
 - China Grove, letter.
 - Bradford—J. R. Holbrook and Stephen Hague.
 - Corinth—Andrew Crosby and Margaret Crosby.
 - Evergreen.
 - Fellowship
 - Hope, letter.
 - Kingsley Lake—L. D. Prevatt.
 - Long Branch, letter.
 - Mt. Zion—Elder S. Godwin and J. D. Prescott.
 - Mt. Sinai—B. Dyal and W. W. Murrhee.
 - North Pleasant Grove—W. D. Holder, S. T. Burnett and J. S. Burnett.
 - New River—I. W. Pinholster, J. C. Poppell, J. H. Poppell and Elder A. Crosby.
 - New Hope, letter.
 - Pilgrim's Rest, letter.
 - Sardis—J. I. Dubose, H. C. Peeples and Elder S. S. Proctor.
 - Santa Fe Pond—A. E. Hutchison.
 - Sampson.
 - St. Mary's—John Matthews.
 - Starke—J. M. Johns
- The Association proceeded to the election of officers with the following result: Elder Abraham Crosby, Moderator; J. M. Johns, Clerk, and R. F. Lewis, Treasurer. Visiting brethren invited and welcomed. Bro. J. E. Wainright was enrolled as Correspondent from the Santa Fe Association. Committee appointed on Preaching: J. C. Poppell and W. D. Holder with the deacons of Sardis Church called for petitionary letters, and Bro. H. C. Peeples presented and read a letter

from the Salem Church. On motion of J. M. Johns that it be referred to the Committee on Letters and Queries, after discussion a vote was taken, and it was so referred. Committee appointed on Letters and Queries were, I. W. Pinholster, J. S. Burnett and Jesse Thomas. The committee reported that Elder S. Godwin preach to-night and Elder J. W. Deveneau to-morrow at 11 a. m.

On motion adjourned. Dismissed by the Moderator. At 7:30 Elder Godwin read I Peter ii. Offered prayer and preached from I Peter ii: 2.

THURSDAY, OCT. 12TH.

After singing the Moderator read Eccles. vii, offered prayer and called the Association to order. Further enrollment of Messengers was made.

Correspondence was called for, and Elder S. G. Barnett, from the Harmony, responded. Welcomed and noted. On motion, the withdrawal of the Petitionary Letter of the Salem Church was granted. Committee appointed on Finance: H. C. Peeples, J. M. Kite and J. C. Poppell; on Nominations: Elder C. F. Parker, J. H. Poppell and J. R. Holbrook. Standing Committees were called for reports, but there was no response. On motion, Elder S. S. Proctor, Elder Samuel Godwin and I. W. Pinholster were elected to the State Convention at DeLand. On motion of Elder S. S. Proctor the following were elected as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: J. M. Malphurs, I. W. Pinholster, C. M. Priest and Elder L. W. Kickliter. On motion, dismissed by the Moderator to 1:30 p. m.

After singing Elder J. W. Deveneau read 23 and 24 Psalms, and after prayer by Elder S. S. Proctor and a song, preached from II Kings v, latter clause of 10. Closed with prayer. Dismissed by Elder S. S. Proctor.

AFTERNOON.

The Association came to order after singing and prayer by the Moderator

Committee reported that Elder C. F. Parker preach to-night and Elder S. G. Barnett to-morrow at 11 a. m.

Report of Missionary received and adopted. Marked B.
Report of Committee on Letters and Queries received and adopted. Marked A.

Report of Executive Committee received and adopted. Marked C.
Report of Committee on Nominations, recommending that the Association meet with the Beulah Church, Clay county, Fla., on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1900, and that Elder S. Godwin preach the introductory sermon, Elder L. W. Kickliter, alternate. Adopted

Report on Temperance, marked D, discussed by Elder S. S. Proctor, Elder J. W. Deveneau, B. Dyal, J. M. Johns and Elder A. Crosby. Adopted.

Adjournment to 9 a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Elder S. G. Barnett. Dismissed by the Moderator 7:30 p. m. After singing Elder C. F. Parker offered prayer, and read and preached from Luke x. Elder S. S. Proctor closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, OCT. 13TH.

After a song the Moderator read Col. iii. Prayer by Elder C. F. Parker. Association called to order.
 Report of the Treasurer read and adopted.
 Report on Sunday Schools discussed by J. M. Johns, J. M. Malphurs, J. M. Kite and R. F. Lewis. Adopted and marked F.
 Report on Finance received and adopted.
 Report on Publications, discussed by J. M. Johns and Elder S. S. Proctor. Adopted and marked G.
 Report on Missions, discussed by Elder S. S. Proctor, marked H and Postponed.

Resolution by I. W. Pinholster: "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.

Dismissed to 1 p. m by the Moderator.
 After a song Elder George York offered prayer and Elder S. G. Barnett read Luke x, and after a hymn, preached from Gen. iv: 9.
 Dismissed by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON.

After singing, and prayer by Elder S. S. Proctor, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.
 Report on Education received and adopted. Marked I
 Report on Missions taken up and further discussed by Elders S. Proctor and A. Crosby.

It was moved and adopted that the Treasurer pay the Clerk \$18.00 for printing the minutes and \$12.00 for getting them up and mailing. Motion of Bro. J. M. Malphurs that the pastors of the churches in this Association be by this body (and especially by your Executive Committee) requested to urge their churches to take up collections for the Associational Missionary at least once each quarter and send to the Unions, adopted. On motion adjourned to meet with the Beulah Church on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1900. Sang, "God be With Us till We Meet Again." Dismissed by

J. M. JOHNS,
 Clerk.

ELDER ABRAHAM CROSBY,
 Moderator.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	EXPENDITURES.			MISSIONS.					Churches Organized.	Value of Churches.
	Pastors' Salaries.	On Building and Current.	Sunday School.	Associational sent Unions.	Associational sent Association.	Minutes.	Aged Ministers.	Totals.		
Antioch	50 00		7 00	3 80	1 54	1 00		6 30	1872	1150
Antioch Sunday School				50				50		
Beulah	30 00			6 20		1 60		7 80	1850	300
Beulah Sunday School				1 00				1 00		
Bradford				1 25				1 25	1895	
Bradford Sunday School				75	25	20		1 20		
China Grove		70		31				35		
Corinth				45		30		75	1895	
Dedan				2 22	58	30		3 05	1897	
Evergreen				1 4		50		1 95	1883	400
Fellowship									1887	200
Hope				2 22		1 60		3 82	1894	
Kingsley Lake				55	50	70		1 80	1876	300
Litesville Sunday School				50				50		300
Long Branch		4 00		61		40		1 50		
Mt. Zion				80	1 00	80		1 00	1878	75
Mt. Sinai		4 00		70		65		2 60		300
North Pleasant Grove	60 00			4 55	1 27	80		1 35		300
New River				4 86	1 65	2 00		6 62	1859	520
New Home	1 75		3 00	1 15		50		8 51	1893	350
Pilgrim's Rest								1 65	1892	
Radula	50 00			1 75	2 15	1 00		4 90		300
Rampson									1894	
Santa Fe Pond					40	60		1 00		200
St. Mary's				4 25	50	50		5 25	1897	
Starke	240 00	40 00	20 00	8 50	5 00		5 43	18 93	1877	600
Union Collections				13 23				13 23		
Association Collection					3 70			3 70		
Totals				61 66	18 24	12 47	5 43	98 41		

431.75

TREASURER'S REPORT, Oct. 30, 1898, to Oct. 13, 1899.

Amounts Received.		Amounts Paid Out.	
Bal on hand last report	4 10	Oct. 30, 1898. Advanced to J. J. Clark	4 10
At Long Branch Union	17 16	Jan. 1899. Paid J. J. Clark	17 66
At Hope Union	21 49	April 1899. Paid J. J. Clark	13 99
At Rampson Union	23 01	April 1899. Paid N. T. King	6 00
At Association	31 32	July 1899. Paid J. J. Clark	21 91
Due Clerk on Minutes	40	July 1899. To Clerk for Union Programs	4 50
		Oct. 1899. To Clerk for Printing Minutes	18 00
		Oct. 1899. To Clerk for Minutes and Postage	11 60
		Oct. 1899. To amt. on hand	1 72
	97 48		
Amt. in Treasurer's hands	1 72		97 48

R. F. LEWIS, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Of The New River Baptist Association

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Last Report Membership.	Increase.			Decrease.			Membership			Sunday Schools				
			By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Dropping.	By Deaths.	Males.	Females.	Total.	No. Officers and Teachers	Number Pupils.		
			By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	
Antioch.....	W. F. Malphurs	G. W. Parker	60	20	3	4	1					43	50	93	5	35
Beulah.....	L. W. Kickliter	Lafayette Thomas	45									11	36	47		
Bradford.....			34													
China Grove.....	A. J. Pinholster	J. R. Holbrook	29		1	1										
Corinth.....	P. M. Riggs	M. W. Griffin	17													
Dedan.....	A. J. Pinholster	W. A. Crosby	11		1							10	14	24	6	25
Evergreen.....	A. Crosby	R. F. Lewis	47		1							7	4	11		
Fellowship.....			86		1							13	33	46		
Hope.....			58													
Kingsley Lake.....	Wm. Minton	J. H. Moore	68													
Long Branch.....	A. J. Pinholster	S. S. Silcox	35	3	5	1						22	32	54	7	40
Mt. Zion.....	Samuel Godwin	H. D. Carrier	85									10	16	26		
Mt. Sinai.....		J. D. Prescott	44									12	26	38	6	35
North Pleasant Grove.....	A. Crosby	R. W. Surrency	42									19	26	45	4	35
New River.....	S. G. Barnett	Jos. M. Malphurs	46									12	27	39	4	35
New Home.....	W. F. Malphurs	J. C. Poppell	111		1	1						20	27	47		
Pilgrim's Rest.....	Thomas Cason	J. D. Prescott	12									44	60	104		
Sardis.....	S. S. Proctor	H. C. Peebles	27									1	5	6	4	13
Sampson.....	D. L. Phillips	R. L. Prescott	50									9	18	27	6	25
Santa Fe Pond.....		A. W. Geiger	16	1	2							16	23	39		
St. Mary's.....		J. B. Burnsed	31				1	4	6	1		2	11	19	7	25
Starke.....	G. T. Leitner	J. M. Johns	14									6	14	20		
Sunday Schools, Bloxham, T. 6, P. 55; Boatdrain, T. 4, P. 25; Litesville, T. 7, P. 54.			130	1	9	4						5	5	9	14	
Totals.....			1104	39	25	13	28	23	31	13	347	549	896	74	445	

REPORT A.

We, your committee on Letters and Queries, beg leave to report that all matters referred to us have been withdrawn. Therefore we have no report to make.

JESSE THOMAS,
Chairman.

REPORT B.

As your Missionary I am sorry to report that I have not been able to do the work justice. Failing to get me a horse, and my health not permitting me to walk, I tendered my resignation several times to the Executive Committee and at the last Union they accepted it. My principle work has been in meeting the Mormons and our destitutions are now clear of them. I tender my sincere thanks to the Association and especially to the Executive Committee for their kindness to me. Respectfully submitted.

J. J. CLARK,
Missionary.

REPORT C.

Your Executive Committee met after the adjournment of the Union in October, 1898, and employed Elder J. J. Clark as your Missionary, agreeing to pay him \$25.00 per quarter, and at the January Union we employed Elder N. T. King for special work at Lawtey. At the end of the quarter he reported unfavorably and we settled with him and he gave up the work. We paid Elder J. J. Clark \$55.26 for his services and he accepted it in full payment up to July 30th, at which time we accepted his resignation, which he had previously tendered at different times on account of health and other matters. But your committee, under the circumstances, thought it best to retain him to the end of the third quarter. But if the churches do not contribute more in proportion to membership it will leave your committee in rather an embarrassing position in the future. Respectfully submitted.

J. M. JOHNS, Clerk.

REPORT D.

We your committee on Temperance beg leave to report that we have nothing to report that would be of any benefit to the Body, as intemperance has been reported against so often, but would recommend that Baptists let intoxicating liquors alone as a beverage.

H. C. PEEPLES, Chairman.

REPORT E.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report that while some of our Sunday schools are energetically at work, we fear that the cause has been, to some extent, neglected and hindered by the late warm and care less attention given by us. We are sorry to say, a large portion of the members of the various churches. We would recommend the Pastors to try and meet with the Sunday schools and to lecture their churches once in each quarter on the subject of Sunday schools.

I. W. PINHOLSTER,
Chairman.

REPORT G.

We, your committee on Publications, beg leave to recommend the Bible, the Southern Baptist Publications, The Florida Baptist Witness and The Texas Baptist Standard as reading matter. We also recommend all parents to be careful as to the literature that comes into the hands of their children, knowing that there are many trashy, worthless books and papers floating about in our land. Even should these come into our homes we think that parents should see that the Bible reading is not neglected for such, but that there be regular intervals for reading of the Bible.

J. C. POPPELL,
JOHN MATHIS,
Committee.

REPORT H.

We, your committee on Missions, would submit the following:

1. That there is no subject that is of so much importance as giving the gospel to those that have not. The world's evangelization is the burden of the great commission.

2. If we as God's children would be true to the Master we should enter the world's great harvest fields and gather the ever-ripening grain for the garner on high.

3. The broadest possible efforts should be our aim for we know that Christ came to seek and to save the lost, and as long as there remains one that is lost it is our duty to go out, as the Master did, in search of it.

4. To aim at not less than the world for Christ is to do all for the church of Christ or any one who professes to be a follower of the meek and lowly Jesus. The world for Christ should be our motto.

C. F. PARKER, Chairman.

REPORT I.

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to report that never, in our opinion, was the question of education of more vital importance than it is at the present, when false teachings and strange doctrines are flooding the country. We urge upon Pastor's to agitate this question from the pulpit, and upon all Christian parents to be diligent in the education of their children, and the placing within their reach suitable religious literature. In general we urge upon all Baptists the importance of being rooted and grounded in the great principles of the Baptist faith. As an educational institution for both boys and girls we very heartily recommend the John B. Stetson University. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. KITE.

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