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OF THE  
TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
NEW RIVER  
Missionary Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE  
BEULAH CHURCH

Clay County, Fla.

October 17, 18, and 19

1900

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### OFFICERS.

REV. ABRAHAM CROSBY ..... MODERATOR  
J. M. JOHNS ..... CLERK  
R. F. LEWIS ..... TREASURER

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A. CROSBY,	W. H. PINHOLSTER,	C. M. PRIEST,
R. F. LEWIS,	L. W. KICKLITER,	J. M. KITE,
	J. M. JOHNS.	

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Thomas Cason.....	Starke	A. Crosby.....	Brooker.
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C. F. Parker.....	LaCrosse.	J. J. Clarke.....	Lawtey.
J. W. Deveneau.....	LaCrosse.	B. H. Daimon.....	Lawtey.
J. D. Crosby.....	LaCrosse.	S. S. Proctor.....	Lake Butler.
L. R. Thomas.....	Leno, Clay County.	Silas E. Dukes.....	Blair.
A. J. Pinholster.....	Brooker.		

### LICENTIATES.

J. C. Poppell.....	New River.	N. J. Barry.....	Worthington.
J. W. Poppell.....	New River.	P. Q. Cason.....	LaCrosse.
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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.

## MINUTES.

October 17, 1900.

THE New River Baptist Association convened with the Beulah Church, Clay county, Florida. Elder Samuel Godwin offered prayer and preached the introductory sermon from Acts xxvii: 43, 44. Prayer by Elder J. J. Clark. Dismissed by Eld. L. W. Kickliter to 1 p. m.

AFTERNOON.

After a song Elder A Crosby, the Moderator, read 12th Psalm, and prayer by Eld. L. W. Kickliter. Called the Association to order. Letters called for and read by H. C. Peoples and W. A. Crosby, and messengers enrolled as follows:

Antioch—Letter  
 Beulah—Louisa Thomas, Henry Harris and Eld. L. R. Thomas.  
 Bethel.  
 Bradford—Letter.  
 China Grove.  
 Corinth—Andrew Crosby and W. A. Crosby.  
 Dedan—Eld. A. J. Pinholster.  
 Evergreen—Eld. J. J. Clark.  
 Fellowship—T. B. Browning.  
 Hope—R. Sullivan and James Swindle.  
 Kingsley Lake—James Hornsby and Leonard Sapp.  
 Long Branch—W. C. Harris.  
 Mt. Zion—Eld. Samuel Godwin.  
 Mt. Sinai—B. Dyal.  
 North Pleasant Grove—W. D. Holder.  
 New River—I. W. Pinholster.  
 New Home—Letter.

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. 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 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 to 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 enquire 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.

Pilgrim's Rest.  
Sardis—H. C. Peeples.  
Sampson.

Santa Fe Pond.

St. Mary's—John Matthews

Starke—Eld. L. W. Kickliter and J. M. Johns.

Ward City—R. F. Lewis and Elder A. Crosby.

The Association proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result: Eld. A. Crosby, Moderator; J. M. Johns, Clerk, and R. F. Lewis, Treasurer. Visiting brethren invited and welcomed. Correspondence called for and Brothers Jesse Weeks and J. D. McCormack, from the St. Johns Association, responded and noted.

The Ward City church presented petitionary letter. The Moderator called Elder L. W. Kickliter to preside and retired. The church had been received into the union and had entertained a union meeting, and there being no confusion on account of its organization, on motion was received in full membership in this Association and the hand of fellowship and welcome presented to the messengers by the acting Moderator, who then retired, and Elder A. Crosby resumed the chair.

Committee appointed on Preaching—I. W. Pinholster and Andrew Crosby, with the deacons of Beulah church.

Committee on Finance—James Hornsby, W. A. Crosby and W. D. Holder.

Elder G. W. Ryals was welcomed as representing the Baptist Witness and Ministers' Insurance Association.

Dismissed by Moderator.

7:30 p. m., after singing and prayer by Eld. S. Godwin, Elder G. W. Ryals preached from Psalm 95:7. Elder L. W. Kickliter closed with prayer.

#### THURSDAY, Oct. 18.

Devotional services by Elder L. R. Thomas

Association called to order. Further enrollment of Messengers.

Eld. J. F. McBride and R. J. Register, of the St. Johns Association, welcomed and noted

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Missions—Eld. L. W. Kickliter, John Matthews.

On Temperance—James Hornsby, Leonard Sapp and B. Dyal.

On Publications—H. C. Peeples and Henry Harris.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Eld. S. Godwin and Wm. Thomas.

On Sunday Schools—R. F. Lewis, L. R. Thomas and W. D. Holder.

On Education—C. M. Priest.

On Aged and Needy Ministers—Eld. A. J. Pinholster and Andrew Crosby.

On Letters and Queries—I. W. Pinholster and W. A. Crosby.

Report of Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons received. Eulogized by Elders L. W. Kickliter, S. Godwin, J. J. Clark and A. Crosby and J. M. Johns. Report adopted and marked A. On motion, it was ordered that one page of our minutes be devoted to the memory of Bro. Joseph Thomas.

Dismissed for preaching.

Elder A. Crosby read Prov. xvi, offered prayer and preached from Prov. xvii:25. Elder Kickliter closed with prayer.

#### AFTERNOON.

The Moderator read a psalm, and after prayer by Eld. J. J. Clark called the Association to order. Messengers further enrolled. Committees reported as follows and received: On Education, adopted and marked B; on Publication, discussed by Elders G. W. Ryals, L. W. Kickliter and A. Crosby and J. M. Johns, adopted and marked C; on Sunday Schools, discussed by Elder G. W. Ryals and J. M. Johns, adopted and marked D; on Preaching, that Elder L. R. Thomas preach at 7:30 to-night, Elder A. J. Pinholster lead devotional services at 9:30 a. m. and Elder J. F. McBride at 11 a. m. to-morrow, and recommend that the next meeting of this Association be with the Long Branch Church, in Clay county, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1901; that Eld. A. J. Pinholster preach the introductory sermon and that he select his alternate. Adopted.

Adjourned. Dismissed by Moderator.

7:30 p. m.—After singing and prayer by I. W. Pinholster, Elder L. R. Thomas preached from Mark viii: 24. Eld. L. W. Kickliter offered prayer and closed.

#### FRIDAY, October 19th.

Elder A. J. Pinholster read 133d Psalm and offered prayer after singing. Prayer by B. Dyal. Closed with prayer by Elder L. R. Thomas. The Moderator called the Association to order and offered prayer. Report of Treasurer received and adopted. Report on Letters and Queries received, adopted and marked E. Report on Aged and Needy Ministers received. Addresses by J. M. Johns, B. Dyal and Elder L. W. Kickliter. On motion a collection was taken for the aged ministers amounting to \$7.30. On motion, the collection ordered paid to Elder J. J. Clark. Report adopted and marked F. Report on Temperance received and discussed by B. Dyal, Elders L. W. Kickliter and A. Crosby. Adopted and marked G. Report on Missions received. Addresses by Elder L. W. Kickliter and J. M. Johns. Adopted and marked H.

Elder J. F. McBride, after singing, offered prayer and preached from II Cor. viii: 9. Dismissed with prayer by Eld. Kickliter.

Association called to order. Report of the Executive Committee received, adopted and marked I. On motion, ordered that the Treasurer pay the Clerk \$18 for printing the Minutes and \$12 for getting them up and mailing.

The Executive Committee was elected as follows: Elder A. Crosby, J. M. Johns, R. F. Lewis, Elder L. W. Kickliter, I. W. Pinholster, C. M. Priest and J. M. Kite. On motion the Clerk was instructed that after the specified funds and appropriations and the contribution of the New River Church are deducted, the balance of the funds in the treasury be sent to Bro. W. N. Chaudoin for Centennial Missions.

Resolution offered—RESOLVED, That the hearty thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to this Church and the citizens of this neighborhood for their kind welcome and hospitality.

Adopted on motion—If anything is omitted or left out of the Minutes, that the Clerk and Moderator may add it in.

Adjourned, to meet with the Long Branch Church on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1901.

J. M. JOHNS, Clerk.

ELD. ABRAHAM CROSBY,  
Moderator.

### Deacon Joseph Thomas

Born September 2, 1821,  
In Annapolis County, Nova Scotia;  
Died March 29, 1900,  
In Starke, Fla.

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"I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT; I HAVE  
KEPT THE FAITH."

# STATISTICAL REPORT

## Of The New River Baptist Association.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	Last Report Membership.	Increase.			Decrease.			Membership			Sunday Schools		
			By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Dropping.	By Death.	Males.	Females.	Total	Officers and Teachers.	Number Pupils.
Antioch..... S. S. Proctor	Walter G. Parker ... Hague	45												
Beulah..... L. W. Kickliter	Lafayette Thomas..... Lakeview	47	3	3	1								5	40
Bradford..... A. J. Pinholster	J. R. Holbrook..... Brooker	34												
Boatdrain Sunday School		24												
China Grove..... A. J. Pinholster		14											4	23
Corinth..... A. J. Pinholster	W. A. Crosby..... Starke	12	3	3										
Dedan..... Wm. F. Malphurs	J. T. Reaves..... Brooker	36												
Evergreen..... D. L. Philips	H. B. Bennett..... Lawrey	70												
Fellowship..... S. S. Proctor	T. B. Browning..... Lake Butte	39	1											
Hope..... W. H. Minton	J. H. Moore..... Theres.	54	2	2	3									
Kingsley Lake..... A. J. Pinholster	James Hornsby..... Starke	20	1	4										
Long Branch..... Samuel Godwin	H. D. Carter..... Maxville	77	1											
Mt. Zion..... Samuel Godwin	J. D. Prescott..... Maxville	45	1											
Mt. Sinai..... D. L. Philips	R. W. Surrency..... Hampton	38	1											
North Pleasant Grove	W. D. Holder..... LaCross	47												
New River..... Wm. F. Malphurs	J. C. Poppell..... New River	104	6	4	3									
New Home..... Wm. F. Malphurs	R. D. Prescott..... Highland	12												
Pilgrim's Rest..... S. S. Proctor	H. C. Peebles..... Blair	27												
Sardis..... S. S. Proctor	A. W. Geiger..... Waldo	31	1											
Santa Fe Pond..... S. S. Proctor	J. B. Burnser..... Glen St. Marys	14												
St. Mary's..... S. S. Proctor	R. L. Prescott..... Sampson City	11												
Sampson..... F. J. Fowler	J. M. Johns..... Starke	137												
Starke..... S. S. Proctor	R. F. Lewis..... Ward City	137												
Ward City..... S. S. Proctor		137												
Totals.....		1043	20	18	17	39	54	6	15	344	591	1008	5	50

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	EXPENDITURES.				MISSIONS.						Churches Organized	Value of Churches
	Pastors' Salaries.	On Building and Current	Sunday School	Association sent	Association sent	Foreign.	Aged Ministers.	Minutes.	Total.			
Antioch Sunday Schi	75 00	25 00		8 91	2 20				11	50	1876	1250
Beulah..... Schi	40 00		15 00	9 95	42				11	37	1840	300
Boatdrain Sun'y Schi			6 00	1 25					1	25	1895	
Bethel..... Schi				1 00					1	00	1895	
China Grove..... Schi				1 05	10				1	55		
Corinth..... Schi				4 60	75				5	55	1895	
Dedan..... Schi				3 65	30				20		1897	
Evergreen..... Schi				2 55	75				70	65	1883	400
Fellowship..... Schi				4 40					50	3 0	1887	
Hope..... Schi				8 13					65	5 05	1884	
Kingsley Lake..... Schi				4 63					1 50	4 63	1876	500
Long Branch..... Schi				27					1 00	6 93	1878	75
Mt. Zion..... Schi				5 70	10				1 00	1 50	1878	
North Pleasant Grove				4 81	1 50				1 00	6 30	1889	200
New River..... Schi				8 53	1 45				7 23	6 93	1883	520
New Home..... Schi				3 25					2 00	19 21	1892	525
Pilgrim's Rest..... Schi				50 00					50	75	1892	
Sardis Sunday School				4 20	1 50				1 00	6 70	1892	3 5
Sampson..... Schi				50					50	50	1894	
St. Marys..... Schi				1 25					1 25	1894		
Starke..... Schi				80					20	1 00		
Starke Sunday School				13 75	2 50	1 25	9 40		25	90	1 77	500
Union Collections				1 75	50	3 00			50	3 75	1900	300
Association Collections				19 15	2 84				7 30	19 16		
Totals.....				105 32	16 73	8 31	24 41	12 95	167 81			

### TREASURER'S REPORT, OCTOBER 13, 1899, TO OCTOBER 19, 1900.

Amounts Received	AMOUNTS PAID OUT.
From the Unions..... 105 32	Paid Elder S. S. Proctor, missional..... 80 00
Sent to Association..... 24 00	Printing programs..... 7 50
Association Collection..... 28	Building minutes..... 12 00
Sent Clerk since..... 7 30	Clerk for getting up minutes..... 10 00
Reported by Churches as sent Foreign Missions..... 4 35	Foreign mission..... 10
Paid Aged Ministers..... 7 27	Aged Ministers..... 50
	to Eld. J. J. Clark, aged Minister..... 50
	Sent for Association letters..... 7 30
	To N. W. Chaufoyer, Centennial Mission..... 1 20
	Reported sent Foreign Mission..... 1 85
	Sent aged Ministers..... 25
	New River Church contribution \$1 45..... 1 45
	and \$1 00 cash in treasury to balance..... 2 45
To amt. in Treasury..... 167 81	
	167 81

R. F. LEWIS, Treasurer.

**REPORT A.**

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg leave to report that the Lord has seen fit in His infinite wisdom to remove from among us one of our most useful and faithful deacons, our much beloved brother, Joseph Thomas, Deacon of the Starke Church, who served as Moderator of the Association and Unions for 1893 and 1894.

SAMUEL GODWIN, Chairman.

**REPORT B.**

We, your Committee on Education submit the following 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 all Christian parents to be diligent in the instructions of their children, and placing within their reach suitable religious literature. In general we urge on all Baptists the importance of being familiar with, and thereby becoming 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.

C. M. PRIEST, Chairman.

**REPORT C.**

We, your Committee on Publications will report that the Bible is the greatest of all publications and should be studied more carefully, and its perusal should be instilled into the hearts of the young to such an extent that they would be more interested in its study than that of trashy literature. We further recommend that the Baptist Witness be upheld as the Baptist organ of the State. We also urge that the heads of all families keep all literature teaching dangerous doctrines out of their homes and as far from their dear ones as possible, as we all know that it is much easier to keep out of trouble than it is to get out of trouble. Respectfully submitted.

H. C. PEEPLES,  
JESSE THOMAS,  
Committee.

**REPORT D.**

We, the Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report: We are sorry to have to say that this great opportunity of training the young seems to be in a cold state, and we think it simply for want of interest manifested by the members of the different churches. We would recommend the pastors to impress on the members the necessity of keeping up Sunday schools for the training of their children, and we hope that the cause will take on new life and that the next report may show a general revival from what they are now. Respectfully submitted.

R. F. LEWIS,  
W. D. HOLDER,  
L. R. THOMAS.

**REPORT E.**

We, your Committee on Letters and Queries report none referred or found. Submit the same and ask to be discharged.

I. W. PINHOLSTER,  
W. A. CROSBY.

**REPORT F.**

We, the Committee on Aged and Needy Ministers, report as follows: By a little inquiry we find that we have one of these old heroes, Eld. R. Keith, who has received a little help through the State Board and a few of our churches. And Brethren, your committee feel that our brother, Elder J. J. Clark, is an aged and needy brother, who has also nearly lost his eye-sight and needs help. Respectfully submitted.

A. J. PINHOLSTER.

**REPORT G.**

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report that we fear that some of our members are drinking to excess. We would recommend that Baptists let intoxicating liquors strictly alone, especially as a beverage, and think the churches ought to pay more strict attention than heretofore.

B. DYAL,  
LEONARD SAPP,  
JAMES HORNSBY.

**REPORT H.**

We, your Committee on Missions, would report that there is no subject of more importance than sending the Gospel to those who have it not. It is the privilege as well as the duty of Christians to spread the light of the Gospel, which they have received from Christ, their Saviour, upon the pathway of sinners. This they can do by giving of their means, sending the man of God to preach and labor with those who have it not. We are glad to see that the churches of our Association are on the increase in their efforts in this great work. Brethren, let us continue to work together in this great cause until we shall have live, working churches throughout the bounds of our Association. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. W. KICKLITER, Chairman.

**REPORT I.**

Your Executive Committee report that they employed Eld. S. S. Proctor at the Union meeting, which met just after the adjournment of the Association, for half of his time, and agreed to pay him \$80, and we are glad to say that he has been paid up in full, and your Committee desire to thank the churches for the manly and Christian manner in which they have so well come to our help in sustaining the Committee in their work. And we trust that your next committee will have the hearty support of the entire brotherhood. Respectfully submitted.

L. W. KICKLITER.

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