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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Call the Association to order.
3. Singing and Prayer.
4. Reading Letters and Enrolling Messengers.
5. Electing Officers — Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
6. Inviting Visiting Brethren to Seats.
7. Call for Correspondence from other Associations.
8. Call for Petitionary Letters.
9. Appointing Committees.
10. Report of Committees.
11. Report of Executive Committee.
12. Report of Treasurer.
13. Appointment of Messengers to State and Southern Baptist Convention.
14. Miscellaneous Business.
15. Adjournment.

OFFICERS

L. W. Kickliter, Starke ----- Moderator
 D. W. Moore, Theresa ----- Clerk and Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

L. W. Kickliter, I. W. Pinholster, J. L. Harrell, E. D. Boyer, D. W. Moore.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elders L. W. Kickliter, F. B. Johns, Starke; D. L. Phillips, Lawtey, Fla.; B. Dyal, Sampson City, Fla.; T. J. Barnes, Miller, Fla.

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 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, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confi-

dence, 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 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 administrations 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 Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious 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.

Constitution of the New River Baptist Association

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 constituted 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 fif-

ty 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 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. 5. The offices 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.

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 their 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.

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 attention to the body unless withdrawn by the mover.

Art. 8. Every question asked in the letters from

the churches must be based on 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 call 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 at least three years, it shall be considered as having withdrawn and shall be dropped by a 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 to inquire in the cause or failure on the part of any church to report itself by letter and messenger at the annual meeting.

Art. 12. This Association, when convenient 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 from time to time as experience may suggest, by a two-thirds vote of those present.

Proceedings of the Association, Lawley, Fla., Oct. 12th, 1921

The Fiftieth annual session of the New River Association met with Lawley Baptist Church on October 12th, 13th and 14th, 1921. Rev. J. J. Bullen preached the introductory sermon from 1st Chapter of Hebrews 3rd verse.
Adjournment.

1:30. Met pursuant to adjournment. Bro. L. W. Kickliter read 84th Division of Psalm and Prayer was offered by J. F. Gable. Call for letters and enrolling

delegates from the different churches of the Association was taken up.

Then the election of officers came next in order of business and resulted in L. W. Kickliter for Moderator and D. W. Moore for Clerk and Treasurer.

Call for visiting Brethren to seats with us. The following Brethren responded.

Bro. J. F. Gable, Santa Fe.

Bro. C. J. Bruner, Harmony.

Bro. J. J. Bullen, Pennsylvania.

Call for petitionary letters.

Moderator appointed as a committee on religious Exercises: I. W. Pinholster, J. L. Harrell, H. Bennett. Bro. Gable addressed the meeting for a few moments in the interest of a tract entitled, "Has the 75 Million Campaign been a Success."

Committees on Religious Exercises made their report and was as follows: Rev. C. J. Bruner to preach tonight at 7:30 and that Rev. Boyer preach tomorrow at 11 a. m.

Adjournment.

Thursday morning met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator read 19th Diversions of Psalms and Prayer by Dr. Mitchell.

Roll call of churches renewed and enrolling delegates. Call renewed for petitionary letters. Heilbronn Springs presented a letter asking for membership. Delegates received and right hand of fellowship extended them by moderator. Church was enrolled as a member.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance—J. L. Harrell, T. I. Dyal, C. Sullivan.

Nominations—J. L. Underhill, H. S. Hilliard, W. M. Parker.

Missions—J. F. Gable, L. C. Powell, J. L. Harrell.

Sunday School—J. W. Barber, W. R. Hodges, J. M. Reddish.

Letters and Queries—C. A. Crosby, J. T. Quigley, W. R. Haislop.

Temperance—C. J. Bruner, F. B. Johns, J. C. McRae.

Education—J. F. Kickliter, Mrs. T. N. Limbaugh, L. C. Powell.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—I. W. Pinholster, Mrs. Fred Scott, D. J. Byrd.

Religious Literature—E. D. Boyer, T. D. Dyal, Eugene Lee.

Dr. J. W. Mitchell addressed the association in the interest of the Baptist Witness.

Preaching 11 a. m. by Bro. Boyer, from Gen. 14th chapter, 18 verse and John 3-16. "God is love, God is power."

Noon refreshments.

1:30. Met pursuant to adjournment.

Moderator read 61st division of Psalms and Bro. Bullen led in prayer, and treated the association to a song which was very much enjoyed by all.

The committee on nominations made their report and was as follows: That the next association meet with China Grove church on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1922, and that Bro. J. T. Barnes preach the introductory sermon.

Committee on temperance made their report and same was discussed by J. F. Gable and adopted.

Committee on religious exercises made their report and was that Bro. Gable preach tonight at 7:30 and that Bro. Bullen preach tomorrow at 11 a. m.

Committee on letters and queries reported and was adopted.

Adjournment.

Friday morning 10 a. m.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator read 23 Psalm and Rev. C. J. Bruner led in prayer.

Report on missions which was carried over from yesterday's session was taken up and discussed by J. L. Harrell, and adopted.

Executive committee made their report and same was discussed by Rev. Kickliter, and adopted.

Committee on education reported and was adopted. No discussion.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention which convenes in Jacksonville May, 1922, were elected as follows: E. D. Boyer, L. W. Kickliter, Mrs. T. J. Terry, D. W. Moore, J. L. Harrell.

Delegates to state convention: L. W. Kickliter, E. D. Boyer.

Member of State Board: E. D. Boyer.

Missionary collection was taken which amounted to \$5.00.

Association adjourned to meet with China Grove

Baptist church Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1922.

D. W. MOORE,
Clerk and Treasurer.

L. W. KICKLITER,
Moderator.

LETTERS AND QUERIES

We, your committee on letters and queries, beg to report as follows: We find one letter from Heilbronn Springs church, which was accepted and acted on in the usual manner. We find no queries.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. QUIGLEY,

W. R. HAISLOP, Committee.

MISSIONS, METHODS AND MACHINERY

To do any big thing a certain amount of machinery is necessary. To raise more than \$200,000 in one year is a big task for Florida Baptists, but it has been done and can be done again.

A brother in speaking to his union meeting recently said, "The Seventy-Five Million Campaign was simply a piece of machinery for putting over a big thing." Once in a great while we hear of an objector who did not like the machine; but as it worked marvelously, we should take our eyes off the machine for the time being, at least, as we view at a glance the work it does. When three million Baptists, divided up into twenty-five thousand churches, organized themselves into the 75 Million Campaign something had to move. The whole machine was put together under the direction of the Holy Spirit and kept oiled by the prayers of a consecrated people. No wonder it worked.

Of course, not all of these twenty-five thousand churches took part in the campaign. Many of them were without organization themselves, having no pastors to direct and lead them, and, at least 4,000 of them were without houses of worship.

In Florida, according to recent reports, we have 740 churches. Of this number 569 are contributing to missions through your mission office. This leaves 171 churches in the state making no contributions to missions, though we suspect that some of these are sending small amounts direct to the orphanage and not reporting their gifts to this office. Such gifts, however, will be included in our annual report at the close of the year.

Out of our 740 churches 500 made subscriptions to the campaign and are making payments on their pledges, though not as regularly as they should. Those churches which made the most liberal pledges are without doubt the happiest and liveliest in the state. As they joined company with God's people in this great work they brought blessings upon themselves.

Some Problems

We have an intelligent and consecrated force of field workers but it is impossible for them to cultivate intensely their field. They are expected to hold meetings and help pastors organize their churches, and at the same time must look after the pastorless and the houseless, and help the weak and unfinished churches. All of this is enlistment work.

Let us note some figures. There are about 125 pastorless churches in the state. Dr. Rogers stated recently that we have 240 pastors in the state without churches. Question, How are we to get these preachers and churches together for they are both badly scattered? Here is a problem for some Solomon.

Again, our field men reported at the last convention, 89 homeless churches in the state. There are approximately 100 unfinished church buildings in Florida. Question number 2, How are we going to build these church houses and help finish the others? These things belong to our task and we must get under the load, every man of us pulling or pushing, as the case may require, with our whole might.

Destitute Regions

We have a Baptist constituency of 65,000, and our opportunity for evangelizing the state is brighter than ever before. Our churches are growing stronger with a pace that is startling, and at the same time the state is filling up with non-Christians and unbelievers. There must be at the very least five hundred thousand people in the state unsaved. Here is the golden opportunity for the Baptist evangelist, and every preacher should be an evangelist. It would be no great task to bring into the Kingdom 2,000 souls, if all of us should get busy at it. If each one of these 375 active pastors should hold a week's meeting this summer and preach the gospel with fervor and in the power and demon-

stration of the Spirit we would see more than two thousand souls saved.

JNO. F. GABLE,
J. L. HARRELL,
L. C. POWELL, Committee.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

We, your committee on religious literature, beg to report as follows: That it is essential to our advancement in the cause of Christ that we have good, wholesome literature in our homes, and especially should we have our denominational paper, The Baptist Witness, in our homes, read it and keep in touch with the great brotherhood and the great work we are doing in the great state of Florida. We owe it to ourselves, our family and to our God to search the Scripture, for in them ye think you have eternal life and they are they which do testify of me. As parents we should be careful and prayerful about the literature our children read and not let their minds be poisoned with the impure literature. Let us begin by setting the example, as example draws where precept fails. We should not let the Sunday papers take the time we should use in reading the Bible and Sunday school lessons.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. BOYER,
T. I. DYAL, Committee.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS

We, your committee on deceased ministers and deacons, beg to submit the following report: We find that during the year God has blessed wonderfully His people, having spared all ministers, but called into His gracious presence the spirit of our beloved brother and deacon, J. C. Barry.

I. W. PINHOLSTER,
D. J. BYRD, Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday schools, beg leave to report as follows: Realizing that the greatest number of our converts come from the Sunday schools and as these converts are better trained for church work, we are compelled to give this work more emphasis.

The members of our churches should get this fact in mind: That a person never gets too old to attend the Sunday school. It is just as much their duty to attend Sunday school in their old age as it was in their child-

hood days.

J. W. BARBER,
W. R. HODGES,
J. M. REDDISH, Committee.

EDUCATION

Your committee on education submits the following report:

Christian education is essential to our well being morally, socially, religiously and politically, for without Christian education these phases of our earthly life will suffer greatly. We may give our children literary education and neglect to train them in Christian principles as taught in the Bible and our life will be a failure so far as God intended that it should be. We have many Baptist colleges in our Southern states that are abundantly able to give our young people Christian training that would fit them for a useful life in the Master's cause. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. F. KICKLITER, Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee met after the last association and had J. F. Gable, the evangelist, to meet with us, and after the discussion of the work in our association, we decided to have Brother Gable to visit Graham and Dedan churches and do some evangelistic work with them, and to co-operate with the pastors in our association, and to assist them in their work, but owing to the largeness of his territory and the demands of the work in other associations he failed to meet with these two churches. He did, however, hold a four-days meeting with China Grove church. Your committee, at its meeting, decided to recommend that \$25.00 be appropriated each to Graham and Pine Level church to help them build a house of worship. We also recommend that if our churches are behind on the 75 Million campaign that a reasonable amount of the funds on hand be sent to Brother Rogers to help pay that debt.

FINANCE

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to make the following report:

Beulah	-----	\$ 2.00
China Grove	-----	1.05
Corinth	-----	3.00
Dedan	-----	1.50
Hope	-----	2.00

Heilbronn	-----	2.50
Graham	-----	2.00
Kingsley Lake	-----	2.50
Lawtey	-----	3.50
Pine Level	-----	1.50
Starke	-----	10.00
Water Oak	-----	3.00
New River	-----	3.00
Collection	-----	\$37.55
Total	-----	\$42.55

J. L. HARRELL, Chairman.

STATISTICAL

Name of Churches	Pastors and P. O. Address	Clerks and P. O. Address	Church Organized													
			By Baptism	Letter or Statement	Restoration	Increase	By Letter	Expulsion	Deaths	Decrease	Membership	Preaching Sundays				
Lawley	J. D. Boyer, Lawley	J. L. Harrell, Lawley	1877	32	21	0	32	7	5	1	13	9	1	12	114	15
Starke	To be Supplied	Mrs. F. A. Scott, Starke	1897	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	28	293
Corinth	F. B. Johns, Starke	J. K. Harris, Starke	1869	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	71	116
Kingsley Lake	F. B. Johns, Starke	J. K. Harris, Starke	1876	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	34	49
Hope	C. J. Brimer, Bronson	M. W. Lee, R. F. D., Starke	1910	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	34	49
Graham	C. A. Crosby, Starke	W. P. Britt, Louise	1916	14	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	34	49
Pine Level	J. T. Barnes, Starke	B. J. Starling, Starke	1883	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	34	49
Dedan	C. A. Crosby, Starke	I. S. Fowler, Brooker	1895	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	34	49
China Grove	To be Supplied	J. M. Minton, Starke	1917	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	64	60
Water Oak	J. T. Barnes, Starke	J. R. Norman, Raiford	1850	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	64	60
Beulah	T. J. Knight, Green Cove	L. F. Thomas, Green Cove	1833	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	64	60
New River	S. Proctor, Lake Butler	J. J. Colson, Lake Butler	1877	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	64	60

FINANCIAL

Name of Churches	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers	Poor	Minutes and Clerk	Incidentals	Amt. on Hand	Repairs and Improvements	Building	Associational Missions	Boxes and Value	S. S. Expenses	Furnishings	State Missions	Ministerial Ed.	Del. to Assembly	Home Missions	Orphanage	Church Expenses	Total all Purposes	
China Grove	58.93	4.27	2.00	1.05	1.40	1.63														69.18
Starke	966.88	151.88	5.00	10.00	3.66	6.71	2018													1953.29
Dedan	25.19	2.00		1.50					5.00			24.00	5.00	20.00	25.00					33.29
Pine Level	55.50			1.50				75.00	1.00											108.59
Kingsley Lake	76.20		3.00	2.50		3.53	228			2.00	19.00					2.00	4.50	14.65		153.15
Lawley	475.00	25.00		3.50			16000				34.48									740.43
Beulah	67.00	1.50	11.12	2.00					5.55								8.45	34.00		88.63
New River	60.00			3.00													1.46			71.00
Corinth	43.50		4.00	1.50			1200		1.50		4.80					8.00			2.00	69.30
Hope	165.70	4.26		2.00		.31			8.00		11.37								2.73	201.47
Graham	15.20	3.16				77.00			3.45							7.10				99.81
Water Oak				3.00												1.00				3.00

Above figures include amounts contributed by Sunday Schools, W. M. U. and Ladies' Aids.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Name of Churches	Superintendent and P. O. Address	No. Schools	No. Pupils	No. Teachers	S. S. Expenses	Av. Attendance	No. Baptized From S. S.	No. Classes
*Starke -----	J. T. Quigley, Starke-----	1	160	23	192.48	90	12	16
Lawtey -----	J. W. Barber, Lawtey-----	1	65	9	34.48	35	3	6
Kingsley Lake -----	J. K. Harris, Starke-----	1	60	7	19.00	40	1	5
Corinth -----	E. C. Warren, Starke-----	1	40	5	4.80	25	0	4
Hope -----	M. W. Lee, Starke, R. F. D. 1-----	1	59	7	11.37	40	0	4
*--Partly Graded.	Totals-----		384	51	262.13	230	16	35

B. Y. P. U., Starke, Tom Limbaugh, Jr., President. Starke President W. M. S., Mrs. O. G. Cooper, Starke. Lawtey President, Mrs. T. J. Terry, Lawtey.