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New River Missionary Baptist  
Association

HELD WITH THE

CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH

STARKE, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 26-27, 1927

J. L. NORRIS, Moderator      Lacrosse, Fla.  
D. W. MOORE, Clerk and Treasurer      Theresa, Fla.

Next Session will be held with Wateroak Baptist Church,  
Wednesday Before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1928.

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and seconded shall command attention to the body unless withdrawn by the mover.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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shall neglect to make a communication to the Association for at least three years it shall be considered as having withdrawn and shall be dropped by a vote from the minutes, unless two or three members of the Association request its continuance and will engage to inquire into its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.

Article 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 into the cause or failure on the part of any church to report itself by letter and messenger at the annual meeting.

Article 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.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasury of heaven-

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by 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.

Article 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, 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.

Article 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.

Article 4. We believe in the election according to the fore-knowledge 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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 imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

Article 9. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ to be commemorated by His followers, and no one but baptized believers, have any Scriptural right to partake thereof.

Article 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.

Article 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.

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

Article 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 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.

Article 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.

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 1927

The Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of New River Association met with Corinth Church 10:30 A. M.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. G. P. Raymond.

Moderator read 4th Chapter, 1st Peter.

Prayer was offered by Rev. L. W. Kickliter.

Letters were called for and Messengers enrolled.

11 A. M. Sermon by Rev. J. L. Norris from 4th Chapter Matt., 22nd verse.

Noon. Refreshments.

1 P. M. Met pursuant to adjournment.

After prayer by Rev. West, Moderator read from 1st Chapter Jude, and declared Association in order for the transaction of business.

The call of churches was renewed and delegates enrolled. Bro. Proctor made a motion that the delegates enrolled, and that may be enrolled constitute this Association, and that the Moderator appoint a committee on Digest of Letters.

The Pastor of Corinth Church extended to the delegates cordial welcome.

Election of officers was next taken up. Bro. J. L. Norris was elected as Moderator and Bro. D. W. Moore, Clerk and Treasurer.

Inviting brothers of other Association to seats. Rev. A. B. West, Harmony; Mrs. West, Mrs. Low, Sana Fe were present.

Call for Petitionary letters.

Pine Grove Church came forward and asked for membership and was welcomed by Moderator.

Committee on Christian Education made their report, which was read by Bro. Proctor, and adopted as read. Discussed by Bro. Proctor, with amendments that Tallahassee female school be named in the report.

Moderator appointed the following as Committee on Fi-

ANCE:



- L. F. Thomas, J. T. Harris, J. S. Norman.  
Committee on Foreign Missions:  
G. P. Raymond, L. W. Kickliter and P. M. Riggs.  
State Missions:  
C. A. Crosby and J. T. Harris.  
Home Missions:  
J. T. Quigley, J. T. Barnes and Harry Lewis.  
Committee on Temperance:  
W. R. Bugg, J. T. Harris and Mrs. D. W. Moore.  
Committee on Sunday Schools:  
C. A. Crosby, J. L. Underhill and M. L. Cason.  
Committee on Orphanage:  
A. L. Sullivan, Alice Bryan and A. S. Strickland.  
Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons:  
Mrs. J. T. Quigley, chairman; I. S. Fowler, and H. M. McRae.  
Committee on Digest of Letters:  
Dr. Raymond, Rev. Proctor and J. T. Harris.  
Committee on Religious Exercises:  
W. F. Hines, O. R. Alvarez. With the Deacons of Corinth.
- Committee on Temperance made their report, and was adopted as read and amended. Discussed by S. S. Proctor, J. T. Quigley, J. L. Norris and Bro. L. W. Kickliter.  
Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Bro. H. Filmer preach tonight at 7:30.  
Treasurer made his report and was adopted as read.  
Adjourned until tomorrow 9:30.

## THURSDAY

Association called to order by Moderator reading from 3rd Chapter Colossians and prayer by Dr. Mitchell.  
Roll call of churches renewed and Messengers enrolled.  
Executive committee made its report and was adopted as read, which was discussed by Bro. G. F. Raymond.  
Committee on Digest of Letters reported and was adopted.



ed. Discussed by L. W. Kickliter and Bro. Harris. Adopted as read.

Committee on Orphanage made their report and was adopted as read. Discussed by L. W. Kickliter and J. W. Mitchell.

It was regularly moved and carried that the Executive Committee be a Committee on Orphanage. Adopted.

11 A. M. Sermon by Bro. West from 3rd Chapter of Matthew.

12. Noon. Refreshments.

1:30 P. M. Association came to order. Prayer by Rev.

Kickliter.

Roll call of churches renewed and delegates enrolled. Letters were read.

Bro. Quigley made a report on Missions.

Bro. Senterfitt made us a good talk on Missions. Report adopted.

Committee on Literature made their report and Dr. Mitchell spoke on the report.

Committee on Sunday Schools made their report and reported 12 schools with an enrollment of over 500 pupils.

Committee on Finance made their report and was adopted as read.

The Association voted to send \$100.00 to Dr. Brittan.

The Committee on Nominations made their report, which was adopted and the report was that the next Association meet with Wateroak church on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in October 17th, 1928, and that Bro. R. W. Bugg preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 a. m. Bro. J. L. Norris was elected state board member.

The following were elected delegates to state convention:

J. F. Harris, C. A. Crosby, G. P. Raymond, H. H. Lewis and D. W. Moore.

Rev. G. P. Raymond was elected delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.

It was voted that the clerk print the Constitution of the 5th Sunday Union Meeting in the minutes of the Association.

Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons made their report and was adopted.

The same Executive Committee was re-elected for next year.

A vote of thanks was tendered Corinth church for their generous hospitality extended to all during session of Association. The Moderator and Clerk were given the authority to insert anything in minutes that had been overlooked.

Moved to adjourn to meet with Wateroak church on Wednesday before 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1928. Carried.

J. L. NORRIS, Moderator.  
D. W. MOORE, Clerk.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Kingsley Lake:

Heilbronn: J. S. Norman, Jeannette Carter, W. E. Norman.

Oak Grove: C. W. Ward, W. J. Ward.

Sampson City: J. B. Brown, H. Brown, H. A. Prescott, Wesley McRae.

China Grove: J. C. McRae, L. V. Moore, Mrs. H. M. McRae.

Pine Level: H. M. McRae, Harry Lewis.  
Lawtey: Mr. J. T. Quigley, Mrs. J. T. Quigley, Mrs. T. J. Terry, Mrs. H. B. Arwood, V. R. Reddish.

North P. Grove: Earl Hill, Mrs. Earl Hill, Hattie Ray Weeks.

Graham: O. W. Dyal, Mrs. O. W. Dyal.

Ward City: I. S. Fowler, H. B. Crosby.

New River: J. J. Colson, S. B. Cason.

Mounteocha: R. B. Simmons, W. F. Hines, Mrs. M. L. Cason, M. L. Cason.

Antioch: Van Landingham, J. T. Harris, W. F. Harris, Mrs. A. B. Cox, R. T. McDaniel, Vivian Parker.

Starke: L. W. Kickliter, G. P. Raymond.

Wateroak: O. B. Alvarez, J. C. Alvarez.

made failures in life. Nearly every crime that is committed can be traced directly or indirectly to the use of liquor. Although we live in the days of no licensed saloon, yet whiskey is being made and sold over this fair land of ours. How are we as Baptists, going to deal with the liquor question? And the awful effects of its use on our boys and girls. We can help materially by standing four square for the maintenance of the prohibition laws of our country and see that they are enforced by our officers, and by co-operating with our officers in enforcing the prohibition law. Fathers and mothers, in closing we lovingly admonish you to live temperate in all things before your children, teaching them the word of eternal truth, admonishing them to taste not, handle not the unclean things which cause them to perish.

Respectfully submitted,

*J. L. NORRIS, Chairman.*

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Southern Baptist gave to missions 80 years ago, \$27,635, and today, \$8,255,000, which is marvelous. Our state, however, has grown even more, and with growth comes need, with need comes opportunity and with opportunity, comes the test. Are we willing to go or send?

God commands—Go ye!

It has been stated that if all Baptists would do their part, we would have plenty for this need, but we say that all Missionary Baptists are doing their part now. Whenever a member falls short in doing his or her part, just that much they fail in being a real Missionary Baptist. "One thing thou lackest,"

Draw back the veil and look beyond, that you may see to invest in a home over there.

*J. T. QUIGLEY, Chairman.*

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee reports three meetings held.

One meeting to endorse application for State Board to supplement a pastor's salary. One to endorse Study Board's program to Southern Convention. One to discuss needs of Association.

From reports of various churches we find an increase in membership as follows:

164—A fine Christian spirit seems especially good.

*J. T. QUIGLEY, Chairman.*

### COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE

We your Committee on Orphanage beg to submit the following. Realizing and feeling the needs of our home in Arcadia and since hearing the talk given by Bro. West, we feel and do recommend that if possible this body contribute in some way as the Harmony Association.

A. L. SULLIVAN,  
ALICE BRYAN,  
A. S. STRICKLAND, Committee.

### REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bro. Moderator, Brethren and Sisters, your committee on Christian Education, submit the following as their report:

First, We feel that the Christian training and education of our children and young people is a subject of vital importance that it should claim our most earnest and prayerful attention.

Second, We feel as Christian men and women, that we are called upon, in the fear of God, to put forth a united effort to save our children and young people from the anti-religious teachings and propaganda that has already entered one of our state schools. The Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee, denying the inspiration of the Bible, denying the right of parents to religiously train their children, until they are past the age of 12 years—denying that man was created in the image of God, but that he is a product of evolution, together with other things we decline writing into this report.

Third, To all of our young people, contemplating finishing their education—and we hope all will do so, who possibly can. We heartily recommend to them Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., as a true Christian school, standing for the great doctrine of Christ our Savior as revealed to us in His Word.

In this school our young people, not only can be trained in Christian service, but they can specialize in any vocation they may choose.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. PROCTOR,  
C. H. HUNTER,  
M. L. LEWIS, Committee.

### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools ask to make the following report:

Out of the 21 churches, consisting of this Association only 12 have Sunday schools, with an enrolment of 505 pupils. We

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we glad to say that there has been a big increase in the Sunday school movement in the last two years, and that some of the smaller churches having no Sunday Schools are co-operating with other churches, which have Sunday Schools, which we think is wise and with our real system; now this can be done elsewhere and recommend that the Messengers from the various churches encourage this idea that all may become connected with the Sunday School work.

Respectfully submitted,  
 C. A. CROSBY  
 H. H. LEWIS

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS

We, the Committee, find recorded death of one Deacon in the Association for the year, that of Harris Hilliard. There has been no loss by death of ministers reported.

We deplore the loss of our brother from our midst and to our work, but rejoice to know that his life was such that his church saw fit to honor him with the office of Deacon, and are consoled by the promises of God to those who faithfully serve Him.

Respectfully submitted,  
 MRS. J. T. QUIGLEY,  
 H. M. McRAE,  
 J. S. FOWLER, Chairmen.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Oak Grove	\$4.75
Deedan	1.50
Pine Grove	2.25
Antioch	5.00
Corinth	3.00
Beulah	2.50
Hope	3.00
Heilbronn	2.00
Sampson City	2.00
Mountcha	2.00
Lawtey	12.00
Ward City	3.00
North Pleasant Grove	3.00
New River	3.00
Pine Level	3.00
Public Collection	13.33

Rairford	3.00
Wateroak	1.50
Graham	1.50
Starke	5.00

Total \$73.33

Respectfully submitted,  
J. T. HARRIS, Committee.

### REPORT OF TREASURER.

#### Disbursements

4-1926 to State Board of Missions	\$85.00
11-9 to Clerk Compiling Minutes	25.00
11-9 to Postage	2.00
1-1 to E. S. Matthews Printing Minutes	49.56
1-1-1927 to Programs	2.75
5-24 to Programs	2.75
8-6 to Programs	2.83
Total Amount Paid Out	<u>\$169.89</u>

#### Receipts

10-26-1926 Balance	\$130.64
10-30-1926 Received at Association	69.00
1-3-1927 at Union Meeting	41.77
1-7-1927 at Union Meeting	53.90
1-1-1927 at Union Meeting	35.10

Total Receipts \$330.41  
October 26th 1927 by balance on Hand \$160.51  
Respectfully submitted,  
D. W. MOORE, Treasurer.

#### CLERKS AND P. O. ADDRESS

China Grove—Mrs. Kate Minton, Starke, Fla.  
Graham—W. P. Birt, Graham, Fla.  
Wateroak—E. E. Norman, Starke, Fla.  
North Pleasant Grove—L. D. Hill, Santa Fe, Fla.  
Deedan—H. L. Gatlin, Brooker, Fla.  
Pine Level—H. M. McRae, Starke, Fla.  
Mounteocha—O. M. Maines, Gainesville, Fla.

Antioch—J. T. Harris, Gainesville, Fla.  
Starke—J. M. Brownlee, Starke, Fla.  
Heilbronn—J. S. Norman, Lawtey, Fla.  
Sampson City—T. J. Gay, Sampson City, Fla.  
Lawtey, J. L. Harrell, Lawtey, Fla.  
Pine Grove—C. R. Neal, Gainesville, Fla.  
Corinth—T. N. Norman, Starke, Fla.  
Hope—D. W. Moore, Theresa, Fla.  
Ward City—L. A. Brown, Brooker, Fla.  
Beulah—L. F. Thomas, Green Cove Springs, Fla.  
New River—J. J. Colson, Lake Butler, Fla.  
Oak Grove—W. J. Ward, Green Cove Springs, Fla.  
Raiford—Rodman Reddish, Raiford, Fla.





