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— OF THE —

EENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WANNEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

— HELD AT —

PIQUET LAKE CHURCH,
Lafayette County, Florida,

October 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, A. D. 1885.

— OFFICERS —

ELDER W. B. HIGH, Moderator Pine Mount Fla.

“ W. B. HIGH, Treasurer, “ “ “

“ J. W. GRANTHAM, Clerk, Mayo “

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MINUTES

FIRST DAY.

October 15th, 1885.

The Thirteenth Annual Session of the Suwannee Baptist Association convened to-day with Piquet Lake Church, Lafayette county Florida.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Grantham, from Matthew 28 chap. 19 20 verses. Then the Association was called together by the Moderator, the Clerk not being present a clerk *pro tem* was appointed. Then called for letters and delegates and enrolled their names.

Friendship—W. B. High, R. Hurst

Cedar Grove—J. G. Smith

Piquet Lake—W. D. Sears

Tiger Lake—J. B. Mills, J. B. Brown

Midway—F. B. Webb, T. J. Walker

Half Moon Lake—W. W. Grantham, Z. Dees

Bethel—J. T. Devenport

Pleasant Hill—R. D. Turner, T. J. Kelly

New Hope—J. W. Grantham

Hart Hammock—A. Landing

The body then proceeded to organize by electing Elder W. B. High, Moderator, and J. W. Grantham, Clerk.

Called for corresponding brethren when Elder D. F. Ward from the Hamilton Association and J. J. Cates from the Florida Association were received and visiting brethren were invited to seats with us then proceeded to appoint committees as follows:—

On Temperance—A. E. Kitchen, B. D. Harrell, J. T. Devenport

On Preaching—W. D. Sears, R. Hurst, J. G. Smith;

On Sunday Schools—Z. Dees, B. D. Harrell, J. B. Brown;

On Religious Literature—B. D. Harrell, T. J. Kelly, Z. Dees;

On Missions—B. D. Harrell, J. T. Devenport, R. D. Turner;

On Education—J. T. Devenport, B. D. Harrell, Z. Dees;

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—R. D. Turner, W. B. High, J. B. Mills;

Then the hours of meeting and adjourning were fixed at 9 A. M. and 4 P. M.

The committee on Preaching reported Elder W. B. High, to-night with Elder D. F. Ward, alternate. To-morrow at 11 A. M. B. D. Harrell with Z. Dees, alternate, then sung a hymn and was dismissed by elder B. D. Harrell to 9 A. M. to-morrow.

Soon shall the trumpet sound and we shall rise to immortality
and every face look heavenly and divine.

SECOND DAY.

October 16th, 1885.

The body met pursuant to adjournment, sung a hymn and prayer by Rev. J. H. Dixon. Renewed the call for letters and delegates, when the following were received and their names enrolled.

Hatch Bend—J. Hatch, P. Hatch;
Rock Sink—T. J. Mitchel;
Live Oak—A. E. Kitchen;
Mt. Gillead—T. J. Ammons, A. Cameron;
Blue Springs—J. H. Grant, J. Adams;
Philadelphia—J. H. Dixon, G. M. Walker;
Mt. Pisgah—R. Harrey,

Then called for petitionary letters when Elder R. W. Phillips and Brother H. S. Harrell from the Beulah Association were received and on motion made welcome with us by receiving the right-hand of christian fellowship; then the call for corresponding brethren was renewed. Then called for report of committee when the committee on Religious Literature made their report marked in appendix "A" which was received and adopted after several good and wise speeches by Elders A. E. Kitchen R. W. Phillips and B. D. Harrell, after which a res until 2 P. M. was taken for preaching.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called together at 2 P. M by singing and prayer by Elder A. E. Kitchen. Then renewed the call for letters and delegates, when the following were received and names enrolled

Mt. Pleasant—J. D Slaughter;
Clayland—A. J. McLeod;

Committee on preaching reported Eld. R. W. Phillips at 3 P. M. Elder O. J. Revels, alternate, and at night Rev. A. E. Kitchen with Rev. T. J. Kelly alternate, to-morrow at 11 Elder B. D. Harrell and Elder Z. Dees alternate.

The committee on Education made their report marked in appendix "B," which was received and adopted after several good and wise speeches by Elds. A. E. Kitchen, R. W. Phillips and B. D. Harrell, when the Education and the Sunday School committees were blended into one. Then a resolution was offered by Elder B. D. Harrell and after several good and wise speeches made by Elders B. D. Harrell, R. W. Phillips and D. F. Ward, the resolution prevailed; after which the body adjourned to 9 A. M. to morrow morning.

O may I read my name
Among the chosen of his love
The follower of the lamb.

THIRD DAY.

October 17th, 1885.

The body met pursuant to adjournment, sung a hymn and prayer by Elder T. P. Webb. The call for correspondence and delegates was renewed, when Elder T. P. Webb was received as a visiting brother from the Florida Association. The call for reports of committees was renewed when the committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons made their report marked in appendix "C" which was received and adopted. On motion brothers J. B. Mills and J. B. Brown were excused. The committee on Missions made their report, marked in appendix "D" which was received and adopted after several good and wise speeches made by Elders R. W. Phillips and B. D. Harrell, and recess was then taken until 2 P. M. for preaching.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The body met pursuant to adjournment, at 2 P. M. sung a hymn and prayer by Elder J. J. Holmes. The call for corresponding and visiting brethren was renewed when Elder J. J. Holmes was received as a visitor from the Beulah Association.

The former Clerk made his report marked in appendix "F" which was received and adopted. The committee on Sunday Schools made their report, marked in appendix "G" which was received and adopted after wise and instructive speeches by Elders A. E. Kitchen and Z. Dees. The committee on Finance made their report marked in appendix "H" which was received and adopted. The committee on Temperance made their report marked in appendix "I" which was received and adopted after a wise speech of good information by Elder A. E. Kitchen.

The committee on Preaching report to-night Eld. W. B. High with Rev. J. H. Dixon alternate; To-morrow at 11 A. M., D. F. Ward with W. B. High alternate; and at 2 P. M. Eld. R. W. Phillips with Eld. J. J. Holmes alternate. Brother F. B. Webb was excused.

The Association proceeded to elect their executive committee, which resulted in the election of Elds. A. E. Kitchen, W. B. High, B. D. Harrell, Z. Dees, and P. Hatch; Treasurer, W. B. High.

Then appointed correspondence to other bodies:

To Hamilton Association—Elders R. W. Phillips, B. D. Harrell, W. B. High. James Adams was excused

Love so amazing so divine

Demands my soul my life my all

Then the Stand-Over committees were as follows:

On Sunday Schools—Elders Z. Dees, B. D. Harrell, W. B. High;
On Missions—Elders W. B. High, Z. Dees, J. P. Abbott;
On Temperance—Elders A. E. Kitchen, J. White, J. H. Grant;
On Religious Literature—Elders R. W. Phillips, T. J. Kelly, T.

L. Ammons;

On Woman's Work—Elders Z. Dees, B. D. Harrell, W. B. High.

In accordance with the following resolution: Whereas it being impossible for the various committees to make wise and judicious reports on the various subjects referred to them at the same Association at which they are appointed for want of time to gather up statistics and other information necessary to be incorporated in such reports therefore be it

Resolved: That the Moderator be authorized to appoint such committees, whose duty it shall be to report at the next meeting of this body by a written report. Then a resolution was passed in favor of the adoption of a local editor for the Association so that any news of interest or importance might be published in the *Witness*.

Be it Resolved, That any member of this body that attends our sister Associations shall be considered by us as our correspondent to the same.

The Clerk was granted \$8.00 for his services, and was ordered to have the minutes printed where he could have it done cheapest and best.

The next session of this Association will be held with Mt. Gilead church, Suwannee County, Florida October 14th 15th, 16th, and 17th 1886, with Elder Z. Dees to preach the Introductory Sermon with Elder R. W. Phillips as alternate.

Resolved, That thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren of Piquet Lake and the friends in the vicinity for the hospitable manner in which we have been entertained.

Then a song was sung, the parting hand given and prayer offered by Elder R. W. Phillips, after which the Association adjourned to meet with Mt. Gilead church, on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1886.

SUNDAY 11 A. M.

An interesting and instructive sermon was preached by Elder D. F. Ward in the spirit of love. The public collections on Saturday and Sunday for missionary purposes was \$11.95. This closed the thirteenth session of the Suwannee Baptist Association.

Brethren pray the good Lord to bless us and prepare us to meet in Heaven if no more on earth we greet each other O may we meet on Canaan's Shore where parting is no more.

Appendix "A"

Your committee on Religious Publications beg leave to report that first and foremost of all the books for Baptists to read and investigate is the Bible it is a noticeable fact that the majority of the Bap-

tist families in the bounds of our Association know too little of the teachings of the Holy Scriptures. The cause is unknown to your committee and being ignorant of the teaching of the Scriptures, unfits us properly to defend and maintain the faith once delivered to the Saints in connection with the Bible. We would recommend the reading of good papers like the *Index* or *Witness* a copy of which should be in our homes and hearts. We further recommend for Sunday Schools the American Baptist Publications, the *Mission Journal*, Richmond Va., the *Heathen Helper*, Louisville Ky., and *Kind Words* Macon Ga.; all of which is respectfully submitted.

Eld. B. D. HARRELL, Chairman.

"B"

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Education beg leave to report, that from observation and enquiry they find that the old as well as the young are destitute of an education and would earnestly recommend that our children be more thoroughly educated far as possible, to qualify them to take our places after we pass away

Respectfully Submitted,

Eld. J. T. DAVENPORT, Chm'n.

"C"

Your committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons beg leave to report that from the letters sent up from the various churches and information we can get, thank God, that He has called by death from his post, no Minister or Deacon in our bounds. We as your committee recommend that we as a body feel grateful to Almighty God for His mercy to us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brother R. D. TURNER, Chairman.

"D"

Your committee on Missions beg leave to ask, are we missionary Baptists in fact? or have we a name only and are dead? We regard this question a vital one—we are informed that other denominations whom we regard as not being sound in the faith occupying our bounds and are turning the people away from the faith once delivered to the Saints. Who is to educate and indoctrinate the people in the true faith of the Son of God if it is not the Missionary Baptists? To successfully accomplish this object, we must promptly and efficiently occupy the field with missionaries who are willing to disseminate the truth in its purity to the people. We find, from the best information that we can obtain, a large destitution in the bounds of our Association enough to occupy the whole time of two missionaries—one in each county. The problem to be solved is how shall we raise the means to

put a missionary in the field? We are informed the State Board offers to supplement, as far as it is able, in order that the field may be cultivated. We recommend that Ladies Missionary Societies be organized in every church, that they may have an opportunity of doing something to send the gospel to those that need it. Brethren let us get out of this dying condition in which we live, let us give to the Lord—He will return it ten fold; but if we withhold from Him we shall die in poverty.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eld. B. D. HARRELL, Chairman.

Dear Brethren, the good Lord says go preach my gospel; but how shall they go except they are sent? And you are the ones to send it for him.

“F”

J. J. Phillips in account with the Suwannee Baptist Association:		Dr.
1884	To amount received from Treasurer.....	\$20.66
	PER CONTRA.	
	By amount paid Stationary.....	\$ 50
	“ “ “ Postage.....	100
	“ “ “ Printing Minutes.....	20.00
	“ “ due 84	84
	Total	\$21.50

Respectfully Submitted
J. J. PHILLIPS, Clerk, 1884

“G”

Your committee on Sunday Schools would make the following report: It is considered by your committee and held by most of the brethren that the Sunday School interest is one of binding interest of any denomination, and should receive the support and co-operation of all Baptists nothing can be more important; nothing more necessary to the future happiness of those who are to come after us. and nothing will be more effectual in building up the church and in the salvation of immortal souls, than the Sunday Schools, which is in reality a condition precedent to the upbuilding of Zion. We would urge upon the brethren the necessity of looking after this interest, but with regret we have to report that this important interest is in many localities in a despondent condition. There is only four Sunday Schools reported to this committee, with an average of 105 scholars in attendance, your committee would suggest that in the future each church make a full report of its Sunday Schools to next Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Elder Z. DEES, Chairman.

“I”

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to report the Bible as our Magna Charta, while it does not speak elaborately it does speak plainly on the subject of Temperance. God commands Temperance and condemns Intemperance—no drunkard in Heaven—Temperance is a christian virtue which speaks too plainly to be mistaken in. The inspired apostle says: Add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge Temperance. A faith that will not bear this addition is not a saving faith, touch not, taste not, handle not, nay, look not on the wine when it is red for it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder, wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived by it is not wise. Christians are to be wise, walk not as fools, but as wise. The busy little bee sips honey from the sweet flowers and it is happy. God designed for our happiness Heaven, a place for His people. God's gift to his people is eternal life. Temperance is one of the qualifications for eternal life. The Christian church is the Temperance society; we therefore recommend to the churches of this churches of this Association the duty of instructing their members on these christian graces and the necessity of a watchful discipline of Christs Church, and not to aid nor abet in signing these whiskey petitions in any way, but holding the faith once delivered to the saints with-drawn from any brother that walketh disorderly.

Respectfully submitted,

Elder A. E. KITCHEN, Chm'n.

The Lord Jehovah calls, be every ear inclined; May such a voice awake each heart and captivate the mind, when Hell and all its spiteful powers stood dreadful in my way, to rescue those dear lives of yours I gave my own away. Hark, the voice of mercy sounds aloud from Calvary: It Is Finished. Hear the dying Savior cry.

LIST OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.—Elders J T Devenport, New Troy, J. P. Abbot, O'Brien; E. B. Mills, Luraville; B. D. Harrell, Pinemount; W. B. Walters, Luraville; Z. Dees, Mayo; A. Bonds, Padlock; J. W. Grantham, Mayo; O. J. Revels, Luraville; A. E. Kitchen, Live Oak—all of Florida.

LICENTIATES—J. H. Dixon and J. Singletary, Luraville; T. J. Kelley, Pinemount.

Please send us the names of your ordained Ministers and Licentiates, so as to have their names properly enrolled.—CLERKS.

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Your Finance Committee beg leave to submit the following amounts sent up by the churches, to wit :

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	HOME MISSIONS.	ASSOCIATION PURPOSES	MINUTE FUND
Live Oak	Suwannee			\$2.00
Clayland	“	.55		1.50
Blue Spring	“		.50	.50
Philadelphia	“		.75	1.00
Mt. Gilcad	“		.50	1.00
Pleasant Hill	“		.50	.50
Tiger Lake	“		.35	.65
Friendship	“		.75	1.25
Rock Sink	“			1.50
Cedar Grove	“			.60
Mount Pleasant	Lafayette.		1.00	.50
Midway	“		.50	1.00
New Hope	“	.25	.75	1.00
Hatch Bend	“	.75	1.50	1.00
Hart Hammock	“			.85
Bethel	“			.50
Half Moon Lake	“		.45	2.00
Mount Pisgah	“		.50	.50
Piquet Lake	“			1.50
Suwannee	Suwannee			1.10
Total amounts		1.55	8.05	20.45

Respectfully submitted this October 17th, 1885.

T. J. WALKER, Chairman.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for letters from churches, and organize.
2. Call for Petitionary Letters.
3. Call for Correspondence, and invite visiting brethren to seats.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Fix the hours of meeting and adjourning.
6. Call for Report of Missionary Committee.
8. Call for Report of Treasurer
9. Appoint Correspondents to other bodies.
10. Elect Messengers to the State Convention.
11. Arrange for Printing the Minutes.
12. Appoint place for holding the next session.
13. Miscellaneous Business.
14. Adjournment.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. B. High to Suwannee Baptist Association.

1885.	DR.	
To balance on hand.....		\$27.50
“ amount received of Finance Committee,		30.05
“ pledge Rock Sink Church,		4.40
“ pledge Clayland Church.....		3.00
“ collection on Saturday.....		5.50
“ collection on Sunday.....		6.45
“ T. S. Goodbread		1.00
		\$77.90

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To cash paid clerk for his services	\$ 8.00	
“ “ “ “ Minutes	20.50	
“ “ D. F. Ward	8 50	
“ on hand	40 90	
		\$77.90
		\$77.90

ELD. W. B. HIGH, Treasurer.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in the only true and living God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.
4. We believe that the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the vilest sinner on earth but his own voluntary rejection of that grace.
5. 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 His divine will.
6. We believe in justification by faith, which gives peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
7. We believe that the gospel of Christ is a means of divine appointment to bring sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, and therefore should be preached to all.
8. We believe that all those who are regenerated by the Spirit of God are made the heirs of God and joint heirs with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation, and that not one of them will be

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lost.

9. We believe that baptism is the immersion of the whole body in water ; that the only proper subjects are described in the preceding article, and the only proper administrators are those who have been regularly ordained by a church of Christ, by the imposition of hands of a Presbytery.

10. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, to be commemorated by His followers, and that none but 'baptized believers' have a scriptural right to partake thereof.

11. We believe that the washing of the saints feet, according to the example recorded in the 13th chapter of John's Gospel, is a duty enjoined by the Lord Jesus upon His followers, and should be observed immediately after the Lord's Supper.

12. We believe in a general resurrection of the righteous and the wicked, and that the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal.

13. We believe that infants and idiots are saved through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ.