

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Nineteenth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Suwannee Baptist Association

Nineteenth Session held with Clayland Church, Suwannee
County, Florida, October 16, 17, 18 and 19, 1900.

Elder W. J. Carroll, Moderator, Live Oak, Fla.

H. C. Sealey, Clerk, Pinemount, Fla.

W. B. High, Treasurer, Pinemount, Fla.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order by the Moderator.
3. Reading letters and enrolling names of delegates.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Election of a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.
6. Invite visiting ministers and brethren to seats in the
body
7. Call for correspondents.
8. Appoint committees.
9. Fix hours of meeting and adjourning.
10. Reports of committees.
11. Appointment of messengers to State convention and
other associations.
12. Arrange for printing minutes.
13. Appoint place for holding next session.
14. Miscellaneous business.
15. Adjournment.

MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES.

1890

J. T. Davenport, New Troy, LaFayette Co., Fla.
 J. W. Grantham, " " "
 S. G. Devenport, " " "
 Z. Dees, Mayo, " "
 E. B. Mills, Laraville, Suwannee Co., "
 O. J. Revels, " " "
 J. H. Dixon, " " "
 B. D. Harrell, Pinemount, "
 W. B. High, " " "
 R. W. Phillips, Suwannee, " "
 A. Bonds, Live Oak, " "
 T. J. Kelley, " " "
 W. J. Carroll, " " "
 D. F. Ward, Hatch Bend, LaFayette "
 J. W. Fleming, Little River, Suwannee "
 W. B. Walters, Ellaville, Madison "

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

CLAYLAND CHURCH, October 16th, 1890.

The nineteenth annual session of the Suwannee Baptist Association convened this day with Clayland Church, Suwannee county, Fla.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Carroll--Text; Ephesians 4; 20 and 21 verses.

After an hour's intermission and refreshments the messengers was called together by the Moderator, sang a hymn, read Scripture, and prayer was offered by Bro. Davenport.

Letters were read from the following churches and names of delegates enrolled:

Suwannee--John Guffy.

Live Oak--W. P. Moseley and James Dixon.

Philadelphia--Jasper Sapp and J. M. Ross.

Friendship--Henry Warren and Sanford Bonds.

Pinemount--H. C. Sealey and E. K. Goff.

Mt. Gilead--S. M. Dees and J. W. Myers.

Half Moon Lake--W. N. Koon and G. B. Dekie.

Nebo--J. G. W. Cannon and W. W. Townsend.

Pleasant Hill--R. D. Turner and J. A. Jenkins.

Tiger Lake--J. O. Farnell and M. V. Millis.

Clayland--Jno. O. Bore, A. Dixon and John Parker.

The body proceeded to organize by electing W. J. Carroll Moderator

H. C. Sealy Clerk and W. B. High Treasurer.

The following committees were appointed:

On preaching—M. V. Mills, John Parker and John Ross.

On Finance—O. J. Revels, J. M. Ross and J. O. Farrell.

On Education—B. D. Harrell, A. Bonds and W. N. Koon.

On Temperance—Henry Warren, Sanford Bonds and J. G. W. Cannon.

On Missions—J. O. Ross, A. Dixon and John Parker.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—W. B. High, B. D. Harrell and J. Davenport.

Hours for Meeting and adjourning—Meet at 9 o'clock and adjourn at 5 o'clock p. m.

The committee on preaching reported Bro. Porter to preach to-night at 7 o'clock, Bro. O. J. Revels to-morrow at 11, Bro. J. T. Davenport to follow.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Bonds.

Called for letters with the following responses:

Mt. Pisgah—Brethren J. W. Carver, John Williams, C. F. Gardner and J. Williams.

Hart Hammock—W. J. Dixon and J. T. Davenport.

Bethel—L. D. Snider.

Pleasant Hill—R. D. Turner and J. A. Jenkins.

Called for correspondents from other Associations, with the following responses:

Bro. W. H. Brown—Hamilton Association.

Call for report of committees.

The report of committee on Temperance received and adopted.

Called for letters, and the following churches responded:

Rocky Sink—J. A. Mitchell and M. E. Chaney, with a request that the

Association discuss the question of Ministerial Support.

Blue Spring—J. H. Grant, and Joe. Hurst.

Midway—James Walker and Green B. Dixon.

Macedonia—G. W. Carter and A. Wilson.

Adjourned for preaching and refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Services at 11 o'clock by Bro. J. C. Porter on Missions.

After prayer by Bro. Harrell a collection of \$6.50 for Bro. Porter was taken up.

The Association called to order by Moderator, and prayer by Bro. Dixon.

Called for letters, and the following churches responded.

Rosemary—M. F. Boyett and J. D. Tompkins.

Mt. Pleasant—J. D. Slaughter and Patrick Santerfit.

Spring Hill—D. Carroll and Jacob Carroll.

Called for correspondents to other bodies with the following responses:

Eulah Association—Brethren H. C. Sealey, J. W. Carver and C. F. Gardner.

Hamilton—Bros. T. J. Kelley and T. C. Tompkins.

A resolution was offered to organize a Baptist Sunday School Convention and discussed by Bro. Porter and others, and resolved that the different churches in this Association send three delegates to meet with Pleasant Hill church on Friday before the second Sunday in December, 1890, to organize said convention. Committee of arrangements, Bros. B. D. Harrell, H. C. Sealey, D. F. Jenkins, A. J. McLeod and E. B. Mills.

CONVENTION.

1—This body shall be called the Suwannee Baptist Sunday School Convention.

2—Its objects shall be to encourage and extend the influence of the Sunday School work in the bounds of the Suwannee Association by normal instructions and the circulation of sound Baptist literature.

3—This Convention shall meet four times a year, time and place to be fixed by the body.

4—The officer of this Convention shall consist of a President, Secreta-

ty and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

5—That there be a Convention held at Pleasant Hill church, one and a half miles west of McAlpin station, S. F. & W. R'y., on Friday before the second Sabbath of December, 1890, and that three delegates be sent from each church to that Convention for the transaction of such business as may be required.

THIRD DAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Called to order by the Moderator.

On motion the report of the Committee on Temperance was received and adopted.

Call for letters with the following responses.

Mt. Pisgah, LaFayette county—A. Bell and J. A. Towler.

Picket Lake, LaFayette county—C. S. Weathersby and G. W. Sears.

On motion the report of Committee on Publications and Literature was received and adopted.

On motion the report of Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was received and adopted.

On motion the report of Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

On motion the next session of this body will be held with Hatch Bend Church, LaFayette county, to convene on Thursday before the Third Lord's day in October, 1891.

On motion a collection from the different churches for Home Missions was taken up.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Called to order the Moderator, with prayer by Bro. O. J. Revels.

By request the following brethren were excused. Grant, Dixon, Hatch, Carter, Goff and Gardner.

Committee on preaching reported Bro. Carroll to preach Sunday at 11 o'clock, followed by Bro. B. D. Harrell.

On motion the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for the hospitalities extended to

us during our stay with them.

On motion the Clerk was allowed \$10 for his services; the balance of the Association funds to be turned over to the Home Mission fund.

On motion a collection was taken up for Bro. Ward, who is at home sick.

On motion the Clerk was authorized by the Association to have the minutes printed where he could have the work done the cheapest.

On motion, after singing the parting hymn and giving the parting hand, the Association adjourned.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report: That they find no subject more forcibly impressed upon the human family than that of Education. To refuse to educate and enlighten the mind and obtain wisdom is to disobey the inspired injunction of Holy Writ that says: "Get wisdom, get understanding, and forget it not. Wisdom is the principle thing, therefore get wisdom, and with all of thy getting get understanding." "The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the words of a fool will swallow up himself." "To be wise unto salvation is Godlike, to be foolish unto death is devilish." The unlearned is unstable in all his ways. To be uneducated is to be a cipher in society. It is to be deprived to a great extent of our usefulness in the church of Christ; and of necessity must take a back seat in the congregation of the Lord. How weak and powerless we are to impart instruction to those around us. The minds of our children suffer for the want of that moral training that we are unable to give them that is such a great factor in leading them to Christ. How sad the thought that we are unable to comprehend the height and depth, the length and breadth of a true knowledge of the Gospel of Christ. In the uneducated condition of the membership of our church we find the evil tendency of demoralization cropping out, divisions, envy and strife. The execution of the laws of Christ are neglected, the discipline of the church is scoffed at. Men are sent out who teach meaningless Gospel. The fundamental doctrines of the Bible suffer in the hands of its friends, mis-constructed

tion and misapplication is the result, Sabbath Schools the hand-maiden of the Church, is suffered to languish and die for the want of a proper appreciation of its value to the Church. Then how can we teach others unless are first taught ourselves? It is with deep mortification that we have to confess that the Baptist Church has to take a back seat in point of education—all other denominations holds to-day the pre-eminence above the Baptist Church in point of education and intelligence. Their tenets are carefully and faithfully guarded while ours are not. They are educated to be always ready to give a reason for their faith. In wisdom there is strength. There is a power in education that can be found nowhere else. We are glad, however, to know that there is an increasing interest in education among our people. God speed the day when we may see our children grow up Phoenix like and become towers of wisdom and strength and head-lights in the church of Christ, and this can be only done by a thorough literary and Biblical education. Brethren, we must step up and take our position in the front rank of denominationalism—we must lead the van. The Lord will help those that help themselves. We would urge our membership a more thorough study of the Bible, and we heartily recommend to our Ministering brethren to procure such books and papers as will aid them in a more thorough study of God's word so that they may be the more thoroughly furnished unto every good word and work.

Respectfully submitted,

B. D. HARRELL, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee would report as follows: That they have had the same under consideration and find from the letters to the Association that there is none reported as having died since the last Association, for which we should feel profoundly grateful to the Allwise and Provident God. While they are no better than other brethren to live, yet God in His provident mercy has spared them through another year, we trust for a wise purpose. Brethren, let us thank God that our laborers have been spared, and let us pray that they may increase in usefulness, to the harvest is great but the laborers are few. Respectfully submitted,

B. D. HARRELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications beg leave to submit the following.
First—We recommend to our people the Florida Baptist Witness and the Christian Index, Atlanta, Ga.

Second—We recommend for our Sunday Schools the excellent literature of the American Baptist Publishing Society of Atlanta, Ga., and also, the Kind Words.

Third—We would recommend the Great American Baptist Commentary on the New Testament as the best aid in the study of God's word; Dr. Pondleton's Christian Doctrines and Distinctive Principles of Baptists; Dr. Smith's Bible Dictionary; Dr. Armitage's History of Baptist. Any of our people wishing the above books can get them by addressing Rev. J. C. Porter, Lake City, Fla. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. CARVER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report the following: We as Missionaries glory in a missionary leader—the Captain of our salvation, the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He has laid down the system by which missionary funds may be raised by adopting the plan laid down in the New Testament. Let every one give as he purposeth in his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver, and let him lay up on the first day of the week as God has prospered him that he may be ready to do his part as a co-worker with Christ. We urge the propriety, also, the necessity of each delegate representing the different churches composing this Association to submit this report to his church and exhort each member to assist according to his or her ability. Brethren, remember the dying thousands who have no Gospel. Let us arise for our Saviour and do His work as commanded. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN O. ROSS, Chairman.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Temperance have had the same under consideration and beg leave to make the following: "The Scriptural injunction is "be temperate in all things," a matter that should have a mature consideration by us as Baptist. We may be intemperate in many things to our detriment, morally, mentally, socially, financially, etc., but we regard the excessive use of ardent spirits as being the most damnable

in its effects. Therefore, as Baptists we enter our protest against the excessive use or advocacy of the traffic of ardent spirits in our christian land. We recommend a rigid discipline in our churches upon that of drunkenness of its members. Let us implore God to aid us in ridding the church of the curse of drunkenness. Respectfully submitted.

S. BONDS, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. B. High in account with Suwannee Baptist Association, Oct. 1889:		
To amount on hand October 1889,		\$22 40
For printing Minutes	\$19 00	
		3 40
Received of Finance Committee 1890		\$25 45
		\$48 85
Paid Clerk	\$10 00	
Balance		\$38 85
Respectfully submitted.	W. B. High, Treasurer.	

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Minutes	Associational Purposes
Live Oak, Suwannee County Fla.....	\$1	50	1 00	1 00
Mt. Pisga, Suwannee County Fla.....		70	1 00	75
Hatch Bend, LaFayette County Fla.....	1	25	1 00	1 00
Bethel, LaFayette County Fla.....				75
Nebo, Alachua County Fla.....		50		90
Tiger Lake, Suwannee County Fla.....			1 40	1 00
Rocky Sink, Suwannee County Fla.....	1	00		75 2 00
Rosemary, Suwannee County Fla.....		50		60
Hart Hammock, LaFayette County Fla.....			1 10	85
Midway, LaFayette County, Fla.....			1 50	
Picket Lake, LaFayette County Fla.....				
Blue Springs, Suwannee County, Fla.....	1	00		60 1 00
Pinemount, Suwannee County Fla.....				75 80
Spring Hill, Suwannee County, Fla.....				75 50
Suwannee, Suwannee County, Fla.....				1 00
Friendship, Suwannee County, Fla.....	1	15		1 00 75
Philadelphia, Suwannee County, Fla.....		35		2 00 1 90
Mount Gilead, Suwannee County Fla.....			50	1 00
Mount Pisga, LaFayette County Fla.....			1 65	1 00
Clayland, Suwannee County Fla.....		20		2 00 80
Half Moon Lake, LaFayette County Fla.....			1 25	
Mount Pleasant, LaFayette County Fla.....	1	00		75 60
Pleasant Hill, Suwannee County Fla.....				85
Macedonia, Suwannee County, Fla.....				00

Churches	Pastors	Clerks	Post Office	Baptists	Received by letter	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Transferred	Total Present Membership
Live Oak	P. C. Drew	W. L. Sessions	Live Oak	11	6	5	1	1	46
Mt. Pisga	J. F. Tatum	J. W. Carver	McAlpin	1	5	4			35
Hatch Bend	D. F. Ward	A. Jones	Hatch Bend		5	4			47
Bethel	D. F. Ward	L. D. Snider		7	7				
Nebo	J. H. Townsend	W. W. Townsend	Hatch Bend			2			16
Tiger Lake	D. D. Harrell	G. H. Dorman	Houston	1	4	1	3		33
Rocky Sink	E. B. Mills	Jas. A. Mitchell	Live Oak		1	1			14
Rosemary	Rrantford Gill	D. R. Roberts	Grover	2	8	2			33
Hart Hammock	J. W. Fleming	J. Q. Walker	New Troy		1				
Midway		G. W. Trawick	New Troy						41
Picket Lake	J. T. Davenport	W. D. Sears			1	4		1	23
Blue Spring	A. Bonds	J. M. Adams	Luraville		1	3	1		14
Pinemount	W. B. High	H. C. Sealey	Pinemount		1				14
Spring Hill	O. J. Revels	H. W. Wooly	Live Oak		5	1	2		23
Suwannee		A. Williams	Suwannee			1		1	20
Friendship	A. Bonds	C. L. Mills	Pinemount		4	8	3		38
Philadelphia	J. J. Holmes	D. J. Mills	Live Oak	12	15	1		1	62
Mt. Gilead	B. D. Harrell	J. W. Myers	Live Oak			5	1		38
Mt. Pisga	J. T. Farnell	Fowler	Lee, Madison Co	1	1	2			33
Clayland	W. J. Carroll	W. H. Mills	Luraville	23			2		83
Half Moon Lake	E. B. Mills	W. N. Koon	Mayo	3	4				42
Mt. Pleasant	E. B. Mills	E. P. Cathron	Mayo		1	2	2		30
Pleasant Hill	D. F. Ward	C. M. Bailey	McAlpin	3	8	1	3		47
Macedonia	O. J. Revels	W. H. Reddick	Live Oak	1	1	4		2	35

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STATISTICS of _____ Baptist Church for 189—

Name of Pastor _____, Postoffice _____

Received by Baptism _____

Received by Letter _____

Received by Restoration _____

Dismissed by Letter _____

Dismissed by Exclusion _____

Dismissed by Death _____

Present Membership _____

We send for Minutes _____

We send for Home Missions _____

We send for Associational Purposes _____