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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 Messengers.
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 hour of meeting and adjourning.
10. Reports of committees.
11. Appointment of Messengers to State Con. and other Ass'tions.
12. Arrange for printing minutes.
13. Appoint place for holding next session.
14. Miscellaneous business.
15. Adjournment.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.—1891.

J. T. Davenport,	- - -	New Troy, LaFayette, Co.
J. W. Grantham,	- - -	“ “ “
S. G. Davenport,	- - -	“ “ “
Z. Dees,	- - -	Mayo, “ “
E. B. Mills,	- - -	Luraville, Suwannee “
O. J. Revels,	- - -	“ “ “
J. H. Dixon,	- - -	“ “ “
B. D. Harrell,	- - -	Pine Mount “ “
A. Bond,	- - -	“ “ “
R. W. Phillips,	- - -	Suwannee, “ “
T. J. Kelly,	- - -	Live Oak, “ “
W. J. Carroll,	- - -	“ “ “
D. F. Ward,	- - -	Hatch Bend, LaFayette “
J. W. Fleming,	- - -	Little River, Suwannee “
W. B. Walters,	- - -	Stephensville, Taylor “
J. J. Holmes,	- - -	McAlpin, Suwannee “
R. D. Turner,	- - -	McAlpin, Suwannee County.

❖MINUTES❖

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1891.

The twentieth annual session of the Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association convened today with Hatch Bend church.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. J. Kelly from 2nd, Corinthians, 9th chapter, 3rd verse.

The body was then called to order by the former clerk. Elder B. D. Harrell was appointed Moderator pro tem.

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

Mount Gilead—W. P. Page.

Picket Lake—W. C. Johnson.

Tiger Lake—A. E. High, J. M. Helton.

Suwannee—Represented by letter.

Pine Mount—J. W. Rainey, H. C. Sealy,

Mount Pisgah—M. H. Burney, J. M. Tedder.

Nebo—H. F. Townsend, J. G. W. Canon.

Mount Pleasant—S. B. Glemons, J. M. Jackson.

Friendship—G. W. Harrell, C. L. Mills, S. Bonds.

Clayland—A. J. McLeod, Jr., J. O. Ross, W. H. Lamb, Jasper Hart.

Rocky Sink—W. H. Shelfer, D. L. Mathis.

Pleasant Hill—D. F. Jenkins, R. D. Turner.

A petitionary letter was received from Beulah Church, and the right hand of fellowship extended to delegate D. R. Roberson, by the Moderator.

The association then proceeded to organize by electing by ballot Elder B. D. Harrell, Moderator; C. L. Mills, Clerk, and H. C. Sealy, Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats, and were accepted by Elder B. R. Moseley, from the Beulah Association.

Called for corresponding brethren, accepted by Elders J. N. Reid, D. F. Ward, of the Hamilton Association.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

On preaching—Brethren T. C. Kelly, J. H. Medder and A. E. High.

On Finance—Brethren J. M. Helton, A. J. McLeod, Jr. and S. Bonds.

On Temperance—Elder T. J. Kelly, R. D. Turner, D. F. Jenkins and G. W. Harrell.

On Education—Brethren W. C. Johnson, D. R. Roberson and H. C. Sealy.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Brethren J. G. W. Canon, W. P. Page and M. H. Burney.

On Sabbath-Schools—Brethren J. W. Rainey, C. L. Mills and Elder T. J. Kelly.

On Missions—Brethren H. C. Sealy, Elder T. J. Kelly, and W. C. Johnson.

The hour of meeting was fixed at nine o'clock a. m., and adjournment at four o'clock p. m.

The committee on preaching reported Elder B. R. Moseley to preach to-night, Elder J. N. Reid to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

On motion, adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY, OCTOBER 16, 1891.

The association met pursuant to adjournment; Prayer by Elder O. J. Revels; Minutes of previous day read, corrected and adopted.

Letters were received from the following-named churches and names of their messengers enrolled:

Midway—James Walker.

Blue Springs—J. M. Adams, J. H. Grant.

Mt. Pisgah, Lafayette county—G. W. Collins.

Called for Petitionary Letters—No response.

Called for correspondence—No response.

Called for visiting brothers—No response.

Called for reports of committees:

The Committee on Missions made their report, which was read and adopted, see Exhibit A.

A motion to limit each speaker to fifteen minutes was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Education was received, and after being ably discussed was adopted, see Exhibit B.

On motion took a recess until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator.

Letters were received from the following named churches, and names of Messengers enrolled, to-wit:

Philadelphia—J. R. Hingson, Edward Lanier, J. H. Walker.

New Hope, Lafayette county—Eld. J. W. Grantham.

Hatch Bend, Lafayette county—Paul Hatch, J. I. Gillett and J. C. Kelly.

Halfmoon Lake, Lafayette county—J. H. Sullivan and T. J. McCray.

A Petitionary Letter was received from Salem Church, and the right hand of fellowship extended to her Messengers, Reason Green and John V. Sowell, by the Moderator.

Hart Hammock—J. R. Langston and W. W. Cranford.

The Committee on Preaching reported Eld. O. J. Revels to preach to-night and Eld. D. F. Ward to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Motion to have articles of faith, rules of decorum and the constitution printed in the minutes was adopted.

On motion J. O. Ross was placed on the Sabbath School Committee, in place Eld. T. J. Kelly.

Call for reports of committees.

Committee on Temperance reported, and after being ably discussed was adopted, see Exhibit C.

Appointed to State Convention—Elds. B. D. Harrell, T. J. Kelly and C. L. Mills.

Messengers to Hamilton Association—Elds. B. D. Harrell, J. W. Grantham and Brothers D. R. Roberson, H. C. Sealey.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to notify Eld. W. B. High, the former Treasurer of this Association, of the election of a new Treasurer and to turn over funds on hand to said Treasurer, and report to the Clerk of this Association.

On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

THIRD DAY, OCTOBER 17, 1891.

Met pursuant to adjournment, called to order by the Moderator; prayer by Elder J. W. Grantham; minutes of the previous day read, corrected and adopted.

Letter received, read and name of delegate enrolled from Bethel, Lafayette county.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons made their report. The Association then bowed in prayer and thanking unto God for sparing of His servants, and that more laborers may be sent in His vineyard. Prayer was offered by Eld. B. R. Moseley, after which the report was adopted. See Exhibit D.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools read, and after being ably discussed, was adopted. See Exhibit E.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to give a letter of dismissal to any church asking dismissal from this Association.

Report of Committee on Finance read, and on motion was adopted. See Exhibit F.

Committee on preaching made the following report: Eld. B. D. Harrell to preach to-night, Eld. J. N. Reid to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Motion to give Moderator the right to appoint place for holding next session of this Association. Motion withdrawn.

Motion to have churches insert the names of their officers in their letters to Associations was adopted.

Motion to have Association to meet on Friday instead of Thursday was tabled.

On motion the Clerk was given the right to have the minutes printed wherever he thought best.

On motion the following named brethren were elected a Missionary Board: Eld. O. J. Revels, H. C. Sealy, of Suwanee county, W. C. Johnson, R. P. Langston, of Lafayette county.

Motion to change constitution, so as to allow a Clerk to be elected outside of delegation. Motion tabled.

Motion to strike out the fifth section of constitution. Motion tabled.

On motion the Clerk was allowed ten dollars for his services. The Clerk donated five dollars of his fees to the Association. On motion the same was donated to Hatch Bend Church.

On motion the balance of associational funds (\$3.85) was donated to Hatch Bend Church.

On motion of Bro. Sealey, the thanks of this body were tendered the brethren, sisters and friends of Hatch Bend Church for the hospitable manner in which they entertained this Association.

On motion Eld. B. D. Harrell was appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon; Eld. J. J. Holmes, alternate.

On motion adjourned to meet with Mt. Pisgah Church, in Suwanee county, on Thursday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1892.

B. D. HARRELL, Moderator.

C. L. MILLS, Clerk.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

An interesting sermon was preached on Sunday at 11 o'clock, by Eld. J. N. Reid, to a very attentive audience, after which a collection was taken up for Missionary purposes, amounting to \$9.11.

EXHIBIT "A"—ON MISSIONS.

The disseminating of God's Word is the work of His churches: the New Testament, is imbued with the spirit of missions from beginning to end. Therefore to be a child of God is to be a missionary. The blessed Jesus said to the woman at the well of Samaria, after she had sipped of the heavenly water, "Go tell your friends." So He says to all His disciples, to his churches, "Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature." This is the work of his churches. Are we, as the churches of the blessed Jesus, obeying the divine command? We are not. Brethren and sisters, let us arouse ourselves and put forth renewed energy and see that every church and every member contribute what they can for this purpose.

The world is the field and we are the laborers. The cry comes from every source, "Send us the bread of life."

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. SEALEY, Chairman.

EXHIBIT "B."

Education commands our immediate attention. The educating of our children is only preparing them for usefulness and raising

them for the battles of life. Therefore each parent and each individual member of society, and especially Baptists, is under obligations to educate the young of our country. With the public school system of our State it is criminal not to give our children at least a common education. And to the young men and women of our country we recommend you to attend the Jasper Normal Institute, at Jasper, Fla., as one of the best colleges in the State. You there prepare yourselves for teaching and besides this you secure the best qualifications for business life.

Respectfully submitted.

W. C. JOHNSON, Chairman.

EXHIBIT "C."

Your Committee on Temperance begs leave to make the following report :

That the Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things, and the Bible, the great charter of the followers of Christ, teaches us that no intemperate man hath eternal life abiding in him, and therefore the sin of intemperance is of greater magnitude than any other sin.

Of all the professing Christians on earth, Baptists ought to be the most temperate in all things, because they claim to be the light of the world.

The Scriptures positively teach that heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people, and your committee is of the opinion that any member of the Baptist Church who is guilty of intemperance of any nature should be excluded from the fellowship of the church.

We, the committee, would recommend that Baptists practice the teachings of the Holy Bible in the law of temperance.

Be temperate in all things, and besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance. Respectfully,

Eld. T. J. KELLY, Chairman.

EXHIBIT D.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons beg leave to make the following report :

We are thankful to our kind Heavenly Father that through

his kind, tender love and mercy he has graciously spared our beloved ministers and deacons.

We find that not one of them has been visited by death, the past year, in the bounds of this Association.

Respectfully submitted, J. G. W. CANON, Chairman.

EXHIBIT E. SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to make the following report :

That out of twenty-three churches represented at this Association, we find but one Sabbath School reported. We would ask in the name of God is this all the Baptist Sabbath School that exist in the bounds of this Association? If it is, then your committee would further say: God pity the religious zeal that exists in the churches and Baptist leaders in this Association.

Your committee believes the Sabbath School is the hand maiden of the church when properly conducted.

The prosperity of Pedo-Baptist and Catholic Churches is mainly due to their thorough system of Sabbath School training. If Baptists would have their children embrace the true faith of the Gospel they must be educated in the fundamental principles of the Gospel ; and we ask you, brethren, where else can this training be given except at the fireside and in the Sabbath School.

It is with deep regret that your committee find a disposition on the part of Baptists in this Association to compromise with error by using union literature, because it is cheap, and because they can have larger attendance in certain localities.

Perhaps, brethren, in these localities, think they are doing best but they are not from this fact. Pedo-Baptists claim that it is not right to preach from the pulpit, those fundamental doctrines of the New Testament, that distinguish Baptists from other denominations, and those fundamental principles are excluded from the union literature, consequently in the use of union literature Baptists are permitting their children to be educated for membership in Pedo-Baptist societies your; committee beg leave to say to Baptists everywhere that such a course is abominable in the sight of God. The Baptist Publication Society proposes to give as good

terms as any publishing house in America, and we had better have a small Sabbath School with pure literature than a large Sabbath School with trashy stuff.

We earnestly recommend to the churches of this association to organize at once a Sabbath School in each church with pure Baptist literature, and mark the difference in the result in the future.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN W. RAINER, Chairman.

EXHIBIT F. REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Mint's.	Ass't Purposes.	H. Miss
Bethel	Lafayette County	1.00		
Picket Lake	" "	1.00	25	
Mt. Pleasant	" "	80	1 20	
Mount Pisgah	" "	40	40	
Midway	" "	1 00		
Hart Hammock	" "	85		
Hatch Bend	" "	1 80	1 75	50
Salem	Taylor County	75	60	
Half Moon Lake	Lafayette County	1.00	50	
New Hope	" "	1 00		
Nebo	Alachua County	75	1.00	
Suwannee	Suwannee County	1 00		
Mount Pisgah	" "	1.10	1.10	
Pine Mount	" "	80		1.00
Beulah	" "	75	50	
Blue Spring	" "	50	75	75
Tiger Lake	" "	1.00	1.00	
Friendship	" "	1.25	35	
Clayland	" "	2.00	1 45	
Rocky Sink	" "	75	75	
Philadelphia	" "	2 00	1.30	
Pleasant Hill	" "	50		
Mount Gilead	" "	50	50	
Total		\$22 70	\$13 40	\$2 25

Respectfully,

J. M. HELTON, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. B. HIGH, Treasurer,

IN ACCOUNT WITH SUWANNEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1891.

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To amount on hand October, 1880, - - - \$38 85

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To am't paid B. W. Helvenston for printing minutes, \$16 60

Balance on hand, - - - \$22 25

Respectfully submitted, W. B. HIGH, Treasurer.



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CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. This Association shall be known as the SUWANNEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

SEC. 2. This Association shall be composed of Messengers, elected by the several churches connected with the Association, each church being entitled to two Messengers, and one additional Messenger for every twenty-five members, or, fractional part thereof over fifty, and such members shall be received by the Association.

SEC. 3. This Association shall at their annual meeting, elect from their members by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall serve for one year.

SEC. 4. The object of this Association shall be :

1st. To promote unity and brotherly love among the churches.

2nd. To promote Gospel discipline.

3rd To encourage the universal spread of the Gospel and practical religion throughout our bounds and elsewhere.

SEC. 5. A Missionary Committee shall be appointed by the Moderator at each annual meeting of the body, subject to the approval of the Association, whose duty shall be to diligently inquire into the destitution within our bounds, make contracts with ministers of this Association, or other Associations in correspondence with this, for ministerial labors to be supplied to these destitutions, and report the result of their labors for the approval of the Association.

SEC. 6. This Association shall invite correspondents and visiting brethren to seats when in session, who shall be entitled to the privilege of aiding the Association with their counsels; and this Association may also withdraw from any church that may be in disorder, when the same cannot be restored.

SEC 7. The Annual meeting of this Association shall begin on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, and by appointment there shall be an introductory sermon preached the first day, and on the Sabbath a collection taken up for missionary purposes.

SEC 8. This Association shall not lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches, but shall only act as an advisory body.

SEC. 9. This Constitution may be amended only by a two-thirds vote of the Messengers present, provided the amendment be reduced to writing.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that These Three are One.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the work of God, and the only rules 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 volutary 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 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 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 feet, according to the example recorded in the 13th Chapter of John's Gospel, is a duty enjoined by the Lord Jesus Christ upon His followers, and should be observed immediately after the Lord's Supper, but, in no case shall this article be so construed as to make it a test of fellowship.

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.

◆ RULES ◆ OF ◆ DECORUM. ◆

ARTICLE 1. At the first meeting of each annual session of the Association, the Moderator of the previous session shall call the Messengers to order, and, after singing and prayer, he shall declare the Association ready for business; the first item being the election of a Moderator and Clerk, after the Messengers have enrolled their names. In case of absence of the Moderator, the Messengers present shall elect a Moderator pro tem., who shall proceed as aforesaid.

ART. 2. Each meeting of the Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

ART. 3. The moderator shall preserve order and decide all questions in debate, subject to an appeal to the body, and when speaking on any subject, shall call some member to the chair, and in case of a tie, may give the casting vote.

ART. 4. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, subject to a vote of the body.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall keep a careful record of the proceedings of each meeting, and, in the absence of the Moderator, shall call the Association to order and preside until a Moderator pro tem. is elected.

ART. 6. No business shall be transacted without a quorum, which shall consist of a majority of the registered members.

ART. 7. All members wishing to speak shall arise and respectfully address the Moderator, confine themselves strictly to the subject without asking leave of the chair, and no unkind allusions shall be made while speaking.

ART. 8. No motion shall be debatable until seconded, nor voted upon until stated by the Moderator or read by the Clerk.

ART. 9. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except to adjourn, lay on the table, to amend, indefinitely postpone, refer to a committee, or otherwise call for the previous question.

ART. 10. Any member voting in the majority may move a reconsideration at any time during the session.

ART. 11. The rules of decorum may be amended at any annual session of the Association by a majority vote of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter and Restoration.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Present Membership.
Blue Springs.....	J J Holmes.....	J H Adams.....	Luraville.....	2	1	1			15
Pleasant Hill.....	B D Harrell.....	W W Legett.....	McAlpin.....	1			5		47
Mt. Pisgah.....	J J Holmes.....	J W Carver.....	McAlpin.....	11	7				52
Clayland.....	W J Carroll.....	W H Mills.....	Luraville.....	8					82
Philadelphia.....	J J Holmes.....	W J Mills.....	Luraville.....	3	3	4	1		67
Tiger Lake.....	W J Carroll.....	G H Dorman.....	Houston.....	1					1 31
Suwannee.....	R W Phillips.....	J M Williams.....	Suwannee.....		1			1	17
Pine Mount.....	B D Harrell.....	H C Sealey.....	Pine Mount.....	6					20
Mt. Gilead.....	T J Ke'ly.....	H S Williams.....	Live Oak.....		4				33
Friendship.....	A Bond.....	C L Mills.....	Pine Mount.....	6	8	5		1	45
Beulah.....	J F Dixon.....	H W Turner.....	Live Oak.....						17
Rocky Sink.....	A Bond.....	M E Chancy.....	Live Oak.....	3	5		3		21
Picket Lake.....	R W Phillips.....	W D Sears.....	New Troy.....						22
Midway.....	E B Mills.....	G N Trawick.....	New Troy.....	5	6			1	60
New Hope.....	J W Grantham.....	Z A Legett.....	Luraville.....	1		3			16
Hart Hammock.....	J W Fleming.....	J R Langston.....	New Troy.....			6	2	1	40
Halfmoon Lake.....	E B Mills.....	U Sullivan.....	Mayo.....	8	12	2		2	56
Mt. Pisgah.....	J T Farnell.....	J L Towler.....	Lee.....	3		1			37
Mt. Pleasant.....	E B Mills.....	S B Clemons.....	Mayo.....	1			2		25
Bethel.....	Jno Townsen.....	Levy Seider.....	Hatch Bend.....						
Hatch Bend.....	D F Ward.....	Allen Jones.....	Hatch Bend.....						46
Nebo.....	D F Ward.....	W W Townsen.....	Hatch Bend.....	2			2		24
Salem.....	A Bond.....	M A Cockeroff.....	Salem.....						
Total.....				55	53	35	21	8	773

NOTE.—Received no statistics from Bethel nor Salem Churches.

—A Hint to Clerks.—Always give your name and postoffice address.

C. L. MILLS, Clerk.

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