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Skipper, D. A. served as pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, and Hickory Level, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Piney Grove Baptist Church, Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church, all in West Florida. He died June 7, 1886.

West Florida
1884

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Antioch	S. J. Revell	B. H. Franklin	Blount Town
Bethlehem	D. A. Skipper	John Harper	Cottondale
Bethesda	J. W. Johnson	J. M. Davis	Dundee, Ala.
Cedar Pond	W. H. Pyke	W. H. Pyke	Neal's Landing
Campbellton	T. E. Langley	W. M. Farrior	Campbellton
Chipola Lake	T. E. Langley	N. L. Connell	Wewahitchka
Circle Hill	J. T. Allen	W. L. Shepherd	Dellwood
Damascus	Robert Harris	T. J. Parker	Graceville
Dellwood	R. C. B. Lawrence	L. C. Messer	Dellwood
Ebenezer	D. A. Skipper	A. F. Register	Vernon
Econfina	J. E. Nixon	W. P. Gainer	Econfina
Ephesus	J. W. Johnson	J. M. Christinas	Campellton
Friendship	R. D. Burrows	J. M. Stephens	Greenwood
Greenwood	T. E. Langley	T. L. Alsobrook	Greenwood
Grassy Point	E. D. Nelson	J. J. Pynes	St. Andrew's Bay
Hickory Level	John Stuart	S. Pumphrey	Marianna
Marianna	T. E. Langley	W. J. Daniel	Marianna
Mount Olive .....	.....	.....	Ocheesee
Magnolia .....	.....	Z. T. Messer	Chipola
Memphis	J. J. White	Thos. Butler	Garrard
Orange Hill	Robert Harris	R. M. Peel	Orange Hill
Providence	W. D. Simpson	Moses Dykes	Ocheesee
Piny Grove	D. A. Skipper	Benjamin Russ	Marianna
Pilgrims Rest	D. A. Skipper	C. C. Shouppe	Cottondale
Poplar Springs	R. C. B. Lawrence	J. R. Dykes	Marianna
Rocky Grove .....	.....	W. H. Dykes	Marianna
Sardis	W. D. Simpson	J. A. Hoover	Ocheesee
Unity	Thos. S. Scott	John H. Raley	Caryville

TABLE.

MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Died.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Total.
Thos. Parish, B. H. Franklin .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22
M. R. Shours	5	1	3	.....	11	.....	73
Stephen Franklin, John Pope	1	2	.....	.....	1	1	42
Frank Bazzell, T. B. Boon .....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	1	47
W. M. Farrior .....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	47
N. L. Connell, E. Z. Taylor .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
W. L. Shepherd .....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
M. H. K. York, Thomas J. Crutchfield	4	4	.....	1	.....	1	80
{ L. C. Messer, Z. Hamilton, G. W. Messer, } { Henry Green .....	.....	1	.....	1	3	3	50
A. F. Register .....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	36
J. E. Nixon	1	.....	2	.....	2	.....	37
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22
H. Sewell, J. Lynn, J. M. Stephens	8	1	2	.....	2	3	71
N. B. Long, J. H. Stephens, J. W. Godwin .....	.....	.....	3	2	1	.....	38
J. J. Pynes .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	18
A. Pumphrey, S. Pumphrey	9	.....	2	.....	3	.....	31
W. J. Daniel .....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
S. O. Bryan .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
Z. T. Messer .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
Ira Pitts	1	9	.....	.....	.....	1	53
E. D. Nelson, George Sowell	2	1	.....	.....	6	2	40
Z. Johnson, M. Dykes, J. C. Boykin .....	.....	2	1	.....	3	1	42
John Nelson, Thomas Creamer	5	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	34
C. C. Shouppe, R. Harris .....	.....	3	2	.....	4	4	30
J. R. Dykes, G. Dykes, James Connell	8	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	33
W. H. Dykes, Z. T. Pelt, J. Y. Folsome .....	.....	1	.....	2	3	3	40
C. K. David	2	1	49
Robert C. Crofton, John A. Raley	7	2	3	23
Total	51	41	18	16	49	26	1025

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Apalachicola...	R D Burrows..	A H Cason ..	Apalachicola ..								21
Antioch*											23
Bethlehem ..	D A Skipper..	John Connor..	Varianna	M R Shores, John Harper..			1	1	6	1	65
Bethesda*	J W Johnson..	J M Davis ..	Dundee, Ala.		1	4			15	3	31
Cedar Pond ..	John Stuart..	W H Pyke....	Neal's Landing..	T A Parimore, W A Boon, W J Ford ..				1	2	7	35
Campbellton ..	F W Langley..	W M Farnior..	Campbellton ..	H H Hinson, Jr, W M Farnior ..	2			2	2		44
Chipola Lake ..	R D Burrows..	N L Connell..	Wewahatchka ..	N L Connell ..	2	3					17
Circle Hill*..	J T Allen ..	W L Shepard..	Dellwood			7					17
Damascus ..	J J White ..	T J Parker ..	Graceville	T J Crutchfield, W McIntoch, J Golden, J D Courtney	18	10	1	3	2	10	94
Dellwood	R O B Lawrence	H W Cruble..	Dellwood	G W Messer, Win Hoskin, H L Green, A N Bevis..	12	1	2		3	1	63
Ebenezer	Robert Harris.	A F Register..	Vernon	A F Register, Thomas Simmons ..					4		82
Econflua											
Ephesus	J W Johnson..	J M Christinas.	Cambellton ..	Samuel Bruner ..	7	6			1	2	30
Friendship ..	R O B Lawrence	J M Stephens..	Greenwood	Joseph Lyon, William Avery	11	1	1	2	1	1	80
Greenwood ..	T E Langley ..	N B Long	Greenwood	A Bevis, James W Godwin, Thomas L Bevis ..				1	3	1	40
Grassy Point*	E D Nelson ..	H Anderson ..	St Andrew's B.								18
Hickory Level.	John Stuart ..	S Pumphrey ..	Marianna	R J Foxworth, S Pumphrey	1	2	1			2	33
Harmony	D W Creamer..	John Nelson ..	Chipley	Joseph Garrett ..	3	15					18
Marianna		W J Daniel ..	Varianna	W J Daniel ..							9
Mount Olive*.			Ocheesee								9
Magnolia	Wm Simpson..	Z T Messer ..	Chipola	J W Bailey, Z T Messer ..			3			1	26
Orange Hill ..	D W Creamer..	R M Peel	Chipley	William W Weeks ..	8			1	0	2	36
Providence ..	Wm Simpson..	W H Nobles..	Speada	Z Johnson, W H Nobles, Moses Dykes ..	4	2	1	1		2	47
Piney Grove ..	D Creamer ..	H B Russ	Cottondale ..	N Barnes ..	9	7	6		20		30
Pilgrim's Rest.	J W Johnson..	C C Shoupe..	Cottondale ..	T J Creamer ..	2	8		2	3	3	81
Poplar Springs.	D A Skipper..	J R Dykes ..	Marianna	J R Dykes, Geo Dykes, William Chafin ..			1		1		35
Rocky Grove ..	Wm Simpson..	Wm H Dykes..	Marianna	R M Stuart, C Herring, Z T Pelt ..					2		33
Sardia	W D Simpson..	J A Hoover ..	Ochoossee	John McCrancy, O Scott ..	26	5	5	2	3	8	80
Unity	Thos S Scott..	John H Railey..	Miller's Ferry..	George Croiton ..	22	4	1		2		27
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Pilgrims Rest, Cottondale

stood approximately where the pastorium now stands across the road from the meeting house.

Church members George Carter, Wallace Campbell, Pruitt Glass and other can remember attending the school. Mrs. Margie Justice was teacher there when her younger sister Lucy Shoupe Harvell attended.

The school was closed in 1950 and the building moved to the Cottondale School for a lunch room, and the one-acre was deeded back to the church on Oct. 24, 1950.

(The old wood church was replaced by the present building in the early years of 1950. That building had no Sunday School rooms. It was heated by a wood heater. Each Sunday School class was held in a different section of the church, but all were in the same room. (sactuary) Barbara Toole)

Ministers					
Name		Date	Name		Date
D. A. Skipper		1881	C. E. Patrick		1941
Robert Harris		1883	C. B. Martin		1942
J. W. Johnson		1885	D. Archie Johnson		1943
John M. Long		1886	Charles Temples		1947
J. F. D. Richter		1889	W. Taylor		1950
Sam Williford		1895	Earl Deese		1953
W. M. Sapp		1896	R. S. Land		1955
S. W. Locke		1897	J. T. Hagler		1958
R. W. Lewis		1899	L. P. Myers		1959
M. P. Gillimore		1900	Willard Bowman		1961
J. D. Courtney		1901	J. W. Ellison		1964
W. H. McIntosh		1904	Clay E. Edmondson		1965
A. B. Wombel		1908	Pamer, Shelby		1968
J. M. Land		1911	Eugene Broome		1969
L. N. Jones		1918	H. V. Douglas		1971
Fred Hawk		1919	LeRoy Lewis		1974
J. W. Land		1927	H. E. Nichols(Int.)		1975
J. W. Kent		1925	Jerry Davidson		1975
E. S. Lester		1928	J. W. Lee (Int.)		1976
A. D. Halstead		1930	Dean Gatch		1977
E. E. Henry		1933	W. N. Snipes		1979
C. E. Nelson		1938	Davis Black		1982
Robert Middleton		1940	J. C. Johnston (Int.)		1991
Highest number of Baptisms in a Year					
Name		Year	#	Name	
S. W. Locke		1897	22	J. M. Land	
				1911	
				33	

1886
Minutes

after remarks by Bailey, Ashurst and Drew, it was adopted:

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

We all have seen during the year that now closes, the falling harvest before the sickle of the angel that was commanded to reap. That harvester has invaded the ranks of the Baptist Ministry of Florida and gathered three ripe clusters from the vineyard of the Lord. We are thus reminded that we are not always to stay here in the midst of the pleasures of the church militant, but that we are soon to pass to the joys of the Church Triumphant.

These servants of the Lord who have fallen were our beloved brethren, D. A. Skipper, A. C. McCants and R. F. Marlow.

The first named was a native of the State of Alabama. He came to Florida about the year 1865, and confined his ministerial labors to the West Florida Baptist Association.

The second named of these brethren, Rev. A. C. McCants, was born in Monticello, Fla., and received his education in his native town. He chose the medical profession, and devoted his life to the duties of that calling until the year 1874, and at the same time was a devoted christian, serving for a long time the church to which he belonged in the capacity of a deacon. Our brother came to feel that the Lord had other claims upon him, and like Matthew who arose from the seat of custom and followed his Master at His bidding, laid down his chosen and lucrative profession and entered the ministry of the Lord, whom he served faithfully and acceptably until his death in November last. His labors were confined to the church in Monticello, his native town, and the church in Tallahassee, with two or three churches in the country.

The last named of these brethren, Rev. R. F. Marlow, of the Marion Association, was called from "labor to refreshment" during the last associational year. He was a native of North Carolina, and was for many years a faithful, earnest and zealous laborer in the Master's vineyard, nor did he retire from active ministerial duties until compelled to do so by physical infirmities. He died as he had lived, in the full assurance of faith and in hope of the glory of God.

Another ripe sheaf has been gathered into the eternal garner. Your Committee feel like connecting with this report the name of Mrs. A. B. Bailey, the Secretary of the Woman's Mission Work of our State, who, after five years of faithful labor in this office, rendered by a frail body, departed to her heavenly rest on the 16th day of September, 1886. Our sainted sister, it is true, was not an ordained minister, but she was the ministry of love and consecration to the service of her Savior.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." J. J. W. PLACE, Chairman.

By order of the body speeches were limited to three minutes during the morning session.

The report on Sunday Schools was then read, and pending its adoption, Bro. Hall, our Sunday School Agent in this State, gave an interesting account of his work as an evangelist. This report was referred back to the Committee for the purpose of calling special attention to Bro. Hall's work in this department.

D. A. SKIPPER

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

Your Committee on Publications would recommend to the brethren and churches of this Association, the Florida Baptist Witness, as an organ of baptist faith and principles. We would therefore request the brethren to give it their special support. We would also recommend for our Sabbath school kind words lesson papers and the lesson papers of the American Baptist Publication Society, also the Christian Index published in Atlanta, Ga. The Foreign Mission JOURNAL should be in the house of every missionary Baptist.

R. C. B. Lawrence

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee beg leave to state that they find four petitionary letters for admission into this Body, from the following churches: Point Washington, Pleasant Hill, Green Head, Poplar Head. Petitions granted. Six churches, namely, Friendship, Hickory Level, Magnolia, Pilgrims Rest, Sardis and Cedar Pond, invite the Association to meet with them next session. We recommend that the Body meet with the Magnolia church at its next session.

Respt. submitted Wm. Bryan, Chr'm.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers beg leave to report the following: We are sorry to have to report the death of our beloved brother, D. A. Skipper. June 7th he entered into that rest which the Lord has for His people. He died, as he had lived, strong in faith and hope of a blessed resurrection. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord. We, as ministers, should be thankful that we are spared to labor on, ever ready for the summons, for we know not what hour the Son of man cometh.

Respt. submitted. J. W. Johnson. chr'm

REPORT ON NOMINATION.

Your Committee beg leave to report that Rev. Jno Stuart preach the Introductory Sermon at the session.

Respt. submitted A. Bevis, Chm'n

Report of Committee appointed to District the Association:

Your Committee beg leave to report that they suggest the road leading from Vernon to Chattahoochee shall be the dividing line East and West, and the Chipola River shall be the line, North and South, Said divisions to be known as Campbellton, Greenwood Holmes Valley and Rocky Grove Districts. Each District to appoint its own General meetings.

Respt. submitted, Wm Bryan.

The following resolution was adopted to wit: Resolved that the remainder of funds now on hand be paid to brethren who did volunteer service in the Missionary field, and after hearing many goodthings from Bro. Bailey on the subject of missions, was adopted

Adjourned— 2 P. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Moderator.

Report of Treasurer adopted.

Received from the Association \$231.15. After paying expenses of the body, the remainder was turned over to the State Convention, to be applied as they thought proper.

W. J. Daniel. Treas.

Ebenezer Vernon

E. D. Nelson
W. P. Richardson
J. D. Courtney
C. T. Anderson
A. B. Wombell
D. J. Phillips
F. C. Hawk
J. W. Kent
W. H. McIntosh
Auburn C. Hayes
J. W. Baker
Bryon Nelson
W. W. Hawk
Lewis Rhymes
Eric Grant
Robert Earnest
P. Smith
Edward Jones
Grady Weeks
R. E. Upton
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Nearly two weeks later they voted
house near Brother E. H. Man
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Baptist Church on December 2, 18
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century and the first half of the
church expansion gained such it
became and has remained the lar

Pastors of Ebenezer Baptist Church Past to Present

Lemuel Tippins
Dale Porter Everett
G.W. Underwood
W. W. ODum
W. M. Howell
D. A. Skipper
Robert Harris
W. A. Bryan