

MINUTES
OF THE
Sixteenth Session
OF THE
ALACHUA
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT
PEAS CREEK, POLK COUNTY, FLA.,
October 25th and 27th.

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MINUTES.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder J. H. Breaker; from Isaiah, 63d Chapter, last clause of the 1st verse: "Mighty to save."

After refreshments, the delegates from the following named churches convened in the house, viz:

Salem, Polk county; Tenotassassa, Hillsborough county; Tampa, Hillsborough county; Union, Hernando county; Spring Branch, Hernando county; and Pea's Creek, Polk county.

After singing and prayer, the body was called to order by Elder J. M. Hayman, as Chairman, when the delegates representing the above named churches handed in their letters, which were read, and the names of the delegates enrolled:

The delegates then proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the election of Elders J. H. Breaker, Moderator, and J. M. Hayman, Clerk.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees, viz:

On Preaching—Z. G. Seward, Joseph Casey and John Futch.

On Finance—Thomas C. Ellis and William S. Jackson.

On Query from Pea's Creek Church—Sam C. Craft, Thomas C. Ellis and Z. G. Seward.

On motion, the Association adjourned until Monday morning nine o'clock.

On Sunday forenoon the stand was occupied by Elder J. H. Breaker, who preached on the subject of Missions; after which a collection to the amount of one hundred and thirty-two dollars and fifty cents was taken up for the support of Missions within the bounds of this Association.

Elder S. C. Craft preached in the afternoon to a large and attentive congregation, with apparent good effect.

MONDAY, October 27th, 9 o'clock A. M.

After singing and prayer, the roll was called, and the Association proceeded to business.

Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

On motion, all Ministers of the Gospel of our faith and order were invited to seats with us—when Elder Daniel Stanford took a seat with us.

The Circular Letter was called for, but none received.

On motion, the meeting proceeded to the election of a Treasurer for this Association, and Brother Thomas C. Ellis was duly elected, by ballot, as such Treasurer.

Reports of Missionaries were then called for, when Elder J. M. Hayman reported his labors through the past associational year; and, on motion, his report was received.

On motion, the Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay over to Elder J. M. Hayman at the rate of five hundred dollars for his services as a Missionary during the past year.

Elder S. C. Craft was appointed to write the next Circular Letter; and Elder J. M. Hayman to preach on the subject of Missions at our next Association; and Elder S. C. Craft to preach the introductory sermon at our next Association.

Appointed as our Messengers to the "Florida Association" Elders J. H. Breaker, S. C. Craft and D. Edwards.

Appointed as Messengers to correspond with the "Santa Fee" Association, J. M. Hayman, J. H. Breaker and A. Wilson.

S. C. Craft and J. D. Haywood were appointed as our Messengers to correspond with the "Concord Association" of Florida.

On motion, resolved, That any member of our Association who may chance to be present at any of the above Associations, or at the Baptist State Convention of Florida, shall be considered as our messenger or messengers.

On motion, the first Thursday in May, 1863, was appointed as a day of fasting and prayer to Almighty God for a revival of his work within the bounds of this Association.

Resolved, That the Moderator and Treasurer of this Association be requested to enter into correspondence with Brethren in the more Northern localities of our Association in reference to Missionary operations in those localities; and, if sufficient encouragement be given, to be authorized to make the necessary appointments—and this Association hereby pledges itself to co-operate with and to sustain said brethren in this blessed work.

On motion, resolved, That the Ministers, Officers and Members of this body shall consider it their duty and blessed privilege to engage, prayerfully, with their utmost energy in collecting, through their churches and communities, the most liberal contributions, to aid in sustaining the Missionary cause within the bounds of this Association.

On motion, Elder J. M. Hayman was appointed to labor as a Missionary in the portion of country assigned him last, viz: the destitute portions of Hillsborough, Polk and Manatee counties, and report at the next Association.

On motion, the churches composing this Association are hereby requested to contribute funds, to be sent up to our next Association, for the purpose of establishing a Book Fund, that religious literature may be circulated by our Missionaries within the bounds of this Association.

The report of the Committee on Finance was called for, read and approved. (See Appendix A.)

The report of the Committee on the Query from the church at Pea's Creek was called for. The Committee not being prepared to report, asked that the query be spread upon the minutes of this Association, and that they be allowed until our next Association to make an answer, which time was granted the Committee, and the said query ordered to be in the minutes, as follows:

"Suppose a church expel A on account of a difficulty he had with B, and after it is done, B is regularly dismissed from said church and he moves away, and after he has moved away the church restores A without making any acknowledgment to the church, and without becoming friendly to B, has that church done right?"

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk have five hundred copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches of this Association, and that the Treasurer pay over to the Clerk a sum sufficient to pay for the printing of the same.

It was also ordered that the Clerk of this session have twenty dollars for his services.

On motion, union meetings were appointed as follows, viz:

With the Union Church at Brooksville, commencing on the Friday before the fifth Sunday in November, 1862.

The first fifth Sunday in 1863 with the Spring Branch Church in Hernando county, commencing the Friday before.

On motion, the Moderator of the present session was requested to correspond with the Churches in the Northern part of this Association in regard to union meetings, so by that means they may be appointed.

On motion, our former Treasurer, Brother A. Gieger, was requested to pay over to our present Treasurer, Brother T. C. Ellis, all moneys he may have in his hands belonging to this Association.

On motion, Elder J. H. Breaker was requested to preach a sermon at our next Association on the subject of "The call to the Ministry—qualifications and duties of Ministers of the Gospel."

On motion, Elder J. M. Hayman was requested to return the thanks of this Association to the kind brethren and friends of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality to us during this session.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the Church at Ocklawaha Bridge, Marion county, Florida, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, A. D. 1863.

J. H. BREAKER, *Moderator.*

J. M. HAYMAN, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX A.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that the	
Churches represented here has sent up the sum of	- - - \$71 00
The collection on Sabbath,	- - - - - 132 50
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Respectfully submitted.

T. C. ELLIS, Chairman.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICE.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Expelled.	Dead.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Contributions.	The Sabbaths of Meeting.
1. Apopka,*	Not represented.	Orange.									22		22	\$	4th Sabbath.
2. Beulah,*	"	Putnam.									30	5	35		
3. Eden,*	"	Hernando.											15		
4. Fellowship,*	"	Marion.									20	11	31		3rd.
5. Fort McKee,*	"	"											46		
6. Fort Clarke,*	"	Alachua.													
7. Good Hope,*	"	Marion.											4		
8. Indian Spring,*	"	"											30		
9. Lake Bryant,*	"	"											20		
10. Long Pond,*	"	Levy.											11		
11. Mount Zion,*	"	Sumter.											23		
12. New Hope,*	"	Marion.											61		1st and 3rd.
13. Oak Grove,*	"	Sumter.											22		
14. Ocala,*	"	Marion.											94		1st and 3rd.
15. Oclawaha Brdg,*	"	"											37		
16. Peas Creek,	J. M. Hayman, Z. G. Seward.	Polk.	J. M. Hayman.	Bartow.		3				1	40	5	45	36.10	1st.
17. Sand Pond,*	Not represented.	Levy.											14		2nd.
18. Spring Branch,	W. S. Jackson, N. Boyet.	Hernando.	A. Wilson.	Cork.		2					14		14	2.50	3rd.
19. Stafford's Pond,*	Not represented.	Marion.											24		
20. Salem,	J. Futch, E. Parker.	Polk.	A. Wilson.	Cork.	14	9			1		39		39	2.35	
21. Tampa,†	S. C. Craft, J. D. Haggood.	Hillsboro'.	S. C. Craft.	Tampa.											
22. Tenotassassa,†	J. Casey, G. Franklin.	"	J. M. Hayman.	Bartow.	1	3				1	35		35	3.25	3rd.
23. Union,	J. H. Breaker, T. C. Ellis.	Hernando.	J. H. Breaker.	Brooksville.	155	12	2		1	2	106	121	227	23.50	Each.
24. Union,*	Not represented.	Sumter.									14	32	47		
25. Wacahoota.*	"	Marion.									29	4	33		2nd and 4th.

*Total number given here as last reported from those Churches.

†No statistics of this Church given.

