

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

Alachua Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

OCKLAWAHA BRIDGE CHURCH,

MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA,

October 24th and 26th,

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The Seventeenth Session of the Alachua Baptist Association, was held with the Ocklawaha Bridge Church, in Marion county, Fla., commencing on Saturday, the 24th day of October, A. D. 1863.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder William Johnson, from Matthew, 11th chap., from the 25th to the 30th verses, inclusive.

After partaking of a substantial repast, the Delegates assembled at the Church. A hymn was sung, and prayer by Elder W. B. Miller. The body was then called to order by Elder J. H. Breaker, and C. S. Reynolds was called upon to act as Clerk, *pro tem*. Delegates from the following Churches then handed in their letters, which were read, and the names of the Delegates enrolled:

Beulah, Putnam county; Fort McCoy, Indian Spring, New Hope, Ocala and Ocklawaha Bridge Church, in Marion county; Peas Creek, Polk county; Spring Branch, Hernando county; Stafford's Pond, Marion county; Tampa, Hillsborough county; Union, Hernando county; Union, Sumpter county; and Wacahoota, Marion county.

Letters were received from the Alafia and Sand Pond Churches, Fellowship, of Marion county, and Salem, of Polk county, sent contributions, but no Delegates or letters.

A letter from Bethel Church, Polk county, asking to be admitted into the Association, was received and accepted, and the right hand of fellowship extended to her Delegate.

The Delegates then proceeded to elect officers for the Association.

Elder J. H. Breaker, was elected Moderator, C. S. Reynolds Clerk, and Thomas E. Ettis, Treasurer.

Brethren and Correspondents from other Associations, were invited to take seats with us, when Elder William Johnson, from the Santa Fee Association, came forward and was cordially received.

Visiting brethren, whether delegates or not, were also invited to take seats with us.

The following Committees were then appointed by the Moderator:

On Preaching—Brothers J. T. Hull, J. H. Herndon, John Curry, and Elder S. T. Stanaland.

On Finance—Brothers William McGahagin and John Welch.

On Queries—Elders C. B. Jones, Wm. Johnson, S. Simmons and Z. G. Seward.

Seiger On Church Letters—Elders G. W. Long, A. Wilson and A. M. Seizer, and Bros. J. M. Willis, Isaac Lanier and J. J. Kirkland.

The Committee on Church Letters reported on letter from Indian Spring, recommending the ordination of Bro. John F. Pelot, which was received and adopted, with the understanding that the Association claims no ordaining power; but that the ministering brethren, who are willing to assist in the ordination, form themselves into a Presbytery, to unite with the delegates from Indian Spring Church, in setting apart our brother, John F. Pelot, to the full work of the Gospel Ministry.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock, Monday morning.

On Sunday morning, the stand was occupied by brother John F. Pelot, who preached on the subject of Missions; after which, a collection, amounting to \$102.45, was taken up for the support of Missions, within the bounds of this Association.

In the afternoon, Elder J. H. Breaker, preached from 2d Corinthians, 3d chapter and 6th verse, on the subject of "the call to the ministry—qualifications and duties of Ministers of the Gospel."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the ministering brethren formed themselves into a Presbytery, and, after examination, proceeded to the ordination of Bro. John F. Pelot.

MONDAY, October 26th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

After singing and prayer, the roll was called, and the minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The circular letter was called for, but none was received.

Reports of Missionaries were then called for, when brother Z. G. Seward, handed in the report of Elder J. M. Hayman.

Elder G. W. Long, made verbal report of labors, performed last year, on the East side of St. Johns river.

Elder A. Wilson, also, made verbal report, of labors performed as Missionary, in Hernando county.

On motion, the Moderator was requested to appoint a Committee on Reports of Missionaries.

The following brethren were appointed as said Committee:

John Curry, Z. G. Seward and J. H. Herndon.

The Committee on Finance presented their report, which was read and adopted. [See Appendix A.]

The Treasurer's report was read by the Moderator, and was, on motion, received. [See Appendix B.]

Elder F. C. Johnson, was appointed to write the next Circular Letter; Elder S. Simmons, to preach the Introductory Sermon, at the next Association; Elder C. S. Reynolds, alternate; and Elder

C. B. Jones, to preach on the subject of Missionaries; Elder Edgar Homes, alternate.

On motion, resolved, that any member of this body who shall be present at the Meeting of the Florida Association, the Santa Fee Association, the Concord Association, on the Baptist State Convention of Florida, shall be considered our appointed Messenger or Messengers.

On motion, the first Thursday in May, 1864, was appointed as a day of fasting and prayer to Almighty God for a revival of his work within the bounds of this Association.

On motion, it was resolved to elect an Executive Committee; whereupon the following brethren were nominated and unanimously elected: Elder J. H. Breaker, and Bros. F. H. Edrington and F. Sykes.

(L) The report of the Committee on Church letters being called for, the following report was submitted and adopted, to wit: "Your Committee on Letters beg leave to Report: That they have had under consideration the letters, and find nothing claiming their attention except the petition from the Wacahoota Church asking for the next session of the Association, which we respectfully submit to the body."

On motion, it was resolved to hold the next Session of the Association with New Hope Church, at Long Swamp, Marion County Florida.

The Committee on Reports of Missionaries presented their report, which was received and adopted. [See Appendix C.]

On motion, it was Resolved, that the Pastors of Churches within the bounds of this Association be and are hereby requested to acquaint themselves, as far as possible, with the extent and wants of the destitute regions within her borders, and that they preach on the importance of sustaining Missionaries in such destitute portions of our Associational territory, at some favorable season during the year, and take up collections for the support of the same.

The Committee on Church Letters, having overlooked, in their first examination of the letters, the suggestion of Union Church, of Hernando County, presented the following additional report, which was received and adopted:

"The Committee take the utmost pleasure in the suggestion of the Union Church of Hernando County, in relation to the duties of the Churches in reference to our Soldiers; and we do most cordially approve and recommend that our Churches encourage and sustain our Pastors in devoting as much of their time as practicable in ministerial labors in their behalf. We also commend the action of the Tampa Church in her generous subscription in view of this object."

On motion, brother N. J. Trowell, Treasurer *pro tem.*, for the fifteenth session of the Association, 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, it was ordered that the Clerk have five hundred copies of these Minutes printed and distributed among the Churches of this Association.

It was also ordered that the Treasurer pay over to the Clerk twenty dollars for his services, and a sum sufficient to pay for printing the Minutes.

Union meetings were appointed as follows:

With Eden Church, in Hernando county, commencing on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in November, 1863.

With Stafford's Pond Church, Marion county, commencing on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in January, 1864.

With Tampa Church, Hillsborough county, commencing on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in May, 1864.

With Union Church, Sumpter county, commencing on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in August, 1864.

On motion, the Moderator was requested to return the thanks of the Association, to the Ocklawaha Bridge Church, and the citizens of this vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality to us during our present session.

The Committee on Queries, presented their report, which was received and adopted. [See Appendix D.]

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, adjourned, to meet with New Hope Church, Marion county, on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1864.

After singing a parting hymn, and prayer by Elder C. B. Jones, the benediction was pronounced by the Moderator.

J. H. BREAKER, Moderator.

C. S. REYNOLDS, Clerk.

APPENDIX A.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance report, that the amounts sent up by the Churches, are as follows:

For Associational purposes,	-	-	-	-	\$273 04
For Minutes,	-	-	-	-	19 00
For Soldiers' Missions,	-	-	-	-	42 27

					\$334 31
Collected on Sabbath,	-	-	-	-	102 45

\$436 76

Wm. McGAHAGIN, Chm'n.

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Treasurer's Report.

Received of A. Geiger, former Treasurer,	-	-	\$20 00
" " Union Church, Brooksville,	-	-	85 00
" Amount collected on Sabbath,	-	-	102 45
" Amount sent up by the Churches,	-	-	334 31

\$541 76

Paid to Elder A. Wilson, as Missionary,	-	-	85 00
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\$456 76

THOS. C. ELLIS, Treasurer.

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Report of the Committee on Reports of Missionaries.

The Committee on reports of Missionaries recommend that the following brethren be paid the amounts set opposite their names, for services rendered as Missionaries within the bounds of this Association:

Elder G. W. Long,	-	-	-	-	\$192 10
" J. W. Hayman,	-	-	-	-	106 20
" A. Wilson,	-	-	-	-	45 70

JOHN CURRY, Cham'n.

[D]

Report of the Committee on Queries.

The Committee cannot approve of the action of the Church by restoring A., without acknowledgments to the Church.

The Committee, in the present condition of the Country, would advise the Churches to recommend to their members the duty of rendering to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's.

C. B. JONES, Cham'n.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	NTIES.	DELEGATES.	Pastors.	Post-Office.	Baptiz'd.	Rec'd. by letter.	Members.	Worshippers.	Communicants.	Members.	Worshippers.	Communicants.	Contributions.	Times of Meeting.
1 Alafia,	Polk.	By letter,	J. M. Hayman	Alafia,	8	2	15	15	\$10 00					
2 Bethel,	"	A. Wilson,	A. Wilson	"			19	19	16 50					4th Sunday.
3 Benlah,	Sum.	G. W. Long,	G. W. Long	Wilaka,	1		19	2	21	10 00				
4 Fellowship,	Sum.	Not represented.												
5 Fort McCoy,	"	John McTerrell,	S. Simmons.	Orange Sp'g,	2	1			46	5 00				1st "
6 Indian Spring,	"	J. J. Kirkland & S. Simmons,	S. Simmons.	"	26	4	19	61	0	5 00				2d and 4th "
7 New Hope,	"	Wm. McGahagin,	C. B. Jones.	Ocala,	3		33	35	68	30 00				2d and 4th "
8 Ocala,	"	C. B. Jones, C. S. Reynolds,	C. B. Jones.	"	40	1	31	110	14	27 00				1st and 3d "
9 Oclawaha Bridge,	"	J. H. Herndon, J. T. Hall,	S. T. Stanaland	"	6	3	31	1	32	7 50				
10 Peas Creek,	Polk.	Z. G. Seward.	J. M. Hayman.	Alafia,	2	2	41	12	53	43 90				1st "
11 Salem,	"	Not represented.												
12 Sand Pond,	Levy.	By letter,	A. M. Geiger,	Wacahoota,						15 00				
13 Spring Branch,	Hernando.	Isaac Lanier,	A. Wilson,	"	26	7			2	12 40				
14 Stafford's Pond,	Marion	A. M. Geiger, J. M. Willis,	F. C. Johnson,	Micanopy,			1	19	1	20	20 00			3d "
15 Tampa,	Hillsboro'	John Welch,	Edgar Homes,	Tampa,	20	1	4	33	24	57	69 41			Every "
16 Union,	Hernando	J. H. Breaker,	J. H. Breaker,	Brooksville,	18	1	2	33	235	98 60				1st, 2d, 3d, "
17 Union,	Sumter	John Curry, R. Kirkland,	S. T. Stanaland	Ocala,	16	1	1	29	32	61	4 00			
18 Wacahoota,	Marion.	H. Haward,	F. C. Johnson	Micanopy.	2	10	3	36	15	51	20 00			2d "

NOTE—Names of Ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPITALS. Licentiate in *Italics*.