

Baptists. Florida. **OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE  
FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**  
Held at Indian Springs Church, commencing Saturday, Oct. 9th, 1847.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. N. M. Havens, from John, 12, 31: "Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the prince of this world be cast out."

2. The delegates assembled for business. Prayer by bro. R. J. Mays.

3. Read the letters from the churches, and prepared a list of delegates' names.

4. Received two new churches into the body upon petitionary letters.

5. Elected bro. R. J. Mays, Moderator and bro. T. J. Bowen, Clerk.

6. The Moderator appointed committees, to wit—*On Preaching*: Beard, Ingram and Goldwire. *On Business*: Fuller, Linton, Solomons, Marvin, and Johnson. *On Finance*: Jones, Beggs and H. Moore. *On Correspondence*: Lacy, Powell and E. G. Mays.

7. Appointed T. J. Bowen to preach the Missionary Sermon to-morrow at 11 o'clock: the brother appointed at our last session and his alternate both having failed.

8. The Committee on Preaching reported bro. Linton to conclude the services to-morrow at 11 o'clock; bro. Mays to preach in the afternoon, and bro. Blewitt to conclude; bro. Mercer to preach at 11 o'clock on Monday, and bro. Lacy to conclude.

9. Adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock. Prayer by the Clerk.

10. After the Missionary Sermon on Sunday, a collection of \$38.75 was taken up for the support of Missions within our own bounds.

MONDAY the 11th.

11. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by bro. Broome.

12. Invited visiting brethren of the Baptist denomination to seats with us in the association.

13. Received the report of the Committee on Business.

14. Appointed bro. R. J. Mays to preach the next Introductory Sermon; bro. W. B. Cooper, alternate.

15. Appointed bro. H. Z. Ardis to preach the next Missionary Sermon; bro. H. S. Linton, alternate.

16. Appointed bro. T. J. Bowen to write the next Circular Letter.

17. Appointed bro. B. S. Fuller to write the Corresponding Letter. (See ap.)

18. Appointed brethren Broome, Fuller, Marvin, Goldwire and F. S. M. Cail, a Committee to take into consideration, in full, our Missionary Enterprise.

19. Appointed brethren Jno. Broome, R. J. Mays, E. C. Walker and T. J. Bowen Messengers to the next session of the Bethel Baptist Association, to be held at Blakely, Ga., 1st Lord's day in next month.

20. Appointed brethren Fuller, Stone, Solomons and E. G. Mays a Committee on Publications,—and also to consider the objects and claims of the Southern Baptist Publication Society. On motion, the Moderator was added to that committee.

21. The Financial Committee reported \$38.10 received for minutes. Ordered that 500 copies be printed.

22. Appointed brethren Fuller and Goldwire a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

23. Bro. N. M. Havens, appointed at our last session to write the Circular Letter, asked and obtained leave to withhold the letter which he had prepared.

24. Resolved, That our present system of 5th Sunday Union Meetings be continued.

25. Appointed R. J. Mays the Treasurer of the Association for the ensuing year.

26. Appointed the next session of this body to be held with Ebenezer Church, about 12 miles S. W. of Troupville, Lowndes co., Ga., commencing on Saturday before the 2d Lord's day in October, 1848.

27. Appointed brethren John Cason, James Hart and Israel Beard a Committee to visit Shilo Church, to ascertain its condition and report to the next session of this body; also brethren A. Marvin, H. Moore and J. Walker to visit Hopewell Church for similar purposes.

28. The Committee on Missions submitted their report—which was received. (See ap.)

29. The following query was laid before the body by bro. E. C. Walker, viz: "If a man has obtained a divorce from his wife according to law, and during her life has married another, is it scriptural for him to be a Minister of the Gospel?" The Association unanimously answered "No, and it is not scriptural for divorced persons to marry again: Luke 16; 18. So that such persons cannot be members of a christian church."

30. Resolved, That the Treasurer pay over to the Clerk the Minute Fund, and that the balance, after paying for the printing of the Minutes, be retained by him for his services.

31. Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by bro. Mercer.

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32. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by bro. Marvin.

33. The Executive Committee and the Treasurer submitted their joint report; which was received. (See ap.)

34. The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts report that they have examined them and found them to be correct.

35. The Committee on Publications submitted their report; which was adopted. (See ap.)

36. As many ministers and brethren of this Association have not been satisfied with our Articles of Faith, it was agreed, after due deliberation and solemn prayer in the body, to propose the adoption of Articles of a different phraseology. New Articles were then examined and adopted, one by one, and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

37. Resolved, That we hold it to be the duty of Christians to employ all scriptural means for the spread of the Gospel in all the world; and we hold further, that the inability of men does not restrain the supreme authority of God; and consequently, that it is the duty of all who hear the Gospel to obey it and repent of their sins.

38. Resolved, That this Association request its Clerks, and also the Clerks of all the Churches in the body, to preserve a file of our minutes from time of our constitution.

39. The Committee on Correspondence reported the receipt of minutes from the Bethel Baptist Association, in Georgia.

40. Bro. B. S. Fuller reported the Corresponding Letter; which was received.

41. Resolved, That the thanks of this body are justly due, and are cheerfully tendered, to the brethren and friends of this community for their generous hospitality to us during our meeting.

42. Adjourned to the time and place before appointed. [Item 26.] Prayer by the Clerk.

Thos. J. Bowen, Clerk.

R. J. MAYS, Moderator.

N.B. The Clerk of the Association would respectfully request of the Clerks of the Churches that they report the State of the Church, not in the body of the letter, but at the end of the letter, in the following form: Baptised —; Received by letter —; Restored —; Dismissed —; Excluded —; Dead —; White Members —; Black Members —; Total —; Contribution for Minutes —; Do. for Missions —; The amount paid to the Pastor —; Time of the regular meetings; The Post Office of the Church; The name of the Pastor; and finally, The names of the Delegates.

#### Ministers of the Florida Association.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
H. Z. Ardis,	Madison C. H. Fla.	T. Lang,	Tallahassee, Fla.
T. J. Bowen,	Quincy,	R. Levy,	" "
Jno Broome,	Talofa,	H. S. Linton,	Monticello, "
W. B. Cooper,	Troupville, Ga.	R. J. Mays,	Clifton, "
R. Dubase,	China Hill, Fla.	J. W. P. McCall,	" "
A. F. Duval,	Newport, "	J. McCants,	Monticello, "
Ryan Frier,	Troupville, Ga.	M. Strickland,	Duncanville, Ga.
B. S. Fuller,	Groversville, Ga.	E. Vining,	Madison C. H., Fla.
J. Gaudin,	Okapilco, "	Geo. Walker,	Monticello, "
N. M. Havens,	Monticello, Fla.	E. C. Walker,	Shell Point, "
J. T. Houston,	Madison, C. H. Fla.	Z. G. Wheeler,	Marion, "
J. B. Lacy,	Thomasville, Ga.	B. Wynn,	Monticello, "

Ordained Ministers, 18; Licentiated, 6.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.

I. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

II. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

V. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature, by his own free will and ability.

VI. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

VII. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

VIII. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

IX. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's supper are Ordinances of Jesus Christ; that nothing is baptism except immersion; that believers are the only subjects of this ordinance; and that none but baptised believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.

X. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general Judgment.

XI. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

XII. We believe that no Ministers have a right to administer the Ordinance only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee not being present it devolves on me as Treasurer and member of the Committee to report in full as Chairman and Treasurer.

It will be remembered by the Association, that at our last session we had a debt of two hundred and eighty seven dollars after appropriating all the means in our possession. This will appear by references to last year's Minutes. With this condition of things, the Committee did not feel at liberty to involve the Association farther. But by an understanding with two of the Brethren of your body, brethren McDonald and Friar were requested to remain in their respective fields with the pledge that if the Churches did not send sufficient funds to pay off the debt then existing, and sustain them, that these brethren would. From Brother McDonald no report has been received, except that he had entered upon his work. From brother Friar a report has been received, generally, from which it appears, that he has rendered three months service.

My return as Treasurer is as follows:

Rec'd from B. S. Fuller since your last session,	\$ 32 00	Paid bro. Wheeler bal. due him,	\$83 00
Rec'd from the churches and collections,	162 60	" bro. McDonald balance due	47 00
Rec'd from an individual,	2 00	" bro. Friar balance due,	65 00
Rec'd for Minutes,	38 10	" bro. Bowen balance due,	74 00
Rec'd from an individual,	20 00	" over minute fund to Clerk by order of Association,	38 10
Rec'd from brethren Wheeler & Wynn for their churches,	13 00		
	\$267 70		\$307 10

R. J. MAYS, Treasurer.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Domestic Missions recommend, That the Association employ an efficient Minister as a Missionary during the ensuing associational year: That he shall visit all the churches within our bounds as often as he can, and present to them and to individuals, as he has opportunity, the claims of the Missionary enterprise, and take up collections and subscriptions; and make returns to the Executive Committee of the Association quarterly, and that his salary be four hundred dollars.

In order to facilitate the business of the Association, we recommend the following persons to form the Executive Committee, viz: R. J. Mays, John Cason, B. S. Fuller, W. H. Scruggs and A. Marvin.

JNO. BROOME, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

The Committee to whom was submitted the consideration of the claims of the Southern Publication Society, Periodicals, &c., Report that it is the full conviction of your committee that this Association should avail themselves of the privileges and blessings that it designs to confer upon us as a community generally, and as southern baptists particularly. As it is designed to be a medium of diffusing religious light and knowledge throughout our whole denomination, and would most earnestly recommend that the most efficient action consistent with our present condition should be immediately adopted.

We would further recommend to the brethren of this Association the following publications as worthy of their patronage, viz: The Christian Index, published in Penfield, Ga.; The Southern Missionary Journal and Baptist Guardian, published in Richmond, Va.; The Alabama Baptist, published in Marion, Ala.; The Florida Emigrant and Baptist Telegraph, published in Jacksonville, E. Florida; The Southern Baptist, published in Charleston, S. C.

B. S. FULLER, Chairman.

#### CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Florida Baptist Association, to her sister Associations with whom she corresponds, sends brotherly love.

DEAR BRETHREN: We have been happy in the reception of Minutes from other Associations and we heartily respond to their expressions of Christian regard and fellowship. We have however, to regret that we have not been met by messengers from other bodies. We feel also that the failure must have been some providence of God. We are most happy to say to our brethren that our session has been one of the most delightful character, and we trust will redound to the glory of God, and the good of immortal souls. We feel, dear brethren, that although we have not had a large accession during the past year that the prospect in future is more promising. Oh that God would give us more of his Holy Spirit and stimulate us to more activity in his blessed cause; and



may you too be imbued with the spirit of Christ, and may we all be fellow hel-  
pers in spreading the Gospel of our Redeemer, is our sincere prayer.

THOS. J. BOWEN, Clerk.

R. J. MAYS, Moderator.

# STATE OF THE CHURCH.

CHURCHES.	County & State.	Post Offices.	PASTORS.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptised.	Rec. by L.	Restored.	Dismissed	Exclud'd.	Dead.	Whites.	Blacks.	Total.	Am't rec. For min'ts	Am't rec. For mis'ns	Amount Pd. pastor	Meetings.	
1 Concord,	Madison, Fla.,	Clifton, Fla.,	J. W. McCall,	R. J. Mays, J. W. P. McCall, F. S. McCall, W. T.	3	4	0	1	0	0	14	39	532	50	10	00	28	4
2 Sharon,	do.	Talofa, "	J. T. Houston,	J. Broome, E. Vining, D. B. Stone, [Johnson,	2	12	2	0	1	0			622	00			3	
3 Hickstown,	do.	Madison ch, Fa.	H. Z. Ardis,	J. Beggs, E. G. Mays,	3	14	0	4	1	0			402	00			2	
4 Oscilla,	do.	Monticello, Fla.,	H. S. Linton,	H. S. Linton, L. G. Lamb,	0	3	0	0	0	0			371	00			1	
5 Elizabeth,	Jefferson, Fla.,	do.	do.	J. Walker, D. Walker,	2	2	0	2	6	2			701	35			23	00
6 Ebenezer,	do.	do.	N. M. Havens,	N. M. Moore,	1	2	0	0	2	0	18	65	831	50	10	00	100	00
7 Monticello,	do.	do.	A. Marvin, H. Moore,	A. Marvin, H. Moore,	0	3	0	4	1	1	32	1	332	00	37	00	175	00
8 Bethpage,	do.	Marion, Fla.,	Z. G. Wheeler,	F. Stewart, T. G. Carman,	0	1	0	2	11	1	55	197	252	00				4
9 Hopewell,	do.	Monticello, Fla.,	do.	Not represented.									38					
10 Union,	do.	Ft. Hamilton "	B. S. Fuller,	Z. G. Wheeler,	1	1	1	0	1	1			241	00				3
11 Indian Springs,	Leon, Fla.,	Miccasuki,	do.	S. H. Whitaker, J. F. Beard, L. Jones, J. Holder-	4	3	0	1	2	0			645	00	31	50		28
12 Shilo,	do.	do.	do.	Not represented.									140					3
13 Antioch,	do.	Newport,	do.	B. Hale, J. Hammet,	0	4	0	0	0	0	19	3	222	00				2
14 Zion,	do.	Tallahassee,	do.	Not represented,	0													3
15 Bellesda,	Wakulla, Fla.,	Shell Point,	E. C. Walker,	E. C. Walker,	0	1	4	1	0	0			112	00				3
16 Liberty,	Gadsden, "	Quincy,	W. Blewell,	R. Dabose, O. Fairbanks, J. Johnson,	1	1	0	0	1	1	13	00	131	00				1
17 Hebron,	do.	do.	T. J. Bowen,	T. J. Bowen, Jno. Ingram,	6	2	0	1	0	0	10	38	482	00	15	00	64	20
18 Providence,	do.	do.	M. Strickland,	Uz Wood, G. W. Phillips,	0	3	0	0	2	0	33	7	402	00	2	20	38	50
19 Rehoboth,	do.	do.	do.	D. G. Sanders,	0	3	0	0	0	0	7	1	81	00				3
20 Trouppville,	Lowndes, Ga.,	Trouppville, Ga.,	W. B. Cooper,	J. Frier, J. O. Goldwire,	1	6	0	11	0	1	26	10	362	00	25	00	50	00
21 Ebenezer,	do.	Reform,	do.	J. F. Scruggs, E. W. Solomons,	0	1	0	5	1	1	13	4	171	75				4
22 Liberty,	Thomas, "	Sharp's store "	B. S. Fuller,	B. S. Fuller, C. N. Powell, W. W. Grover,	0	1	0	5	1	1	18	1	192	00	13	25		3
23 Ocklochnee,	do.	Groverville, "	W. B. Cooper,	J. B. Lacy, S. C. Spivey,	2	6	0	0	0	2			202	00				2
Receivuturators... Baptised, 26; Received by letter, 74; Restored, 7; Disinised by letter, 32; Excluded, 29; Dead, 9; Number of whites and black not fully reported. To- tal, 1130. Four churches containing 92 members in Georgia.																		
New Churches.																		

Rec'd of Clerk \$16 for Printing Minutes.

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