PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Florida Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Friendship Church,

COMMENCING ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER, 18, 1859

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MINUTES.

THOMAS COUNTY, GEORGIA, NOVEMBER 18, 1859. THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION this day convened with Friendship Church, Thomas County, Ga. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder R. Frier, from First John III. 1. After an intermission the Association was called to order and Elder Webb led in prayer.

1. Letters from Churches were handed in and read; after which four new Churches were received into the body upon petitionary letters-of which see table.

2. Re-elected Elder Cooper Moderator, and elected James O. Goldwire Clerk. 3. The Moderator appointed Brethren Dyson, Hart, Lamb, Forest and Montgomery a committee on preaching; and Elders R. J. Mays, R. Frier, E. O. McKeown and Brethren A. B. Lawton and A. Y. Hampton a committee to arrange business. Adjourned tell 94 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder J. M. Wood.

FRIDAY, November 19.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Daniell.

4. Report on business was read and adopted.

5. Visiting ministers being invited to seats with us, Elders J. M. Wood, J. S. Baker, N. A. Bailey and W. O. Darsey accepted the invitation.

6. Correspondence from sister Associations being called for, Elders Odum, Webb and Chaudoin, from Bethel-Elder S. Sheffield from the Santa Fe, and S. J. Simmons from the Bowen, were received.

7. The committee on Preaching reported Elder Webb to preach this morning, and Darsey follow; in the afternoon Elder Daniell to preach and Sheffield follow.

8. The following committee was appointed, viz:

On Finance—Brethren D. M. Walker, J. G. Dekle and G. W. Bostick.

9. Report of Executive Committee was read and adopted, marked A.

10. Appointed a special committee composed of Brethren C. Smith, W. Blewett and Jesse Walker, on our Home Missionary operations, it being the first item of business. Said committee made the following report, viz: That Pastors make it a reguthat duty to arge upon their churches to pledge certain amounts to the Executive Committee, as a basis upon which they may act in employing Missionaries in our bounds.

11. The committee on Preaching reported Elder J. S. Baker to preach the Missionary Sermon tomorrow at 10 o'clock and Elder J. M. Wood to close; Elder

Chaudoin to preach at 2 oclock and Elder N. A. Bailey to close.

12. Appointed a committee consisting of Brethren S. A. Smith, W. H. Goldwire, W. B. Bennet, C. E. McKeown and N. A. Bailey, to co-operate and correspond with like committees that have been or may be appointed by sister Associations, and report to the Association on the practicability and utility of the publication of a semi-monthly Baptist paper in the State of Florida.

18. Appointed a committee consisting of Brethren S. C. Craft, W. Blewett, O. E. McKeown, G. W. Bostick and R. Frier, to take into consideration the propriety

of dividing our Association and report on Menday morning.

Adjourned till 91 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Elder Odum.

On the Lord's Day the services were conducted as arranged on Saturday. After the Missionary Sermon a collection, amounting to \$136.25 was taken up.

MONDAY, November 21. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator. 14. Corinth, Midway, Mill Creek, (Lafayette county Fla.) Benevolence, Picket Lake, Mount Pleasant, Piny Grove, Nashville, Madison and Finholloway Churches etitioned for dismission from our body, to form a new Association. Ordered, that said petitions be granted; and, whereas, there is reason to think that other churches, which have not asked for letters, may wish to join the new organization. contemplated, therefore, Resolved, that should any choose to do so, their action in the matter will not be regarded as discourse out that they will have the approbation of this body for doing so. [It is expected, however, that those churches which withdraw will notify this body at our next session.]

15. Ordered, that Barnett's Creek and Summer Hill Churches be granted letters of dismission to the Bowen Association.

16. Appointed Correspondence as follows: To the Bethel Association, Brethren Dyson, Lawton and Daniell—to the Bowen, Brethren T. W. Terrell, W. Blewett, C. N. Powell and S. A. Smith-to the West Florida, Brethren Bostick, McKeown and Turner-to the Santa Fe, Brethren R. Frier, S. C. Craft and G. Brinson.

17. The Treasurer's report was read and adopted, marked B.

18. The committee on Finance reported, marked C.
19. Resolved, That the tunds collected on Lords Day be equally divided be-

tween the Foreign Mission Board and Elder J. S. Baker.

20. Liested the same Executive Committee as last year-Elders Mays and Ardis, and Brothren Whitisek, Polbill and Johnson-giving them authority to fill

vacancies, &c.; and re-elected S. A. Smith Treasurer,

21. Moved, that the Moderator appoint the delegates to the Baptist Convention of Florida, to meet in Jacksonville, East Florida, on Friday before the 4th Lord's Day in May next. The following were appointed, viz: Elders S. C. Craft, R. J. Mays, H. Z. Ardis, W. B. Cooper, W. N. Chaudoin, W. Blewett, T. G. Wheeler, N. Bailey, B. S. Fuller, W. H. Goldwire; and Brethren S. A. Smith, J. L. Seward, T. W. Terrell, A. B. Lawton, W. B. Bennet, R. H. Willard, D. M. Walker, J. Clark

22. Resolved, That the funds sent up by the Churches for Minutes be devoted

exclusively to that object.

23. Ordered that the Clerk be paid \$25,00 out of the Associational fund.

24. Elder Fleming was appointed to preach the next Introductory—Elder Cooper alternate; Elder Chaudoin to preach the next Missionary Sermon—Elder Blewett alternate.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this Association recognizes our responsibility to sustain the Foreign Mission according to our ability. Nothing short of the universal spread of the Gospel through the whole world is contemplated by the commission of Christ, so that even our home efforts should contemplate this wide world.

Resolved, therefore, That as an association we will, God helping us, pray and

labor more fervently than heretofore for the furtherance of this cause.

Whereas, Our beloved brother, Elder J. S. Baker, has been recommended by the State Convention, as general Missionary for the State, to travel and preach,

relying upon voluntary contributions for his support, therefore,

Resolved, That we, as an Association, approve of the choice of the Convention,
and, as Churches and individuals, will aid him in all his labers to the best of our

Resolved, That the Executive Committee he requested and instructed to examine the report of Brother Wheeler, as to his missionary labors in the destitute portions of Taylor County, Florida, and to issue an order on the Treasurer for the amount, according to his labors, to be paid out of any unappropriated funds in the Treasury, if they deem his labers just and proper.

Resolved. That the Treasurer of the Association be instructed to settle with the Missionaries according to their several reports, through the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered to the brethren and the citizens of this community, for the generous hospitality which they have extended to the members of this Association and attending visitors.

Adjourned to meet with Liberty Church at Grooverville, Brooks County, Ga., en Friday before the third Lord's Day in October, 1860. Prayer by Eld. C. Smith. W. B. COOPER, Mederator.

JAMES O. GOLDWIEE, Clerk.

As Chairman of the Executive Committee, and the only member present, the

duty devolves on me to make the report, which I now proceed to do.

By resolution of the last session, the Churches were requested to say, in what way they pleased, the amounts upon which the Executive Committee of your body might rely as a basis for their action, so as to avoid the unpleasant predicament, in which we had found ourselves involved heretofore. The response made amounted to near \$360.00, and the committee felt themselves at liberty to make arrangements accordingly. They engaged the services of Elder R. Frier for eight months, at \$30.00 per month, for the destitution on the east and south of your bounds. This service has been rendered—the result, 58 persons baptized, and

They also engaged Elder W. T. Duval for four months' service, to supply, in part, the destitution on the west and south. This service has been rendered in part, say three months and five days, and resulted in 900 miles traveled, and 13 converts baptized. We are happy to say, the Association by this tremendous effort, is not hopelessly involved in debt, but we have a fair start for the next year -all of which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD J. MAYS, Chairman.

Floride Bap. Association, in Account with S. A. Smith, Treasurer.

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S. ALEX. SMITH, Treasurer.

THOMASVILLE, GA., Nov. 18, 1859.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that the several Churches composing your body, so far as represented, have sent up, through their delegates, S 67 25 | For African Mission Fund \$ 5 00

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Ebenezer Church sends a draft on J. M. Marvin, Treasurer of the Educationa Fund, being amount of Asa May's contribution to said fund, and when collected to be appropriated to Associational fund-all of which is respectfully submitted. b. M. WALKER, Chairman.

DECORUM.

1. At every meeting of the Association, the Moderator shall call the members to order, and the Clerk shall read the minutes of the preceeding meeting, or any part of them, if called for by any member of the Association.

2. The Moderator shall preserve order, and shall speak on points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association, when requested by any two members.

3. The Moderator shall put all questions distinctly in this form:-"As many as are in favor of (whatever the question may be) say ave:" and after the affirmative voice is taken-"as many as are of a contrary opinion, say no." If it is doubtful which side is in the majority, it shall be decided by rising and counting.

4. The Moderator shall appoint committees, except in cases of ap-

pointment by ballot.

5. In all cases of ballot, the Moderator may vote; in all other cases he shall not vote, unless the opinion be equally divided.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, he shall rise and address himself respectfully to the Moderator.

7. If any member, while speaking or otherwise, transgress the Rules of Decorum, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order.

8. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator

shall determine who is entitled to the floor, by calling his name.

9. No member shall indulge unkind remark in debate; nor shall any member speak more than twice without leave of the Association, nor more than once until all have spoken who may choose to do so.

10. While any member is addressing the Association, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private discourse among the members and require strict attention of all.

11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the

Moderator at any time when called for.

12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any

13. After a motion is made and seconded, it shall be considered in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time before discussed or amended.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained but, 1st. To lie on the table; 2d. For the previous question; 3d. To postpone to a time future; 4th. To postpone indefinitely; 5th. To commit; 6th. To amend; 7th. To adjourn. These are called privileged questions, the last of which is always in order. The first and second are not debateable. The object of the first is to prevent debate entirely, and the object of the second is to cut short a protracted debate, and bring the meeting to a direct vote, on the main question, to the exclusion of all amendments, &c.; and the object of the fourth is designed to suppress a

question with as little disrespect as possible.

15. All questions of order on appeal—all questions as to priority of business-a motion to adjourn-a motion to read a paper-a motion to reconsider, and all motions relating to the order of business should be promptly put by the Moderator, allowing no debate + subject, however, to an appeal to the body.

16. Any member may call for a division of a question, when the sub-

stance will admit of it.

17. Any member voting in the majority may move a reconsideration of the subject at any time during the then present session.

18. Every resolution shall receive two statements or readings before its passage—the first for information, and the second before the vote is taken.

19. These Rules may be changed or amended at any regular and full meeting of the Association.

20. The Moderator shall cause the Association, each day, to be opened

and closed with prayer.

21. All Queries shall be fairly stated in writing, and approbated by two thirds of the members present, before they shall be acted on.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE FLA. BAP. ASSOCIATION.

1. 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.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

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

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. 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.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only

by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

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

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never

finally fall away.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ-that noting 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.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment,

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlast-

ing, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

12. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances, only such as are regularly called, and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery W. B. COOPER, Moderator.

JAMES O. GOLDWIRE, Clerk.

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39 Summer Hill.	Thomas, Ga	Dry Lake	. Tate	. Gray		
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MINISTERS OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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	Madison,	Florida.
1. Ardis, H. Z.,	Monticello,	Florida.
2. Bailey, N. A.,	Thomasville,	Georgia.
3. Blewett, Wiley,	Sopehoppy,	Florida.
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5. Broome, John,	Monticello,	Florida.
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7. Craft, Sam. C.,	Sopehoppy,	Florida.
8. Duval, W. T.,	Thomasville,	Georgia.
9. Fleming, Robert,	Clastrillo	Georgia.
10. Frier, Ryan,	Clyattville,	Florida.
11. Fuller, B. S.,	Monticello,	Georgia.
12. Goldwire, W. H.,	Troupville,	Georgia.
13. Gray, J. M.,	Thomasville,	Georgia.
14. Lacy, J. B.,	Thomasville,	Florida.
15. Levy, Robert,	Tallahassee,	Florida.
16. Linton, H. S.	Monticello,	Florida.
17. Mays, R. J.,	Hamburg,	Florida.
18. McKeown, O. E.,	Quincy,	Florida.
19. Parker, R. R.,	Madison,	Florida.
20. Shackleford, R. H.,	Monticello,	Florida.
21. Tifton, B.,	Sopehoppy,	Florida.
22. Walker, E. C.,	Benhaden,	
23. Wheeler, Z. G.,	Waukenah,	Florida.
23. Whitehurst H	Monticello,	Florida.
24. Whitehurst, H.,	Tallahassee,	Florida.
25. Childers, W. W.,	Thomasville,	Georgia.
26. Chaudoin, W. N.,	LICENTIATES.	
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1. Celeman, G. B.,	Sopchoppy,	Florida.
2. Revell, W. T.,	Madison,	Florida.
3. Ryder, H.,	Duncanville,	Georgia
4. Terrell, Thomas W.	Madison,	Florida.
5. Webb, T. P.,	Madison	



IN COEFERENCE, NOVEMBER 13, 1852,

WHEREAS, Elder John E. Pigott, formerly a member and Elder in this Church, has lately associated himself with a Methodis: Society in this community, and, whereas, the said Elder Pigott was ordained and set apart to the Gospel Ministry while a member of this Church, and having left us and refused to give up his credentials which he received at the hands of a Prosbytery called together by this Church, they having been demanded by us, therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That we regard the said Elder, John E. Pigott, as an introder on our Church and on the Esptist Denomination, and we do hereby caction the Baptist Denomination against him.

Resolved. That we request that this presemble and resolutions be added to the minutes of the Florida Association, 1859. By order of the Church

the Church

G. W. BOSTIC, Moderator.

JAMES HARREL. Charch Clerk.