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## **Annual Session**

St. Mary's River

Missionary 1897

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## MINUTES

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Nineteenth Annual Session

OF THE

St. Mary's River

# Missionary Baptist Association.

HELD WITH THE

Ruhama Baptist Church,

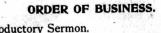
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OCTOBER 21-24, 1897.

#### OFFICERS.

D. C. Andress	Moderator	Macclenny,	Fla.
JOHN O. WINGATE	Clerk	Evergreen,	Fla
W. H. PEEPLES	Treasurer	Kingsland	Ga.

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- 1. Introductory Sermon.
- Association Called to Order by the Moderator. Letters from the Churches Called For, Read, and Delegates Enrolled.
  Call for Petitionary Letters.
- Election of Officers.
- Invite Visitors to Seats.
- Letters of Correspondents Called For. Appointment of Committees.
- Circular Letters Called For.
- Reports of Standing and Other Committees. . Queries Called Up and Considered.
- Miscellaneous Business.
- Adjournment.

the Association. The letter was read by the Moderator protem and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. J. N. Brannock and Bro. J. B. Jones for examination as to orthodoxy and correct organization.

The First Baptist Church of Port Henry presented a letter asking for membership in the Association. The letter was read and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. D. C. Andress and Bro. John O. Wingate for examination as to orthodoxy and correct organization.

After a short absence the committee returned and reported that they cordially recommended the two churches received as sound in the faith. Upon motion the churches were received, the names of their delegates enrolled, and the right hand of fellowship was extended them by the Moderator pro tem.

It was moved and carried that the rules be suspended and that a vote by acclamation be taken on the permanent officers, D. C. Andress, Moderator, John O. Wingate, Clerk, and W. H. Peeples, Treasurer.

Bro. T. E. Wainright being present, a motion prevailed that he be received as a delegate from Deep Creek Church.

Upon extending the invitation to seats to visiting brethren by the Moderator, W. B. Bennett, of the Piedmont Association of Georgia, and Bro. J. C. Porter, of the State Missions at large, accepted the invitation.

It was moved and carried that Bro. T. E. Wainright assist the Moderator in appointing the committees.

Letters from corresponding bodies were then called for, but none were presented.

The following query was sent up by the Thomas Creek Church: What is the general opinion of the St. Mary's River Association of members of the Missionary Baptist Church who will uphold Mormonism?

The following committees were appointed:

On Religious Exercises—Rev. T. E. Wainright, H. R. Stewart, E. C. Gillett, J. M. Cooner, D. G. Caldwell.

Finance—S. M. Scruggs, W. A. Ogilvie, P. Lowe. Nominations—J. B. Jones, W. C. Wilds, G. E. Dames.

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Letters and Queries—C. A. Sauls, A. E. Braddock, O. R.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—D. Sikes, W. A. Ogilvie, W. H. Peeples.

'Woman's Mission Work—J. N. Brannock, S. M. Scruggs, J. A. Thompson.

Associational Missions—J. N. Brannock, A. E. Ogilvie,

J. M. Cooner.
Sunday Schools—H. R. Stewart, J. B. Jones, Edwin
Braddock.

Prayer Meetings-J. M. Higginbotham, H. H. Haddock,

A. J. Higginbotham.

Periodicals—J. C. Porter, D. Sikes, W. C. Davis.

Missions—J. N. Brannock, P. L. Jones, Edwin Braddock.

Temperance—J. C. Porter, J. A. Thompson, H. R. Stew-

Church Discipline—D. Sikes, J. N. Brannock, W. A. Ogilvie.

It was moved and carried that all the names of the churches in the Association be enrolled in the minutes.

It was moved and carried that any church being absent from the Association more than three years be dropped from the list of the Association.

It was moved and carried that the Clerk correspond with the different railroad authorities to try and get reduced rates for messengers to go to attend the Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

We, your Committee on Religious Exercises, recommend that Rev. W. B. Bennett preach at the church to-night at 7 o'clock, Rev. J. N. Brannock at Kingsland to-night at 7 o'clock, and Rev. J. C. Porter at the church to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. WAINRIGHT, H. R. STEWART, E. C. GILLETT, J. M. COONER,

D. G. CALDWELL.

It was moved and carried that the Association adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

#### FRIDAY-MORNING SESSION.

The Association convened at 9 o'clock pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator in the chair.

The session was opened with a short prayer by Bro. H. R. Stewart. Yesterday's minutes were read and approved.

Letters from churches being called for, the Ephesus letter was read and H. H. Haddock enrolled as delegate. The Jacksonville Church letter was read and J. J. Parsons and S. M. Scruggs enrolled as delegates. The Live Oak Church letter was read; no delegates present. The Thomas Creek Church letter was read, and W. A. Ogilvie and A. E. Ogilvie were enrolled as delegates. The Ruhama Church letter was read and H. R. Stewart, E. C. Gillett, J. M. Cooner and D. G. Caldwell enrolled as delegates.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance are pleased to report progress in the great and glorious work of ridding our land and country of the liquor traffic. We heartily commend all legitimate means being used to drive the open saloon from our midst. We urge our churches to withdraw fellowship from their members who drink intoxicating liquors as a beverage or who sign liquor petitions. It is the sense of this body that Christian men should refuse to vote for a whisky drinker to fill a public office. Let us adopt the only consistent plan and vote as we pray.

J. C. PORTER, Chairman, J. A. THOMPSON, H. R. STEWART

The report, after being ably discussed by J. C. Porter, J. J. Parsons, J. W. Brannock and D. Sikes, was adopted.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the Association adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

Rev. J. C. Porter preached an able sermon from Romans i. 16, at the conclusion of which a collection was taken up

to help defray the expenses of the young ministers at Stetson University, amounting to \$8.37.

Bro. J. B. Jones made an appeal to help the young church at Port Henry build their new meeting house. The collection amounted to \$7.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

We, your Committee on Religious Exercises, report as follows: That Rev. D. C. Andress preach at the church to night, Rev. J. J. Parsons at Kingsland to-night and Rev. D. Sikes at the church to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted, N. S. WAINRIGHT, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

#### FRIDAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened at 1:30 o'clock, and was called to order by the Moderator. After a short prayer by Rev. J. J. Parsons, the regular order of business was taken up.

Letters from other churches not present were called for, and the letter from Buford Grove Church was read and O. R. Sanders enrolled as delegate.

It was moved and carried to reconsider the report of the Committee on Religious Exercises.

The report of the Committee on Missions was received, and, after being ably discussed by Brethren J. N. Brannock, J. C. Porter, J. J. Parsons and D. C. Andress, was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS:

Your committee would favorably commend the work done by our missionaries during the past year under great difficulties in destitute fields. Grit, grace and patience have been manifested, and good results obtained, considering opportunities and condition of affairs. We recommend concentration of efforts upon those points most favorable to establishing Baptist churches, the increased subscriptions

of churches to better pay our missionaries, and, pray for their work.

Respectfully submitted, I. N. BRANNOCK, Chairman, A. E. OGILVIE. I. M. COONER.

The appeal of Bethany Church was taken up, as follows: "Dear Brethren, we apply to you for advice and also a settlement of a matter between this church and our sister church, Mt. Olive, as we have done all we can to reach a settlement in 'this matter and have failed to do so." Rev-D. C. Andress made a statement in this matter, and upon motion it was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, report as follows: We recommend that the next Association meet with the Thomas Creek Church, Duval county, Fla., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1898; that Rev. D. Sikes preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 o'clock A. M.; that Rev. J. J. Parsons preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock A. M., and we name as the Executive Committee the following brethren: A. E. Ogilvie, L. L. Jones, J. B. Jones, T. J. Wingate, H. R. Stewart, H. H. Haddock, J. D. Chalker, Paul Lowe, Nathan Hunt, L. W. Guernsey, W. C. Wilds, C. A. Young, F. W. Simmons.

> Respectfully submitted. J. B. JONES, Chairman, W. C. WILDS, G. E. DAMES.

The report was discussed by A. E. Ogilvie, G. E. Dames, S. M. Scruggs, W. C. Wilds and J. J. Parsons, as to whether the Association meet on Friday, as recommended by the committee, or meet on Thursday as heretofore. It was decided to meet on Friday, at 9 o'clock sharp, and the report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES. We, your Committee on Religious Exercises, report as follows: That Rev. J. J. Parsons preach at the church tonight, Rev. D. Sikes at Kingsland to-night, and Rev. D. C. Andress at the church to-morrow at II A. M.

H. R. STEWART, D. G. CALDWELL, E. C. GILLETT, J. M. COONER.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

We cannot over-estimate the value of wholesome religious literature in our homes. This is a reading age, and our people are going to read whatever comes to their hands. It is a sad thing to find that the only reading matter in many of our Christian homes is the dime novel or perhaps the county newspaper.

A home without a religious newspaper or periodical is sally lacking in the necessities to the great Christian growth and development. We, as Florida Baptists, have a strong, live paper in the Florida Baptist Witness, and we urge all our people to subscribe for and read it. It is the only medium of communication between us as Florida Baptists, and it is impossible for us to keep posted on our State denominational work without it. We recommend that all our members take and read the Florida Baptist Witness, also the Florida Missionary Journal and Home Field. For our Sunday schools we recommend the Convention series published at Nashville, Tenn., by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. C. PORTER, Chairman, D. SIKES,

W. C. DAVIS.

After being discussed by J. C. Porter, D. C. Andress, S. M. Scruggs, J. J. Parsons, J. N. Brannock and D. Sikes, the report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF DISCIPLINE.

Your committee reports, upon information received through letters from churches, a good state of discipline, with one exception—Bethany Church and Mt. Olive. In regard to this matter we would say that, according to the customs of the Baptists, members received into a church upon profession of faith in Christ and by baptism, are members of such church; therefore, said members are out of order in joining Mt. Olive Church without letters from Bethany Church, as they are naturally members of that church, and are so regarded by your committee. We recommend that Mt. Olive rescind her action in receiving said members, she being clearly interror, and exercise more wisdom in future in such matters, that the cause of Christ be not blamed.

J. N. BRANNOCK, Chairman, D. SIKES, W. A. OGILVIE.

After being discussed by W. C. Wilds, J. C. Porter, W. B. Bennett, S. M. Scruggs, J. J. Parsons, J. N. Brannock and J. B. Jones, the report was adopted.

The report on Christian education was then taken up, and, after being discussed by J. J. Parsons and D. Sikes, was adopted.

[This report was not turned over to the Clerk.] Adjourned till Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

#### SATURDAY-MORNING SESSION

The Association convened at 9 o'clock and was called to order by the Moderator. Rev. J. N. Brannock offered a short prayer. Yesterday's minutes were read, and, after a few corrections, were approved.

Letters from other churches were called for, but none were presented.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, make the following report of our transactions during the year:

· We employed Rev. D. Sikes part of the time. Days of labor, 54; miles traveled, 1,570; sermons preached, 56;

family visits, 45; baptized, 5; Sunday schools addressed, 3; collected, \$11.28; for which we paid him \$60.

We employed Rev. D. C. Andress for twelve months. He reports that great interest has been manifested in all of the meetings. Sermons preached, 24; miles traveled, 827; prayer meetings held, 16; funerals preached, 2; baptized, 4; collected, \$5.80; for which we paid him \$59.40.

We also employed Rev. J. A. Thompson part of the time. He reports that good meetings have been held in all of his appointments. He preached to the Buford Grove Church, and reports that 27 have been added to the church and two are awaiting baptism. The Board has paid him \$27, \$5 to the First Baptist Church of Port Henry and \$3 to A. E. Ogilvie for postage and services rendered. Received during the year, \$180.46; paid missionaries, \$154.40; balance on hand, \$26.06.

A. E. OGILVIE, Secretary-Treasurer.

After being discussed by D. Sikes, D. C. Andress. J. N. Brannock and A. E. Ogilvie, the report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

We, your Committee on Religious Exercises, report as follows: We recommend that Rev. D. Sikes preach at the church to-night, Rev. D. C. Andress at Kingsland, Bro. S. M. Scruggs lead the devotional exercises at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning and Rev. J. N. Brannock preach the missionary sermon at 11 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. WAINRIGHT, Chairman,

H. R. STEWART,

J. M. COONER,

E C. GILLETT,

D. G. CALDWELL.

The report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

Your Committee on Prayer Meetings find that several of our churches report from their letters that they have good prayer meetings. We think that it is an important thing to have in a church, and we also think they ought to have a prayer meeting by all means in every church in this Association, that our churches may be spiritually strong.

J. M. HIGGINBOTHAM, Chairman, H. H. HADDOCK, A. J. HIGGINBOTHAM.

The report was adopted.

The hour for preaching services having arrived, the Association adjourned its business until 1:30 o'clock P. M.

Rev. D. C. Andress preached an able sermon from Acts

#### SATURDAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened at 1:30. Bro. A. E. Braddock offered a short prayer.

The yearly report of the Woman's Aid and Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, from

October, 1896, to October, 1897, was received.

Ten meetings of the society were held during the year, at which the studies of mission fields presented by the Baptist Witness have been followed and found to be most helpful and inspiring. Receipts and disbursements have been as

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Christmas gift to China	\$ 7	00	
Christmas gift to China	6	75	
Cuban girls' school	10	00	
State work, Tampa	10	00	
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aries in State of Florida	120	-	
Total	\$159	75	
Paid for church organ	229	00	
Cleaning church	10	00	
Cleaning church	. 25	00	
St. Luke's Hospital	45	00	
	100	-	

Total raised for all purposes during year ......\$468 75 MRS. H. C. STRAWN, Secretary.

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In connection with this report the report of the Committee on Woman's Work was presented.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee report that only one church in the Association in Jacksonville has a Woman's Missionary Society, against three reported last year. We do not know the reason for such decrease, but would suggest that, so far as possible, there be a society organized in every church, as it is a field in which the possibilities are very great for furthering Christ's cause.

J. N. BRANNOCK, 'S. M. SCRUGGS, J. A. THOMPSON.

Upon motion the two reports were then adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Realizing that the truth of missions lies nearest God's great heart, your committee would bring to the attention of our churches the great need of having our hearts beat in truer sympathy with His own in fulfilling the great commission, realizing that the salvation of souls for whom Christ died is obedience to Him in all things, to this end we recommend to our pastors the regular preaching on missions at intervals during the year, and systematic collections for foreign, State and home missions. The only hope for the world and the church is the coming of Christ. This can be spread by evangelization of the world. We urge attention to our home missions. Let us go forward and push into and develop the neglected regions of our home land where the gospel is so sadly needed. Good work has been done in the past year. Let us urge prayer for wisdom and guidance, that great results may be manifested in the coming year.

J. N. BRANNOCK, Chairman, P. L. JONES, EDWIN BRADDOCK.

The report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, y	our Cor	nmittee	on	Finance,	beg	leave	to	make	the
following						vi vi			

Received for minutes	10 65
For Association missions	3 75
For Association funds	15 17
For home missions	5 50

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. SCRUGGS, Chairman,
W. A. OGILVIE,
PAUL LOWE.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons find that through the mercy of God all of our ministers and deacons have been spared except Bro W. J. Caldwell, who passed away October 31, 1896, and for this we thank God and take courage from the great love which He has bestowed upon us. To the bereaved family of Bro. Caldwell and to the Ruhama Church we extend our heartfelt sympathy. But we rejoice in the hope that their loss is his eternal gain, and we ask that a page in our minutes be draped in mourning and subscribed to his memory.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. PEEPLES, Chairman,
D. SIKES,
W. A. OGILVIE.

The report was adopted.

An appeal was made by Bro. W. A. Ogilvie in behalf of old Brother Keif, and a collection was taken up for him, amounting to \$6.25.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON QUERIES.

We, your committee, find but one query sent up to the Association, and that is from the Thomas Creek Church,

which we think is of great importance and should be duly considered by this Association: "What is the general opinion of the St. Mary's River Association of members of the Missionary Baptist Church who will uphold Mormonism?"

Also, your committee presents one query: "Is it necessary to have a prayer meeting for the spiritual life of a church?

C. A. SAULS, Chairman, A. E. BRADDOCK, O. R. SANDERS.

The first query was taken up and discussed by S. M. Scruggs, W. A. Ogilvie, D. Sikes, J. N. Brannock, D. C. Andress and E. Roberts. Then the following resolution was offered by Rev. J. N. Brannock:

Resolved, by the St. Mary's River Missionary Baptist Association, That we regard Mormonism as contrary to the law of God, that its transactions are false, and that we urge our churches to refuse the use of their buildings for any such purpose; and be it further

Resolved, That any member holding such views is not regarded as a fit subject for a Baptist Church.

This resolution was adopted.

The second query was taken up and discussed by S. M. Scruggs, D. Sikes and Wash Peeples, and the following resolution was offered by Rev. J. N. Brannock:

Resolved, by the St. Mary's River Association, That no church can maintain its spiritual life without a prayer meeting where it is possible to maintain one, and that prayer is the true Christian's vital breath, and private prayer must be maintained if spirituality is expected to exist.

The resolution was adopted.

The following resolution of thanks was presented by S. M. Scruggs and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters of Ruhama Church, and the friends of the community, for the kind and hospitable treatment received at their hands.

Rev. N. S. Wainright moved that the Clerk be paid \$10

for his services, which was amended by Rev. D. Sikes that he be paid \$7. The amendment prevailed,

Upon motion of Rev. N. S. Wainright, the Clerk was instructed to draw on the Treasurer to pay for the minutes, after using the money sent up by the churches for that purpose. Also to draw on the Treasurer for his salary.

Upon motion the Treasurer was added to the Executive Committee.

Upon motion T. É. Wainright was placed on the Executive Committee.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Thomas Creek Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1898, at 9 o'clock sharp.

D. C. ANDRESS, Moderator.

JOHN O. WINGATE, Clerk.

#### SUNDAY SERVICES.

At 9 A. M. prayer service, led by Bro. S. M. Scruggs. At 11 A. M. sermon by Rev. J. N. Brannock, from Mark vi. 37: "Give ye them to eat." Missionary contribution, \$10.89.

At 2 P. M. sermon by Rev. W. Langston from Mark xii.

10: "Christ the Chief Corner Stone."

Sacred to the Memory

OF

# Va. 3. Caldwell,

Deacon of Ruhama Church.

DIED OCTOBER 30th, 1896.

Requiescat in Pace.

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#### CONSTITUTION

...OF THE...

## St. Mary's River Missionary Baptist Association.

#### PREAMBLE.

In view of the increase of fraternal love, knowledge, usefulness and efficiency which must accrue from an association of churches in cordial union upon the principles of the Gospel, we now seek to be thus united, that by individual and collective action we may subserve the great objects of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called the St. Mary's

River Baptist Association.

ART. 2. It should be composed of such churches as hold to the doctrine of human depravity, the atonement of Christ, the election unto eternal life, regeneration and the perseverance of the saints, baptism by immersion, administered to none but professed believers, and the Lord's Supper, intended for those only who have been regularly admitted into the visible church.

ART. 3. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

ART. 4. We believe in only one true and living God, and

that there are three persons in the Godhead.

ART. 5. We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments to be the only rule of faith and practice, both in the concerns of religion and the general affairs of life, and particularly in transacting the affairs of our churches.

ART. 6. We believe the Church of Christ to be a con-

CHURCH MEETINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

CHURCH.

Current Expenses, Pastor's Salary, etc.

Church Building and Repairing.

State Missions.

Home Missions.

Associational Missions.

Foreign Missions.

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