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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

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HELD WITH

APOPKA BAPTIST CHURCH,

APOPKA, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SEPT. 29, 30, AND OCT. 1, 1882.

OFFICERS:

ELDER S. F. GOVE, MODERATOR, - - - - - - - Longwood, Fla.

E. CARROL CULPEPPER, CLERK, - - - - Geneva, Fla.

J. M. BLITCH, TREASURER, - - - - - - ORLANDO, FLA.

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Executive Committee.

Elder R. W. Lawton	
Elder S. F. Gove	Longwood.
W. B. Culpepper	Geneva.
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J. R. A. Tucker	Anonka
M. A. Stuart	Orland
J. M. Blitch	Umatilla
J. M. Owens	Umatina.

Order of Business.

1. Introductory sermon.

2. Read letters from churches.

3. Elect officers.

4. Petitionary letters.

5. Invite visiting brethren to seats.

6. Letters of correspondence.

7. Appointment of special committees.

8. Reports of standing committees.

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10. Appointment of standing committees.

11. Report of special committees.

12. Miscellaneous business.

MINUTES.

APOPKA, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, September 29th, 1882.

The Wekiva Baptist Association convened with Apopka Baptist church, of Apopka City, Florida, September 29th, 1882.

In the absence of Elder G. M. T. Wilson, the appointee, Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, by request, preached the Introductory Sermon from Matt. 13th, 31st, 32nd and 33rd verses, after which adjourned to meet at 230 o'clock P. M.

At 2 30 o'clock the delegates assembled in the house and were called to order by Elder H. F. Gove, former Moderator. Prayer was offered by Elder J. H. Hayman.

Letters from thirteen churches were then read and the names of messengers enrolled.

The body was then permanently organized by electing Elder S. F. Gove, Moderator, E. Carroll Culpepper, Clerk.

Visiting brethren of the same faith and order were invited to seats, and accepted by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the State Board of Missions, and Editor of the Florida Department of THE CHRISTIAN INDEX, T. J. Prince and R. H. Kendrick.

Called for petitionary letters and received letters from Crabgrass and Arkana churches, which were received, and the Moderator, in behalf of the Association, extended the right hand of fellow-

ship and their messengers took their seats.

The following committees were then appointed by the Modera-

On Preaching J. L. Stuart, T. C. Darby, A. J. Lockhart, S. A. Dunaway and M. A. Stuart.

On Letters and Queries—J. H. Hayman, W. P. Lassiter, P. B. Jaudon, J. L. Stuart, J. R. A. Tucker.
On Finance—W. T. Denham, T. C. Darby, C. P. Cummings, W.

On Publication-J. W. Savage, A. Tyndal, S. W. Corley, C. T. McQuig, J. R. Rodgers.

On State of Churches—D. L. Kendrick, L. J. Grier, J. R. A. Tucker, J. J. Higginbotham, S. A. Dunaway.
On Temperance—J. W. Watson, W. T. Denham, P. B. Jaudon, M. A. Bluart, R. H. Cook.

On Decensed Ministers and Deacons-R. W. Lawton, A. Tyndal, J. H. Hayman, D. L. Kendrick, W. J. Watson.
On Bunday Echools—J. T. B. Mays, R. W. Lawton, L. J. Grier,

W. H. Locke, C. B. Cummings.
On Missions R. W. Lawton, A. J. Barber, H. J. Lockhart, C.

F. McQuig, J. S. Wilson.

On motion, Rev. W. N. Chaudoin addressed the body in the interest of THE CHRISTIAN INDEX, when the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock A. M. Saturday.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 30th, 1882.

Prayer meeting conducted by brother C. P. Cummings.

Business resumed at 9 o'clock A. M. by reading and confirming

minutes of the first day's proceedings.

Called for petitionary letters and received from Bethlehem Baptist church, of Volusia county, a letter asking admission, which was granted and received in full fellowship by the Moderator extending the right hand to the messengers, who then took their seats.

On motion, the body adjourned for preaching, to meet at 2:30 o'clock P. M. Prayer was offered by J. F. B. Mays, D. D.

At 11 o'clock Dr. J. F. B. Mays preached a chaste and elegant sermon to an attentive congregation from Romans, 12th chap., 1st verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by W.

Minutes of the morning session read and adopted.

Invitation extended to visiting brethren and accepted by Rev. A. L. Farr, of DeLand.

By request of Elder R. W. Lawton, that he be relieved, and Rev. W. N. Chaudoin be requested to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sunday morning.

On motion, J. M. Blitch was re-elected Treasurer of the Associ-

ation by acclamation.

On motion of Dr. J. F. B. Mays, the same relation be sustained as heretofore be reen the Association and the State Board of Missions.

Reports of the committees received and adopted.

Report on Letters and Queries.

Your Committee beg leave to report that we see but one (Lake Harney) church asking for the next session of the Association, and we recommend that the next session be held with Lake Harney Baptist church. Respectfully submitted.

J. H. HAYMAN, Chairman.

Report on Publications.

Your Committee on Publications would earnestly recommend the careful study of the Word of God; after which we would urge the united support of The Christian Index, Kind Words, and Foreign Mission Journal. For many reasons, we deem it best for us and most practical to unite all our strength for the present in supporting these papers. J. W. SAVAGE, Chairman.

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

Your Committee ask leave to report that it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst since our last session, our much loved brother, Elder G. C. Powell, and Deacon M. M. Simmons, of Apopka church. Respectfully submitted.

R. W. LAWTON, Chairman.

Report on State of Churches.

Your Committee ask to report that with some exceptions they find the Land has blessed His members with the outpouring of His spirit, and most humbly pray that His blessings may be continued. We that there is one or two of the churches, New Salem and Harmmy, from accounts given, somewhat disordered. D. L. KENDRICK, Chairman. Haspactfully submitted.

on motion, a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator in inquire after the condition of these churches, viz: New Salem and Harmony, reported in disorder, and render such assistance as they can to restore them to order. The following committee were appointed:

Harmony Church-R. W. Lawton, J. R. A. Tucker, and S. F

Now Halom Church A. Tyndal, W. R. Locke, and S. F. Gove.

Report on Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance beg to report: It seems that in view of the probibition in God's Word against the use of intoxiunting thing, and of the consequence attending its use, it would and he necessary for us over to report upon this subject. But the use, or rather the abuse of ardent spirits is so wide-spread, the consequences resulting so alarming, that every citizen, patriot, and espedally every follower of Christ must make war upon it. The Christian especially, for the enemy of souls uses no more deadly wea-Let the Church of God join everywhere in a holy war upon the enemy of our neighbor, country, and the cause of our Re-

Respectfully submitted. W. J. WATSON, Chairman.

Report on Sunday-Schools.

Your Committee to whom was referred the report on Sunday-

nahools, submit the following report;

We know of no special work being accomplished in this department during this year that has closed. Your committee would respectfully suggest that a Sunday-school Missionary and Colporfor be secured for the field, and be requested to visit each church, and any inviting point, and organize a school at such places, and supply each school with all necessary papers and books.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. B. MAYS, Chairman.

Committee on Preaching.

We, the Committee on Preaching ask to report that we appoint brother J. H. Hayman to preach the next Introductory Sermon, alternate G. M. T. Wilson. Brother J. F. B. Mays to preach the next Missionary Sermon, alternate, brother S. F. Gove.
A. J. LOCKHART, Chairman.

Report on Missions.

Your Committee on Missions would report as follows: The better we become acquainted with the condition of our section of country the more do we see and feel the necessity of putting forth every effort looking to the evangelization of the people. Something has been done in this direction through the instrumentality of our Missionaries, brethren S. F. Gove and G. M. T. Wilson, the past year, which should encourage us to renew our efforts, and we recommend that this body request each church in its bounds to take up a collection for missions once every three months during the next year.

Respectfully submitted.

.R. W. LAWTON, Chairman,

The following resolution, offered by brother J. F. B. Mays, was

Resolved, That every church in the Association be urgently requested to organize a Woman's Missionary Society, and that each pastor is urged to bring this matter prominently before each

On Finance.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that we have received from the several churches the following amounts:

CHURCHES,	Minutes.	Missions.	Association purposes.
Bethel Antioch Pleasant Cove Damascus Live Oak, Sumter county New Hope	1 50		3 40 1 75 1 30 75
Pine Grove ConcordApopka	1 50	2 50	1 75 5 00
Macedonia Lake Harney Orange Grove	1 50		9 00 3 50 5 25
Live Oak Crab Grass Arkana			5 25 2 75
Bethlehem	50	50	8 60
Grand total	\$7 25		\$50 30 \$66 7 5

Respectfully submitted. W. T. DENHAM, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

J. M. Blitch, Treasurer of the Wekiva Association, in account with said Association:

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To amount received from Finance Committee	\$66	75
To amount collected on pledges.	24	

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By amount paid W. N. Chaudoin, Treasurer State	
Board	60
By amount paid for Minutes	00
Hy amount paid Clerk 10	00
Totals	60-#91-60
Respectfully submitted	
J. M. BLITCH, T	reasurer.

MINUTES.

Report of State Board of Missions to Wekiva Association,

DEAR BRETHREN: Your action a year ago, proposing to do your mission work through the State Convention, was reported by myself to the Board of Missions, and also the result of my consultation with your Executive Committee, and the Board commissioned brother S. F. Gove and brother G. M. T. Wilson, the latter to work in the western part of the Association, and proposed to pay them \$160.00, that is, to pay brother Gove \$25.00 a quarter, and brother Wilson \$15.00, which sums were paid them promptly the first and second quarters and part only for the third quarter, homeon of a falling off of receipts.

We received from the Treasurer of your body, as his report will allow, \$74.17, and since that time, I have received on pledges made at the last Association, \$24.85, making \$99.02. You will see from this statement that the receipts so far, fall short by \$60.00 of our obligations for mission work done in your Association. We hope you will help to pay this sum.

The reports of the Missionaries, as best we can make it from

that quarterly reports, is this:

thather those preached 168 sermons; addresses, 15; supplied 5 churches and 0 other stations; baptized 16; restored 6; received by latter 0; traveled 2,536 miles; commenced 2 meeting-houses; alded in ordaining I deacon; made at least 325 religious visits; distributed 37 hibles | secured several subscribers to THE INDEX, and there were converted in connection with his labors, but not baptized by him, a.

ftrother Wilson has reported for only three quarters. The following work is for only two quarters as he is not present to give us

the data

Churches supplied 2, other stations 4; sermons, 38; addresses, 2; Sunday-schools, 2: religious visits, 35; miles traveled, 500; Bibles distributed, 1; meeting house commenced, 1; assisted in the ordination of one Deacon.

Shouldjit be your pleasure to work through the Conventionwe will. with our limited means and in concurrence with your Executive Committee, do the best we can for you, and will do that whether you co-operate or not. W. N. CHAUDOIN,

Cor. Sec. and Treas. of S. B. of Missions.

The following subscriptions were given at the Wekiva Association for State Missions:

Apopka church \$15.00, paid \$5.00; Bethel church, \$10.00; Antioch church, \$10.00; Pleasant Grove church, \$1.00, paid; Lake Harney church, \$5.00; Pine Grove Church, J. R. A. Tucker, \$1.00, paid; Live Oak church, \$5.00; Macedonia church, \$1.00, paid; Orange Grove church, \$10.00; Bethlehem church, \$4.00, Arkana

church, \$2.00; S. W. Coile, half for ministerial education, \$5.00

On motion, that twenty-five dollars be appropriated for printing minutes, and ten dollars be paid to Clerk for his services.

On motion, four general meetings were appointed for the ensuing year, to be held with the following churches, commencing on Friday morning before the Sabbath designated:

Bethel church—Fifth Sunday in October, 1882.

Orange Grove church—Fifth Sunday in December, 1882.

Macedonia church—Fifth Sunday in April, 1883.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and they are hereby, tendered the brethren and friends of Apopka, for their hospitality in entertaining the delegates and visitors in attendance at this meeting Preaching Saturday night by Rev. A. L. Farr, of DeLand. Text:

John, 3d chapter, 2d and 3d verses.

SUNDAY'S EXERCISES.

Sunday-school at 9 o'clock, A.M. After which services were conducted by Elder W. N. Chaudoin, who preached a most interesting sermon from the 14th verse, last chapter of Isaiah.

A collection was taken up for missions in the bounds of this Association.

At 3 o'clock, P.M., Elder W. N. Chaudein spoke to the children.

Preaching Sunday night by Rev. A. L. Farr,

A hymn was sung and the parting hand was given. Prayer was offered by J. F. B. Mays, DD., when the Association adjourned to meet with Lake Harney church, at Geneva, Orange county, on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1883.

ELDER S. F. GOVE, Moderator.

E. CARROLL CULPEPPER, Clerk.

Names of Ministers and their Post-offices.

J. W. Savage	
A. Tvndal	Oveida.
A. Tyndal W. J. Watson G. M. T. Wilson	Pine Castle.
G. M. T. Wilson	Okahumkie.
S. F. Gove	Qveida.
Licentiate: D. L. Kendrick	West Apopka.

CONSTITUTION OF WEKIVA ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Wekiva Baptist Association, which shall have the privilege of engaging in benevolent operations for the purpose of advancing the Redeemer's kingdom and the furtherance of Christ's glory on earth. In this the churches and individual members are left free, and the giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship.

The Association shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, nor infringe any of their internal rights, but shall merely be considered an advisory council in all matters relating to their internal concerns. Nevertheless, it becomes neccasary in some cases to have a uniform rule of procedure, viz.: If me church commits an offense against another it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction; if she fall of success she shall call in the aid of two or more churches in in the opinion of the helps thus called, it be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits. If a serious difference should arise in an individual church which, upon due labor, cannot be reconciled, she shall call in aid from two or more churches to assist in the work, and if a reconciliation be not effected, the helps so called, or the church, may bring the case before the Association to be acted upon according to its merits, but the Association shall take no notice of any case of the above kind unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of the church discipline, as found in the Scriptures of the New

ART. 4. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from her union which shall violate the constitution or shall depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

ART. 5. Each church in our union shall send to every annual session of the Association written communications, specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, the number of white male, white females, and colored members, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored or deceased, since the last session, which shall be read and minu-

ART. 6. Every church in this union shall be entitled to two delcrates. Should any church fail to represent herself she shall state her reason in her next letter to the Association.

Aur. 7. New churches, and churches dismissed from other Asscolations, may be admitted into our union by delegates bearing patitions, may be admitted into our union by delegates bearing patitionary letters. If upon due examination, they be found orderly and orthodox, the Moderator shall manifest their reception by giving their delegates the right hand of Christian fellowship.

Aur. 8. The Association when convened, shall be governed by the regular and proper rules of decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

MINUTION.

ART. 9. At every meeting of the Association, a Moderator shall be elected by and from the delegates present, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall also be elected in like manner, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings; the Clerk shall be Treasurer, ex officio of this union.

ART. 10. The Association shall furnish the churches of our union

with the minutes of every session.

ART. 11. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to rectify it but failed. In such a case the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of the majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the minutes.

ART. 12. Queries which immediately concern the union, or state of the churches at large, sent by a particular church, or introduced by a proper motion, shall be taken up and decided as soon as prac-

ticable.

ART. 13. Any church in our union having a preacher who she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a presbytery of ministers from sister churches, to officiate in the work. All presbyteries in the ordaining of deacons or ministers, and in the constituting of churches, shall be governed by the articles of faith adopted by

ART. 14. The Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches. All moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches by their delegates, and paid over to the Committe of Finance, which committee shall be annually appointed whose duty it shall be to receive in charge all money sent to de Association, dispose of the same agreeably to order, and make a fair and circumstantial report in writing.

ART. 15. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to

keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session. ART. 16. The Association shall not adjourn any session until she shall have finished all business on hand, except in extraordinary

ART. 17. This Association shall correspond with such other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

ART. 18. The Association shall in all cases (except to amend the constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present. ART. 19. The minutes of the Association shall be read and cor-

rected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before

ART. 20. The Association shall at each session appoint one of her members to preach an Introductory Sermon at her next session, one to preach upon subjects of benevolence, and one to prepare a circular letter.

ART. 21. Amendments to this constitution may be made at any session of the Association, when two thirds of her members pres-

ent may deem it necessary.

ARTICLES OF FAITH,

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son or Word, and the Holy Ghost. Deut. 4:30; Cor. 8:6, and I

2. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16; Romans 15:4, and 3:2.

3. We believe that Adam, by sin, fell from the state of purity in which he was created; that all his posterity are degenerate, and that all human nature is corrupt and depraved. Rom. 3:12; Gen.

4. We believe that man is utterly unable, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature. Heb. 9:22, 23; 1 Peter 2:34, and 3:18.

5. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the world began. Eph. 1:35; Titus

a. We believe in the covenant of redemption and salvation by grace, entered into by the Sacred Three, in behalf of the elect on whom prace and glory were settled forever in Christ, their covement head. Psalms 89:2-4, and 27:37; Eph. 1:35; 2 Tim. 1:9.

7. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only, and that they receive the imputed reconciliation through Him. Rom. 3:22-26

pardon and reconciliation through Him. Rom. 3.22-26.

8. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the influence and operation of the Holy Spirit. 1 9. We believe that saints shall persevere in grace, and that none of them shall be lost. John 10:22-29; 2 Tim. 1:9.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and the general judgment, and that the joy of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. Job 19:25-27; John 5:28, 29; Matt.

11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only fit subjects of baptism; that immersion of the subjects in water is the Apostolic mode, and that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table. Matt. 3:6-16; Mark 1:9-16; John 4:1, 2; Acts 2:38, 12, and 18:8; Luke 22:17-20; John 13:2-41.

12: We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel unless he has been regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. Tim. 2:6, 7; 5:21, 22; Titus 1:5; Acts 13:2,3.

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