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### Order of Business:

- I—Introductory Sermon.
- 2—Association called to order by the Moderator.
- 3-Reading Letters and Enrolling Names of Delegates.
- 4—Call for Petitionary Delegates.
- 5—Election of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
- 6—Invite Visiting Ministers and Brethren to Seats in the Body.
- 7—Call for Correspondents.
- 8—Appointment of Committees.
- 9-Fix hour of Meeting and Adjourning.
- 10—Report of Committees.
- 11-Appointment of Messengers to State Conventions and Associations.
- 12—Arrange for Printing Minutes.
- 13—Appoint Place for Holding Next Session.
- 14—Miscellaneous Business
- 15—Adjournment.

### CONSTITUTION

SECTION 1. This Association shall be known as the "Suvannee Baptist Association." SEC. 2. This Association shall be compused of Messengers, elected by the several churches connected with the Association, each church being entitled to two Messengers, and one additional Messenger for

every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof, over fifty, and such members shall be received by SEC. 3. This Association shall, at their about I meeting, electifron trait menous by ball ta Mider-

ator. Clerk and Treasurer, who shall serve for one year.

Sec 4. The objects of this Association shall be:
18t. To promote unity and brotherly love among the churches.

and. To promote Gospel disciptine, and. To encourage the universal spie d of the Gospel and practical religion throughout our bound

SEC. 5 A Missionary Committee shall be appointed by the Moderator at each annual meeting of the body, subject to the approval of the Association, whose duty it snall be to diligently inquire into the destitution within our bounds, make contracts with the ministers of this Association, or other Associations in correspondence with this, for ministerial labors to be supplied these destitutions, and report to result of their labors for the approval of the Association

Sec. 6. This Association shall invite correspondents and visiting brethren to seits when it session. who shall be entitled to the privilege of aiding the Association with their counsels, and this Association may also withdraw from any church that may be in disorder, when the same cannot be restored.

Sec. 7. The Annual Meeting of this Association shall begin on Friday before the third Simday in October, and by appointment there shall be an introductory sermon preached the first day, and on the Sabbath a collection taken up for missionary purposes.

Sec. 8. This Association shell not lord it over God's Teritage, nor infringe upon any of the interre-

rights of the churches, but shall only act as an advisory body.

Sec. 9. This Constitution may be amended only by a two thirds vote of the messengers preser... Sec. 9. This Constitution may be amended on provided the amendment be reduced to writing,

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

- I. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that the Three are One.
- 2, We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the work of God, and the only rules of faith and practice.
- 3. We believe in election, according to the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of t spirit and belief of the truth
- We believe that the grace of God that bringeth salvation bath appeared unto all men, and the oothing prevents the salvation of the vilest sinner on earth but his own voluntary rejection of that gra
- 5. We believe in the total depravity of the human heart, and that the natural state of man is su that he cannot prepare himself for Divine favor without the assisting Grace of God, enabling him to according to the pleasure of His Divine Will.
  - We believe in justification by faith, which gives peace with God, through our Lord Jesu; Christ
- We believe that the Gospel of Christ is a means of Divine appointment, to bring sinners to repeat ance and faith in Jesus Christ, and therefore should be preached to all.
- 8 We believe that all those who are regenerated by the Spirit of God are made heirs of God and Joint heirs with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith auto eternal salvation, and that not one of them will be lost.
- 9. We believe that baptism is the immersion of the whole body in water; that the only proper si jects are described in the preceding article, and the only proper administrators are those who have been regularly ordained by a Church of Christ by the imposition of hands of a presbytery.
- 10. We believe that the Lord's Supperwas instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, to be commemora. d by his followers, and that none but baptized believers have a spiritual right to partake thereof,
- 11. We believe that the washing of the feet, according to the example recorded in the 13th chapter of John's Gospel, is a duty enjoined by the Lord Jesus Christ upon His followers, and should be served immediately after the Lord's Supper. but in no case shall this article be construed as making.
- 12 We believe in a general resurrection of the righteous and the wicked, and that the wicked sl. il go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into life efernal.
- We believe that infants and idiots are saved through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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### RULES OF DECORUM.

ART. r. At the first meeting of each annual session of the Association, the Moderator of the previous session shall call the Messengers to order, and after singing and prayer, he shall declare the Association ready for business; the first item being the election of a Moderator and Clerk after Messengers have enrolled their names In case of absence of the Moderator, the Messengers shall elect a Moderator pro tem., who shall proceed as aforesaid.

ART. 2. Each meeting of the Association shall open and close with singing and prayer.

ART. 3. The Moderator shall preserve order and decide all questions in debate, subject to an appeal to the body, and when speaking on any subject, shall call some member to the chair, and in case of a tie may give the casting vote.

ART. 4. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, subject to a vote of the body.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall keep a careful record of the proceedings of each meeting, and, in the absence of the Moderator, shall call the Association to order and preside until a Moderator pro tem. is ART. 6. No business shall be transacted without a quorum, which shall consist of a majority of the

registered members.

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ART. 7. All members shall arise and respectfully address the Moderator, and confine them-selves strictly to the subject without asking leave of the chair, and no unkind all usions shall be made

ART. 8. No motion shall be debatable until seconded, nor voted upon until stated by the Moderator or read by the Clerk.

ART: 9. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received, except to adjourn, lay on the table, to amend, indefinitely postpone, refer to a committee, or otherwise call for the previous question. ART, 10. Any member voting in the majority may move a reconsideration at any time during

ART. II. The rules of decorum may be amended at any annual session of the Association by a majiority vote of the members present.

### MINUTES.

TIGER LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH, SUWANEE, COUNTY, FLA

Friday, Oct. 19th., 1894.

The Twenty-third Annual Session of the Suwanee Baptist Association convened with the above named church on Friday, Oct. 19th, A. D. 1894, at 10 o'clock, a. m., and was called to order by Elder B. D. Harrell, Moderator. The Association was formerly opened by the Moderator,

The introductory sermon was preached by the Moderator to an appreciative audience. Letters from the following named churches belonging to the Association were received and the

names of the Messengers enrolled, as follows:

Rocky Sink-J. C. Davis, J. R. Newlan, J. S. Parker.

Live Oak—J W. Loyd.

Mount Olive-W. C. Lee, R. J. Allen.

Suwannee—R W. Phillips, H. S. Harrell.

Antioch—C. H. Brinson, E. Winburn, A. R. Creekmore.

Pine Mount—B. D. Harrell, Robt. A. Ried, S. E. Thompson.

Tigar Lake-G. H. Dorman, J. M. Hillton. N. V. Mills.

Pleasant Hill-D. F. Jenkins, W. W. Legett, R. D. Turner.

Mount Gilliard—J. D. Williams, J. C. Hilton.

O'Brien-T. C. Williams, Samuel Roback.

Clay Land—J. J. Platt, W. H. Lamb, A. J. McLeod, Jr.

Blue Springs—J. H. Grant, J. M. Adams.

Rose Mary—T. C. Tompkins, Henry Fulfine.

Philadelphia—D. J. Mills, R. G. Clary, F. M. Johnson.

Friendship—T. J. Kelley, G. M. McCcoll, C. L. Mills.

Elder R. W. Phillips was elected Moderator; Robt. A Reid was elected Clerk, and J. R. Newlan was elected Treasurer.

Visiting Messengers, and Brethern were invited to seats,— The name of Elder D. F. Ward was enrolled as a Correst onding Messenger from LaFayette Association. The hour for meeting was fixed at 9 o'clock a. m.; for ad ournment at 4 o'clock p. m.

J. R Newlan, C. H. Brinson, G. H. Domonwen were appointed a committee on preaching.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder J. F. Tatum, to preach at 7 a'oclock p. m. with Elder T. J. Kelley as alternate.

The Moderator made the following committee appointments: Sabbath Schools, W. C. Lee, R. J. Allen, J. W Loyd; Temperance, J. R. Newlan, J. S. Parker, J. H. Grant; Finance, J. M. Adams, J. C. Davis, D. F. Jenkins; Missions, B. D. Harrell, M. V. Mills, J. C. Hetton; Education, C. H. Brinson, A J. McLeod, C. L. Mills; Deceased Ministers, E. Winburn, A. R. Creekmore.

The following preamble and resolution from Antioch church,

on motion were spread upon the minutes:

"Whereas, the many divisions of the Baptist church in this part of the state of Florida into small and inefficient associations, and whereas, the inaction on the part of the members in the great work of evangelization has materially injured the cause of Christ and retarded the progress of His Kingdom, Therefore, be it Resolved, That we recommend that the Association take such action as in its wisdom may appear proper and expedient to secure the consolidation of two or more of said associations.

Resolved, that we recommend that a convention be called at Live Oak, or some other central point, as soon as practicable by the Suwannee, Beaulah and Hamilton Associations to take into consideration this question, and any other offending the welfare of

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Resolved, that the Messengers and Pastors of this Church be instructed to present this preamble and resolution to the next association when in session with Tigar Lake Church Adopted; R.

W. Phillips, Moderator; A. R. Creekmore, Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing, a motion was made to hold a Convention at Live Oak, on Thursday before the first Sunday in January, A. D., 1895; that each church in the bounds of this Association be required to send one Messenger, and that the Beulah and Hamilton Associations be also requested to send their representatives to said convention, and that this Association send a messenger to Beulah and Hamilton Associations to represent us in the matter aforesaid, and to report to this Association at the next annual Association." On motion, the foregoing resolutions were laid on the table.

On motion the following memorial and resolution from Philadelphia church were spread upon the minutes: "To the Suwanee Baptist Association: The following resolutions were adopted by the Philadelphia Baptist church, on the 8th day of September, A. D. 1894, to wit: Whereas we believe the cause of Christianity has been materially injured by ministers of the Gospel allowing their names used for political offices, thereby subordinating the high calling of God to that of politics, and, whereas. we can point to many Baptist ministers, even in our own county, who, we have reason to believe, have lessened their usefulness in the cause aforesaid by putting their names forward for political office; Resolved therefore, that it is the desire of this church that ministers of the Gospel, called of God to this high and noble calling, shall not hold political offices while laboring in the Master's vine-yard as such. Resolved further, that we respectfully ask the judgment of the Suwanee Bartist Association, soon to convene with the Tigar Lake Baptist church, on the matter. Respectfully submitted S. G. Davenport, Moderator."

Report of Treasurer received and adopted.

The Association adjourned

### SATURDAY, OCT. 20TH., 1894.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder E. B. Mills. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved Motion to adopt preamble and resolution of Philadelphia church laid on the table.

Letter from Mount Pisga Baptist church received, and the names of W. S, Newsom, J. W. Carver, Daniel Gaylard and W. K.

Doughtry were enrolled as messengers

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder D. F. Ward to preach att 11 o'clock a. m., with Elder E. B Mills alternate. Elder O. J. Revels to preach at early candle-light, with Elder W. C. Lee alternate.

The Committee on Temperarce made their report which was

adopted. See Exhibit B.

Report of Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was

adopted. See Exhibit C.

The following brethren were appointed as delegates to the State Convention, which convens at Leesburg, January 9th, 1895: Elder D. B. Harrell and Rob't A. Reid. On motion the Treasurer was authorized to pay the expenses of the de'egates to the State Convention out of any money belonging to the Association, not otherwise appropriated.

The report of Finance Committee read and adopted. See wibit D. SAMPSON LIBRARY

Exhibit D.

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Report of Committee on Education read and adopted. See Exhibit E.

Bros. T. J. Kelly, J. M. Adams, J. H. Grant and J. F. Tatum were elected corresponding messengers to the Lafayett Association. Bros. W. C. Lee and Rob't. A. Reid were elected corresponding messengers to Beulah Association. Bros. J. J. Holmes, R. W. Phillips and C. H. Brinson were elected corresponding members to the Hamilton Association.

The resolution relative to ministers of the Gospel offering for political offices was taken from the table, and on motion the matter was relegated to the churches from which they eminated, with the advice that if the churches will pay their ministers better for their services, the cause of their entering politics will be removed.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools read and adopted.

See Exhibit F.

On motion the Clerk was allowed \$10.00 for his services as Clerk of the Association. On motion the time for holding the Annual session of the Association was changed from Friday to Wednesday before the third Sunday in November, of each year,—to continue in session as long as the body may deem proper.

Petitionary letter of Pine Level church received and adopted, and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator to Bros. J. E. Barnett and D. C. Allen messengers, bearing the letter

whose names were duly enrolled as messengers.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. C. H. Brinson, was read and adopted, to-wit: "Resolved that the thanks of this body be, and are hereby extended, to the members of this church, and especially to the sisters for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have so well and kindly entertained this Association."

On motion of Bro. J. R. Newlan a subscription for the erection of a tomb-stone over the grave of Elder James R. Reid, deceased, was taken, to be paid on or by the next session of this Association, resulting in the pledges of the following churches, to-wit:

Rocky Sink, \$5.00, Pine Mount, \$5.00, Tigar Lake, \$5.00, Antioch, \$5.00, O'Brien, \$2.00, Rose Mary, \$3.00. On motion of Bro. E. Winburn a cash collection was taken, amounting to \$6.06; on motion of Bro Brinson, Bro. Winburn was made Treasurer of the funds

Committee on Preaching reported Elder J. J. Homes to preach at early candle-light, Elder J. F. Tatum, alternate. Elder R. W. Phillips to preach Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., Elder D B. Harrell

alternate.

Report of Committee on Missions read and adopted. See Exhibit G.

On motion the churches were requested to forward amount subscribed for the erection of a tomb-stone over the grave of Elder J. N. Reid, to Bro. E. Winburn. Suwanee, Fla, at the earliest day practicable, and that other churches and individuals who feel disposed to contribute to the fund to do likewise.

Clerk's Report, see Exhibit H.

On motion the next session of the Association will be held with Friendship church. The Association adjourned to meet with the Friendship Baptist church on Wednesday before the third Sunday in November, 1894.

R. W. Phillips, Moderator, Rob't. A. Reid, Clerk.

### EXHIBIT-A.

In account with Suwanee Baptist Association, Dr. CR. To balance on hand last report. \$14 97.  "amount received as minute fund 22.15.  "Home mission fund sent up by churches 5.05.  "Association fund sent up by churches 18.20.  "amt. collected on Sunday for O'Brien church 6.55.  "rec'd. of Bro. C. H. Brinson, Cr. Bro. Sealey 33.61.  Total \$100.53.  By amt. paid Clerk, Minute fund \$22.15.  "" as Salary, 10.00.  "" " W. N. Chandoin, as per receipt appended 37.04.  "" Fees on same, 17.  "" Bro. Harrell, for O'Brien Church, 6.55.  Amt. on Hand to Balance, \$100.53.				TREASURER'S REPORT.	
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### Respectfully Submitted,

J. R. NEWLAN, Treasurer.

### EXHIBIT—B.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Suwannee Baptist Association:

We have had under consideration this most important question and find ouselves inadequate to the task of presenting anything original, or any idea, that would more feasibly champion the cause in our midst than has been advanced in former years by abler advocates than your humble committee. However, these reasons should not deter us from continuing the fight against this stronghold of Satan; therefore, Bretheren, let us, this day, refer to the lesson of the past and each of us resolve to do our utmost to stay the tide of intemperance in all things, carrying in our breast the conviction of truths well taught as the animating motives to press on to ultimate success, when the use of intoxicating drinks or other debasing drugs will not be tolerated to an excess among the members of our churches. We deem it superfluous to go on and picture to your immagination these evils, because the evil is present before you Will you, as the peculiar people, resolve to stop these evils, thereby elevate the moral plane of your churches and the christian character of this membership? These are facts that go home to our hearts, and we trust will be one of our constant aims to put down the evil. Respectfully submitted

J. R. Newlan, Ch'm., J. H. Grant, J. S. Parker.

### EXHIBIT—C.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg leave to submit the following report: We find from the letters to the Association that there are none reported as having died since our last session, for which we should feel profoundly grateful to the all-wise and provident God. While they are no better than other brethren to live, yet God, in His provident mercy, has spared them through another year, we trust for a wise purpose. Brethren let us thank God that laborers have beenspared and let us pray that they may increase in usefulness, for the harvest is great but the laborers are few. Respectfully submitted, J. M. Helton, Ch'm.

A. R. CREEKMORE, E. WINBURN.

### EXHIBIT—D.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We beg leave to submit the following report: We find by a careful examination of the several letters of the churches of the Association, that they have sent up the amount set opposite their names, as follows:

Churches. Rocky Sink	Value of Property. \$9.00.	Home Missions. \$1.75.	#11nutes. \$2.00.	Associational \$1.00.
Live Oak			2.00.	4.60.
Antioch		* //	1.50.	50.
Mount Olive			1.25.	1.50.

Forwarded,	\$19.00.	\$1.75.	\$6.75.	\$7.60.
Suwanee			1.00.	
Branford			50.	50.
Pine Mount		1.00.	1.45.	1.20.
Tigar Lake		1.7.	1 50.	70.
Pleasant Hill			80.	
Mount Giliard		1.00.	1.30.	
O'Brien		30.	50.	40.
Clay Land		1.00.	1.00.	90.
Blue Springs	4	75.	5C.	1.00.
Rose Mary		80.	1 00.	
Philadelphia		80.	80.	1.05.
Friendship	1.50.		1.00.	35.
Mount Pisga			1.00.	1.00.
Total,	25.50.	7.40.	19.10.	14.70.
			. M. Adams,	Ch'm.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. Adams, Ch'm. J. C. Davis,

D. F. Jenkins,

### EXHIBIT—E

Your Committee on Education report that we regret the limited opportunities given to the clergy of our organization. We find upon investigation that they are not supplied with the literature e.pecially necessary to qualify them for the great and responsible duties enjoined upon them as teachers of rightecustess. We further learn that there is a woeful neglect on the part of the members of the churches in furnishing their families with such work; on the potent question of theology as will establi h their mines firmly in the doctrines of the church. We therefore recommend that every member subscribe for The Baptist Witness, Th. Baptist Standard, or some other relig ous paper, and that greater efforts be made to dessiminate the truths through t e Gazettes of the courtry. Inaction is the bane of Gospel truth, and retards the onward march of intelligence. Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion. and what shall we say for those teachers who appeal to the ignorance and cupidity of the members to resist the efforts that are being made to enlist them in this great work of reform Brethren, you who are engaged in this good cause, arise and gird on the armor of God, and fight the good fight of faith and He will bless you. No work of reform has ever been undertaken without opposition; stand by the banner brethren, on Mount Calvary, and you shall achieve the victory. C. H. BRINSON, Ch'm.,

C. L. MILLS, A. J. McLeod.

### EXHIBIT-F.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg to report that our churches seem to be waking up on this important subject. We hope that all the churches that have not been engaged in Sunday School work will soon follow the example of those that have put forth efforts in teaching the young and rising generation the grand truths of the Bible. Respectfully submitted. W. C. Lee, Ch'm.,

R. J. ALLEN, J. W. LOYD.

### EXHIBIT-G

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS

Your committee to whom was refered the subject of Missions, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report that it is with deep regret that we find such little interest taken in a subject of such great magnitude. We would ask is it possible that an individual can be elected to eternal life and have no interest in the salvation of others? We can not think so, and yet we find over seven hundred members reported in the letters to the Association, and only \$6.60 sent up for missions. If the seven hundred Baptists would only contribute 25 cents each annually-and there are no ne so poor that could not give that much-we would have \$175.00, nearly enough to employ a Missionary for all his time to indoctrinate the churches in our Association. Can we not do that much next year? Remember, brethren and sisters, that the Lord hath ordained that they that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospe, and we should not forget that there are those that withhold more than is meet, and yet it tendeth to poverty. We believe that the shortness of crops, and other financial distresses, are due to withholding more from God than is right. Respectfully and prayer-B. D. HARRELL, Ch'm., fully submitted.

M. V. Mills, John Helton.

### EXHIBIT-H.

### CLERK'S REPORT.

Rob't. A. Reid, Clerk, In acct. with the Suwanee Association:

### SUNDAY, OCT., 21st, 1894.

Elder R. W. Phillips preached an able and instructive sermon on the subject of Baptism, to a large and appreciative audience. A collection for Home Missions was taken, amounting to \$4.37, which I have turned over to the Treasurer. Rob't. A. Reid, Clerk.

#### NOTE BY CLERK.

In last Minutes I called attention to the usual loose manner of getting up church letters. It is gratifying to state that quite an improvement has been made in style, penmanship and paper. The Clerks are to be congratulated for this, still some omissions exist. Many churches failed to state amount of church property, church meeting-days, number of pupils attending Sabbath School, amount paid pastors, etc. It is to be hoped that such omissions will not be made in the future. The statistical boards cannot properly represent us unless we furnish the necessary data.

## CHURCH STATISTI

Churches.	Pastors.	CLERKS.	Postoffices of Clerks.	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter and Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Present Membership	Meeting Days	Membership
Rocky Sinkive Oak	W. C. Lee J. F. Farnell W. J. Carroll B. J. Harrell J. J. Holmes J. F. Farnell O. J. Revels B. D. Harrell R. W. Phillips C. J. Revels R. W. Phillips J. J. Revels R. W. Phillips J. J. Revels L. J. Holmes	J. B. Johns. J. M. Adams. A. M. Mosely W. S. McInnis J. M. Ross. L. Mills L. Ward. J. K. Ward. J. H. Dormon. A. R. Ureekmore. W. W. Leggett. L. W. Myers	Wellboru Luraville Live Oak O'Brien Luraville. Pinemount Little River Branford Hanston Rexford. Pinemount Little Viver Luraville. Pinemount Little River Little River Little River Little River Little River Little River Live Oak	5 2 5 6 2 5 5 5 8  9  1 6 6 	4 4 4  7 1 7  2 8 2 4	1 2 3 9 2 2	1	1 1 1 1  1  1  1	74 32 65 65 69 69 69 49 52 41 14 32		62

Note.—Letter from Suwannee Church mislaid at Association.



