



MINUTES

Thirty-Second Annual Session

1904-1905

SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH

CLARK COUNTY, CALIF.

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**SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLA.,**

**OCTOBER 15, 16 AND 17, 1903.**

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**OFFICERS.**

**MODERATOR,  
CLERK,  
TREASURER.**

**J. R. NEWLAND, LIVE OAK, FLA.  
C. L. MILLS, PINEMOUNT, FLA.  
S. E. THOMPSON, PINEMOUNT, FLA.**

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**MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.**

**Geo. H. Dorman. J. M. Hall. J. R. Newland.  
W. B. Collins. J. H. Grant.  
T. C. Williams.**

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*Next session convenes with Philadelphia Church, two miles south of Rossburg, on L. O. & G. R. R., and two miles west of Kirkland, on S. & S. P. R. R., Thursday before third Sunday in October, 1904.*

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## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

E. B. Mills,	Luraville, Fla.
O. J. Revels,	Pinemount, Fla.
B. D. Harrell,	Pinemount, Fla.
A. Bond,	Live Oak, Fla.
J. W. Fleming,	O'Brien, Fla.
J. J. Holmes,	McAlpin, Fla.
R. D. Turner,	Pinemount, Fla.
W. C. Lee,	Wellborn, Fla.
J. F. Tatum,	McAlpin, Fla.
A. K. Evans,	Live Oak, Fla.
T. L. Peacock,	Kirkland, Fla.
Henry Holmes,	O'Brien, Fla.
J. S. Hurst,	Live Oak, Fla.
J. S. Parker,	Live Oak, Fla.

## LICENSED.

P. Q. Cason,	Orange Heights, Fla.
W. H. Horn,	Houston, Fla.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Association called to order by Moderator.
3. Reading letters and enrolling names of delegates.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Election of 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 adjournment.
10. Reports of committees.
11. Appointment of messengers to State Convention and sister associations.
12. Arrange for printing minutes.
13. Appoint place for holding next session.
14. Miscellaneous business.
15. Adjournment.

## MINUTES.

EVERGREEN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH,  
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLA., Oct. 15, 1902.

The Suwannee Baptist Association met on the above date with the above named church in its Thirty-second Annual Session, at 10 o'clock A. M. with Elder J. F. Tatum, former moderator, presiding.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Tatum, from I John iii: 1; after which the Association was called to order by the moderator, and then on motion, adjourned until 1 P. M.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 P. M. the Association re-assembled, and the following-named messengers responded to the roll call from the following-named churches, and their names were enrolled, to-wit:

RO KY SINK:—J. R. Newland, J. M. Brown, Walter Thompkins.

TIGER LAKE:—W. H. Horn, H. S. Harrell, Sisters Meter Horn and H. S. Harrell.

O'BRIEN:—L. B. Davis, F. G. Hall, T. C. Williams.

MT. PIZGAH:—W. S. Newsom, G. P. Moseley, L. Harper, H. G. Drawdy.

EVERGREEN:—J. H. Anderson, J. S. Goodbread, J. B. Stewart.

MT. GILEAD:—By letter.

PINEMOUNT:—S. E. Thompson, W. W. Leggett.

BEULAH:—S. P. Newmans.

OAK GROVE:—R. H. Warren.

UNION:—C. B. Haines, J. W. Kerby, C. H. Henning, D. W. McInis.

BLUE SPRING:—T. J. Webb, J. W. Grant.

FRIENDSHIP:—S. Bond, Rev. A. Bond, Rev. R. D. Turner, C. L. Mills.

PLEASANT HILL:—D. F. Jenkins, Jr.

The body then proceeded to a permanent organization by electing Brother J. R. Newland, moderator; C. L. Mills, clerk; and S. E. Thompson, treasurer.

Invitation to visiting brethren to seats in the body was accepted by Elder W. J. Sullivan, from the Beulah Association.

On motion, the time for meeting and adjourning was fixed at 9 and 11 o'clock A. M., and 2 and 4 o'clock P. M.

In response to the call for reports of committees, the committee on missions presented its report, which was read by Rev. W. H. Horn, and received. After being spoken to by Elders J. F. Tatum and W. J. Sullivan, it was, on motion, laid over until to-morrow for further consideration.

The committee on preaching made the following report: Rev. B. D. Harrell to preach to-night at early candle light. Rev. W. H. Horn to conclude.

On motion, adjourned until 9 A. M., to-morrow.

#### NIGHT SERVICE.

At 7:30 P. M., an excellent sermon was preached by Elder B. D. Harrell to a small, but very attentive audience, from 2 Timothy iii; 16-17.

#### FRIDAY MORNING.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A. M., and was called to order by the moderator reading the 8th. chapter of Romans, with Elder B. D. Harrell leading in prayer.

The following committees were announced by the moderator:

On Ministerial Support—Elder O. J. Revels, Brothers L. B. Davis and J. W. Grant.

On Preaching—J. H. Anderson, W. H. Holmes, and W. W. Leggett.

On Ministerial Education—Elder J. F. Tatum, J. W. Grant, F. G. Hall.

On Finance—F. G. Hall, S. E. Thompson and S. Bond.

On Missions—Elders A. Bond and J. F. Tatum, and Brother T. C. Williams.

On Sabbath Schools—Brothers S. E. Thompson, D. F. Jenkins, Jr., and Walter Tompkins.

On Temperance—Rev. W. H. Horn, Brothers H. S. Harrell and R. H. Warren.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Rev. W. H. Horn, Brothers S. Bond and L. B. Davis.

On Nominations—Revs W. H. Horn, A. Bond, Brother W. Tompkins.

On Periodicals—Elder B. D. Harrell Brothers A. M. Moseley and J. D. Williams.

On Woman's Work—Mrs. Florence Baker, Miss Meta Horn, Mrs. R. M. Harrell and Mrs. Josie Goodbread.

A motion by Brother T. C. Williams was to allow ministers of this Association which are not delegates, the right to vote.

After discussion by Elders B. D. Harrell, J. F. Tatum, W. J. Sullivan and Brother T. C. Williams, the motion was withdrawn.

On motion of Brother J. W. Grant the moderator is allowed to appoint ministers who are not delegates, members of committees.

The call was renewed for messengers, and the following-named brethren responded from the following-named churches, to-wit:

MARYBELL—S. A. Jimerson and Thomas Baxter.

CLAYLAND—S. M. Platt, A. M. Moseley, J. F. Stinson and Mack Brimm.

ORANGE—J. D. Williams Wm. Robinson.

The following-named church responded to the call for petitionary letters from the Lafayette Association and the right-hand of fellowship was extended her by the moderator in behalf of the Association, to-wit:

MAGNOLIA—I. S. Addiholt and T. L. Dorsett.

Call for correspondents. No response.

The committee on preaching reported Elder W. J. Sullivan to preach at 11 o'clock A. M., Elder T. J. Sparkman to conclude.

The report from the committee on missions was taken up on its second reading. Addresses by Elders J. F. Tatum, W. H. Horn, J. J. Holmes and Brother T. J. Webb, after which it was deferred until afternoon.

On motion adjourned until 2 P. M.

#### NOON SERVICE.

Elder W. J. Sullivan, missionary of the Beulah Association, preached an excellent missionary sermon to a large and attentive audience.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association re-assembled at 2 P. M., and after devotional exer-

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ises consisting of singing "Stand Up For Jesus", and prayer by Rev. A. Bond, the Association took a recess from 3:00 to 3:30, in which time the ladies were to hold their W. M. S. meeting.

### MINUTES OF WOMAN'S MEETING.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the W. M. S. was held Friday from 3:00 to 3:40 P. M., with Evergreen Baptist Church. Sister Florence Baker gave a splendid address on Women's work. Rev. B. D. Harrell gave a good talk and some good encouragement.

A call was made to organize a Society at Evergreen Church, and was responded to by Sisters Josie Goodbread and Augusta Royal, who promised to take the work in hand and do the best they can for the cause through the next associational year.

Only three Societies responded to the call for messengers, which were as follows:

TIGER LAKE—Miss Meta Horn, Mrs. H. S. Harrell.

O'BRIEN—Mrs. L. B. Davis, Mrs. Florence Baker.

LIVE OAK—By letter.

The reports showed the following contributions:

Tiger Lake, .....	\$ 6.71
O'Brien, .....	58.28

Divided as follows:

Foreign Missions, .....	\$ 9.26
Home Missions, .....	14.25
State Work, .....	5.78
Miss Mary Taylor, .....	5.00
Aged Ministers, .....	1.50
Orphanage, .....	30.32
Live Oak, General, .....	52.66

Total, .....

The following report was read by Mrs. Florence Baker from the committee on women's work:

"We, your committee on women's work, submit the following report:

"Women's work in our Association, is suffering because of a lack of understanding as to the work women are wanted to do.

"Never has a good work been started but what women have helped, once they realized they were needed. It is so in this. Teach the sisters in our churches how they can help, and they are ready. Because

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we believe this, we do earnestly ask every pastor here to give this line of work a part of his time and try to get the ladies of his church started to work. We also ask each sister who has tried and met with failure and become discouraged, to remember, 'If ye sow, ye also shall reap', so let us not be weary, but labor on, knowing God will crown our efforts after a while.

"We believe the best work the sisters can do just now, is to distribute mission literature and create an interest in missions, and then be ready to meet that interest, when awakened, with information as to the work each one can do, for there is a work all can do and should do.

"Sisters! let us go about it with the same enthusiasm we do our home work. If we do, when we meet a year from now at our Association, our report will not be, of necessity, as doleful as this.

"Let us work and not go home and neglect, but do our best to spread the tidings, and 'Lo, I am with you, even to the end of the world.' Our reports this year show a contribution of \$118.70. Only three Societies reported to the union, therefore we cannot give a full account of all the work we know has been done in the Associational territory.

Respectfully Submitted,

"MRS. JOSIE GOODBREAD,

"MISS META HORN,

"MRS. H. S. HARRELL,

"Committee."

The report was adopted.

At the close of the ladies' meeting the house was called to order by the moderator, and the following-named brethren responded to the renewed call for messengers from the following-named churches, to-wit:

ANTIOCH—J. L. Allison, V. E. Bevans, Rev. A. K. Evans

MT. OLIVE:—Matt Kenedy, Wm. Cason.

The invitation to visiting brethren to seats in the body was accepted by Elder T. J. Sparkman, from Stetson University.

Following is the report from the committee on missions:

"Your committee on missions has had the same under consideration and beg leave to report, that we know no greater obligation laid upon the Christian people than that of sending the gospel to all the

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world If the members of the church could ever realize that God is able, and willing to make all sufficiency abundant, that we may have to give to every good work, we would be more willing to give of our means for the support of the gospel. We would, therefore, recommend that a more thorough education along the line of missions be taught in the churches, that they may more fully understand what their duties are. The wail comes from far off China, Japan, Brazil, India, and the Isles of the Sea, 'Come over and help us.'

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"REV. A. BOND,  
"J. F. TATUM,  
"T. C. WILLIAMS,  
"Committee."

Excellent addresses on the report were made by Elders J. F. Tatum, B. D. Harrell, T. J. Sparkman, A. Bond, and Brother C. L. Mills. The report was adopted.

The following report of the treasurer was read by Brother W. W. Leggett, and adopted:

T. C. Williams, In account with Suwannee Baptist Association:

DR.		
By Finance Committee.....	\$ 45.20	
Collection at Association for Ministerial Education, .....	9.20	\$ 54.40
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To paid Clerk, .....	\$ 10.00	
" Minutes for Association, .....	20.00	
" paid W. W. Leggett, postage on Minutes, .....	1.00	
" paid L. D. Geiger, Home Missions, .....	5.00	
" paid L. D. Geiger, Foreign Missions, .....	3.32	
" paid L. D. Geiger, State Missions, .....	3.10	
" paid L. D. Geiger, Ministerial Education, .....	9.20	
" paid J. S. Goodbread, on building Evergreen church, .....	2.09	
" Postage and Money Orders, .....	.21	\$ 55.13

The report showed that the treasurer in making his settlement, had never paid 73 cts., and on motion he was reimbursed, which amount Brother Williams requested to be turned over to the building committee of Evergreen church, which was done.

On motion, the following-named brethren were excused from further attendance on this session: Jim Kerby, S. A. Jimerson and S. P. Newmans.

The attention of the Association was called by Elder J. F. Tatum

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to a request of the State Convention to change the time for the meeting of this body. After due discussion it was voted not to change the time.

In response to the call of the moderator for volunteer correspondents to other bodies the following-named brethren responded-

To State Convention, Rev. J. F. Tatum:

To Beulah Association, Rev. J. J. Holmes.

To Lafayette Association, Brother I. S. Addiholt.

To Hamilton Association, Brother C. L. Mills.

On account of unfavorable weather the committee on preaching reported no preaching to-night.

By request of the Association, Elder T. J. Sparkman consented to preach the missionary sermon to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned until 9 A. M., to-morrow, with benediction by Rev. T. J. Sparkman.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, at 9 A. M., and was called to order by the moderator, who informed the body that our beloved brother, Rev. J. C. Porter, who is in declining health, requests a special prayer of this body in his behalf, whereupon Rev. T. L. Peacock offered the prayer.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

The call was renewed for messengers and the following-named brethren responded from the following-named churches:

PHILADELPHIA—T. L. Peacock, and A. C. Boatwright.

LIVE OAK—By letter.

The following reports were read from the following-named committees and adopted:

## ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

"We, as Baptists, profess to take the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice, but brethren, is it not a sad fact that many of our churches are ignoring the teachings of God's word upon this subject? In consequence of this our ministers are greatly crippled in their usefulness and the churches are suffering for lack of proper pastoral service. If our brethren wish to obey their Lord we beg them to study the teaching of his Word upon this subject. We refer to the following Scriptures: Jesus says, 'The laborer is worthy of his hire,' Luke

Read the 9th. chapter of 1st. Cor.; the 11th. chapter of 2nd. Cor.; and 2nd. Cor. xii: 13; and many other passages. There is nothing more clearly taught in the Bible than that churches should support their pastors, and the pastor that does not teach the church its duty in this respect is not faithful as a pastor and is doing the church a great injury."

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

"We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to make the following as our report: First, we believe that intoxicating liquors are one of the greatest evils of the land. We gather from practical lessons the following, even from the pen of Ingersoll, the great light of fidelity and opposer of christianity. He says intemperance cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, and age in its weakness. It breaks the father's heart, bereaves the doting mother, blights parental hope and brings mourning age to the grave, death, not life. It makes wives widows, children orphans, fathers fiends, and all of them paupers and beggars. It covers the land with idle-ness, misery and crime. It fills jails, supplies alms-houses and demands asylums. It fosters quarrels and cherishes riot. It crowds penitentiaries and furnishes victims for the scaffold.

"Oh, if christians those who are born of God, would do as they are commanded to do the great burden of taxation to run the courts of our country would be lightened and the money, thus expended, could be used to send the Gospel of a blessed Savior to the dying people in foreign lands. Our sons and daughters, instead of bringing our grey hairs in sorrow to the grave, would be shining lights and better prepared to enter into that rest that remains for the people of God. Brethren, those who profess to be lovers of the Lord, there is very little good accomplished to meet once a year and write up reports, pay a clerk ten dollars, a printer twenty dollars, and get our work in minute form, carry them home and lay them away merely for reference, for the next Association. For Heaven's sake let us pray the Lord to help us get aroused from our lethargy and put our works in action, and we urge the churches of this Association to use stricter discipline regard to intemperance.

Respectfully Submitted,

"H. S. HARRELL, Chairman,

"W. H. HORN,

"R. H. WARREN,

"Committee."

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

"Your committee on religious periodicals have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report: The proper education of the Baptist hosts depends, to a great extent upon the kind of religious literature they study, and hence your committee is deeply impressed with the necessity of our Baptist people using and studying mainly that kind of literature that teaches the unadulterated and distinctive principles as taught in the Bible, which all true Baptists take to be the rule of their faith and practice. And we further recommend that our Baptist people, as far as possible, procure Baptist books and literature for our children to read and study, and to studiously avoid all trashy literature that is so dangerous in poisoning the minds of the young. We would urgently recommend the Baptist denomination to patronize our Southern and Northern Baptist Publication Societies, and our Baptist Witness, published at Ocala, Fla., as the organ of our denomination.

Respectfully Submitted,

"B. D. HARRELL, Chairman,

"A. M. MOSELEY,

"J. D. WILLIAMS,

"Committee."

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

"To the Suwannee Baptist Association: We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to submit this, our report: We are sorry to find in hearing the letters read from the different churches that so small a number report Sabbath Schools. We feel that a Sabbath School training is the first step in bringing our children to Christ, and we exceedingly regret to see so little interest taken by our country churches in Sunday School work. We therefore recommend that the churches take a greater interest in Sabbath Schools, as we regard the Sunday School the handmaid of the church.

"Respectfully Submitted,

"S. E. THOMPSON, Chairman,

"W. TOMPKINS,

"D. F. JENKINS JR.,

"Chairman"

Excellent addresses to the Sunday School report were made by Elders J. F. Tatum, T. J. Sparkman and Brother J. R. Newland.

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At this juncture Rev. Sparkman was allowed a few minutes to represent Stetson University and gave a very encouraging report of that institution; and after telling of the burning of Conrad Hall, the following contributions and pledges were made:

Rev. A. Bond. Paid,.....	\$ .50
Clay and church,.....	5.00
Blue Springs church,.....	5.00
Rocky Sink church,.....	5.00
Brother L. B. Davis, Paid,....	1.00
O'Brien church,.....	4.00
Friendship church, .....	5.00
Rev. B. D. Harrell, .....	2.00
Brother R. W. Price,.....	2.00
Magnolia church,.....	5.00
Woman's Society, O'Brien, Paid,.....	1.00
Mt. Pisgah church,.....	5.00
Total,.....	\$40.50

On motion adjourned until 2 P. M.

## NOON SESSION.

An excellent missionary sermon was preached by Rev. Sparkman to a large and attentive audience, after which a collection of \$ 0.00 was taken for missions and sent to Brother Geiger by Brother Sparkman.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 2 P. M., and after singing was led in prayer by Rev. W. H. Horn.

Call renewed for messengers: Letter received from Rosemary and her messengers enrolled as follows: T. C. Tompkins, J. R. Bassett.

The following report from the committee on nominations was read by Rev. W. H. Horn:

"Your committee beg leave to submit the following report: Rev. J. F. Tatum to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. B. D. Harrell the missionary sermon and Elder O. J. Revels the doctrinal sermon; Rev. T. L. Peacock alternate. We also nominate Rocky Sink church as the place for the next session of this body to convene. Pending the adoption of this report, it was moved and carried to amend the report by striking out the word Rocky Sink', and

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inserting 'Philadelphia' instead.

REV. W. H. HORN,  
"REV. A. BOND,  
"W. TOMPKINS,  
"Committee."

The report was adopted.

The following report was read by Rev. W. H. Horn from the committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons:

"Your committee beg leave to submit the following: After carefully inquiring, we find that our Heavenly Father, through his mercy and kindness, has spared the lives of his servants of this Association through another year except our dearly beloved brother, Elder R. W. Phillips, an able and beloved minister; also Brother C. P. Cathron, deacon of Union church.

"Respectfully Submitted,  
"REV. W. H. HORN,  
"S. BOND,  
"L. B. DAVIS,  
"Committee."

The report was adopted.

On motion, the clerk was instructed to give a page of these minutes in memory of these beloved servants.

The following is the list of churches maintaining Sunday Schools:

Churches:	Name of Sup'rintend't	No. P'pils	No. Tr's.	Kind of Literature.	Baptisms this year.
O'Brien,....	L. B. Davis,....	34	3	{ American } { Baptist. }	1
Tiger Lake,	G. H. Dorman,	43	3	"	
Rocky Sink,	J. R. Newland..	25	3	"	3

The following report was read by Brother F. G. Hall from the committee on Finance:

"We, the finance committee, do submit the following report: That we have collected from the various churches represented at this

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tion of the Association the sum of sixty-seven dollars and ninety  
ts for all purposes. Respectfully Submitted,

"F. G. HALL, Chairman.

"S. E. THOMPSON.

"S. BONDS,

"Committee"

CHURCHES	Orphanage.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Associational Missions.	Associational Purposes.	For Minutes.	Foreign Missions.	Total.
Blue Springs,	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	1 50	\$ 50	\$ 2 00
Clayland,				2 00		1 00		3 00
Rocky Sink,				1 00	1 00	1 00		3 00
Tiger Lake,	50			50	50	1 00	2 40	4 90
Evergreen,			50			60		1 10
Oak Grove,					1 00	85		1 85
Pinemount,			1 05		1 00	1 00		3 05
Beulah,		1 00	1 25	1 00	25	50	1 00	5 00
Magnolia,		50	50		1 00	50		2 50
Orange,			40			50	40	1 30
Mary Bell,			50		80	50		1 80
Mt. Olive,					85	1 25		2 10
Antioch,			75	75	1 25	1 50		4 25
Mt. Pisgah,			1 50		2 25	1 50		5 25
Mt. Gilead,					1 10	1 00		2 10
O'Brien,		15	25	60		1 10	50	2 60
Friendship,					1 00	1 00		2 00
Union,					3 80	1 20		5 00
Philadelphia,		5 00			10	2 25	1 30	8 65
Mosemary,			85			50		1 35
Live Oak,					3 50	1 50		
Suwannee,					35	75		
Totals,	50	6 65	7 55	5 85	\$21 25	\$21 50	\$ 5 60	\$67 90

The report was adopted.

The following resolution of thanks offered by Brother C. L. Mills,  
s unanimously adopted:

"RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association is eminently  
e, and is hereby cordially extended the members of Evergreen

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church and others of this community, for their whole-hearted enter-  
tainment of this Association."

By permission of the moderator, Rev. W. H. Horn exhibited a mis-  
sionary quilt, made by the sisters of Tiger Lake church for which he  
stated they wanted five dollars; and the plan to raise the money, was  
to take the names of anyone desiring, with a fee of 10 cents; their  
names to be put in another quilt which the sisters will prepare. Sis-  
ter Florence Baker took the matter in hand and the five dol-  
lars was soon raised, the quilt then became the property of the Associ-  
ation; and by request and in behalf of the Association, the modera-  
tor presnted it to the old veteran of the Cross, Rev. J. F. Tatum,  
who, with appropriate remarks, accepted it

By motion, the clerk was allowed ten dollars for his services.

The committee on preaching, reported Elder T. J. Sparkman, to  
preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

By motion, the treasurer was instructed to pay Rev. J. F. Tatum  
the balance of funds sent in for Associational purposes, after paying  
expenses, to help defray his expenses of the State Convention.

The work of the Association having been accomplished, closing ex-  
ercises were had consisting of singing that delightful hymn, "Nearer,  
My God, to Thee," extending the parting hand amid a shower of  
tears, prayer and benediction by Rev. T. J. Sparkman.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Philadelphia ohurch  
Thursday before the 3rd. Lord's day in October, A. D., 1904.

HON. J. R. NEWLAND,

C. L. MILLS,

CLERK.

MODERATOR.

# SUNDAY SERVICE.

Sunday, Elder T. J. Sparkman preached an able sermon from the  
narative of the young rich man, recorded in Mark, to a very attentive  
audience, after which a collection of \$14.31 was taken for the assis-  
tance of Sister J. S. Parker, who has been an invalid for the past  
year.

## IN MEMORY OF

ELDER R. W. PHILLIPS,

*who departed this life*

*April the 3rd. A. D. 1903.*

*Well done, thou good and faithful servant.*

*Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will*

*make thee ruler over many things. Enter*

*thou into the joys of life.*

C. P. CATHRON,

*Deacon of Union Church.*

## CONSTITUTION.

Section 1. This Association shall be known as the Suwannee Baptist Association.

Section 2. This Association shall be composed 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 the Association.

Section 3. This Association shall, at their annual meeting, elect from their members, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall serve for one year.

Section 4. The object of this Association shall be: First, to promote unity and brotherly love among the churches. Second, to promote Gospel discipline. Third, to encourage the universal spread of the Gospel and practical religion throughout our bounds and elsewhere.

Section 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 shall be to diligently inquire into the destitution within our bounds, make contracts with ministers of this Association, or other Associations in correspondence with this, for ministerial labors to supply these destitutions, and report the result of their labors for the approval of the Association.

Section 6. This Association shall invite correspondence and visiting brethren to seats when in 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.

Section 7. The annual meeting of this Association shall begin on Thursday before the third Sunday 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.

Section 8. This Association shall not lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches, but shall only act as an advisory body.

Section 9. This constitution may be amended only by a two-thirds

ote of the messengers present, provided the amendment be reduced to writing.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.
2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the Word of God, and the only rules of faith and practice.
3. We believe in election, according to the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.
4. We believe that the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the vilest sinner on earth but his own voluntary rejection of that grace.
5. We believe in the total depravity of the human heart, and that the natural state of man is such that he cannot prepare himself for divine favor without the assisting grace of God, enabling him to act according to the good pleasure of His divine will.
6. We believe in justification by faith, which gives peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.
7. We believe that the Gospel of Christ is a means of divine appointment, to bring sinners to repentance 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 Savior Jesus Christ; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto 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 subjects are described in the preceding articles, 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 Supper was instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, to be commemorated by his followers, and that none but baptized believers have a spiritual right to partake thereof.
11. We believe that the washing of feet, according to the example

recorded in the thirteenth chapter of John's Gospel, is a duty enjoined by the Lord Jesus Christ upon His followers, and should be observed immediately after the Lord's Supper, but in no case shall this article be so construed as to make it a test of fellowship.

12. We believe in a general resurrection of the righteous and the wicked, and that the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, the righteous into life eternal.
13. We believe that infants and idiots are saved through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. 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 the absence of the Moderator, the messengers present shall elect a Moderator pro tem, who shall proceed as aforesaid.

Article 2. Each meeting of the Association shall be opened with singing and prayer.

Article 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.

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

Article 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 elected.

Article 6. No business shall be transacted without a quorum, who shall consist of a majority of the registered members.

Article 8. All members wishing to speak shall arise and respectfully address the Moderator, confining themselves strictly to the subject, and no unkind allusion shall be made while speaking.

Article 8. No motion shall be debated until seconded, nor voted upon until stated by the Moderator or read by the clerk.

Article 9. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received, except to adjourn, lay on the table, amend, indefinitely postponed, or refer to a committee, or otherwise call for the previous question.

Article 10. Any member voting in the majority may move a reconsideration at any time during the session.

Article 11. The rules of decorum may be amended at any annual session of the Association by a majority vote of the members present.

Churches and Pastors.	Clerks and Post-offices.	GAIN.					LOSS.					Total Membership.	Meeting days.	Church organized.	Present Value of Meeting-house, including furnishings.	Present Value of Parsonage and other Property.	Total Value of Property.	For Current Expenses, including Pastor's Salary.	Poor and Home Charities.	Contributions Forwarded During Year for Missions, General.	Woman's Society General.	Sunbeams.	Relief of Aged Ministers.	To Orphanage.	Totals.
		By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Experience.	By Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.															
Blue Springs, B D Harrell, .....	J M Adams, Luraville, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	1st.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Live Oak, .....	J T Carroll, Live Oak, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	2nd.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Rosemary, O J Revels, .....	J R Bassett, Grover, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	3rd.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Philadelphia, J T Farnell, .....	J J Branan, Rosburg, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	2nd.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Mt. Gilead, J S Parker, .....	W P Page, Peacock, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	3rd.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Rocky Sink, J S Parker, .....	G F Newlan, Live Oak, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	1st.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Evergreen, W P Bethea, .....	J H Anderson, Estelle, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	2nd.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Beulah, L J Townsend, .....	L C Ezell, Luraville, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	3rd.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Tiger Lake, R F Hacker, .....	G H Dorman, Houston, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	1st.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
O'Brien, G N Trawick, .....	L B Davis, O'Brien, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	2nd.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Union, J J Holmes, .....	C H Henning, O'Brien, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	1st.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Mt. Olive, T J Eulins, .....	J B Johns, Wellborn, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	2nd.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Friendship, J S Parker, .....	C L Mills, Pinemount, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	1st.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Marybell, J S Hurst, .....	J P Nixon, Live Oak, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	4th.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Orange, J S Hurst, .....	Willie Clark, Lancaster, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	2nd.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Clayland, R F Hacker, .....	A M Moseley, Lancaster, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	1st.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Antioch, B M Bean, .....	J L Allison, Rixford, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	3rd.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Mt. Pisgah, J F Tatum, .....	R D Carter, McAlpin, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	4th.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Oak Grove, J W Fleming, .....	J M Hadcock, Pinemount, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	2nd.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Pinemount, O J Revels, .....	W A Mock, Pinemount, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	3rd.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Magnolia, Henry Holmes, .....	T L Dorsett, Branford, Fla., .....	2	2	1	1	1	1	112	13	125	2nd.	18	18	\$ 300 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 125 00	
Total, .....		78	45	13	9	25	28	9	1200	100	1300	.....	.....	\$700 00	.....	\$8420 00	\$1706 00	\$26 00	\$270 59	\$117 91	\$47 97	\$ 6 70	185 49	\$222 26	