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The Nineteenth Annual Session of the Baptist Association met with Pierce Chapel, Alachua County, the 6th of July, 1900, at 10:30 a. m. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. H. G. Cruse. Song Books used in the Association, Songs 16 and 20. Brethren, we have met to worship. Lesson Matt. 16 Chap. Text 23rd verse. Song 20. Benediction by Rev. H. G. Cruse.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Body called to order by former Moderator. Song No. 21. Prayer by Rev. E. C. Dedge. Decorum read. The following churches represented by letters and delegates:

CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES

Knight's Chapel, W. S. Ward; Mt. Willing, H. G. Touchton, W. E. Croft; Gethsemane, W. D. Bennett; St. John, D. D. Poppell; Mt. Carmel, Mae Grubbs, Addie Grubbs; Pine Level, B. C. Newman; Pierce Chapel, Lee Dawes, Lillie Smith; First Free Will Baptist Church of Belleair, I. R. Thomas, J. C. Touchton. Letters read and approved. Called for petitionary letters. One received.

Election of Officers: W. D. Bennett, Clerk; J. C. Touchton, Treasurer; Rev. L. W. Nelson, Moderator; J. C. Touchton, Assistant Clerk; Rev. J. H. Cruse, Assistant Moderator.

Visiting Brethren invited to seats with us. Called for corresponding messengers. None.

Friday 11:00 o'clock a. m. Services conducted by Rev. L. W. Nelson. Song No. 153. Prayer by Clerk. Lesson, Psalms 100. Text, 10th verse. Prayer by Rev. M. H. Touchton. Song No. 15. Benediction by Rev. H. G. Cruse.

Friday afternoon session. Body called to order. Song No. 236. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Cruse. Roll call. Decorum read.

Appointment of committees as follows: On Preaching, Temperance, Finance, Nominations, Education, Sunday School, Ministers and Deacons, Obituaries. Unfinished business: A resolution presented by Rev. H. G. Cruse. Adjournment for preaching.

Friday 4:00 o'clock p. m. Service. Preaching by Rev. S. W. Smith, a brother missionary. Song. Brethren, we have met to worship. Prayer by speaker. Lesson, Luke 10th Chap; Text, 35th verse. Song No. 28. Benediction by Bro. D. D. Poppell.

Business resumed at 5:30 p. m. Song No. 233. Prayer by Moderator. Miscellaneous business: A resolution presented and read by Rev. H. G. Cruse from Pierce Chapel Church. Carried that we have 200 Minutes printed. Clerk to have this work done and draw draft on Treasurer for expense, postage included. Carried that we donate Clerk \$10.00 for service. Rev. M. H. Touchton and Rev. J. H. Cruse were elected evangelists for the ensuing year. Carried that this body draw up and approve an order to Bro. T. S. Agner, former treasurer, to turn over all money held by him, prop-

treasurer, J. C. Touchton.
Sister Mac Grubbs, on account
and Rev. H. G. Cruse be excused
asurer, and said order to be car-
C. Newman. Carried that Clerk

to be
prepare card

Friday 7:00 a. m. Service conducted by Rev. H. G. Cruse. Song No. 20. Prayer by Moderator. Lesson, Matthew 6th Chap. Text, Luke 17:32. Song No. 41. Benediction by Rev. M. H. Touchton.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Body called to order. Roll-call. Decorum read. Song No. 21. Prayer by Bro. J. C. Touchton. Carried that we accept Rev. E. C. Dedge's ministerial report as read. Carried that we accept Rev. L. W. Nelson's ministerial report as read.

Saturday 11:00 o'clock a. m. Service conducted by Rev. J. H. Cruse. Song No. 106. Prayer by Rev. E. C. Dedge. Lesson, 5th Chap. of 1st Thess. Text, Luke 16:16. Song No. 17. Benediction by Moderator.

Saturday afternoon session. Song No. 57. Prayer by Sister Smith. Roll call. Decorum read. Reports of committees as follows read and approved: On preaching, temperance, nomination, finance, education, Sunday School, state of ministers and deacons, obituaries, executive.

Saturday 4:00 o'clock p. m. Service conducted by Rev. M. H. Touchton. Song No. 76. Prayer by speaker. Lesson, 1st Chap. of 1st John. Text, 1st verse. Business resumed. Carried that we excuse Rev. H. G. Cruse for the balance of the day. Executive committee report read and approved. Entire proceedings read and approved.

Saturday 7:00 o'clock p. m. Service conducted by Rev. L. W. Nelson. Song No. 35. Prayer by Rev. E. C. Dedge. Lesson, St. John, 21st Chap, 12th verse. Song No. 113. Prayer by speaker. Dismissal.

SUNDAY 11:00 A. M.

Service conducted by Rev. E. C. Dedge. Song No. 73. Prayer by W. S. Ward. Lesson, 3rd Chap. of James. Text, 8th verse. Song No. 39. Benediction by Rev. J. H. Cruse.

Sunday 7:00 o'clock p. m. Service conducted by Rev. J. H. Cruse. Lesson, 4th Chap. Tim. Text, 2nd verse. Song No. 42. Benediction by Rev. L. W. Nelson.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved: As this body is growing scant of delegates, ministers and deacons, we recommend that the churches look careful to send the same, or report the cause.

REPORT OF ON PRE

We report as follows: Friday 4:00 p. m. Rev. S. W. Smith; 7:00 p. m. Saturday 11:00 a. m. Rev. J. H. Cruse; 4:00 p. m. Touchton; 7:00 p. m. Rev. L. W. Nelson. Sunday 7:00 p. m. Rev. J. H. Cruse.

B. C. NEWMAN, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We report as follows: Be ye temperate in all things. Beware of strong drink and all other matters of intemperance.

W. D. BENNETT, Chairman.

FINANCE

We report as follows: Knight's Chapel, \$4.50; Mt. Willing, \$5.00; Gethsemane, \$8.50; St. John, \$5.00; Mt. Carmel, \$2.00; Pine Level, \$2.50; Pierce Chapel, \$4.50; First Free Will Baptist Church of Belleair, \$5.00. Total, \$36.00.

J. C. TOUCHTON, Chairman.

NOMINATIONS

We report as follows: We have destined St. John's Church to be the home of the Association, to convene Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1922, with Rev. L. W. Nelson to preach the introductory sermon. Delegates will be met at Perry, Fla.

W. E. CROFT, Chairman.

EDUCATION

We report as follows: In our consideration literal education fits and prepares the rising generation for a better study of the Bible and religious literature which will promote a higher standard of Christianity. Unite with us in the promotion of same.

ADDIE GRUBBS, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We report as follows: Three Sunday Schools organized since last Association, and we believe that every church should have a Sunday School in it. As there is much good accomplished by them. All churches should consider this point more closely, as God is well pleased with all good Sabbath Schools.

H. G. TOUCHTON, Chairman.

STATE OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS

We report as follows: We find our ministers and deacons striving to do the Lord's will and are in good standing in all the sister churches.

J. C. TOUCHTON, Chairman.

that the Good Lord has called
His Chapel, 21 Gethsemane, 1

H. C. NEWMAN, Chairman.

ACCTIVE

We report as follows: Nothing has appeared for action, but there is some church property at McAlpin, Fla., that has been abandoned for more than one year, and if disposition is deemed necessary by this body we ask one and all for advice as concerning this property.

H. G. CRUSE, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1921

Balance on hand from 1919	\$20.87
Donations for 1920	60.49
Total	\$81.36
Paid Clerk 1920	\$19.60
Balance	\$71.36
Paid for 1920's 1920	26.32
Total paid out	26.32
Balance on Hand	\$45.04

Respectfully,

J. C. TOUCHTON, Treasurer.

CARD OF THANKS

To the Good People of Pierce Chapel Community:

We wish to thank you for your kindness toward us while with you and pray that God may ever bless you all. We hope to live near and serve the Lord with our whole hearts in future. We invite all Free Will Baptists to visit us in our Association and assist us in praising God. Come and go with us.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

E. C. Dodge, Stockton, Ga.; H. G. Cruse, Bell, Fla.; M. H. Touchton, O'Brien, Fla.; L. W. Nelson, Wauchula, Fla.; J. H. Cruse, Perry, Fla.; S. E. Newman, Elfers, Fla.

ORDER

1. This body shall open at
2. Call for letters. Have and ministers enrolled.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Elect Clerk, Treasurer, Moderator, etc.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
6. Call for corresponding Messengers.
7. Appoint committees as follows: On preaching, temperance, finance, nomination, education, Sunday School, state of ministers and deacons, obituaries.
8. Unfinished business. Report of committees.
9. Miscellaneous business. Treasurer's report.
10. Executive committee's report. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the North Florida Free Will Baptist Association.
2. It shall be composed of: (1) The ministers, both ordained and licentiate, belonging thereto. (2) Legal delegates from the churches composing the same.
3. Requirements for churches: Each church shall be required to send up an annual report to the Association, in which they shall make a brief statement of the work of the pastor; report the character and usefulness of the ministers whose membership is with them; give the name and position of the church clerk; give the number baptized, restored by letter, dismissed by letter, excluded, and the number of members and the amount paid for Association purposes.
4. Each church in the Association shall be considered an advisory body and shall control its own internal affairs, having the unrestricted right to administer its own government without suspension or interference, being under Christ essentially independent and absolute.
5. This body shall be considered an advisory council, whose duty it is to meet annually at such places as may be agreed upon at the previous session and not to adjourn formally until all business is settled, and while there it shall be its duty to examine all questions of general interest to the Association and to use its best influence to promote all moral and benevolent means and institutions, such as education, Sabbath Schools, missionary and temperance work, etc.
6. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, chosen annually by a majority of votes.
7. Churches wishing to become members of this Association, must adopt our Articles of Faith and conform to its usage.
8. Every regular church shall be entitled to two delegates to the General Conference.

altered or amended at any session of votes.

DECORUM

1. At the first session of the Association the officers of the preceding year shall preside until their successors shall be known.

2. At each meeting and prior to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called.

3. At the close of each session the entire proceedings of each session shall be read for correction and approval.

4. Any person wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

5. No person shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission of the body.

6. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

7. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall be preferred in the order which they are stated.

8. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the affirmative may move a reconsideration.

9. No member shall absent himself during the session without the permission of the presiding officer, and none shall take final leave without the permission of the body.

10. The Association has the right to decide what matters shall be admitted to its consideration.

11. The body shall elect a Sunday School Board annually, and it shall consist of six members from the various churches of the Association and they shall report annually.

12. Resolved, that this body shall not receive any minister in her bounds to preach or exercise authority unless he first proves the churches that compose this body.

13. We will not allow any minister to become a member of our body unless he has deposited his membership in some one of the churches that comprise this body.

14. We, as a body, agree not to support anyone offering himself for office, either state or national, who uses or is in favor of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. We want all our churches to hold their members subject to these resolutions.

15. The Association will not use any finance sent in by the various churches, only for actual expenses of this body.

16. This body shall annually elect one or more evangelistic workers in the Association and they shall report to this body while in session as to their work.

17. This body while in session, and before the final conclusion, shall commemorate the Paschal Supper.

18. These Rules of Decorum of the Association.

ARTICLES

1. We believe that there is one God, the Father, and eternal God, the Father, of whom are all things, who is everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes.—1 Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into His world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man; who was buried and rose again the third day and ascended into Heaven, from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of Heaven, at the last day, to judge the quick and dead.—1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb., 2:9; St. John, 3:16; Rev., 1:7; Acts, 24:15; 1 John, 2:2.

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God.—St. John 16:7-8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 2:1; Eph. 4:4-6.

4. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery from which he voluntarily, by transgression, fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state, subject to death.—Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of the truth, that they might be saved, for which end Christ hath commanded the gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15-17; 1 Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ, who died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that bought them; because they believe not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men, it follows against all contradiction that all men, at one time or another are found in such a capacity as that through the grace of God that they may be eternally saved.—Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; 1 John 5:10.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true; and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—1 Tim. 3:16-17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of general provisions made of God in Christ for the benefit of all mankind; who repent and believe the gospel.—Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 13:3-5; Luke 24:47; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ, His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teachings; whereas, such who do not receive the divine impressions of His holy spirit

condemnation just, and charge
on for wilfully rejecting the of-
27; St. John 6:44-65; Psa. 1:1;

Titus

10. We not considered simply as men, but
ungodly men who turn the grace of God into
lasciviousness, denying the only Lord
God, and our Lord Jesus Christ who brought them, and therefore
shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that
they and such the Apostle said because they receive not the love of
truth that they might be saved; therefore the indignation and wrath
of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying
therein; for there is no respect of persons with God.—Judge 1:4;
II Peter 2:1; II Thess. 2:11-12; Rom. 2:9-11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not
actually transgressed against the law of God in their own persons,
are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by
the fall of the first Adam, and not than anyone of them dying in that
state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for
of such is the kingdom of God.—I Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark
9:36-37; Matt. 19:14.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving
faith, and that in the use of the means of grace, and not of the use
of those means, eternal life is promised to men.—Rev. 22:14-15;
Isa. 1:19-20; Matt. 7:8; Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:24-25.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy
Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power
or ability which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is
made able to come to God through Jesus Christ believing the right-
eousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their
eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20-21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of
God, so that God knoweth that whatsoever can or cannot come to
pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any
person to everlasting death or everlasting life out of respect of mere
choice, further than He hath appointed the godly unto life and the
ungodly who die in sin unto death.—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-31;
Matt. 25:31-46.

15. We believe as touching gospel ordinances, in believers'
baptism, laying on the hands, receiving of the sacrament of bread
and wine, washing the saints' feet, anointing the sick with oil in
the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God and
the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord
we shall find in the New Testament.—Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:17;
Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5-17; Jas. 5:14.

16. We believe that the gospel mode of baptism is by immer-
sion and that the believers are the only subjects for baptism.—
Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9-10; Acts 3:38-39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a
final judgment at the last day.—John 5:28-29; 2nd Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and
the torments of the wicked are endless.—Matt. 25:46.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES, COUNTIES AND STATES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Recd. by Letter				Recd. by Confessio				Recd. by Baptism				Refused and Dismissed			
			0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3
Knight's Chapel, Suwanee, Fla.	E. C. Dedge	S. C. Mosley, Live Oak, Fla.																
Mt. Welling, Suwanee, Fla.	E. C. Dedge	May Pearson, O'Brien, Fla.																
Gethsemane, Clinch, Ga.	L. W. Nelson	W. D. Bennett, Stockton, Ga.																
St. John, Taylor, Fla.	E. C. Dedge	W. R. Dorman, Perry, Fla.																
Mt. Carmel, Taylor, Fla.	L. W. Nelson	Mae Grubbs, Perry, Fla.																
Pine Level, Suwanee, Fla.	L. W. Nelson	B. C. Newman, Dowling Park, Fla.																
Pierce Chapel, Alachua, Fla.	L. G. Cruse	Lee Davis, Bell, Fla.																
1st F. W. B. Church, Belleair, Fla.	H. H. Touchton	J. C. Touchton, Belleair, Fla.																