

Historical Glance

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A few years after the Emancipation Proclamation, Elder W. A. McDonald of West Virginia came to Leon County and soon connected with Elder Henry McDonald, who had been a slave of Elder W. A. McDonald's father. The two men rejoined themselves for they had grown up together in West Virginia. They recognized that there was no Primitive Baptist Church organized.

On June 15, 1866, the Elders drew up guidelines for operating the Primitive Baptist Church and organized the Florida State Primitive Baptist Association. After much growth in the Association, the brethren in Georgia organized the South Georgia Association under the leadership of Elder Andrew Sims. From the group grew the Old West Florida Association. The group thereafter was renamed the Middle Florida Georgia Primitive Baptist Association.