

# Constitution And By-Laws Of the Middle Florida-Georgia Primitive Baptist Association

## PREAMBLE

We, the representatives of the regular and orderly Primitive Baptist Churches in the Middle Florida District, being convinced of the      Winter40 necessity of perfecting an organization of churches to promote harmony and to maintain fellowship among the churches and ministers, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Middle Florida-Georgia Primitive Baptist Association.

## ARTICLE I

NAME: The name of this organization shall be The Middle Florida-Georgia Primitive Baptist Association.

## ARTICLE II

PURPOSE: The purpose shall be to create unanimity and promote Christian fellowship among the Primitive Baptist Churches and its' Elders in the District; to foster the cause of evangelism, education, mission, church extension and publications through the State and National Conventions.

## ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP: The membership of this Association shall consist of Ordained Elders, Deacons, and Churches (Delegates for Churches), and Ministers.

## ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS: The Officers of the Association shall be: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Assistant Recording Secretary, Assistant Financial Secretary, Bible Expositor, Chief Evangelist, and Associate Chief Evangelist.

## ARTICLE V

### The Powers and Duties of the Officers

#### SECTION 1. The Moderator and Vice Moderator

- A. The Moderator shall preside at all Associational meetings, and interpret the Constitution; He shall appoint all committees and all boards; He shall appoint Senior and Junior members to referee the bar of the Association.
- B. The Vice Moderator shall assist the Moderator as requested by the Moderator, He shall preside in the absence of the Moderator. He shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Board.

## SECTION 2. The Recording Secretary and Assistant Recording Secretary

- A. The Recording Secretary shall record all Associational minutes and see that they are compiled and published in keeping with the order of the Association; He shall keep a statistical record of all Churches, Ministers, and Deacons; He shall be custodian of all records.
- B. The Assistant Recording Secretary shall assist the Recording Secretary as requested by Him, and shall be responsible for recording of Associational minutes in the absence of the Recording Secretary.

## SECTION 3. The Financial Secretary/Treasurer and Assistant Financial Secretary

- A. The Financial Secretary shall be responsible for the collection of all monies upon proper receipts as approved by the Association; he shall give an itemized account of the same as deemed necessary by the Association.
- B. The Assistant Financial Secretary shall assist the Financial Secretary as requested by Him, and shall be responsible for all receipts in the absence of the Financial Secretary.

## SECTION 4. The Treasurer

- A. He shall be custodian of all Association monies
- B. He shall be capable of being bonded
- C. He shall report to the Association as it deems necessary

## SECTION 5. The Bible Expositor

- A. He shall give expositions from the Bible in keeping with the theme of the Association program.

## SECTION 6. The Chief Evangelist and Associate Chief Evangelist

- A. The Chief Evangelist shall visit and extend evangelism to the churches of the Association assigned to Him; He shall settle matters among ordained Elders, between churches and sister churches under His supervision, between a Pastor and Church when requested; He shall recommend a Pastor for a church when a church is without a Pastor, if requested by a church without a Pastor.
- B. The Associate Chief Evangelist shall have the same privileges as the Chief Evangelist in regards to the churches assigned to Him.

## ARTICLE VI

### BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. The Boards of the Association shall be:

1. The Executive Board shall have the authority to represent the Association when the Association is not in Session.
2. The Board of Evangelism and Extension shall be responsible for all evangelistical programs, and for granting and collecting all loans in keeping with the policies of the Association.
3. The Board of Finance shall be responsible for all Associational finance given to it.
4. The Board of Presbytery shall examine all applicants for ordination, and ordain them if and when they are found qualified in keeping with the policies of the Association.

B. The Standing Committees of the Association shall be:

1. The Program and Divine Worship Committee shall be responsible for submitting a program to the Association for all Associational meetings.
2. The Time and Place Committee shall be responsible for recommending the Time and Place of each Associational meeting at least two years in advance of each meeting.
3. The Necrology Committee shall be responsible for reporting all deceased members of the Association to be memorialized.
4. The Auditing Committee shall be responsible for reviewing all receipt books, and making recommendations to the Association.
5. Other Committees may be appointed as deemed necessary by the Association.

## ARTICLE VII

### DEPARTMENTS

The following auxiliary departments shall function under the direction of the Parent Body: The Church School Convention, The Annual Union, The Women Congress, The Laymen's Council, The Youth Congress, The Choir Congress, and The Ushers Congress.

## ARTICLE VIII

### TIME AND PLACE

- A. The Association shall hold its' annual session at such time and place as it may determine.
- B. An adjointed one day session may be held at such time and place as approved by the Association annually.

## ARTICLE IX

### THE OFFICIAL SEAL AND EMBLEM

The Official Seal and Emblem of the Association shall be the Holy Bible, a dove and a lamb with the name Middle Florida-Georgia Primitive Baptist Association, and the year it was organized.

## ARTICLE X

This Constitution may be amended by three-fourths vote when the constituents of the Association deem it necessary, provided the proposed amendment is presented on the first day of the session to be voted on the last day of business.

## ARTICLE XI

A Minister or Brother shall not be ordained if he has never been married or raised a family. If a Minister or Brother has been married and raised a family, he shall be allowed to be ordained.

## ARTICLE XII

An ordained member of the Association, (i.e. Pastor, Elder, Minister, or Deacon) shall not be permitted to counsel a same sex couple concerning marriage, or conduct A Holy Matrimony Wedding service for same sex individuals.

## BY LAWS

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| 1. The enrollment for Pastors shall be | \$100.00 |
| 2. Ordained Elders                     | 50.00    |
| 3. Licensed Ministers                  | 25.00    |
| 4. Deacons                             | 25.00    |
| 5. Delegates                           | 5.00     |
| 6. Deacon Board                        | 15.00    |
| 7. Widows                              | 3.00     |
| 8. Churches with 35 or less members    | 200.00   |

9. Churches with 36 or more members 6.00 per member
10. The Association shall convene the Wednesday after the third Sunday in June, and end that Friday.

#### POLICIES FOR THE BOARD OF PRESBYTERY

1. Anytime a Minister or a Deacon is to be examined for ordination, there must be at least two members of the Board of Presbytery and an ordained Minister of the Association present. The Moderator and the Chairman of the Board of Presbytery shall be notified of the proposed examination.
2. If a candidate is not found qualified at any annual meeting, he shall not be eligible for examination until the expiration of ninety days for study and consecration.

#### BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND EXTENSION

1. All candidates for the office of Chief Evangelist and Associate Chief Evangelist shall be examined by the Board before they can be voted upon.
2. Any Church desiring a loan must present its' application to this Board which shall make its' recommendation to the Association.
3. The Board shall see that all property is legally clear and up to date.
4. The order for all loans must be signed by the Chairman of the Board, The Financial Secretary of the Association, and the Moderator.
5. The Moderator and the Financial Secretary shall be ex official members of this Board.

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