

## MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS - LOCAL CHURCHES IN MIDDLE GEORGIA 1860-1865

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| <u>CHURCH</u>   | <u>STATUS</u> | <u>COUNTY</u> | <u>ASSOCIATION</u> | <u>EVENT or ACTION</u>                                     | <u>DATE</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--|-------------|
| Jackson         | N             | Washington    | Mt. Vernon         | Voted to Recommend Members Stop Using Alcohol              | 1860/04     |
| Houston Factory | SP            | Houston       | Rehoboth           | Smyrn Church annexed into Houston Factory                  | 1861/01     |
| Houston Factory | SP            | Houston       | Rehoboth           | Smyrna Church established a Sunday School                  | 1862/10     |
| Indian Creek    | SP            | Henry         |                    | Voted to host meeting on "present state of the churches"   | 1865/06/03  |
| Sandy Creek     | SP            | Morgan        | Appalachee         | Vigilance Com. formed to "suppress" immoral, disord. cond. | 1860/03/24  |
| Bethel          | N             | Jasper        | Central            | Sermon, Acts 13:25; statement on dancing*                  | 1863/03/14  |
| Antioch         | N             | Morgan        | Central            | Considered banning alcohol, decided not to**               | 1865/09/10  |
| Bethlehem       | N             | Laurens       | Mt. Vernon         | Voted against "buying and selling" "spirits"               | 1860/04/07  |
| Bethlehem       | N             | Laurens       | Mt. Vernon         | Each month "called for acknowledgements of any sins"***    |             |
| Bethlehem       | N             | Laurens       | Mt. Vernon         | Ordination sermon from Galatians 5:13                      | 1863/04/12  |
| Madison         | N             | Morgan        | Central            | Sermon from Ruth 1:16                                      |             |
| Providence      | N             | Jasper        | Central            | voted to assist a needy female member                      | 1863/04/19  |

\* "Resolved that we the church at Bethel believe that dancing is an evil and contrary to religion & is only calculated to lead us from God."

\*\* (1865/08/13) Should church "tolerate the making and selling of Ardent Spirits by its members"

\*\*\* Example (1863/10/12) "Brother K. L. Keen acknowledged doing wrong in a heat of passion by striking Brother L. W. Swinson and requested the church to pray for him and also asked forgiveness of the church"; comm. Appointed; forgiven (1863/10/13)

