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OFFICERS

Rev. S. B. Cole, Moderator.....Madison, Fla.
Ardis Warren, Secretary.....Madison, Fla.
F. B. Williams, Treasurer,Lee, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. A. Kirtley, J. R. Mullis,
A. Reams, G. F. Andrews,
W. N. Webb.....

The Nineteenth Annual Session of Middle Florida Baptist Association will convene with Riverside Baptist Church, Lafayette County on Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1918, at 10 o'clock.

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marks in debate, nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question without permission from the Association, nor more than once until every one desiring to speak shall have done so.

Article 10. While any member is addressing the Association, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private discourse that may be indulged in among the members, and request strict attention on the part of the audience.

Article 11. When a motion is made and seconded it shall be stated by the Moderator before open for debate.

Article 12. Every motion shall be reduced in writing if desired by any member of the Association.

Article 13. After a motion is made and seconded it shall be deemed in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time before being discussed or amended.

Article 14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained unless to amend or referred to a committee, for the previous question or for adjournment.

Article 15. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order, and decided without debate.

Article 16. A member may call for a division of a question when two or more distinct propositions are set forth, and when substances will admit of a division.

Article 17. Motion and amendments may be referred to a committee at the pleasure of the Association.

Article 18. Every resolution shall receive two statements or readings in the Association previous to its passage, the first shall be for information and the second when the decision of the Association is

to be made.

Article 19. The rules may be changed or amended at any full meeting of the Association.

Article 20. The Association shall be opened and closed each day by the Moderator, or by some member.

Article 21. All questions shall be fairly stated in writing, and approved by two-thirds of the members present before they shall be acted on.

Article 22. All Messengers are requested to remain during the whole session of the Association, and no member shall absent himself without he be excused by the Moderator.

MINUTES

The Eighteenth Annual Session of the Middle Florida Baptist Association convened with the Midway Baptist Church, Madison County, Florida, November 13th and 14th, A. D. 1917. A service of song and prayer was held.

The former Moderator declared the Eighteenth Annual session of the Association open for the transaction of business.

The Moderator appointed Bros. D. F. Berry and Theo Leslie to collect and read the letters of the different churches.

The following Messengers were enrolled:

Aucilla—By letter.

Antioch—

Athena—

Beulah—J. F. Stokes, Thos Blair.

Brewer Lake—F. P. Parker, J. W. Fielding

Bethel—Sister Gracie Head, Donnie Head.

Central—J. R. Mullis, D. F. Berry

Cabbage Grove—

Elizabeth—E L Hamrick, Wilson Hamrick.

Greenville—A. Reams, C. Bush, T P McLeod.

Hopewell—W D Lamb, Steve Newburn.

Harmony—C V McLain.

Lamont—Mr. and Mrs. G F Andrews.

Lee—H J Davis.

Live Oak—John Pinson.

Luther—

Macedonia—John Hicks, Jim Driggers, G I Tindall.

Madison—Butler Horton, W B Cate, J E Hardee

Theo Leslie.

Midway—T L Hicks, J W Thomas, G B McClamma.

Mayo—Mrs. White.

Mosely Hall—Howard Leslie,, Willie Pickles, Mrs. Sanders.

Mt. Gilead—J E Horne, Hinton Aman.

Mt. Mariah—W B Williams.

New Hope—

New Hopeful—Miss Susie Humphrey.

New Macodonia—By Letter.

New Prospect—

Oakland—W B Whiddon.

Oak Grove— A A Wethington.

Perry—W L Weaver, J A Kirtley, W E Inman.

Pine Grove—S C Warren, B F Seals, Ardis Warren.

Pine Bluff—By Letter.

Pleasant Hill—

Pleasant Grove Lafayette County—H B Ezell.

Pleasant Grove, Taylor County—W H Lewis R E McMullen.

River Side—C N Frier.

San Pedro—C M Parker, H S Parker.

Sirmons—Mrs. R Reams.

Salem—

Triumph—

On motion, Bro. W B Williams of Mt Mariah was seated as a delegate.

On motion, that the members enrolled and those to be enrolled should constitute the messengers of the association.

The former Moderator and Clerk were unanimously elected for the ensuing year.

The time having arrived for preaching, Rev. J. W. Farnell preached using the 4th verse First Chapt. Isaiah.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: Finance Committee, Theo. Leslie, B. F. Williams, A A Wethington.

State Missions, J T Tarnell, J E Hardee, H B Ezell.

A recess was given till 2 o'clock.

Jas. A Kirtley pronounced the Benediction.

AFTERNOON—FIRST DAY

2 p. m. met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional service conducted by Moderator. Called for Associational letters which was read and messengers enrolled.

Called for representatives from other bodies.

Bro. A M Parker from the Beulah Association.

Rev. S B Rogers from Jacksonville, J Oscar Harris of Lake City, was recognized.

On motion, Bro. Wilson Hamrick of Elizabeth was enrolled as messenger.

On motion, Cora L and Ruby Frier of River Side were seated as delegates.

On motion, that Report on State Missions be now read, and Dr. Rogers of Jacksonville be asked to speak to same, On motion the report of state missions was duly adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Home Missions, T J Bennett, W B Williams, B F Seal, C V McLean.

Foreign Missions, Jas. A Kirtley, H J Davis F P Parker, B F Seals.

Temperance, W. A Cate, W E Inman, J R Mullis.

Orphanage, J O Culpepper, W L Weaver, W H Lewis, J F Stokes.

On Motion the body stood adjourned till tomorrow 9 a. m. Rev T J Bennett pronounced the Benediction

WEDNESDAY—SECOND DAY

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and the meeting was opened by song, scripture reading by W L Weaver and prayer by A

B Kennedy.

On motion W B Cate of Madison was recognized as a delegate from Madison church.

Bro. C M Parker of San Pedro church was recognized and given the privilege of the floor.

Program submitted by the Moderator was on motion duly made and carried and adopted.

Rev. A B Cannady representing the Witness was recognized and given the privilege of the floor.

Report on Orphanage, Report prepared by J. O Culpepper and read by Rev. J A Kirtley.

Discussed by Rev J A Kirtley W L Weaver, D F Berry, J Oscar Harris, T J Bennett.

The report was duly adopted.

The Report of the Executive committee was read.

Discussion led by J T Bennett, Frank Andrews, S B Cole, A M Parker, W L Weaver, J G Connell, W L Spears. On motion the report was adopted.

The Report on Home and Foreign Mission reports, was read, discussions led by J G Connell, Jas A Kirtley, J. T. Bennett.

Bro. Spears moved that the clause in Home Mission report, that requested the pastors to preach once each quarter on Missions, be stricken, was lost by unanimous vote.

Home and Foreign Mission reports were adopted.

Report on Education read by A M Parker, Spoken to by A M Parker, J Oscar Harris, W L Spears. The reports were adopted.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator

Deceased Ministers, Thomas Kent, Steve Newburn, J S Pinson, T J Bennett.

Aged Ministers, A N Woodard, G B McClamma, W L Spears.

Education, A M Parker, J T Farnell, W M Tampling, S C Warren.

Womans Work, Mrs. C L Leggette, Mrs. Reams, Miss Susie Humphry, Miss Gracie Head.

Sunday School, S C Warren, D F Berry, J W Fielding, C N Frier.

State of Churches R F Hacker, J A Kirtley W B Whiddon.

Periodicals, W B Davis, W L Spears, Thos. Blair.

Nominations, G F Andrews, W E Inman, E L Hamrick.

Ministrial Support, Theo. Leslie, H J Davis, J F Stokes.

Announcements were made by the pastor and the meeting stood adjournment till 2 o'clock. Bro. W B Cate pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY—2 P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment Devotional service conducted by moderator.

The selection of a home for the association for an other year was brought before the body.

River Side, and Elizabeth churches were put in nomination. The vote was taken and River Side was declared the place of meeting and that the Minutes show that Dell, Florida, be the place of destination for the delegates.

On motion Bros. Steve Newburn and W D Lamb were seated as delegates.

It was further moved and carried that the time of meeting of the association be placed back one month the same time in October that it now meets in November.

Renewed the call for reports.

Reports on Sunday School was read by S C Warren. Discussions led by S C Warren, D F Berry J O

Harris adopted by consent.

Report on Temperance was read by W A Cate, and discussed by him.

Report on State of churches was read by Bro. Kirtley. Adopted as read.

Report on Periodicals was read by Bro Spears and adopted. Bro. A B Kennedy was given the privilege of the floor,

The report on Ministerial support was read by W L Weaver and W L Spears. Adopted by consent.

Bro Spears asked the association for a free will offering for Bro. A M Parker, the amount taken was \$23.35.

Bro Inman read report on Nominations. Same was adopted.

Report on Aged Ministers was read by clerk and adopted as read.

Report on Deceased Ministers was read and adopted.

Mrs. C L Leggette read the report and Woman's Work, which was duly adopted.

Report of Finance Committee was read and adopted.

On motion that the Clerk be paid \$20.00 for service.

On motion, that a standing vote be taken showing Midway church and vicinity appreciation of their royal hospitality during our stay their midst. This was unanimous.

A motion that the association now adjourn was agreed to, and to convene with River Side Baptist church, Lafayette County Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in October, A. D. 1918.

The minutes were read by the clerk and signed by the Moderator.

Bro. A B Kennedy led the closing prayer.

Ardis Warren, Clerk
S B Cole, Moderator.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A few days after the meeting of the Association at Perry the newly appointed members of the Executive committee met at Greenville, and organized by electing James a Kirtley Chairman, and C L Leggette, Secretary.

After a full discussion of the possibilities of the field, the Executive Committee decided to secure if possible the services of Bro. T. J Bennett, for his full time and to apply to the State Board for sufficient help to carry out this plan. The State Board granted help to the Association to the amount of \$500.00 and Bro. Bennett began work about January 1st 1917.

Bro Bennett has labored faithfully and earnestly. He has had to live down some prejudices upon the field, to overcome many difficulties, and to regain confidence both in the work and workers, but with all he has stood for a pure life and a pure Gospel, and we believe his work will count.

He submits th following report of his work.

To the Executive Committee and Middle Florida Association. Report for service rendered during year beginning January 1st 1917 Ending November 11th 1917.

Weeks Labor	42
Churches Supplied	4
Other Stations	2

Sermons delivered	110
Addresses Delivered	20
Prayer and other regular meetings attended	37
No of Sabbath Schools on field	5
No of pupils	114
No of teachers	18
Total fellowship when I entered field.....	43
No of pupils converted	12
By restoration	7
By Letter	6
Total fellowship up to date	68
No. of miles traveled in performance of my labor	3695
Religious visits t ofamilies and persons.....	302
Pages of tract distributed	3349
Families found without bibles	15
Families supplied with bibles	2
Salary received from Associational Com- mittee.	\$416.30
Collection for State and Home Mission.....	\$26.35
For Foreign Missions	\$5.50
Columbia College	\$6.30
Evangelistic Service	\$15.35
Church building fund	\$80.00
Recd from Churches for Expenses	\$35.00

Missionary T. J. Bennett

Application was made by the Pine Bluff church for help to the amount of \$50.00 which was approved by the committee, and supplemented the Salary of Bro. A N Woodward, who submits the following report of his work:

Report of Pine Bluff in Middle Florida Association Church as Supplement work:

Sermons preached	24
Religious Visit	20

Prayer Services.....	12
Sunday School organized	1
Members Received	1
Miles Traveled	600
Salary paid	\$50.00
Collected for Mission	\$10.00

Respectfully Submitted,

A N Woodard

During the year the regular union meetings have been held. The churches have reasonably well co-operated in this work, and the interest has been generally good. However we would urge upon all the churches the duty of sending messengers to the Union Meetings, and of making their offerings to missions larger.

Three Bible Institutes were held during the year, at Oak Grove, Elizabeth, and Lamont. Bad weather interfered to some extent, but the interest was good, and the profit apparent.

Because of the value of the Institute in training the individual members of the churches we heartily commend their work to our people, and hope to have many calls for Institutes from our churches.

Respectfully Submitted,

James A Kirtley

ON TEMPERANCE

Your Committee on Temperance is glad to report that there is continued progress in the nation in the cause of prohibition and temperance Never before has the issue been such a burning one in many places. Over half of the states are now dry and others will soon follow. Prohibition does not always mean temperance but it is a long step toward it.

The U. S. Senate by a large majority passed the amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. The House will likely pass the same amendment this winter. As soon as thirty-six state legislatures ratify this action, the nation will be dry.

Many feel confident that the present law prohibiting the manufacture of liquor within the United States for the war period will be extended after the war, even should the amendment not have been adopted. The Webb Law prohibiting the interstate shipment of liquor into dry territory has done much good.

The last session of the Florida Legislature passed every bill for prohibition presented to it. Had not local option been in the constitution, the state would have become dry as a result of some legislation. As it is, however, we must wait until November of next year to ratify the amendment proposed by the last legislature and thereby sweep from the state the legal sale of liquor.

Five counties have voted dry within the past three or four months. The number of wet counties is now only five or six. The quart-a-month law is causing much less liquor to be shipped into the dry counties. In places where there is strict enforcement of law, the blind tiger evils are much less.

The more strict enforcement of prohibitory laws and the higher price of liquor will cause more inclination to home-making of some kind of intoxicating liquor. The fact that one dollar's worth of corn can be converted into ten quarts of some kind of liquor worth at least ten dollars offers some temptation to say the least.

We, therefore, recommend that the principles of temperance and law observance be practiced and

taught throughout the bounds of the Association and we feel that if all the forces of the Master do their part, liquor will have been banished from the state by an overwhelming vote of the people before this Association meets in October of next year.

Wm. A Cate
J R Mullis
W E Inman

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We your committee beg leave to report as follows:

We as a Christian Denomination must awake to the fact, that the day has arrived which demands an education. Education in our country is plain methods and practices is divided into two systems, State and Denominational.

In our State Colleges and public schools we find a very small number of Presidents, Professors and teachers to be devout Christians, by this the tendency of the State Colleges and public schools are not towards spiritual development, but after just the reverse.

The aims and purposes of the Denominational Colleges should be, and they usually are, to train the mind and with equal earnestness the spiritual to the end that all education may have its foundation in faith in God, loyalty to Christ and full belief in the Bible. The Denominational College that fails in any one of these particulars is disloyal to this purpose of true Christian education.

A man will say "I can send my child to the State College for less money and I mean to do so." God pity the father of our State who will ignore the higher and purer training of sons or daughters because it costs them a few more dollars to send them to Columbia

College where our doctrine and faith is taught and practiced.

To bring this matter home to the Middle Florida Association Columbia College is the only Baptist school in Florida owned and controlled by the Baptists of Florida; it has a faculty able to teach young men and women to give them all that they need for preparation of life; it is founded upon the Bible and it is loyal to the doctrines, policy and practices of the Baptist Denomination.

In conclusion we urge that each messenger from the various churches of this Association as they return to the churches to ask their brethren to make a special contribution for the support of Columbia College. We especially urge the fathers and mothers of this Association to send their boys and girls to Columbia College.

We urge upon our people the support of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and advise young men who have finished their studies in Columbia College to pursue courses in the Seminary.

Respectfully Submitted,

A M Parker
J. T. Farnell
W M Tampling
S C Warren

STATE MISSIONS

Your committee on State Mission report as follows:

The work of our State is one of tremendous worth this is the time for the Gospel seed sowing that in after years will insure us a great harvest. Florida our land of flowers is not a developed State. Her broad fields of need of the gospel has not been reached as yet. New industries are springing up every day,

and new towns are being built in different parts every day. These are the days we should do our best to send the Gospel of our Blessed Lord and Savior's sweet message to the lost ones of our noble State if the Baptist will take advantage of these great opportunities offered us and enter the important field while it is white and ready for harvest as it is now in the years to come the people will rise up and call us Blessed. It will be much easier to do the work now than to wait longer as we work let us also pray that our heavenly Father will bless our labor, that our influence in this state may be felt many years to come.

We are laying the foundation for the future generation to build upon. Our State Board of Mission is the only agency we have to develop our home State.

To do this we must put God called men as missionaries to carry the good news of great joy to the lost ones of our great State.

We should make greater efforts to build church houses and aid in support of all. God called young men to equip them for the spread of the doctrines of our Blessed Lord, and we should make a greater effort to raise funds to help our dear old Preachers that have worn out themselves in ministerial work.

We should make a greater effort to send Sunday School Missionaries in the field to build up more Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. and other help, there is not a more needy work in the field than now.

The blessed Lord blessed us all bountifully this year and we should do more for him in return.

Yours Respectfully submitted,

J. T. Farnell
J. E. Hardee
H. B. Ezell

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

We beg leave to report on Periodicals:

We are living in a reading age, and it is of great importance that we read only such literature as is wholesome, nourishing and educational.

Therefore the committee in this report calls special attention to the Florida Baptist Witness, the Florida and Foreign Fields, and the Royal Service, and the literature published by the Sunday School Board. These Periodicals are both educational and inspirational.

And we feel that it would be well for each of these publications to be in every Baptist home. We urge a more liberal subscription to each of these Periodicals.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Spears,
W. T. Blair,

HOME MISSION

The main purpose of this Board, which was established in 1906, is to evangelize, and christianize the needy parts of our home land.

Our Board last year reported 37,724 baptisms, 22,945 of which were creditable to Home Missions, while the remainder were creditable to cooperative agencies.

Last year the receipts of the Board for all purposes was \$474,792 while the administrative costs were 22,638, or 4.7 per cent.

This suggests great economy, but we should not practice economy at the expense of efficiency.

There must always be a judicious expense in secular business to insure success, and the same rule holds good in religious work.

I would further recommend that each member of

the executive committee be required to visit the field at least once a year at different times and in different places.

This will enlighten the Board, encourage the Missionary, and stimulate the people. I myself can hardly tell the good that I received from two visits of a member of the Committee. The great world's war is upon us.

We have 3,000,000 Baptists of the South from which to raise men and means. As a church we must raise and face the greatest crisis in the history of this country since the Revolution.

We recommend that earnest prayer be made and that our preachers preach once a quarter on Missions.

Missionary T. J. Bennett.

THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Your committee appointed to report upon the condition of the orphanage in submitting our report beg to state that this beneficiary of the church is doing a great work in Florida, and that during the year it has cared for over one hundred children and that the usual amount of interest and cooperation has been manifested by friends and baptists throughout the state despite the crop condition and the great crisis that has confronted the nation during the past year.

We are gratified to report that with all these conditions confronting the management of the work that the institution has been run on a basis of about \$10.00 per child per month.

The orphanage and its mission we fear has not been fully understood and appreciated by some, but it is a source of pleasure for your committee to report that the faithfulness of Dr. Trice and his helpers in

the work, and the church could not secure a more efficient and faithful crops of workers; they deserve all the credit and praise that can be given them for their services.

During the year we find that close attention has been given to the spiritual condition of the child, and that quite a few have joined the church ^{and} that they are surrounded with the necessary religious teaching to fit them for the Master's use.

We also find that it will take about \$15,000 to properly care for the orphanage this year and to meet all the conditions that are likely to arise and to avoid turning away any that should be cared for, and we appeal to the brethren and this Association to be not lacking in giving support to one of the dearest institutions of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Jno. O. Culpepper

ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

Your committee feels that our ministers are not supported as liberally as they should be. At this time, when prices are so high, our churches should feel the obligation resting on them to increase their pastor's salaries so they may not be embarrassed.

The development of the church and of the individual, is shown by their treatment of the pastor.

Support your pastor by your sympathy, by your prayers, by your presence, and by the liberal offerings from your purse.

Respectfully submitted,
Theo Leslie,
H. J. Davis
J. F. Stokes

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Our authority for doing Foreign Mission work is derived from the teachings of our Lord, when He commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Baptists are a Bible loving people, and therefore must be missionary and thereby scriptural, or they must perish from the face of the earth, while Baptists have not monopolized the missionary project, yet they have had a noble and leading part in the missionary achievements of the ages. William Carey of saintly memory is lovingly called the father of modern organized missions, And the time would fail me to tell of the Judsons, the Rices, the Taylors, the Yates, the Cloughs, the Graves, and a host of others, who through faith subdued Kingdoms, wrought righteousness, oftamed promises, out of weakness were made strong and turned to flight the armies of the alies.

In the Foreign Mission Board located at Richmond Va., Southern Raptists have a fine piece of machinery for carrying on missions to the ends of the earth. An active propaganda in behalf of world wide Missions is kept up among the churches by the Board, a vast amount of literature is sent out. Tracts may be had for the asking, Mission study classes are encouraged and organized. Funds are solicited, and through the board flows the stream of free will offerings that go to support the Missionaries, maintain christian schools, hospitals, dispensaries, medical missionaries, theological training school, and in fine to provide an equipment that is worthy of a Christ given commission to evangelize the world.

Southern Baptists are doing mission work in Africa, Argentina, Brazil, China, Italy, Japan and Mexico. We have sent out an evangelistic force of 307

men and women, and have on the fields 178 ordained natives, assisted by 631 unordained native helpers. The Board owns 79 homes for the missionaries. We have organized in Foreign lands 458 churches, 115 of which are self-supporting, with 992 outstations. These churches have a membership of 47,161. There are 226 houses of worship in the 668 Sunday Schools 31,575 scholars are taught the word of God. Baptists of Foreign lands contributed to the cause of Christ last year \$132,371.05, which averaged about \$2.80 per member.

Baptists in foreign lands are mightily advancing the Masters Kingdom through Christian schools and education. Our Missionaries are operating 15 kindergartens with 415 pupils; 451 elementary schools with 11670 scholars; 23 middle schools with 1308 pupils; 2 colleges with 96 students; 10 normal and training schools with 298 pupils, 8 Theological schools with 257 students making a total of 485 schools with 13441 students. A very blessed work is being done by our medical missionaries, nurses and helpers, in the alleviation of suffering, in the treatment of disease and in the preaching of the Gospel to the patients, whose hearts have been made tender by the gracious ministries of the missionaries. From year to year God's blessing has wonderfully rested upon this work, and we gladly record the fact that last year 6347 men and women in foreign lands were buried with Christ in baptism.

Seeing what has been done, let us thank God and take courage, and let us press on to carry the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. To this end we recommend.

1. That our pastors and churches pray for our Mission work at every service.

2. That our people subscribe for the mission magazine, Home and Foreign Fields.
3. That our pastors lead and our churches give systematically to all Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Kirtley,
F. P. Parker

REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES

Progress has been made during the year. A number have been added to the churches by letter and Experience. Some churches have experienced gracious Revivals, and the vision of Christian service enlarged.

The missionary spirit is slowly growing, but must be greatly enlarged if the churches are to carry out their Christ giving commission. In some churches contribution to missions and benevolent objects have been increased, notably those that have some form of systematic giving. Our pastors are sometimes lacking in missionary zeal in a broad vision in information, and in courageous leadership; while the churches are lacking in energy in the cooperative spirit in loyalty, and in consecration of themselves and their money to the Lord's cause. Both pastor and churches often put little in and get little out. Both should demand more and give more.

A better grouping of our churches so that one pastor could be centrally located, and serve nearby communities would greatly promote spiritual efficiency a close brotherly spirit and a broad vision will wonderfully advance this end.

We are persuaded that our churches should better attend our union meetings, and engage in the work. Every church should be willing and ready to have a Bible Institute, for the institute is a fruitful develop-

er.

Let us this year make a more determined and far reaching effort to promote the Kingdom of Christ on earth.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. Whiddon,
James A. Kirtley

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

Prepared for the Middle Florida Baptist Association.

There is perhaps no phase of our Church work that has advanced so rapidly, as that of the W. M. U. With only about twenty-eight years of history, as a band of organized workers, they have proven themselves pre-eminent in organization and have shown to the world woman's place in the kingdom of God and the evangelization of the world.

In the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention there are fourteen thousand woman's organizations, with approximately a quarter of a million members, who contributed more than five hundred thousand dollars last year to the uplift of humanity. According to the report on woman's work at the Florida Baptist Convention at Orlando last January, we have in Florida, five hundred organizations. Our contributions to all purposes last year amounted to approximately sixteen thousand dollars. This is gratifying indeed, yet there is room for improvement along all lines.

While the nations of earth are spending millions of dollars daily in the World War, it is a great time of opportunity for the Church. We need to unite our forces in prayer and consecration and in concentrated effort press the cause of our Lord on earth. Therefore, we earnestly beg the most hearty cooperation of our beloved pastors and church leaders in this great work. We furthermore invite our sisters in Christ to cast in their lot with us in this worthy work for Christ our Lord and Kind.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. C. L. Leggett
Mrs. Reams
Miss Susie Humphrey
Miss Gracy Head

REPORT OF AGED MINISTERS

We have now about 12 on the list that is getting help from the state Board they received about \$65.00 dollars this year apiece which is quite an advance on what has been done, but this is not sufficient to support them, and as these old pioneer preachers have laid the foundation for us to build upon they ought to get more help.

We recommend that the various churches send in more help for their fund.

Respectfully submitted

A. N. Woodard
G. B. McClamm
W. L. Spears

DECEASED MINISTERS

We feel profoundly grateful that none of our ministers have been taken from us by death during the past year.

We need their council and advice, and feel that they are a force for good in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

Thos Kent
S. Newbern,
J. S. Pinson,
T. J. Bennett

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Averett, T. E. Madison
Bennett, T. J. Madison
Berry, D. F. Aucilla
Cole, S. B. Madison
Collins, B. C. Dowling Park
Chipley, J. T. Perry
Cone, F. H. Spray
Farnell, J. T. Day
Fowler, M. J. Day
Floyd, E. O. Day
Hacker, R. F. Clara
Johnson, E. D. Jasper, R.
Jackson, G. C. Fenholloway
Kelly, W. S. Madison
Kirtley, J. A. Perry
Montgomery, J. T. Aucilla
Odom, J. L. Fenholloway
Parker, A. M. Lake City
Rutherford, J. L. Lee
Spears, W. L. Greenville
Tampling, W. M. Dowling Park
Vann, J. E. Shady Grove
Woodard, A. N. Lee
Warren, S. C. Madison

LICENSED MINISTERS

Butler, B. F. Lake Park, Ga.
Driggers, E. C. Greenville
Denmark, W. C. Fenholloway
Frier, M. J. Mayo
Townsend, A. H. Day
West, N. W. Day

MINUTES OF WOMANS MISSIONARY UNION

Womans Missionary Union of Middle Florida Baptist Association held its Annual Meeting at Midway Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon November 14th. meeting was opened with song, "Bring them in." Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. R. F. Bunting, of Madison, acting President. Mrs. J. B. Bird of Greenville was appointed Secretary.

Reports from the following societies were read and adopted, with amounts reported, as follows:

Madison	\$351.67
Greenville	\$28.15
Mayo	\$70.35
Perry	\$235.09

Total reported from this Association \$685.26

A motion was carried that Mrs. C. L. Leggett of Greenville, and Mrs. R. F. Bunting, of Madison be elected Associational Superintendent for the ensuing year.

A splendid report on Womans work was read by Mrs. Leggett. Meeting adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Berry.

Mrs. J. B. Bird, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

F. B. Williams in account with the Middle Florida Baptist Association.

1916	Dr.	
Nov. 16	Received of the Association.....	\$170.73
1916	Cr.	
Dec. 2	Paid Ardis Warren for Clerk fee.....	\$20.00
Nov. 3	Paid the Baptist Witness for printing the Association minutes	\$44.80
Nov. 27	Paid S. B. Rodgers for Missions....	\$60.70
	Total amount paid out	\$125.50
	Balance on hand Nov. 11, 1917	\$45.23

F. B. Williams, Treasurer.

CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES

State Missions	J. O. Culpepper
Home Missions	W. L. Spears
Foreign Missions.. ..	W. B. Cate
Education	W. B. Davis
Sunday School	Arthur Smith
Temperance	D. F. Barry
Periodicals	W. E. Inman
Orphanage	J. A. Kirtley
State of Churches	A. Reams
Deceased Ministers	J. T. Farnell
Ministerial Support	J. E. Hardee
Aged Ministers	J. J. Handley
Woman's Work	Mrs. H. M. Sutton
Nominations.. ..	R. R. Ware

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION

- 1 Executive Committee
J. A. Kirtley
J. R. Mullis
W. N. Webb
A. Reams
G. F. Andrews
- 2 Member of State Board of Missions. S. B. Cole
- 3 Vice President of Foreign Mission Board, J. A. Kirtley.
- 4 Treasurer, F. B. Williams.
- 5 Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, S. B. Cole.
Alternate, J. A. Kirtley.
- 6 Delegates to State Convention.
R. J. Carrol, J. R. Mullis, W. L. Spears, J. A. Kirtley,
D. F. Barry, Boyd Whiddon, S. B. Cole, T. J. Bennett
- 7 To preach the Introductory Sermon, S. B. Cole.
- 8 Missionary Sermon, J. A. Kirtley.

Signed by Committee
E. L. Hamrick
W. E. Inman

OUR HONORED DEAD

DEACON J. P. Webb
Sister Annie Delaney
Sister Martha Toole
Bro. Dolton Caraway
Bro. Will Sesser
Mrs. M. M. Kemp
Bro. J. W. Horne
Bro. W. H. Ethridge
Bro. J. K. Johnson
Bro. Bart Lovell
Mrs. S. H. Peacock. Sr.
Bro. M. T. Davis
Bro. W. M. Clark
Miss Josie Kinsey
Mrs. Minnie Kinsey
Bro. James Anderson
Mrs. F. W. Reams
Mrs. John Lightsey
Bro. Wesley Bishop
Sister Daisy Towler
Sister Ollie Fowler
Sister Abbie Thomas
Sister Candacy Leggett
Mrs. Mattie Brinson
Sister Mary Brown
Bro. R. H. Hancock
Bro. Robert Arnold
Bro. James Rogers
Bro. John Ayers
Bro. W. H. Smith
Mrs. Annie L. Goodbread

Sunday School Statistics

NAME OF CHURCHES	Names of Superintendents and P. O.	No. of Schools	No. of Teachers		No of Pupils	Literature and Supplies	State Mission	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Columbia College	Orphanage	Ministerial Support	Home Board Building Fund	Incidentals	Total for all Purposes
			Men	Women											
Brewer Lake	O. M. Barra, Day	1	8	8	83	11.25	2.00							10.25	24.55
Elizabeth	R. S. Howell, Anolis	1	8	8	25	24.00								12.07	11.73
Greenville	J. T. Prince, Greenville	1	8	8	24	24.00					20.75			12.07	89.45
Lee	W. T. Kent, Lee	1	8	8	24	21.91								4.18	89.06
Lamont		1	8	8	24										10.00
Madison	W. A. Cate, Madison	1	15	14	112.80	24.50	12.50	11.10	20.00	15.00	5.00	5.00			215.20
Mago	J. J. Hendley, Mago	1	7	7	44	20.14			5.00	2.00					25.14
Meady Hall	L. S. Pickett, Meady	1	8	8	33	4.00									
Mt. Oglethorpe	J. E. Horse, Meady Grove	1	8	8	33	4.00									4.00
New Hopeful	J. K. Jemmy, Madison	1	8	8	33						1.18				
Oak Grove	A. A. Wadlington, Pinetta	1	7	7	32	5.00			2.00						12.00
Perry	W. L. Weaver, Perry	1	15	15	142.33	11.41	4.25				15.00				175.48
Pine Grove	R. C. Warren, Madison	1	8	8	30										
Pine Bluff	C. D. Knowles, Greenville	1	4	4											
Pleasant Grove	J. A. Toddler, Meady Grove	1	8	8	48										5.00
San Pedro	J. P. Barker, Fowlingway	1	5	5	26	4.25					1.45				5.73
TOTAL		16	87	87	954	240.68	63.71	22.75	11.10	25.00	70.93	8.00	8.00	27.57	500.90

Woman's Missionary Society

CHURCHES	Names and Address of President	State Mission	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Columbia College	Orphanage	Aged Ministers	Training School	Chipley Memorial	Local Work	Other Objects	Total for all
Greenville.....	Mrs. W. L. Spears Greenville.....	2.00	3.00	1.50	11.55	5.00	2.50	.....	1.00	.....	2.00	28.55
Madison.....	Mrs. J. D. Benfros Madison.....	35.50	21.00	22.80	44.75	26.25	3.50	7.00	2.75	.....	158.82	351.87
Mayo.....	Mrs. E. Wate Mayo.....	.....	.....	2.45	2.00	3.08	2.25	.....	.....	49.10	6.90	78.50
Perry.....	Mrs. J. O. Holmes Perry.....	21.90	3.20	9.00	6.00	32.00	1.25	4.50	5.00	149.14	.....	235.09
	TOTAL.....	62.50	32.20	26.25	70.40	69.25	9.30	11.50	14.75	198.24	167.52	691.91

Numerical Statistics

NAME OF CHURCHES	Pastors and P. O. Address	Clerk and Address	Church Organized	Increase			Decrease			Membership this Year	Net Decrease	Net Increase		
				By Baptism	Letter or Stmt	By Restoration	By Letter	Ex. or Erasure	By Death					
				Total	Total	Total	Total	Total						
Aucilla	D. F. Berry, Aucilla	J. H. Whiddon, Aucilla	1856	4			4	1	1	4	52			
Athens														
Antioch	W. M. Tampling, Dowling Park	E. H. Morgan, Millville	1909	2	2		4	2		7	100	2		
Brewer Lake	J. T. Farnell, Day	J. J. Farnell, Day	1888	1	13		14	3	1	2	181	2		
Boniah	T. M. Webb, Branford	J. F. Stokes, Lee	1902	5	2	1	8	1		2	91	2		
Bethel	J. T. Farnell, Day	Mary Carol, Dowling Park		2	1	1	4	2		3	30			
Central	D. F. Berry, Aucilla	E. R. Kinsey, Aucilla		20	12		32	4		3	108	25		
Cabbage Grove	W. L. Spears, Greenville													
Elizabeth	W. L. Spears, Greenville	A. F. Hartfield, Aucilla		10	2		12	4	2	6	150	6		
Greenville	W. L. Spears, Greenville	G. I. English, Greenville		25	23	9	60	2	2	4	144	58		
Hopewell	S. B. Cole, Madison	B. F. Kelly, Madison	1879		1		1	2		2	108	1		
Harmony	R. F. Hacker, Clara	N. W. Campbell, Lamont	1849	1			1	5		4	59	2		
Lamont	D. F. Berry, Aucilla	D. R. Walker, Lamont		19	7		26	1	22	2	50	5		
Lee	D. F. Berry, Aucilla	T. M. Hicks, Lee		6	4		10	2		3	25	1		
Live Oak	A. M. Parker, Lake City	E. H. Smith, Madison	1888	4	1		5	4	1	5	46			
Macedonia	A. W. Smith, Pinetta	Carl Burnett, Madison	1845	8	1	1	10	5	4	9	183	1		
Madison	S. B. Cole, Madison	J. J. Conway, Madison		1	2		3	14	1	16	216	2		
Midway	W. M. Tampling, Dowling Park	G. H. McClammy, Lee	1866	2	2		4			1	191	2		
Mayo			1900	2	6		8	5		1	110	2		
Mosley Hall	A. M. Parker, Lake City	J. S. Pickles, Ebb	1904	2	5		7	2		3	66	2		
Mt. Gilead	A. N. Woodward, Madison	A. J. Aman, Shady Grove	1850	5			5	3	2	6	88			
Mt. Mariah	E. O. Floyd, Dowling Park	S. B. Williams, Dowling Park		2			2	4	1	5	68	2		
New Hope														
New Hopeful	A. N. Woodward, Madison	Will Humphrey, Madison	1909							2	59	2		
New Macedonia	W. C. Denmark, Famboroughway	J. F. Andrews, Ebb	1879	4	2		6	2	1	3	48	2		
New Prospect														
Oakland	J. T. Barnett, Madison	W. D. Wilson, Loughridge		4						9	17	5		
Oak Grove	A. W. Smith, Pinetta	A. A. Wethington, Pinetta	1879	7	2	1	11	4	6	11	130			
Perry	J. A. Kirtley, Perry	W. E. Inman, Perry		22	50		72	19	4	23	292	50		
Pine Grove	S. B. Cole, Madison	E. C. Warren, Madison		2	2		4	1	1	2	55	1		
Pine Bluff										2	15	2		
Pleasant Hill			1909											
Pleasant Grove, Lafayette Co.	T. L. Foscock, O'Brien	H. H. Ewell, Mayo	1877	5			5	1		1	98	1		
Pleasant Grove, Taylor Co.		W. H. Lewis, Shady Grove	1879	6	2		8	3		1	65	4		
Riverside	M. J. Fowler, Day	H. D. Carmichael, Dowling Park	1909	6	7	1	14		2	3	119	11		
San Pedro	A. M. Parker, Lake City	J. D. Denmark, Perry	1887	1			1	7	11	18	86	17		
Salem														
Sirmons														
Triumph														
				179	160	8	340	108	47	39	200	2925	48	182

Financial Statement

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Repairing and Building Furnishings	Incidentals	Paid on Old Debts	Other Items	Vegetational Missions	State Mission	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Columbia College	Orphanage	Aged Ministers	Minutes and Clerk	Ministerial Education	Home Board Building Fund	Training School	Total
Acadia	88.00					10.05		2.00	2.50	4.00							108.55
Antioch	60.00				8.80		1.00	1.00			2.00	1.00	1.70				85.50
Athens																	
Benlab	55.40	500.00			11.06	50	1.00	1.90			1.90	60	2.00				672.40
Brewer Lake	85.00		5.36		45.80		2.71						2.50				122.56
Bethel	14.00							1.00					60				16.60
Central	150.00		10.00			6.00	24.00	4.63	4.80	6.50	23.63	99	4.00	8.80			280.87
Cabbage Grove													3.00				3.00
Elizabeth	129.76	29.00	22.00		11.29		5.00		2.00		4.55		4.00				208.50
Greenville	325.00	127.31			119.55	6.00	7.60	5.20	5.20	46.00			5.00				729.86
Hopewell								61					2.00				2.61
Harmony	75.00		2.95		18.72	7.75							2.90				112.48
Hamont	180.00	48.00			74.50		13.60			15.00	18.77		5.00		31.40		458.27
Lee	150.00	16.17	50.18		35.28		3.35	2.09	2.00	1.00	2.04		6.00	2.00			205.56
Live Oak	45.00					2.35							4.85				47.20
Madison	1200.00	118.72	200.14		16.78	10.00	167.31	81.75	54.02	90.13	60.45	8.28	5.00	11.58	14.40	7.80	2102.96
Macedonia	125.00				14.48			2.00					3.00				157.54
Mayo	257.75	41.10	5.90		20.14	5.00			12.45	35.50	8.00	3.05	4.00				330.98
Midway	42.00	21.15			4.20	2.50							2.54				59.35
Mosley Hall		200.00											5.80				205.80
Mt. Ghend	125.00				4.00	2.35					1.00	2.00	2.00				136.35
Mt. Meriah	17.00					2.26							1.00				20.26
New Hope																	
New Hopeful	76.00		8.00				11.11			3.00	2.52		2.35				102.18
New Macedonia	35.70												1.00				36.70
New Prospect																	
Oak Grove	125.00		3.90		21.25		5.25	2.50	2.55	4.00	5.10	2.55	3.60	2.55			186.15
Oakland													5.08				5.08
Perry	1200.00	743.90	185.64	116.18	625.60	15.00	180.10	51.35	48.87	30.35	98.36	9.47	5.00	14.50	6.13	4.50	2227.11
Pine Grove	92.00	3.76	1.60		24.21		23.00	2.70	2.60	5.00			3.00				164.56
Pine Bluff	50.00		8.00					5.00					90				64.90
Pleasant Hill																	
Pleasant Grove, Lafayette Co.	76.80	75.00			18.75		2.50			2.55	4.61		3.00				180.81
Pleasant Grove, Tylor Co.	44.10	13.75			5.00	1.00							2.00				67.90
Riverside	50.00	19.50	11.25										3.05				83.90
San Pedro	74.82	3.45	21.90		4.28					6.00	2.45	2.00	3.00				121.90
St. Irem																	
Simmons																	
Triumph																	
Total	4351.42	1986.81	649.69	116.18	1100.47	87.76	437.14	160.24	132.29	242.02	242.29	2044	93.85	36.91	511.03	11.50	10272.22

CHURCHES

	Associational Missions	State Mission	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Aged Ministers	Columbia College	Orphanage	Minutes	Clerk.	Total
Ancilla.....										
Antioch.....		1.00	1.00		1.00		2.00	1.70		6.70
Athens.....										
Beulah.....	50	1.00	1.00		50		1.00	2.00		8.50
Brewer Lake.....								2.50		2.50
Bethel.....			1.00					25		1.25
Central.....								4.00		4.00
Elizabeth.....								4.00		4.00
Greenville.....								4.25		4.25
Hopewell.....			61					2.90		2.91
Harmony.....								2.00		2.00
Lamont.....								5.00		5.00
Lee.....								5.00		5.00
Live Oak.....								2.50		2.50
Macedonia.....										
Madison.....								5.00		5.00
Midway.....	2.50							2.50		5.00
Mayo.....										
Mosley Hall.....								3.00		3.00
Mt. Gilead.....	2.35				2.50		1.50	2.00		7.35
Mt. Mariah.....								3.25		3.25
New Hope.....										
New Hopetul.....								2.25		2.25
New Macedonia.....										
New Prospect.....										
Oakland.....								5.00		5.00
Oak Grove.....								3.40		3.40
Perry.....								3.00		3.00
Pine Grove.....								5.00		5.00
Pine Bluff.....								90		90
Pleasant Hill.....										
Pleasant Grove, Lafayette Co.....								3.00		3.00
Pleasant Grove, Taylor Co.....	1.00							2.00		3.00
Riverside.....								3.05		3.05
San Pedro.....					2.00		1.00	3.00		6.00
Salem.....										
Sirmons.....										
Triumph.....										
Cabbage Grove.....								3.25		3.25
	6.25	2.00	3.61		5.50		5.00	84.80		107.25