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ARTICLES OF FAITH

ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

Judge W. B. Davis, Moderator, Perry, Fla.; Carl W. Burnette, Clerk, Madison, Fla.; F. B. Williams, Treasurer, Lee, Fla.; Rev. A. T. Camp, Member State Board of Missions, Greenville, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. T. Camp, Chairman, Greenville, Fla.; F. P. Parker, Day, Fla.; T. N. Jones, Perry, Fla.; Ardis Warren, Madison, Fla.; A. M. Parker, Pinetta, Fla.

DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

J. E. Cook, Jr., Perry, Fla.; Alternate, A. T. Camp, Greenville, Fla.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

J. E. Cook, A. M. Parker, A. T. Camp, G. F. Andrews, C. Bush, W. B. Davis, J. F. McCall, Ardis Warren.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one and only one, true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

ARTICLE 2. We believe that the Holy Scripture, composed of both the Old and New Testament, are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice of God's people.

ARTICLE 3. We believe the doctrine of Sovereign, particular and eternal election.

ARTICLE 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

ARTICLE 5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature, by his own free will and ability.

ARTICLE 6. We believe that we are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Christ, which is the consequence of faith in Christ.

ARTICLE 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the word of God and the Holy Spirit.

ARTICLE 8. We believe that the saints are preserved by grace and persevere in grace and will never finally fall away.

ARTICLE 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of a New Testament church, that immersion is the only Scriptural Baptism, and believers are the only Scriptural subjects for Baptism, and none but baptised believers who are members of Missionary Baptist churches in good standing are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.

ARTICLE 10. We believe in the resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked dead, and that both will be judged according to the deeds done in the body.

ARTICLE 11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joy of the righteousness will be eternal.

ARTICLE 12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances except such as are Divinely called, having been ordained by prayer and the imposition of the hands of a presbytery duly authorized by a missionary Baptist Church.

CONSTITUTION OF MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. The name of this organization shall be "*The Middle Florida Baptist Association.*"

ARTICLE 2. The Association shall be composed of messengers duly elected by Missionary Baptist churches, who shall present letters certifying to their election, or other satisfactory evidence thereof.

ARTICLE 3. Each church having fifty members or less shall be entitled to two messengers. Churches having more than fifty members shall be entitled to one additional messenger for every twenty-five members or major fraction thereof. In no case shall any one church be entitled to more than five messengers.

ARTICLE 4. The objects of this Association shall be the promotion of fellowship among the churches, and the fostering of Missionary, Educational and Benevolent enterprises, in harmony with the Florida Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE 5. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be selected by the body. If it should become necessary, the Executive Committee of the Association may change the time, or place of meeting, or both.

ARTICLE 6. Any church, in harmony with this Association as to doctrine and practice, may be admitted into the union upon the presentation of a petitionary letter accompanied by satisfactory information.

ARTICLE 7. Any church wishing a letter of dismissal shall make application therefor by letter.

ARTICLE 8. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, who shall act as Moderator in the absence of the Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by the suffrage of the members present, and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE 9. The Association shall have an Executive Committee composed of six members duly elected by the body, together with the officers of the Association as ex-officio members.

This Committee shall foster all the interests of the Association, when the body is not in session. The Committee shall have authority to appoint or recommend to the State Board Missionaries, or Colporters, and to make appropriation to weak churches or destitutions, and to give such advice to the churches as may seem wise and necessary, and the Assistant Moderator shall be Ex-Officio Chairman of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 10. The Articles of Faith of this Association shall be the same as those which are adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention when in session at Memphis, Tennessee in May, 1925, and shall be the basis of fellowship and co-operation.

ARTICLE 11. The Association shall recognize and respect the rights and independence of every church co-operating.

ARTICLE 12. This Constitution may be changed or amended at any annual meeting of the body when two-thirds of the members present deem it expedient.

THE MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Moderator shall preserve order in the Association, which shall be opened and closed by prayer. He shall decide all questions of order and propriety.

2. All members of the body shall respect the authority of the Moderator, but any member shall have the right to appeal to the body from his decision.

3. The Moderator shall have the same right of speaking as any other member of the body provided he appoints some member to fill the Chair; but he shall not vote except when there is a tie, then he may cast the deciding vote.

4. Not more than one member shall speak at a time. Any member desiring to speak shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and when recognized by the Chair may speak to the subject, but not more than twice on the same subject without permission of the body.

5. No member shall leave the body while in session without permission of the Chair.

6. All motions in order must be disposed of by the body, unless withdrawn by the one who made the motion.

7. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for deliberation, the Moderator shall take the vote of the body and then announce the decision. If a division is called for the Moderator shall take the vote by calling on the members to rise and stand until they are counted. After the count is made on both sides the Moderator shall announce the result.

8. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the messengers, and keep a regular record of all of the business of the Association. He shall have the Minutes printed and distributed to each church according to the amount of money sent up.

9. The Treasurer shall receive and manage the funds of the Association, taking receipts of all disbursements thereof, and present an annual report of all funds received and disbursed, for insertion in the minutes of the Association.

10. This decorum may be altered or amended by two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual session of the Association.

Proceedings of the Middle Florida Baptist Association

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

Twenty-seventh Annual Session of the Middle Florida Baptist Association met with Macedonia Baptist Church at 10 o'clock, October 19, 1925.
Devotional services were led by Rev. A. M. Parker, pastor of the church reading the 23rd Psalm.
The Moderator being absent the body was called to order by the Clerk for the transaction of business, and W. B. Davis was called Moderator pro tem.
The following messengers were enrolled:
Athena—By letter.
Antioch—E. H. Morgan, T. H. Hurst.
Aucilla—J. L. Bishop, J. H. Whidden, J. A. Sparks.
Central—A. E. Montgomery.
Brewer Lake—E. Lynch, J. A. Wilder, Ed. Platt, F. P. Parker.
Beulah—L. C. Purvis, Mrs. Ada Hall, Mrs. E. I. Robinson.
Forest Grove—By letter.
Friendship—W. H. Godwin.
Greenville—J. R. Laney, J. I. Prince, G. F. Andrews, G. W. Laney.
Hopewell—L. F. Kelly, W. D. Lamb.
Lee—Mrs. B. Rowe, W. T. Kent, Mrs. J. C. Black, Mrs. Minnie Webb.
Lamont—Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Carroll.
Midway—D. E. Thomas, Manning Webb, John Hale, Billy Terry.
Mayo—Mrs. N. L. White, Mrs. R. G. Ware.
Macedonia—W. B. McCullough, C. F. Woodard, M. C. Woodard, Vard Newsome.
Mt. Gilead—J. W. Waters, Mrs. Carrie Aman.
Madison—W. L. Tooke, W. C. Wells, J. F. McCall, V. H. Priest.
Mosely Hall—Mrs. A. E. Sanders, Walter Shaw, Tebo Pickles.
New Macedonia—J. C. Dukes, Roy Warren, G. F. Andrews.
New Hopeful—By letter.
New Home—Tucker Bass, Lula Bass, Nora Bass.
New Prospect—Jim Bass.
Oakland—W. B. Whiddon, T. L. Leggett, Minnie and Lizzie Lovett.

Pisgah—A. C. Parker, Mrs. Mattie Newell.
 Perry—W. B. Davis, J. O. Woods, E. M. Hicks, D. F. Blanton.
 Pine Grove—J. F. D. Hughey, Ardis Warren.
 Pinetta—J. A. Jordan, E. W. Kinsey.
 Pleasant Grove (Taylor County)—G. C. Lewis, T. O. Goodman, H. L. Winderiveedle.
 Pleasant Grove (Lafayette Co.)—A. D. Townsend, T. A. Ezell, W. B. Ezell.
 Riverside—A. U. Mills, Mrs. A. U. Mills, W. C. Winderiveedle.
 Sirmans—B. L. Bailey, Rev. A. M. Rowe, L. H. Stokely, D. G. Stokley.
 San Pedro—F. E. Carrin, C. H. Hunter.
 Elizabeth—Gloson Walker, A. P. Hartsfield, Reuben Brown.
 Motion made and carried that the pastors and messengers enrolled and those to be enrolled constitute the working body of this Association.
 By motion W. B. Davis was elected Moderator.
 By motion the following visitors were enrolled: Rev. R. W. Thiot, Seminole Association; Mrs. J. R. Wilson, Miss Maude Wilson, John Wilson and Mr. H. C. Freeman, from Mercer Association.
 By motion Clerk and Treasurer were elected for another year.
 By motion the Tentative Program offered by Rev. A. T. Camp was adopted. The Moderator appointed D. F. Blanton, Boyd Bailey, I. P. Parker as a committee to aid the Treasurer with the letters. The Moderator appointed the following committees:
 Nominations—G. F. Andrews, J. F. McCall, F. P. Parker, J. A. Mills.
 Apportionment—A. T. Camp, J. P. Woods, F. E. Carrin.
 Deceased Ministers—W. L. Tooke, J. G. Walker, E. Lynch, John Haile.
 Foreign Missions—W. B. Davis, J. A. Jordan, W. B. Whiddon, Ardis Warren.
 Home Missions—A. T. Camp, D. E. Thomas, Mrs. N. L. White.
 State Missions—J. E. Cook, Jr., J. R. Laney, G. F. Andrews, J. H. Whiddon, Walter Shaw.
 Education—J. F. McCall.
 Relief and Annuity—A. N. Woodard, Reuben Brown, W. D. Lamb, Mrs. R. J. Carroll.
 B. Y. P. U.—E. W. Kinsey, J. F. D. Hughey, E. M. Hicks, Mrs. A. U. Mills.
 Ministerial Support—A. M. Rowe, L. F. Kelly, C. H. Hunter.
 Laymen's Movement—S. G. Ward, W. B. McCullough, A. P. Hartsfield, J. W. Waters.

Sunday School—A. M. Parker, Mrs. G. W. Laney, A. N. Woodard, J. L. Bishop.
 Orphanage—H. L. Winderiveedle, Perry Lee, J. P. Woods.
 Temperance—J. T. Woodard, Ed. Platt, A. U. Mills, F. C. Purvis.
 Time and Place—M. J. Fowler, G. C. Jackson, J. F. McCall.
 Periodicals—R. J. Carroll, Mrs. R. C. Ware, J. F. Blanton.
 The Introductory Sermon was preached at this time by Rev. A. T. Camp, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenville, Fla.
 Text: Luke 16:9.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional service led by Bro. R. W. Thiot.
 Motion to defer report on Orphanage and take up report on Education.
 Report on Education read by J. F. McCall, discussed by Bro. Thiot and adopted.
 Motion that we approve of the Florida Baptist Junior College; that we elect three Trustees from our Association for this School, and that we invite representatives of the School to solicit any funds they may in our bounds.
 The Moderator appointed a committee, as follows: J. E. Cook, G. F. Andrews, J. T. McCall, to nominate three Trustees for this School.
 Report on Nominations was read by G. F. Andrews and adopted.
 Report on Relief and Annuity read by Rev. A. N. Woodard, discussed by Bro. Senterfitt, and adopted.
 Report on Deceased Ministers was read and adopted.
 Report on Periodicals was read by D. F. Blanton, discussed by Bro. Senterfitt, and adopted.
 Committee appointed by the Moderator to revise the Constitution and By-laws and Articles of Faith. Com.: J. F. McCall, M. J. Howell, Ardis Warren.
 Report on Orphanage read by J. P. Woods, discussed by the Moderator, A. N. Woodard, and adopted.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Devotional services led by Rev. M. J. Fowler.
 Report on State Missions read by Dr. J. E. Cook, Jr.
 Moved and carried that the reports on Home, Foreign and State Missions be read and discussed together.
 Report on Home Missions read by Rev. A. T. Camp.
 Report on Foreign Missions read by Judge W. B. Davis.
 The above reports were very ably discussed by Dr. Cook, Bro. Camp, and Dr. E. E. Bomar, Special Evangelism representative of the Home Board.

Motion made and carried that further discussion on Missions be left off until afternoon and have the Missionary sermon by Rev. A. M. Parker at this time.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to prepare a budget for the Association: A. T. Camp, J. P. Woods, F. E. Carrin.

Dr. Brittain, Dr. J. N. Mitchell and Dr. E. E. Bomar of the State Board, were officially recognized.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional service led by A. Warren.

Bro. J. S. Satchwill, of Lake City, was recognized.

Report on Temperance read by the Clerk, discussed by J. F. Woodard, J. F. McCall and J. E. Cook, Jr., and adopted.

The discussion of the reports on Missions was resumed, and Dr. Brittain was given thirty minutes in which to discuss these reports. Upon motion these reports were adopted.

The report on Laymen's Movement read by S. G. Ward. Discussed by Bro. Senterfitt, and adopted.

Treasurer's report read by the Clerk and adopted.

Motion made and carried that free-will offering be taken for deficit on last minutes.

Report on digest of letters read by D. F. Blanton and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools read by A. M. Parker, discussed by him and adopted.

Report on B. Y. P. U. work read by E. W. Kinsey. Discussed by Dr. E. E. Bomar, Rev. J. W. Senterfitt, A. M. Parker, A. N. Woodard, and adopted.

Report on Ministerial Support read by Rev. A. M. Rowe, and adopted.

Motion made and carried that Moderator appoint a leader for the Laymen's Movement, and G. F. Andrews was appointed.

The Committee on Revision of Constitution and Decorum reported, and upon motion made and carried their report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Trustees for the Florida Baptist Junior College was adopted.

Motion made and carried, that the Association have a three days session next year.

Report of Executive Committee read by Rev. A. T. Camp and adopted.

Report of the Budget Committee read by Rev. A. T. Camp, and adopted.

Motion made and carried that reading of minutes be omitted.

Motion made and carried that Clerk be paid usual amount.

Macedonia Church was voted a vote of thanks for entertainment.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with New Macedonia Church on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1927.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS TO THE MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Your Committee appointed on Foreign Missions, beg to report that the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has closed the eighty-first year of its great service as a clearing house of Southern Baptists for the dissemination of the gospel in the most destitute parts of the earth. These eighty-one years have been filled with perplexing problems, hard work, and often with discouragements. But there has been an almost unbroken progress in evangelistic achievements and expansion of the Kingdom of Christ. The last year was the best year in all the years of the Board's history and work.

During this period of time, 13,209 persons were baptized on our foreign mission fields, during the last Southern Baptist Convention year, which represented a gain of 1,135 over the previous year. The total membership is now 140,488. This membership is organized into 1,215 churches, 557 of which are self-supporting. These churches contributed last year \$44,258, or nearly \$4.00 per member.

We have on these fields, 1,818 Sunday Schools with 76,991 scholars, and 568 women societies with 13,649 members. There are also 574 young people's societies with a membership of 13,868. Of all schools and of all grades, including kindergarten up to theological seminaries, we had 920 with a total student body of 36,893 before the Board's finances made it necessary to discontinue many of these schools. It is found that more than 50 per cent of the baptisms reported for the year was among these students in our Christian schools on the foreign fields.

The medical work of the Board for the year consisted of 214,910 treatments administered to 69,583 patients, of which 5,498 were in-patients. 934 of the operations performed by the Board's medical staff were major operations.

The Board started the year 1925-1926 with a heavy debt and loud calls from its missionaries for reinforcement and relief. During the year the Board received from the Co-operative Program \$1,071,834.16; in designated gifts, \$240,613.05; and in total gifts to the Christmas Love Offering, \$811,344.11. The debt was substantially reduced, but there was left an indebtedness of \$727,000. The women of the South have undertaken to contribute as a Christmas Offering about Christmas time \$300,000 toward the further reduction of this debt.

The Board has for more than three years denied the missionaries all equipment, such as residences, church buildings, school and hospital buildings, etc., and has now for some time discontinued appointment of missionaries, although there has been sad depletion of the missionary staff by death and resignations. The distress and disaster of these denials of missionary needs may, to some degree, be estimated by the following extracts from missionary letters:

"The hearts of the missionaries have been torn and worn these past months, for the news of discouragement that has been coming from the Board has been so hard to stand. In fact the Board is going to lose many men and women because of it, for we cannot stand the strain forever and it seems that Southern Baptists have given us the whole thing to bear. We have been forced to break contracts and let preachers go who were employed in good faith, but we personally could not stand the strain. Still it is ours, as the workers blame us. Some are going to be forced to leave their fields because of it. The Board truly did not know what they were forcing us to do."

"We are at present spending our whole time in Canton. The reduced appropriation for our traveling expenses, this year, making it necessary. We have already used more for traveling expenses—far more—than the Board grants us to date. For the same reason, we have had to call off our Preachers' Conference and our Bible Women's Conference, and must depend, from now on, on haphazard meetings with our workers who live out of town."

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."—Acts 1:8.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."—Matt. 28: 19, 20.

These are our marching orders and this is what the Bible says we must do. Are we going to be false to the trust which God has placed upon us? Are we going to refuse and fail to do the things that He would have us do? Unless we preach the gospel unto the uttermost parts of the earth; unless we preach the gospel to all nations, then we are failing to comply with our marching orders. These passages are just as much a part of the Gospel as John 3:16. John 3:16 shows God's love for us, but these passages indicate the love which we must show for Him and for our needy brethren, for the man who is down and out, for the woman in darkest Africa, for the negro with his black skin, for the Chinaman with his yellow skin, for the man who may have a brown color, and for the man who is covered by the Almighty Hand with only a red tarnish. Our duty is to go, and if we love the Father as He loves us, then we must go. There is no other alternative but that we should go.

We are told not only to go into America, but we are told to go to all nations, and this is what we must do if we but reciprocate to a small extent the love that God showed us when He sent His son Jesus from His Heavenly Home to this earth to die that we might have life, and have it everlastingly. Jehovah had the power and had the authority to send millions and millions of angels here to preach the gospel and cause men to believe, but He did not do that, because man could do that himself, and he placed upon man that responsibility, the obligation and the duty of doing everything within the power of man to save lost men and women.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. DAVIS,
J. A. JORDON,
W. B. WHIDDON,
ARDIS WARREN,
Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS, 1926-1927

Our denominational papers have given most hearty commendation of the Home Mission work for the past year. The Board made a glorious report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas, last May.

Notwithstanding the receipts were more than \$100,000 short of those of the previous year, the year's work was most gratifying. Conversions and baptisms were numerous. The Home Board for years has been recognized as probably the greatest single evangelizing agency in America. Also the report of the Board shows a most gratifying tendency towards self-support. Mission stations and weak churches helped by the Board are in turn giving liberally to our denominational work—beneficiaries thus becoming benefactors.

Since the Convention met in Houston eleven years ago, the work of the Home Mission Board has gone steadily forward. Since that time, the workers—independent and co-operative—of the Home Mission Board have delivered 1,794,408 sermons and addresses; conducted more than 140,480 prayer meetings; made 3,069,975 religious visits; have added to the churches through baptism 405,796 members; total additions, 652,312; volunteers for Christian service, 121,895; constituted 2,123 churches, built or improved 4,696 houses of worship, organized 7,148 Sunday schools, distributed 309,753 Bibles and Testaments, circulated 53,537,829 pages of religious tracts. A great record, indeed!

The Board is laboring under a heavy debt contracted not from plunging, but from a reduction in receipts for five years past. Retrenchment of the severest sort has been exercised each year. It will be almost suicidal for us to enforce further retrenchment in this great work. This report may well be closed by a brief statement from the last annual report of the Board:

This is the greatest hour for Home Missions in the history of our country. The problems were never so acute, the demands so urgent, the opportunities so great and the obligations so overwhelming. This conviction is growing with thoughtful persons who realize the significance of America for the salvation of the world. America constitutes at once the greatest field and force in all the world for Christian civilization. Christian statesmen everywhere are beginning to realize this. Problems at home are as serious and complicated as those beyond the seas.

Our country has become notorious for its disrespect for law, for its numerous murders, for its commercialism and materialism. Nothing but the mighty power of the Gospel of Christ will save us from this deluge of worldly diversion and material prosperity. These things constitute a most serious problem which deserves the thoughtful consideration of our Convention. Our work abroad will advance apace as we lay the foundation at home.

The Board furnishes free of cost excellent tracts and leaflets on all phases of its work at headquarters, 804 Wynne-Claughton Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Your Committee most cordially recommends that every church and individual in our bounds study this great department of our work and pray earnestly and give liberally for its success.

Florida paid \$17,067.75 to Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
A. T. CAMP, Chairman.
D. E. THOMAS,
MRS. N. L. WHITE.

STATE MISSION REPORT

State Missions is fundamental. All of our denominational work would suffer without this agency. It deserves and should have our unqualified support.

We have sustained a great loss during the year in the home-going of our beloved mission secretary, Dr. S. B. Rogers. Only eternity can tell how much we owe to his wise leadership. But we must rally around our new leader and press on to still more glorious achievement.

State Missions in Florida has planted and fostered more than four hundred of our 838 white Baptist churches in the State. It has organized, encouraged and aided more than three-fifths of our Sunday Schools. It has organized, directly or indirectly, practically every B. Y. P. U., and assisted in every possible way in their development. It has stood by and helped the W. M. U. in all of its work. It made possible the establishment and support of a home for orphan children.

It has evangelized the unsaved, housed the homeless, helped to maintain pastors in weak churches, supported Christian education, lent a helping hand to poor, disabled, worthy Baptist preachers, and continually enlarged its support of Home and Foreign Missions. During the past twenty years it has increased its contribution to Foreign Missions from \$3,000 to more than \$40,000 per year in an earnest desire to have a part in giving the gospel to all the world. State Missions toils, serves and sacrifices, and encourages all along the line with the hope that some day it will not be needed as an agency, but that all departments of the work may be amply supported without its assistance. It is willing to decrease while others increase.

We have in Florida 31 associations, 838 white Baptists churches with a membership of 99,075. There were 6,449 baptisms last year, and of this number 1,061 were baptised by Missionaries. The Board had in its employ last year 89 Missionary pastors for whole or part time. These received into the churches a total of 2,487 members.

The Board disbursed the funds entrusted to it as follows: To pastoral aid \$25,440.74, 80 per cent of which went to country or village churches; on appropriation to church buildings \$13,965.92, and in addition to this the field workers collected and spent on the field \$24,780.69; to the Sunday School Department, \$4,500.63; to the W. M. U., \$6,128.91; to the B. Y. P. U., \$4,663.79; to disabled Florida preachers, through the Dallas office, \$6,915.54; to endowment Stetson University, \$14,325.04; to Christian education through Southwide institutions, \$13,831.07; to New Orleans Hospital, \$2,074.06; to Home Missions, \$17,067.75; to Foreign Missions, \$17,991.27. And the Children's Home received from all sources, \$49,219.28.

Our financial goal this year, closing Nov. 30, is \$250,000, distributable as follows: Co-operative Program, Southwide causes, 40 per cent; State Missions, 38 per cent; Florida Baptist Children's Home, 13 per cent; Christian education (Stetson University), 9 per cent.

This is a great program, but the Lord has been good to us and we should attempt and do big things for Him.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. COOK, JR., Chairman.

J. H. WHIDDON.

WALTER SHAW,

J. R. LANEX.

J. F. ANDREWS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We make bold to declare that there can be no true education which is not "CHRISTIAN" in its plan and purpose.

We may say further that we long to see the day when the line of demarcation between secular and religious activities shall be entirely obliterated and that all efforts may be directed on a religious plane.

The highest authority known to man—"The Word of God"—places upon us the sacred duty of properly developing and "LEADING OUT" the youth of our country.

The Southern Baptist Brotherhood has done a most excellent work along this line throughout the history of its entire activity; as a result denominational schools have sprung up throughout our Southland, forming a great bulwark against the evil and falsehood which have had easy approach and occupy a safe place in the public mind. The responsibility of dispelling ignorance and correcting fallacy rests in a great measure in the hands of those who teach in our denominational Educational Institutions. Then may we ask what can be the logical reason for the existence of Baptist Schools, if they fail to reflect Baptist ideals? Every teacher should be a believer in and devoted to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, an evangelical Christian and should be a member of a Baptist Church.

In closing this report your committee refers with peculiar pride to our Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, a Baptist institution of power and prestige in the religious world; also our own Stetson University and the Junior Baptist College, now in its infancy, crying for a place in our hearts and denominational life; to this your committee brings especial attention and urge for each in its own respective field, our heartiest support and urgently recommend that our Baptist people rally to the cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. McCALL, Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, through its relief fund and its annuity fund, is grappling with a great and growing problem of providing for ministers, their widows and dependent orphans in the best possible way. This Board is located in Dallas, Texas, and has made rapid progress in the work committed to it and there is a growing appreciation of its work on the part of the brotherhood throughout the South.

THE RELIEF FUND

The permanent relief fund is still under \$600,000.00 and the relief beneficiaries are receiving on an average less than \$150.00 per year. To provide properly for nearly 1,200 beneficiaries of this fund, the Board must have a very much larger income. Still the amount that we now distribute to aged and infirm ministers and to widows and dependent orphans of ministers is bringing peace of mind and a degree of comfort to these denominational wards that is justifiably gratifying.

THE ANNUITY FUND

Members of the annuity fund who have reached their sixty-eighth birthday or who have become permanently disabled, are receiving the maximum amount promised in the membership certificate, namely \$500.00 per year.

INCREASED PROVISIONS PLANNED

The action of the Southern Baptist Convention, which met in Houston, Texas, in May last, in adopting the New Service Annuity Plan, as recommended by the Special Laymen's Committee, and by the Relief and Annuity Board itself, has been hailed with great satisfaction by thousands of our ministers and by the brotherhood generally. The provisions of this plan mark a distinct advance in the work of Ministerial Relief and the carrying out of these provisions will give to every participating minister, the widows and dependent orphans of participating ministers, within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, a support worthy of our great denomination, when they shall come to require it by reason of age, physical disability or dependency.

SOME OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW SERVICE PLAN

Some of the outstanding features of the New Service Plan are as follows:

1. An age annuity available at sixty-five for every active minister. This plan builds to a retirement annuity of approximately 50 per cent of the average salary on a basis of thirty-five years of service, i.e., on a basis of an average salary of \$2,400.00 there will be eventually given an annuity of \$1,200.00 and so on. There will be guaranteed to every active minister participating in this plan, a minimum of 50 per cent of his average salary up to \$600.00. Three-fifths of the retirement annuity will be continued to the widow.

2. Total and permanent disability prior to the age of sixty-five will entitle the participant to an annuity amounting to 40 per cent of his average annual salary, during the five years preceding disability.

3. There will be a death benefit to the widow, after the first year of membership, amounting to 75 per cent of the current year's salary of the minister, but not to exceed \$1,000.00.

4. Minor children of disabled ministers will participate in this plan to receive \$100.00 a year each, up to age eighteen with certain educational allowances up to age of twenty-one.

For details concerning the New Service Annuity Plan, ministers or others interested should write the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1226 Athletic Club Building, Dallas, Texas, and illuminating literature will be sent promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. J. CARROLL,
A. N. WOODARD,
REUBEN BROWN,
W. D. LAMB.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

We, your Committee beg to report as follows:

The Baptist Young People's Union of Florida was never so prosperous as at the present time.

We find that the field work is being looked after in this State in a most able manner by Rev. W. W. William, who has shown great ability and tact in dealing with our young people.

During the year 1925 there were ninety-seven new Unions organized, many of which were in the rural churches.

Special emphasis is being laid by the B. Y. P. U. upon the Bible Readers' Course, Christian Culture Course, Systematic and Proportionate Giving, Missionary Education and Training, and training in the practical duties of Church Membership, and our churches are fast

discovering in a marked degree that the wisest investment that they can make is in their young people.

While we have thus cause to be proud of past achievements and praised God for the wonderful success in enlisting and training our young people, we feel that the work has just begun, only the hem of the garment has been touched, many of our churches are yet untouched and thousands of our young people have not been enlisted.

Therefore, we recommend:

First—That each Church in Florida, and especially the Middle Florida Association, get in touch with the Field workers of the B. Y. P. U. and arrange for one of them to come to their church and put on the B. Y. P. U.; and

Second—That the pastors and other church leaders be urged to cooperate with the B. Y. P. U. secretary and field workers in their efforts to establish Unions in the churches where there are none and also in their efforts to conduct B. Y. P. U. Institutes and Training Courses, to the end that our young people may be trained and led into practical service.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. KINSEY, Chairman.
J. F. HUGHEY,
E. M. HICKS,
MRS. A. M. MILLS.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

We Your Committee submit the following report:

First. We find there has been a large increase in the past few years, some of the churches are taking care of their pastors, while many are failing to do so. If the pastors could all be supported in this Association by the churches they are serving, it would enable them to do a better work for our Lord.

We note that the Bible Plan is for them to give themselves unto this work, for the workmen is worthy of his hire. How can they do so unless they are fully supported by their churches, for he that preaches the Gospel, shall live of the Gospel.

We recommend to the churches to give them full support, that they may give their lives unto the work of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. ROWE, Chairman.
L. F. KELLY,
C. H. HUNTER.

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

The Laymen's Missionary Movement was organized in 1906 and has as its purpose the enlisting of our Baptist men in all kingdom enterprises. The movement has spread rapidly and to-day covers a large part of North America, Great Britain, Australia and Germany.

In this movement effort is being made to arouse our men to see the need of giving themselves to greater activity in Christian service. In order to accomplish this, Laymen's Conferences and Conventions are held in which all kingdom matters are discussed; tracts, pamphlets and books are published for Laymen, and they are urged to study and inform themselves as to the needs of the Kingdom, and as to their duty and privilege in helping to spread the same into all the ends of the earth. The study of the Bible is urged upon men so that they may

know the will of God concerning service. Through the study and application of God's Word on service they are beginning to see it as a privilege as well as a duty, and many of them are finding increased joy in the consciousness that they are, more than ever before, surrendered to the will of God. They are beginning to see that God's Word teaches that they are stewards of whatever wealth God allows to come into their hands and are, therefore, giving more than ever before.

The movement is under the direction of an Executive Committee of forty men elected by the Southern Baptist Convention, seventeen of whom are chairmen of State Conventions, fifteen live in the Headquarters city, and eight are near by. The organization plans provide that each State Chairman is ex-officio a member of the General Executive Committee and that the State Committee be composed of the chairman and a member of each association. This member in turn should appoint a representative in each church in the association whose duty it shall be to organize the men in their respective churches for increased Kingdom activities.

Your committee recommends that a member of the State Committee be elected at this session of this association.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. WARD, Chairman.
W. B. McCILLOUGH,
R. P. HARTSFIELD,
J. W. WATERS.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We have held five meetings during the year. One at Perry, one at Day, one at Madison, and two at Greenville.

We have approved applications for help at two churches—Forrest Grove and Aucillo.

Four Union meetings have been held. Attendance at each of these has been very good.

The Association has been divided into four districts and committees appointed to see that Sunday Schools were organized in all the churches in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. CAMP,
J. F. McCALL,
G. F. ANDREWS,
W. B. DAVIS.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee report as follows:

The Sunday School is an asset and not a liability. It is the greatest Evangelistic Department of our church work. The number of schools reported last year in our Association was 17; number of Officers, Teachers, and Pupils, 1,000; Graded Schools, 6. Number of Teachers holding Normal Diplomas, 14. Baptisms from S. S., 70. Gifts to Missions and all other purposes, \$1,608.26. Only three churches that provide for all departments and grades.

Since our last Associational meeting, the Association has been divided into four districts (recommended by the Executive Committee), and a Superintendent appointed for each District to see that a S. S. be organized in every church. We do not know how many new schools have been organized, but we believe that some progress has been made.

We recommend that this work be continued in until every church has a Sunday School in it if possible. We further recommend that

each church co-operate with Dr. W. W. William, our State Sunday School Superintendent, in putting on the necessary study courses for training our teachers for better services.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. PARKER,
MRS. G. W. LANEY,
A. N. WOODARD,
J. L. BISHOP.

COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE

The orphan child is God's call to the tenderest ministrations of the human heart. To provide food and raiment with Spiritual Training is religion pure and undefiled indeed. It is with unfeigned gladness that we note the prosperity of the Home during the past year. From a burdensome debt of nearly \$9,000.00 to all debt paid and all obligations met, is gratifying indeed. This is due to the foresight and wisdom of the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees, who under the stress of the debt secured the privilege of going afield. Your committee feels that the convention should go on record in its appreciation of the fine work done. As to the future, the Committee fosters no work which lies closer to the hearts of our people than does this Institution. In the rapid development of our State our obligation is ever increasing, and instead of 124 children now cared for, it should be caring for 200 and at no distant day a very greatly increased number, the last named figures. It appears to your Committee an opportune time for the friends of the Institution possessed of large means, to make this enlargement through special gifts. The call of the New Year is a distinct call for a larger work under a plan that will insure an adequate support and enlargement fund. If we are faithful to our obligation the time has come for us to enlarge. We must equip our Home to care for two hundred during the year 1927. We ask the Association to endorse plans which will enable us to do this.

We therefore rejoice over the success of the year and ask the Association to rejoice with us over what God has done for the work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. WINDERWEEDLE,
PERRY LEE,
J. P. WOODS, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Owing to the self-evident fact that strong drink is destructive to mankind in all that is high or holy, and the fact that the Word of God condemns it, Baptists have joined in their church covenant through the year, pledging before God, men and angels, to abstain from its use as a beverage.

A few physicians still contend that alcoholic liquor has medicinal properties, but most of our leading doctors and scientists condemn its use even as a medicine.

Conviction of the public conscience, the culture of intelligence of a civilized citizenship has crystallized in a national condemnation of liquor as a menace to our people. We have come to see it as a subtle enemy that corrupts our youths, wrecks their bodies, minds and souls; robs women and children, crushes the hearts of mothers and wives, and disrupts our homes.

This conviction culminated in the Eighteenth Amendment to our Federal Constitution and the Volstead Law for its enforcement.

Every voter is sworn to uphold the Constitution and laws of our Government, and the patriotism of every loyal citizen rises up to demand their enforcement.

We blush with shame at the flagrant violations of the prohibition laws as we do at the violation of the laws against robbery, murder, etc. But we rejoice in the advantage the laws give us and the protection they afford.

Bad as are present conditions, they are not to be compared to what they were with the open saloon to say nothing of what they would be with the automobiles.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. WOODARD,
E. I. PLATT,
A. N. MILLS,
F. C. PURVIS.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We, your Committee beg leave to report that after careful consideration, do recommend that the next Association convene with New Macedonia Church two miles north of Sirmans, Tuesday 10 o'clock A.M., after the third Sunday in October, 1927.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. FOWLER,
G. C. JACKSON,
J. F. McCALL.

YOUR COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS

A reasonable and workable knowledge of Baptist doctrine and denominational enterprises is indispensable to the growth and efficiency of every progressive Baptist. Without such knowledge, one can very easily line up with and join people of almost any other faith. Perhaps the greatest agency for the dissemination of knowledge is the printing press; it is one of the most potent factors in our civilization. It becomes necessary that we should give the most earnest and prayerful attention to this mighty agency of power. Fathers and mothers need to carefully help select, provide and recommend such literature, since one's thoughts are largely determined by what he or she reads. We must always and everywhere put the Holy Bible and a few good books and religious magazines right at the head. Whenever this is done, there the Baptists cause is the most vigorous, intelligent and progressive. The faculties of our Seminaries together with the Secretaries of our Sunday School Board and a goodly number of our pastors and laymen, are producing a body of Baptist literature that is attracting the attention and admiration of millions of Christian men and women all over the world. Statistics will clearly show that Baptists have advanced in numbers, prosperity and influence just in proportion as they have advanced in intelligence and loyalty to the Word of God.

While we cannot say too much in praise of the great books and splendid literature that are coming from the pen of our strong Baptist leaders, yet that which very vitally concerns the Baptists of Florida is their own and only common medium, *The Baptist Witness*. The *Witness* must have our hearty support and our backing. It should be more generally circulated among our churches and more widely read by our people. It is impossible to over-estimate the value and importance of this, our State paper, to every cause fostered and put forth by the churches of the Association.

In Dr. Mitchell we have a strong, capable, courteous Editor and he is giving us a fine paper; but think for a moment how much better

and greater service he might be able to render the churches and work of this Association if he had one-half of the support due him and this splendid paper.

Brethren and friends of the Association, with the promise that we will endeavor to be more loyal in our support of *The Baptist Witness*, we respectfully submit the following:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS ASSOCIATION:

FIRST. That we give expression of our appreciation of the splendid and unselfish efforts of Editor Mitchell and his Board to give us a good and aggressive paper.

SECOND. That it is worthy of our hearty support and should have a place in every Baptist home within the bounds of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. CARROLL,
MRS. R. C. WARE,
D. F. BLANTON, Chairman.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers, beg leave to report as follows:

We find only one minister has died since our last meeting of the Association, Rev. W. S. Kelly, and we recommend that a page in our Minutes be dedicated to his memory.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. TOOKE, Chairman.
J. G. WALKER,
E. LYNCH,
JOHN HALE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, your Committee beg to report as follows: Executive Committee, F. P. Parker, T. N. Jones, Ardis Warren, A. M. Parker, A. T. Camp.

To preach introductory sermon, Rev. J. E. Cook, Jr.; Alternate, Rev. A. M. Parker.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: Rev. J. E. Cook, Jr.; Alternate, A. T. Camp.

Delegates to State Convention: Rev. J. E. Cook, Jr., Rev. A. T. Camp, Rev. A. M. Parker, G. F. Andrews, C. Bush, W. B. Davis, J. F. McCall, Ardis Warren.

Member State Board of Missions: Rev. A. T. Camp.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. ANDREWS, Chairman.
J. F. McCALL,
F. P. PARKER,
J. A. WILLIE.

COMMITTEE ON JUNIOR BAPTIST COLLEGE

We, your committee appointed to recommend Trustees for the Junior Baptist College, beg to report as follows:

Col. J. F. McCall, of Madison, Fla., for one-year term.

Hon. D. F. Blanton, of Perry, Fla., for two-year term.

Hon. J. Vickers, of Greenville, Fla., for three-year term.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. ANDREWS,
J. E. COOK, JR.,
J. F. McCALL.

REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

We, your committee on apportionment, beg leave to report as follows:

Athens	10.00
Antioch	15.00
Aucilla	15.00
Brewer Lake	65.00
Beulah	10.00
Elizabeth	50.00
Friendship	10.00
Greenville	1,000.00
Hopewell	25.00
Lee	50.00
Lamont	100.00
Mt. Gilead	25.00
Madison	1,500.00
Moseley Hall	15.00
Macedonia	75.00
Midway	30.00
Mt. Olive	10.00
Mayo	300.00
New Hopeful	20.00
New Prospect	5.00
New Macedonia	25.00
New Home	10.00
Oak Grove	25.00
Oakland	10.00
Pinetta	125.00
Pisgah	5.00
Perry	1,200.00
Pleasant Grove (La. Co.)	50.00
Riverside	25.00
San Pedro	50.00
Sirmans	130.00
Pleasant Grove (T. Co.)	25.00
Pine Grove	25.00
Central	65.00
Bethel	5.00
Forest Grove	5.00
Union	5.00
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Respectfully submitted,
 A. T. CAMP,
 J. P. WOODS,
 F. E. CARRIN.

TREASURER'S REPORT

F. B. Williams in account with Middle Florida Association:	
Oct. 21, 1925, received from Association	\$132.80
Oct. 20, 1925, paid Clerk	\$ 30.00
Oct. 26, 1925, paid S. B. Rogers	10.50
January 9, 1926, paid Witness Press	2.09
Jan. 25, 1926, paid T. J. Appleyard, for Minutes	90.00
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	\$132.59 \$132.80
Oct. 13, 1926, balance in Treasury	\$.22

F. B. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

- Rev. M. J. Howell, Carbur, Fla.
- Rev. E. O. Floyd, Day, Fla.
- Rev. S. G. Ward, Day, Fla.
- Rev. M. J. Fowler, Day, Fla.
- Rev. J. S. Montgomery, Aucilla, Fla.
- Rev. S. W. Scott, Greenville, Fla.
- Rev. J. L. Rutherford, Lee, Fla.
- Rev. J. E. Vann, Shady Grove, Fla.
- Rev. A. N. Woodard, Lee, Fla.
- Rev. S. K. Wilson, Scanlon, Fla.
- Rev. S. C. Warren, Madison, Fla.
- Rev. G. T. Jennings, Perry, Fla.
- Rev. G. C. Jackson, Perry, Fla.
- Rev. M. J. Frier, Mayo, Fla.

CHAIRMEN STANDING COMMITTEES

- State Missions W. L. Weaver
- Home Missions C. L. Leggett
- Foreign Missions J. E. Hardee
- Orphanage G. F. Andrews
- Education Evy Horne
- Nominations R. J. Carroll
- Periodicals J. F. McCall
- Temperance F. S. Jackson
- Sunday School R. B. Warren
- Ministerial Support Willie Barrow
- Laymen's Movement M. J. Fowler
- Deceased Ministers G. C. Lewis
- Relief Annuity S. G. Ward
- Women's Work Mrs. Eula Kerby

MINUTES OF THE W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of the Middle Florida Association held its annual meeting with Macedonia Church, Oct. 20th, 1926.

Meeting opened with a song: "What a Friend We Have In Jesus," after which was the reading of the 6th chapter of Matthew and a prayer by Mrs. S. C. Rhoden. Mrs. Rhoden was re-elected as the Associational President, and Mrs. W. C. Smith as Recording Secretary.

It was understood that we have our first quarterly meeting at Greenville on Wednesday after the second Sunday in January.

A collection was made of \$4.25 for the expenses of the Secretary.

No other business on hand the meeting adjourned.

Our Honored Dead

BEULAH CHURCH—

Mr. E. S. Philips.

ELIZABETH CHURCH—

Miss Willie Mae Kinsey. Mrs. Effie Kinsey.
Mrs. Annie Kinsey. Mrs. Sarah Howell.
Mr. Joe Kinsey. Mrs. Mary Hartsfield.

GREENVILLE CHURCH—

Mr. Johnny Reams. Mrs. F. A. Scott.

HOPEWELL CHURCH—

Rev. W. S. Kelly.

LEE CHURCH—

Mrs. Nancy Sealey.

MT. GILEAD CHURCH—

Mr. A. J. Aman.

MACEDONIA CHURCH—

Mr. S. S. Hicks. Miss Pauline Webb.
Mrs. Martha Jane Johnson.

MIDWAY CHURCH—

Mr. John Thomas. Mrs. Sallie Wheeler.
Mr. Jefferson Albritton.

MOSELY HALL CHURCH—

Mr. Alex. Pickles. Miss Addie Shaw.

NEW MACEDONIA CHURCH—

Mrs. J. J. Andrews.

NEW HOME CHURCH—

Mr. Ben Devane.

OAKLAND CHURCH—

Mr. J. R. Young.

PERRY CHURCH—

Mr. H. A. O'Quinn. Mrs. Sarah M. Powell.
Mr. B. J. Adams.

PINETTA CHURCH—

Mr. W. W. Corbett. Mrs. Zelma Cox.

SAN PEDRO—

Mrs. Callie McGuire.

This Page Dedicated to the
Memory of
REV. W. S. KELLY

**REPORT OF SECRETARY OF MIDDLE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION, FOR
YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 20, 1926.**

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NAMES OF W. M. U.	NUMBER OF					NO. OF SUBSCRIBERS				CONTRIBUTED					BOXES				Address of Officers.
	Members	Tithers	Study C.	Awards	Circles	R. S.	H. & F. F.	W. C.	Witness	Apportionment	Week of Prayer	Personaj S.	Local	Other Objects	Orphans Home	Aged Min.	Missionaries	TOTAL	
Madison, W. M. U.	62	...	...	...	3	6	...	...	...	\$161.80	\$ 80.30	\$49.55	.....	\$8.80	.....	.....	.....	\$ 848.70	Mrs. C. H. Smith, Madison, Fla.
Pinetta W. M. U.	16	4	...	...	...	1	1	...	3	10.00	6.65	.....	.....	37.00	.....	.....	.....	53.65	Mrs. A. M. Parker, Pinetta, Fla.
Perry W. M. U.	48	4	1	...	...	14	9	...	...	470.00	35.60	205.50	1703.82	40.72	.....	.....	.....	2615.62	Mrs. A. C. Kerbey, Perry, Fla.
Greenville	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	57.76	50.00	.....	.....	.....	525.86	Mrs. C. L. Leggette, Greenville, Fla.

TABLE No. 1. MEMBERSHIP AND CHURCH PROPERTY OF MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1926.

CHURCHES	Is it a Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Regular Days of Meeting.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP							Revival Meetings Held During Year.	Observance of Lord's Supper During Year.	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper.	CHURCH HOUSES AND PASTORS' HOMES								
					GAINS		LOSSES		TOTAL						When Built.	Materials Used.	Persons Seated.	Number of Rooms.	Value of Church House and Grounds.	Insurance Carried.	Value of Pastor's Home.	Total Value All Church Property	
					Baptisms.	Letters.	Statements.	Restorations.	Letters.	Exclusions.	Deaths.												Total Present Members.
Antioch	Country	1901	Rev. J. L. Odom, Lee, Fla.	Second Sunday	1	8		5	7		1	44	1	1	2	1901	Wood	200	1	500.00			\$ 500.00
Athens	Country	1897	Rev. S. K. Wilson, Perry, Fla.	Second Sunday	4						33	1	1		1900	Wood	200	1	600.00			600.00	
Brewer Lake	Country	1888	Rev. A. M. Parker, Pinetta	First Sunday	18	7		1	3	6	105	1	1	4		Wood	300	1	900.00			900.00	
Beulah	Country	1902	Rev. E. O. Floyd, Live Oak, Fla.	Third Sunday							53	1				Wood	200	1	900.00			900.00	
Central	Country	1907	Rev. A. M. Rowe, Ebb, Fla.	Fourth Sunday	21	2			2		139	1				Wood	250	1	1,800.00			1,800.00	
Elisabeth	Country			Third Sunday			1		1		118	1	4			Wood	200	1	1,000.00			1,000.00	
Friendship	Country	1921	Rev. S. K. Wilson, Scanlon, Fla.	First Sunday	9						74	1	1		1921	Wood	200	1	800.00			800.00	
Forest Grove	Country			Third Sunday							15	1				Wood	100	1					
Greenville	City		Rev. A. T. Camp, Greenville, Fla.	Every Sunday	5	16	1		11		2	170	1			Brick	350	10	15,097.78	10,000.00	2,500.00	17,597.78	
Hopewell	Country	1877	Rev. S. G. Ward, Day, Fla.	Second Sunday	1				1		62	1	2	20	1898	Wood	150	1	1,000.00			1,000.00	
Lamont	Town	1905	Rev. A. M. Rowe, Ebb, Fla.	First Sunday	3	1			3		35	1		2		Wood	150	1	1,000.00			1,000.00	
Lee	Town	1905	Rev. J. M. Anderson	Second Sunday	1				4		109	1			1907	Wood	400	1	1,200.50			1,200.00	
Mt. Gilead	Country	1850	Rev. M. J. Howell, Perry, Fla.	Second Sunday							75	1	1			Wood	200	1	700.00			700.00	
Macedonia	Country	1885	Rev. A. M. Parker, Pinetta, Fla.	Fourth Sunday	16	4		3	13	1	3	175	1	21	1860	Wood	300	1	650.00			650.00	
Midway	Country	1856	Rev. S. G. Ward, Day, Fla.	Second Sunday	10	2		1	3		133	1	2		1901	Wood	300	1	750.00			750.00	
Mosely Hall	Country	1903	Rev. Willie Barrow, Madison, Fla.	First Sunday		1			2		60	1		3		Wood		1	1,500.00			1,500.00	
Madison	City			Every Sunday	12	25	1		8		2	94	1	4	24	Wood	300		5,000.00			10,000.00	
New Macedonia	Country	1873	Rev. A. M. Rowe, Ebb, Fla.	Third Sunday		2			1			94	1		1873	Wood	300	1	600.00			600.00	
New Hopeful	Country	1900		Second Sunday		1			17	1	13			1900	Wood	300	1	500.00			500.00		
New Home	Country	1920	Rev. J. L. Rutherford, Lee, Fla.	Second Sunday	2	1		3			1	20	1	2	1924	Wood	150	1	500.00			500.00	
New Prospect	Country	1885	Rev. W. A. Barrow, Madison, Fla.	Third Sunday	2								1			Wood	1	1	500.00			500.00	
Oakland	Country	1800	Rev. M. J. Howell, Carbur, Fla.	Fourth Sunday	15	2					1	74	1	1	1890	Wood	150	1	500.00			500.00	
Pisgah	Country	1918	Rev. M. J. Howell, Carbur, Fla.	Third Sunday	3	4					49	1			1922	Wood	300	1	1,000.00			1,000.00	
Pleasant Grove (Laf. Co.)	Country		Rev. S. G. Ward, Day, Fla.	Fourth Sunday	5	2			3		121	1	3			Wood			5,000.00			1,000.00	
Pleasant Grove (Tay. Co.)	Country	1879	Rev. A. M. Rowe, Ebb, Fla.	Second Sunday					3	5	45	1	3		1907	Wood			500.00			500.00	
Pinetta	City		Rev. J. E. Cook, Jr., Perry, Fla.	Every Sunday	24	22	2		36	1	3	508	1	4	1925-6	Brick	600	23					
Perry	City	1918	Rev. A. M. Parker, Pinetta, Fla.	Third Sunday	10	16			2		2	75	1	1	3	Wood	200	1	800.00		350.00	1,150.00	
Pine Grove	Country			First Sunday					2		42	1	3		Wood	500	1	700.00			700.00		
Riverside	Country	1903	Rev. M. J. Howell, Carbur, Fla.	Third Sunday					2	19	93	2	1		1904	Wood	200	1	1,000.00			1,000.00	
Sirmans	Town		Rev. A. M. Rowe, Ebb, Fla.		2	3			2	12	44			1906	Wood	125	1	800.00			800.00		
San Pedro	Country		Rev. M. J. Fowler, Day, Fla.	First Sunday	12	3			9	1	1	93	1	5		Wood	200	1	800.00			800.00	
Total					171	122	5	13	141	46	84	2,787	80	81	90		8,225		\$42,598.28	\$10,000.00	\$ 2,850.00	\$49,547.78	

TABLE NO. 2. FINANCES OF MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA,
FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1926.

CHURCHES.	REGULAR CLERK AND POST OFFICES.	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK.							FOR SUPPORT OF MISSIONS				
		Pastor's Salary.	Other Salaries and Ministerial Help	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for Sunday School and H. Y. P. U.	Help Given to Local Poor.	For Minutes and Clerk	Total for Support of Local Church Work	Given Through Synod. Executive Board	Orphanage	Grand Total	Co-operative Program for 1927.
Antioch.....	Mr. T. H. Hurst, Jasper, Fla.....	\$ 85.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 2.00					\$ 4.00		\$ 124.00	\$ 15.00	
Athena.....	Mr. W. J. Howard, Carbur, Fla.....	109.00	18.00	15.00		15.00		2.00	5.00		823.55	10.00	
Brewer Lake.....	Mr. W. J. Johnson, Duy, Fla.....	250.00	46.00	16.80		16.80	25.81	5.00	114.83		549.24	65.00	
Beulah.....	Mr. H. L. Stokes, Madison, Fla.....	60.00	10.00					3.00	5.88		161.86	10.00	
Central.....	Mr. R. A. Sparks, Aucilla, Fla.....	240.00	68.71	10.00				5.00	63.00		775.42	65.00	
Elizabeth.....	Mr. A. P. Hartsfield, Anclilla, Fla.....	200.00	42.00	1.80				5.10	34.00		582.70	50.00	
Friendship.....	Mr. W. P. Devane, Perry, Fla.....	40.00	11.50	6.00				3.35			70.85	10.00	
Forest Grove.....	Mrs. A. B. Wright, Perry, Fla.....	29.00							5.00		04.20		
Greenville.....	Mr. J. Vickers, Greenville, Fla.....	1,950.00	189.00	369.00	62.10	85.42		5.00	427.12		6,823.02	1,000.00	
Hopewell.....	Miss Fannie Rutherford, Madison, Fla.....	110.00	13.60			11.83		5.10			165.52	25.00	
Lamont.....	Mr. D. R. Walker, Lamont, Fla.....	174.50	145.00	1.00	12.00			3.00	97.00		532.50	100.00	
Lee.....	Mr. T. M. Hicks, Lee, Fla.....	125.00			15.00	14.00	7.80	3.50	7.50		222.80	50.00	
Mt. Gilead.....	Mr. W. G. Vann, Shady Grove, Fla.....	125.00	12.08					2.00	139.08		303.06	25.00	
Macedonia.....	Mr. O. A. Henderson, Lee, Fla.....	260.00	50.65	17.00		20.00		4.05	68.27		822.02	75.00	
Midway.....	Mr. John H. Phillips, Lee, Fla.....	89.00	17.00	18.00		8.10		4.65	43.50		847.06	30.00	
Mosley Hall.....	Mr. Rufus Sapp, Ebb, Fla.....	70.00	28.00	22.00				2.00	122.00		259.00	15.00	
Madison.....	Mr. B. Willoughby, Madison, Fla.....	2,400.00	545.89	297.00	240.18		105.00	10.00	736.02		5,884.00	1,500.00	
New Macedonia.....	Mr. J. L. McLeod, Greenville, Fla.....	75.00	14.00					2.60			116.60	25.00	
New Hopeful.....	Mr. W. L. Humphrey, Madison, Fla.....	93.00							20.00		138.00	25.00	
New Home.....	Mr. Joe Devane, Madison, Fla.....	45.00	5.00					2.00			62.00	10.00	
New Prospect.....	Mr. Jim Bass, Madison, Fla.....	43.00						.60			44.10	5.00	
Oakland.....	Mr. W. D. Wilson, Seunion, Fla.....	78.02	36.00					3.00	4.55	1.55	183.12	10.00	
Plsгах.....	Mrs. Mary Fife, Perry, Fla.....	100.02	20.00					2.00			127.02	5.00	
Perry.....	Mr. T. A. Esell, Mayo, Fla.....	126.15						2.50	25.00		208.65	50.00	
Pinetta.....	Mr. J. A. Tedder, Shady Grove, Fla.....	69.00	16.00			2.00		4.00	91.00		207.00	25.00	
Pleasant Grove (Laf. Co.).....	Mr. E. F. Strickland, Perry, Fla.....	2,175.00	767.83	1,006.22	400.78	341.14	39.75	8.00	2,147.15	159.50	19,195.87	1,200.00	
Pleasant Grove (Tay. Co.).....	Mr. E. W. Kinsey, Pinetta, Fla.....	183.45	61.20	70.12	14.88	48.58	15.00	5.00	154.71		177.44	152.00	
Pine Grove.....	Mr. S. C. Warren, Madison, Fla.....	80.75						2.30	30.00		138.05	25.00	
Riverside.....	Mr. Barney McCall, Mayo, Fla.....	80.00						5.00	10.00		205.00	25.00	
Sirmans.....	Mr. H. S. Sparks, Perry, Fla.....	150.00	30.00		13.50			2.41	126.45		422.86	180.00	
San Pedro.....	Mr. H. S. Sparks, Perry, Fla.....	150.00						2.00	76.97		538.59	50.00	
Total.....		\$9,770.49	\$ 2,109.91	\$13,170.48	\$818.00	\$504.20	\$184.36	\$104.16	\$4,220.80	\$4,200.47	\$166.41	\$39,170.74	\$ 4,755.00

TABLE NO. 3. SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1926.

CHURCHES	Is it a Village, Town, City or Country Church?	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SECRETARIES AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT							SPECIAL INFORMATION					
				Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Seniors and Adult 17 and Up.	Total Enrollment	What is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas.	Baptists from School.	Gifts to Local Church Work.	Gifts to Missions, Orphanage, etc.
Athens	Country	Mr. W. J. Howard, Carbor, Fla.	Mr. J. E. Nixon, Perry, Fla.	5	12	5			12	45	25					
Brewer Lake	Town	Mr. F. P. Parker, Day, Fla.	Mr. E. E. Fielding, Dowling Park, Fla.	8	9	10	17	16	84	87			7	\$6.50	1.75	
Central	Town	Mr. J. A. Sparks, Aucilla, Fla.	Mrs. M. E. Montgomery, Aucilla, Fla.	8	8	4	13	10	12	55	Yes			10.00		
Elisabeth	Country	Mr. Glossen Walker, Aucilla, Fla.	Mr. Jim Lacy, Aucilla, Fla.	7						50	20					
Greenville	City	Mr. A. D. Reams, Greenville, Fla.	Mr. G. I. English, Greenville, Fla.	13	18	15	24	25	81	175	83	No	1	50.00	290.26	
Hopewell	Country	Mrs. C. F. Kelly, Madison, Fla.	Miss Fannie Rutherford, Madison, Fla.	5	5	10	12	11	9	48	61					
Lamont	Town		Mrs. E. J. Carrall, Lamont, Fla.	5	5	10	12	10	10	48						
Lee	Town	Dr. B. W. Hamrick, Lee, Fla.	Mr. T. M. Hicks, Lee, Fla.	6	6	7	5	10	12	42						
Macedonia	Country	Mr. G. I. Tindall, Madison, Fla.	Mrs. G. I. Tindall, Madison, Fla.	17	17	10	27	24	41	155	81			30.00		
Midway	Country	Mr. D. E. Thomas, Lee, Fla.	Mr. Andrew Thomas, Lee, Fla.	5	4		12	22		49	28					
Madison	City	Mr. V. H. Priest, Madison, Fla.	Mrs. E. N. Tucker, Madison, Fla.	15						125	77		1	12		
Perry	City	Mr. W. L. Weaver, Perry, Fla.	Mr. E. F. Blanton, Perry, Fla.	25	21	26	32	52	89	311	189	Yes	10	17	\$95.00	108.90
Pinetta	City	Mr. E. W. Kinsey, Pinetta, Fla.	Miss Mamie Downing, Pinetta, Fla.	5	5	3	10	12	15	57	80		1	8	3.75	9.52
Simsans	Town	Mr. Hoyt Bailey, Sub, Fla.														
San Pedro	Country	Mr. T. D. Bishop, Perry, Fla.	Mrs. Amanda Lynn, Perry, Fla.	5	15	14	15		15	68	42			9		
Totals				180	119	150	231	205	335	1,308	881		18	67	\$475.08	\$405.52