

MIDDLE FLORIDA MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FLORIDA

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
Held With
MADISON BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 13th and 14th, 1948

Next Session of the Association
Will Convene With
1st Day—Perry Baptist Church, Oct. 6th, 1949
2nd Day—New Home Baptist Church, Oct. 7th, 1949
Perry, Florida

1948

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

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- 1. Song Service led by Rev. L. A. Williams.
- 2. Call to order by Moderator, Rev. J. R. Collins.
- 3. Devotional led by Rev. Paul Hendry.
- 4. Motion made and carried that Messengers enrolled from the Churches, the Executive Committee and the Officers of the Association constitute the working body of this session.
 - 5. Address of Welcome by Hon. E. B. Browning.
 - 6. Response by Hon, John F. McCall,
 - 7. Call for Letters.
- 8. The following visitors were recognized: Rev. R. L. Williams, Ero. W. T. Newsome, Rev. C. A. Martin and wife, Rev. S. G. Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Lamb all of Suwannee Association; Bro. Henry Parrish of Beulah Association; Mrs. H. G. Pert, St. Johns River Association.
- 9. New Pastors were recognized as follows: Rev. C. T. Hall, Rev. W. G. DeShazo, Rev. Lewis Dopson, Rev. L. A. Williams and Rev. A. J. Gross, and Rev. D M. Wheeler, retired.
- 10. The following State Workers were recognized: Dr. John Maguire, Executive Secretary, Dr. Harrison Griffin, Director of Christian Education, Dr. Edd Solomon, Editor Fla. Baptist Witness, and Rev. D. O. Alderman, Regional Missionary, and Bro. Joe Johnson of the Baptist Children's Home, Dr. Leon M. Gambrell of The Baptist Bible Institute of Florida.
- 11. Motion made and carried that reports of Standing Committees need not be read in full to be adopted but could be read if Chairman wished to do so. All reports were adopted.
- 12. Motion made and carried that reports be signed by Chairman only.
- 13. Motion carried that Bro. John Maguire be given the floor at this time.
 - 14. Motion carried to include certain reports in minutes.
- 15. Motion to adjourn at three o'clock for funeral of Capt. Colin Kelly, World War II hero, carried.
- 16. Associational Sermon by Rev. Alva Horton, Pastor of New Home Baptist Church, Perry. Subject, Separation.
 - 17. Recess for dinner by the host Church.
 - 17a. Devotional led by Rev. A. M. Parker.
- 18. Rev. D. O. Alderman read his report and same was adopted.
- 19. Dr. Leon M. Gambrell spoke in behalf of the Baptist Bible Institute.
 - 20. Dr. E. D. Solomon spoke for the Florida Baptist Witness.
- 21. Bro. Joe Johnson spoke for the Florida Baptist Children's Home.
 - 22. Dr. Harrison Griffin spoke for Stetson University.
- 23. Oct. 6-7, 1949 was agreed upon as date for next Annual Session.

MINUTES OF FORTI-MINITI MANDAL BESSION

Thursday Morning Session

- 24. Devotional led by Rev. W. G. DeShazo.
- 25. Dr. J. L. White was recognized and elected Life Honorary Moderator of the Association. Rev. Montgomery, Pastor of the First Methodist Church of Madison, was also recognized.
- 26. Report of Treasurer, O. A. Henderson was read and adopted.
 - 27. Report of Budget Committee adopted.
- 28. Motion carried to pay Treasurer \$50.00. This to come out of miscellaneous fund.
- 29. The Moderator appointed Bailey Wynn, Rev. W. L. Ranew and Rev. M. B. Archibald as committee on Digest of Letters. Also added Mrs. Mary Zipperer to Committee on Deceased Members.
- 30. Rev. Carl Webb and E. B. Browning were appointed on Nominating Committee.
- 31. Dr. White was given the floor for 20 minutes and he spoke on The Need of the World.
- 32. Report on W. M. U. read by Pres. Mrs. Merrell, spoken to by her, G. F. Andrews, Rev. DeShazo, Rev. Merrell and Rev. Butler Horton.
 - 33. Rev. Alva Horton discussed the report on Evangelism.
- 34. The Association accepted a plan for Association-wide Mission Rallies. Date to be selected later.
 - 35. Missionary Sermon by Rev. Carl Webb.

Thursday Afternoon Session

- 35a. Devotional led by Rev. Lewis Dobson.
- 36. Motion carried to pay Clerk \$100.00.
- 37. Report on Digest of Letters read and adopted.
- 38. Rev. Dewey Mann, G. F. Andrews, E. B. Browning and Rev. C. W. Persons spoke on the Brotherhood Report. Also Rev. Loren Williams on Church Music.
 - 39. Report on Our Beloved Dead was read by Mrs. Zipperer.
 - 40. Report of Committee on Nominations read by W. R. Rice.
- 41. The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer were presented gifts by Bro. Browning.
- 42. Rev. J. R. Collins and Rev. Alva Horton were nominated for Moderator and Rev. Collins was elected.
- 43. The following were nominated and elected by acclamation:

Rev. Alva Horton, Vice-Moderator.

Carl W. Burnett, Clerk. O. A. Henderson, Treasurer.

43a. Rev. Dewey Mann installed the officers with a challenging address.

- 44. Motion carried to drop Harmony Church from list of Churches as most members had gone to other Churches and the few remaining could not support the work.
- 45. The Moderator appointed the following Committee to investigate the possibility of Antioch and Aucilla Churches continuing to try to carry on the work: Rev. J. L. Dobson, Rev. R. E. Merrell and Carl W. Burnett.

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46. A vote of thanks was extended to First Baptist Church of Madison for their hospitality and fellowship for entertaining the Association.

47. There being no further business the body adjourned to meet with the First Baptist and New Home Churches of Perry, Oct. 6-7, 1949.

ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

Rev. J. R. Collins, Moderator	Day,	Florida
Rev. Alva Horton, Vice-Moderator	Perry,	Florida
Carl W. Larrett, Clerk	Madison,	Florida
O. A. Menderson, Treasurer	Lee,	Florida

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

John Wilson	Madison,	Florida
Henry Horton	Greenville,	Florida
J. Vickers	Madison,	Florida
Will Everett	Pinetta,	Florida
J. F. McCall	Perry,	Florida
G. F. Andrews .	Greenville,	Florida

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN-1949

Sunday Schools—Rev. R. E. Merrell	Greenville, Florida
B. T. U.—Rev. C. W. Persons	Perry, Florida
Evangelism—Rev. Butler Horton	Lee, Florida
Children's Home—Guy W. McLain	Mayo, Florida
Missions—Rev. Paul Hendry	Greenville, Florida
Co-Operative Program and Tithing—Rev.	
Dewey Mann	Perry, Florida

Ministerial Support and Brotherhood—Rev.

A. J. Gross ______ Foley, Florida

Christian Education & Periodicals—E. B.

Browning ______ Madison, Florida
Relief and Annuity—Rev. W. J. Johnson _____ Madison, Florida

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Temperance—Rev. C. T. Hall Foley, Florida
Our Beloved D∈ad—Rev. M. B. Archibald Mayo, Florida
W. M. U.—Mrs. W. M. Beaty Perry, Florida
Nominations—W. R. Rice Foley, Florida

SERMONS

Associational—Rev. A. M. Parker	Mayo, Florida	
Alternate—Rev. W. D. DeShazo	Perry, Florida	
Missionary—Rev. M. J. Hicks	Lee, Florida	
Alternate—Rev. I. T. Carter	Jasper, Florida	

CHILDREN'S HOME PRODUCE COMMITTEE

O. A. Henderson	Lee,	Florida
E, L, Patrick Gree	enville,	Florida
W. C. Winderweedle	Day,	Florida

PROGRAM COMMITTEE FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

Moderator, T. P. McLeod, Jr., and Pastor of Host Church

NEXT SESSION

Perry Baptist Church First Day New Home (Perry) Baptist Church Second Day October 6-7, 1949

ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

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Superintendent—C. A. Langford Perry,	Florida
District One	
Associate Supt.—C. P. Wilson Foley,	Florida
Supt. Training—Rev. A. J. Gross Foley,	
Supt. Evangelism—Rev. C. W. Persons Athena,	
Supt. Vacation Bible School—Mrs. R. F. Brunson Perry,	
Supt. Missions—Rev. W. G. DeShazo Perry,	
Supt. Nursery & Cradle Roll—Mrs. A. J. Gross Foley,	
Supt. Beginners—Mrs. Dewey Mann Perry,	
Supt. Primaries—Mrs. R. B. Girtman Perry,	
Supt. Juniors—Mrs. Alva Horton Perry,	
Supt. Intermediates—Mrs. W. G. DeShazo Perry,	
Supt. Young People—Clarence McLeod Perry,	Florida
Supt. Adults—Guy M. McLain Mayo,	
Supt. Extension-Mrs. O. W. Bennett Perry,	
Group Two	
Associate Supt.—W. E. Clark	Florida.
Supt. Cradle Roll and Nursery—	1101144
Mrs. W. B. Clark Madison,	Florida
Supt. Beginners—Mrs. Van H. Priest	
Supt. Primaries—Mrs. H. E. McArthur Madison,	Florida
Supt. Juniors—Mrs. L. R. Woodard Madison,	Florida
Supt. Intermediates—Mrs. C. C. Lovett Greenville,	
Supt. Young People-Mrs. G. W. Rea Madison,	
Supt. Adults-W. W. Glenn Madison,	
Supt. Extension—Mrs. Sue Rains Madison,	
ASSOCIATION B, T. U. OFFICERS	
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Director—Rev. Loren A. Williams Perry,	
Associate Director—Mrs. A. J. Gross ———— Foley, Group Director No. 1—Rey, Lewis Dobson ——— Aucilla,	Fiorida
Group Director No. 2	
Pianist—Mrs. Loren Williams Perry,	
Choister—Rev. R. E. Merrell	
Pastor Advisor	
Adult Leader	
Young People's Leader—Mrs. Roy Dennis Foley,	Florida
Junior Leader—Mrs. Lewis Dobson Aucilla,	
Story Hour Leader—Mrs. Alva Horton Perry,	
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ASSOCIATION W. M. U. OFFICERS	
President—Mrs. W. M. Beaty Perry,	
Vice-President—Mrs. M. D. Minter Madison,	Florida
Sec. & Treas.—Mrs. Bell H. Stanley Greenville,	Florida
Young People's Leader—Mrs. J. O. Simons Foley,	Florida
Community Mission Chairman—Mrs.	
Jewel Walker Madison,	Florida
Stewardship Chairman—Mrs. Alva Horton Perry,	Florida
Margaret Fund Chmn.—Mrs. Geo. Ritch Perry,	Florida
Training School Chmn.—Mrs. S. A. Touchton Foley, Mission Study Chmn.—Mrs. J. L. Burch Perry,	riorida Florida
Children's Home Chmn.—Mrs. Lois Maddox Madison,	Florida
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ASSOCIATION BROTHERHOOD OF		
President—C. P. Wilson	Folev.	Florida
Program Vice-Pres.—D. R. Partin	Perry.	Florida
Attendance Vice-Pres.—James Stanley	Madison,	Florida
Memebrship Vice-Pres.—G. L. Hutto	Greenville,	Florida
Secretary—Ernest M. Page, Jr.		
MUSIC DIRECTORS	,	
Association Director—Rev Felix Parker	Perry.	Florida
Athena—Mary Kate Ricketson Burton—E. J. Tedder	Perry,	Florida
Burton—E. J. Tedder	Perry,	Florida
Foley—Albert Cothran	Foley,	Florida
Friendship—Madell Murphy	Perry,	Florida
Hopewell—Johnnie McClamma	Madison,	Florida
Midway—Leland Humphriès	Madison,	Florida
Macedonia—Carl W. Burnett	Madison,	Florida
New Home (Tay.)—S. H. Hendry	Perry,	Florida
Perry—Rev. Loren Williams	Perry,	Florida
Riverside—J. W. Lyons	Mayo,	Florida
PIANIST or ORGANIST		
Athena—Mrs. E. G. Whitfield	Carbur,	Florida
Burton-Mrs. Nellie Williams	Perry,	Florida
Cherry Lake—Mrs. E. A. Aiken	Madison,	Florida
Elizabeth—M s. Lucy Trefry	Aucilla,	Florida
Foley—Miss I is Simons	Forey,	Florida
Friendship—Miss Lou Ella Shaw	Perry,	Fiorida
Greenville—Mrs. S. B. Algeo	Greenville,	Florida
Hopewell—Miss Mary Sapp		
Lamont—Miss Betty McDaniel	Lamont,	Florida
Lee—Mrs. Roy Smith	Lee,	Florida
Macedonia—Mrs. M. C. Woodard	Lee,	Florida
Madison—Mrs. Juanita Ragans	Madison,	Florida
Mayo—Mrs. Sara Cook	мауо,	Florida
Midway—Miss Willie Phillips	Lee,	Florida
Mt. Olive—Mrs. Walden H. Phillips	Madison,	Florida
New Home (Tay.)—Mrs. J. L. Burch	Perry,	Florida
New Hopeful—Mrs, C. A. Webb	wadison,	Florida
Perry—Mrs. F. M. Warren	Perry,	Fiorida
Pine Grove—Mrs. T. H. Meeks Pisgah—Mrs. C. T. Hall	Madison,	Florida
Pieasant Grove (Lay)—Miss Audrey Buchanan	Foley,	Florida
Pleasant Grove (Tay).—Mrs. Elma Tedder	Mayo,	Florida
Pivoraido Mra T W Ivona	Shady Gr	ove, Fia.
Riverside—Mrs. J. W. Lyons San Pedro—Vera Mae Wright		FIOTICA
LIBRARIANS		
Athena—Mrs, R. H. Ezell	Perry,	Florida
Perry-Miss Pauline Grubbs	Perry,	Florida
ORDAINED MINISTERS OTHER THAT	N PASTORS	
Frewer Lake—Rev. M. J. Fowler, I.	Day,	Florida
Burton—Rev. A. H. Townsend, I.	Perry,	Florida
Contral—Rev. J. T. Montgomery, P.L.	Aucilla,	Florida
Mt. Olive—Rev. J. L. Odom, I.	Madison,	Florida
New Honeful—Rev. W. T. Rycroft, P. Perry—Rev. Loren Williams, M. M.	Danny	Planida
Pine Grove—Rev. R. B. Keyes, C. M.		
Rev. A. M. Rowe, R. Pleasant Grove (Tay.)—Rev. T .A. Goodman,	P Ebb.	Florida Florida

MESSENGERS ENROLLED

- Athena-Mrs. Bertie and Gracie Ezell, and Mrs. W. H. Ricketson.
- Beulah-H. L. and Frank Stokes.
- Brewer Lake—Mrs. Bill Revels, Mrs. N. A. Townsend, W. C. Winderweedle and wife I. T. Fielding and wife, and Mrs. Armenter Rogers.
- Burton-A. C. Parker, Mrs. J. D. Grantham and Mrs. Holden.
- Central-Mrs. Monard Scruggs, Oliver Scruggs and wife.
- Cherry Lake—Dorman Surles, Mrs. Caleb Smith and Mrs. E. A. Aiken.
- Elizabeth—Mrs. J. L. Stanley, Mrs. Lucy Trefry, Mrs. C. B. Routte, Mrs. Mary Lightsey and Norman Hartsfield.
- Foley—W. R. Rice, Mrs. C. P. Wilson, Mrs. A. R. Cothran, Mrs. J. O. Simons, Mrs. H. S. June, Mrs. S. A. Touchton, Mrs. A. J. Gross, Mrs. H. J. Cox, Mrs. G. E. Hicks, Mrs. G. C. Jackson, and Mrs. W. B. Odom.
- Friendship—Hubert Murphy, Lillian Gloria Poppell and Lou Ella Shaw.
- Greenville—Mrs. W. H. Bishop, Mrs. W. H. Kerr, Mrs. R. E. Merrell, Rev. W. D. Keis, G. F. Andrews and T. P. McLeod, Jr.
- Hopewell—Mrs. Jewel Walker, Johnnie McClamma and wife, Clarence Kelly, Marvin Bass and Mrs. Elmer Hocker.
- Lamont-J. H. Smith, Mrs. Sailie Timmons.
- Lee-H. J. Erown, J. C. Martin, Frank Hembree.
- Macedonia—I. F. Day, C. F. Woodard, B. I. Green, J. C. Black and Mrs. Adel Hicks,
- Madison—E. E. Browning, Henry Messer, Mrs. Grady Rea, Mrs. Illa Young.
- Mayo—Guy M. McLain and wife, Mrs. Irene Garden, H. L. Winderweedle and J. S. Parker.
- Midway—J. H. Phillips, J. H. Thomas, Mrs. Mattie Whigham and Mrs. W. D. Webb.
- Moseley Hall-Mrs. A. W. Sapp, Mrs. Fay Tuten and Jim Cruce.
- Mt. Gilead-J. E. Aman and wife.
- Mt. Olive—G. W. and Mace Albritton, and Walden H. Phillips.
- New Home (Mad.)—J. E. Bass, Lucian Floyd and Mrs. Sarah Jane Tuten.
- New Home (Tay,)—Mrs. Lulu Linton, Mrs. E. E. McClain, Mrs. Lanta Croft, Mrs. Curtis Nix and Mrs. J. L. Burch.
- New Hopeful—Mrs. A. W. Shackleford, Mrs. Jim Stewart, Mrs. J. R. Wilson and Albert McLeod.
- New Macedonia—Tom Barclay, Tommie Herring and Lee Barclay. Oakland—Ralph Whiddon, Mrs. Margaret Whiddon and W. B. Whiddon.
- Perry—W. E. Inman and wife, Mrs. W. M. Beaty, J. F. McCall, Mrs. J. L. Gibson, J. R. Bevis, Mrs. D. C. Blue, Mrs. Nina McCollum, W. B. Martin and wife and R. L. Prince and wife.

Pinetta—Lamar Deloach and wife, Mrs. Crawford Corbett, and W. T. and Mrs. Earl Everett

Pine Grove—W. B. Seals and wife and L. F. Kelly and wife.

Pisgah—Mrs. Patricia Johnson, Mrs. W. A. McLeod,

Pleasant Grove (Lay.)—Luther Thomas, Mrs. Annie Thomas, Albert Jackson and Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson.

Pleasant Grove (Tay.)—David Sessions, C. A. Lewis, S. W. Tedder and Mrs, Elma Tedder.

Riverside—David Shuemake, W. A. Allen, Jamie Lyons and Gladis Shiver.

San Pedro—Nola Padgett and wife, Elizabeth Ellison, Mrs. Etha Parker and Mrs. Mattie Parker.

Sirmans-L. H. Bailey, Homer Bailey and Mrs. Kelly Bailey.

Steinhatchee-W. U. Mills, Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Buehler.

St. Johns-Clarence Bailey, R. P. Bird and Mrs. Addie Norris.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For The 49th Annual Session of MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Oct. 9, 1947—Cash Balance	\$ 641.95
Cash Collected to date	847.90
TOTAL	\$1488.95
Bills Paid as Follows:	
Oct. 9, 1947—Mrs. Lucile Burch	\$ 25.00
Oct. 9, 1947—Mrs. W. J. Hines	25.00
Nov. 2, 1947—Carl W. Burnett, Clerk	75.00
Nov. 3, 1947 to Nov. 1, 1948—D. O. Alderman	100.00
Nov. 3, 1947—O. A. Henderson, Treas.	20.00
Dec. 4, 1947—Rev. R. E. Merrell	25.00
Jan. 3, 1948—Gibson's, printing minutes	232.75
Mar. 13, 1948—Mrs. R. E. Merrell, W. M. U.	25.00
Apr. 10, 1948—Rev. J. R. Collins, Mod. Fund	40.00
May 1, 1948—M.s. Sue Raines, Y. P. Leader	25.00
TOTAL	\$592.75
Cash Balance	\$896.20

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

Our best methods of Evangelism remain to be preaching the Gospel; Teaching through our Sunday School, and Personal Soul-winning. The churches of our Association for 1947 reported 140 additions on profession of faith and baptism. I believe that we need a greater effort in behalf of the loss.

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully submitted,

ALVA HORTON

O. A. HENDERSON, Treasurer

MINUTES OF FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

THIS PAGE DEDICATED TO DR. Wm. MARSHALL BURNS

IN MEMORY OF DR. Wm. MARSHALL BURNS

Since last we met the Reaper death has taken from us our beloved former pastor, Dr. Wm. Marshall Burns.

Dr. Burns served us faithfully until his health and strength failed completely. Oftimes we prayed for his recovery if God's will, but the only answer could have been: His work is finished. For only a short time after he went away for medical care he passed to the great beyond to dwell in the land where there is no more pain or sorrow—just one glorious hour,

Be It Resolved: That a page in the Minutes of the Middle Florida Baptist Association be given to the memory of Dr. Burns: That a copy be sent to Mrs. Wm. Marshall Burns, and a copy be published in the Baptist Witness.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY J. ZIPPERER.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

MIDDLE FLORIDA MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 13

Macedonia

Mr. Thomas L. Welch Mrs. Sayannah Milford

Mayo

Mrs. L. A. Jones Mrs. Walter Tompkins

Greenville

Mrs. J. T. Prince

Cherry Lake

Mr. Simmie Smith

Central

Mrs. Arthur Finklea Deacon W. A. Dutton

Brewer Lake

Mrs. Mattie Caulk

Pleasant Grove

Mrs. Annie Lawson Mr. Sam Buchanan Mr. Al Townsend

Pinetta

Deacon R. H. Hammock Mrs. A. A. Wethington Mr. Robert Crafton, Jr.

Lee

Mr. B. D. Lamb Mrs. John Lyons

Perry 1st Church

Deacon F. S. Jackson Mr. J. O. Huxford, Sr.

New Home-Perry

Mrs. Lulu Cannon Mrs. A. J. Register Mrs. T. W. Lundy

New Home-Madison

Mrs. Alice Tuten

Mt. Gilead

Mrs. Fannie Dice

Moseley Hall

Mrs. Betsy Tuten Mrs. Bud Pickels Mr. Ben Sanders

Oakland

Mrs. Maggie Poppel

New Macedonia

Mr. C. F. Bembry

New Hopeful

Mrs. Claudia Pridgeon Mrs. J. J. Ivey

Madison

Mrs. Joe Beard Mrs. Jesse Chambers Mr. J. B. Wooten Mr. H. W. Flowers Mr. W. P. Knight

Athena

Mrs. D. D. Whitfield

OUR BELOVED DEAD

These Sisters and Brothers have gone from our midst, No longer with us to mingle, but dwell with Heavenly hosts, And there God's eternal service do.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That space in our minutes be dedicated to their loved memory.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. J. A. ZIPPERER,

RURAL MISSIONS WORKERS REPORT-1948

Rev. D. O. Alderman, 534 W. Lafayette St., Tallahassee, District No. 2. District Worker.

Days spent on own Field 298; Days on other Fields, 68; Total 365.
Miles on own Field, 16,127; Miles on Other Fields, 6,688; Total, 22,815.

Church visits, 156; Mission Point Visits, 15; Other service visits, 114; Home visits, 276.

Soul-winning conferences, 132; Scriptures given, 35; Tracts given, 1700.

Subscriptions: The Commission, 5; Home Missions, 4.

Money collected: Co-Operative Program, \$120.26; State Missions, \$65.81; Associational Missions, \$52.00; Other Collections, \$946.40; Total, \$1184.47.

Professions of Faith, 32; Additions: by baptism, 5; Letter, 27; Total, 64; Rededications, 57; Volunteers for Life Service, 3

Sermons-221.

Addresses-32; Helped arrange for 10.

Confe. ences, Associational or Committee Meetings—713; Helped arrange for 11,

Community Survey-9; Helped arrange for 5.

Dead Churches Revitalized-Helped arrange for 1.

New Churches O.ganized—Helped arrange for 1.

Mission Sunday Schools Organized—Helped arrange for 3.

Mission Preaching Points Established—3; Helped arrange for 5.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools—Helped arrange for 9.

Regular Prayer Services Started—Helped arrange for 9.

Schools of Missions—3; Helped arrange for 20.

Study Courses—5; Helped arrange for 167.

Systematic Visitation Programs—2; Helped arrange for 10.

Evangelistic Revivals—6; Helped arrange for 12.

Stewardship Revivals-3; Helped arrange for 6.

Financial Programs Planned-1: Helped arrange for 6.

Form Church Fields or Relayed Preaching Services or Bus and Car Routes—Helped arrange for 4.

Church Building and Improvement Projects—3; Helped arrange for 17.

Pastors Homes Built or Bought-Helped arrange for 6.

Call of Pastors—Helped arrange for 16.

Ordination Services-4; Helped arrange for 4.

Rural Church Enlargement Programs—Helped arrange for 17.

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Tithers Secured—459.

Letters and Cards—467.

Dedicated three buildings.

Helped to arrange School of the Prophets.

Helped to arrange Silver Lake Assembly (Florida Association).

Helped in the purchase of one bus.

Enlisted 10 churches using 51 workers teaching 44 gloups in Mission Study.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The only way out of the dark is the way God has revealed in the Bible:

This Eook, which presents Jesus Christ as the one hope of men and nations, offers light for all men in today's worldwide darkness of uncertainty and fear.

Millions of people around the world are turning to the Bible as never before.

Providing the Bible for people in darkness is a missionary task.

The business of the American Bible Society, as a worldwide, missionary, nonprofit organization, is to make the Bible available to every person who needs it, wherever he is, in whatever language he requires, at a price he can afford to pay, or free if he cannot pay.

Working in cooperation with the churches and the denominational mission boards the Society serves every form of Southern Baptist work at home and abroad. Resolutions by state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention have commended to the churches the support of the work of the Society. Many in darkness are receiving the Bible.

During 1947, the American Bible Society-

- —distributed in the U. S. A. a record peacetime total of more than 4 million volumes of Scriptures;
- —through its World Recovery Program distributed over 2½ million volumes of Scriptures to people in war-devastated areas; the greatest such distribution in any one year;
- —produced 150,000 Japanese Bibles, a task which required the largest amount of paper ever used in publishing a single edition of any Bible or Testament in the whole history of book publishing;
- —published a new Russian Bible, believed to be the only Bible available in the revised alphabet now required by the Russian government; and shipped 10 thousand of these, which reached Russia in time for Christmas.
- —exceeded all former years in its distribution of "criptures to the blind;
- —distributed at home and abroad over 9 million volumes of Scriptures.

Southern Baptists can help to provide ENOUGH Bibles for world needs NOW.

Eager millions in today's darkness want the light of the Eable. But this tagerness may not last. Other forces are working to make the darkness even blacker.

Delay in sending the Bible NOW means deeper darkness in the years ahead.

In 1947, Southern Baptist churches gave \$91,641 to the American Bible Society; total gifts to the Society from churches of all denominations amounted to \$818,943. Increased gifts are needed to meet increasing missionary opportunities throughout the world. Please send gifts to your Baptist State Headquarters office, marked "for the American Bible Society."

CARL W. BURNETT.

REPORT ON FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

1948 will be a memorable year in the history of our Home. We have completed and occupied four modern cottages for children on our campus in Lakeland. We have also built a dairy barn and a laundry. We have moved 100 children into the cottages. We have twenty-one children in the Nursery at Arcadia, but these will be moved when the Nursery cottage at Lakeland is completed. We have begun construction of this cottage and hope to have it finished by January 15, 1949. When this group is transferred we shall have all our resident children in Lakeland. We are assisting twenty-three children through our Mother's Aid Program. We have given direct help to 71 children this year.

Our building program will require another year for completion. We must have an Administration building, a Chapel, a Junior Boys' cottage and a Junior Girls' cottage at the earliest possible time. These buildings can quickly and easily be made a reality if our churches will give the building fund of the Home consideration in their financial programs. Ten cents a member per month for twelve months from all our churches will provide the funds to complete the job and give us a Children's Home second to none.

Applications

Applications continue to pour in at an unprecedented rate. From September 15, 1947 to September 15, 1948 we received 249 requests for admission to the Home. The chief cause of these applications was desertion, which in most cases leads to divorce. Selfishness and refusal of family responsibility have come to grips with family loyalty and duty and are winning the battle. The only cure for these dreadful destroyers of the homes and happiness of boys and girls is the teachings of Christ embedded in the hearts of the people. This constrains us to a more vigorous program of home missions that more fathers and mothers might accept Christ as their Saviour. Let us carly the gospel to those about us; and while we are doing this let us minister to the children of our denomination through our Children's Home that it may alleviate all the suffering possible by its services to those who call on us and need us.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. WINDER WEEDLE.

REPORT ON CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

The need today is great. The door of opportunity is open for Southern Baptists to give the Gospel to a hungry, perplexed, and lost world.

The cooperative program is a simple, systematic, and practical plan whereby every Baptist and every church can have a part in this great and glorious task of going with the glad tidings, the Gospel of Christ.

Every church ought to send a gift to the state office each month for the cooperative program. A church that does not give to missions need not expect God to bless it. The heart of the gospel is missions. Let each one of us accept our responsibility for giving it to the lost world.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. DEWEY MANN.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT

Out of the thirty-eight churches of the Middle Florida Association, twelve churches have Training Unions. Only one church in the Association has more than five Unions. Foley Baptist Church has a total of eight Unions: two Adult; two Story Hour; one Intermediate; two Juniors, and one Young People's.

There are at present in the Association thirteen Adult Unions; nine Young People's Unions; nine Intermediate Unions; eleven Junior Unions, and seven Story Hour Unions.

This makes a total of sixty-one Training Unions in the Association.

There are 699 envolled in the Training Unions of this Association. This number is distributed as follows: Adults have entolled 198; Juniors have enrolled 149; Young People's have enrolled 124; Intermediates have enrolled 119; and Story Hour have enrolled 109; a grand total of 699.

Since October of last year two churches have organized Training Unions. Namely: New Hopeiul has an Adult Union, while Macedonia Church organized and is operating with all five Unions.

We should set our goal for at least 19 churches to have Training Unions functioning before the close of this new associational year. CHARLES W. PERSONS.

ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT FOR 1948

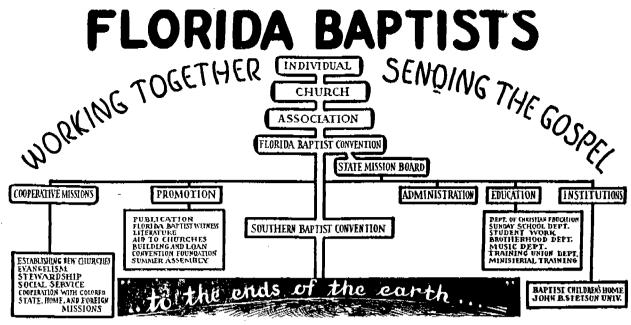
The Sunday School is the greatest single agency or organization in our Churches in the field of Evangelism and Finances. It is the greatest in the field of Evangelism because it is in touch with more who need to be reached for Christ and under the best environmental condition, more so than any other organization. If every Sunday School teacher could see the eternal consequences of faithful teaching in magnifying the saving grace of Christ in every lesson and they by their example point the unsaved to Christ we would have a revival the year around.

The Sunday School stands in the place to be the greatest financial agent of the Church when it is properly related to the Church. When our Churches put into effect the Unified Budget and explain that each child's offering in Sunday School belps to preach Christ to the heathers through our Missionaries they will give liberally.

This has been a good year in most all of our Sunday Schools. I believe we will find in most cases we have had a much better year than last in Sunday School; attendance. We now have 37 Churches in our Association. Of that number there are 27 reporting Sunday Schools. There are 1804 enrolled in these Sunday Schools. The average attendance for this year is 1518. Our Churches have failed to appreciate the opportunity and importance of Teacher's Training Work. Only eight Churches reported having one or more Study Courses for Teachers and Officers. There were only 138 awards issued in our Association. If our Churches would build great Sunday Schools they must train their Teachers and Officers.

The Vacation Bible Schools, which offer a great Evangelistic opportunity, fell off this year. I only received five reports, but I know of four other Schools in our Association. There were enrolled in these Schools, 635.

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ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U. REPORT FOR 1948

The W. M. U. is just what those letters suggest, the Woman's Missionary Union of the Church and in the Church. The low spiritual condition of most Churches which do not have a W. M. U. reveals the need for such an organization in every Church. We do not attempt to run the Church, but it is our desire to stimulate the Missionary interest of the Churches. Therefore it is our desire to see women organized in each Church. Our motto for this year was: "For God, Home and Every Land".

We believe our covenant to be one that every Christian should desire to see put into action. It reads thus: "Our responsibility as Christian citizens to stand for and promote family worship, total abstinence, Christian observance of the Lord's Day, high standards of speech, dress and conduct, law observance, improved industrial conditions, child welfare, public health, patriotism, prohibition, Christian Americanization, unversal education, international and interracial justice and world peace"

We have 37 Churches in our Association. We have only about sixteen W. M. U. organizations, as best as can be determined by the reports sent in. We have had a few Societies to cease to function during the year. We have also had two new Societies organized. They are Lamont and Macedonia, With only about sixteen Societies means we have about twenty-one Churches which do not have a Society. There are about twenty Young People's organizations in these Churches which do have Societies.

We have held our four quarterly meetings. The first meeting was held with Hopewell Church. This was an installation service for all new officers. Miss Josephine Jones of Jacksonville was with us for this meeting. She had with her Miss Mary Christian, a South-wide worker out of Birmingham. We had eleven Churches represented with seventy-seven in attendance.

Our second quarterly meeting was held with the Greenville Baptist Church in April. We had eight Churches rep esented with seventy-two in atendance.

The third quarterly meeting was held with the First Baptist Church of Perry, in July. We had nine Churches represented with 176 in attendance. The Young People's leader had charge of the program.

Our fourth and Annual Meeting was held in September with Elizabeth Church with thirteen Churches represented and about one hundred in attendance. Miss Josephine Jones of Jacksonville was with us again. She had with her Miss Pearl Todd, a Missionary to China, who was the guest speaker for the day. She spoke on the work done through our Cooperative money. She explained how that through our Coorerative Program we were sharing in the Mission work around the world.

Our Associational organization has paid out \$17.00 to the American Baptist Seminary for Negroes in Nashville. We also gave \$30.00 to the Children's Home.

The schedule for our next four quarterly meetings in 1949 will be held in January with the First Baptist Church of Madison, April meeting with New Home (T), July meeting with the Mayo Church, and the September mesting, which will be the Annual Meeting, will be with the Burton Chu ch.

> Respectfully submitted. MRS, R. E. MERRELL.

REPORT OF THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD-1948

The Relief and Annuity Board is one of the southwide boards of our Southern Baptist Convention, located in Dallas, Texas, in the Baptist Building which it owns. At the annual board meeting on March 10 the following officers to serve for the next year were re-elected: Dr. Wallace Bassett, president; Dr. Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary; Dr. R. S. Jones, associate secretary; Mr. Orville Groner, treasurer-investments.

The reports of the Board in reviewing the work of the past year revealed that 1947 was the greatest year in the history of the Board in service rendered, in investment earnings, and in the enlistment of new members of the plans administered by the Board. The total income for the year was over \$3,500,000; total benefits paid out were \$1,183,676.19. The total assets of the Board as of December 31, 1947, amounted to \$12,838,438.22.

The ministry of the Relief and Annuity Board is twofold: • providing annuities to be enjoyed upon retirement for those gainfully employed in denominational work, and relief for those who served before there was an Annuity Board and were, therefore, deprived of any annuity at retirement. The relief department also serves many of our former pastors who served in country churches and who did not go into the Ministers Retirement Plana feeling that they could not afford to pay the dues out of their . small salaries, or the benefit which would be derived by paying dues on a small salary would be hardly worth while.

The relief department paid out \$220,956.87 to 1,336 beneficiaries. Many requests for increases from those on the relief rolle were received, made necessary by the great increase in the cost of living. We would urge every church in the association to follow the Calendar of Denominational Activities of the Southern Baptist Convention and take a fellowship offering, preferably at the observance of the Lord's Supper or such other time as convenient with the church, for the relief department of the Relief and Annuity Board, that these old preachers may be more worthily cared for.

Every person who is gainfully employed in denominational work, whether pastor, missionary, employee of state or southwide board, institution, or agency, and every lay employee in our Southern Convention, such as educational director, church secretary, janitor, etc., is eligible for enrollment in one of the plans fostered by the Board; thus, with his or her personal dues and the dues of the employing agency, he can be assured of a benefit at retirement.

We would urge the officers of this association to strive, with your state secretary, to enlist all pastors and others serving in religious work to avail themseives of the opportunity of enlisting in one of the plans of the Board, that they may be provided for in old age and not become objects of charity in the communities where they live.

Respectfully submitted.

E. A. MILTON, Chmn.

I.

BUDGET FOR THE MIDDLE FLORIDA APTIST ASSOCIATION 1948 - 1949

Expend	itures:	
1.	Printing and Minutes	\$250.00
. 2.	Clerk's Salary	100.00
3.	Training Union	100.00
	Sunday School	
	W. M. U.	100.00
6.	Brotherhood	50.00
7.	Moderator's Expense Fund	50.00
	Incidentals	200.00
9.	Treasurer's Salary	50.00

II. Receipts:

We recommend that this Budget be financed by each church contributing 3 per cent of pastor's salary.

Churches	3% of Pas- tor's Sal.	Church	3% of Pas-
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Athena	\$ 39.00	Mt. Gilead	1.90
Beulah	14.40	Mt. Olive	11.22
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• Central	25.20	New Hopeful	18.15
• Cherry Lake	18.00	New Macedonia	
Elizabeth		Oakland	1.62
Foley		First Baptist (Per	ry) 126.00
Friendship	17.64	Pinetta	21.60
Gjeenville		Pine Grove	17.25
Hopewell	36.00	Pisgah	9.21
• Lamont	50.00	Pleasant Grove (I	Lay) _ 10.14
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Macedonia	28.80	Riverside	9.00
Madison		San Pedro	9.24
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Midway	36.00	Steinhatchee	9.54
• Moseley Hall	12.30	St. Johns	14.40
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TEMPERANCE:

This is a day and age when Christians should be more concerned than ever before about the liquor traffic; it is certainly PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE. For example, C. Aubrey Hearn says, "the per capita consumption of liquor increased, according to government figures, from 8.39 gallons in 1934, the firstfull year of repeal, to 14.18 gallons it. 1940, to 20.67 gallons in 1945. The amount of money spent for this liquor has reached the astounding proportions, sales increasing yearly at an alarming figure, for instance in 1942, \$5,000,000,000 was spent for liquor; in 1947 over \$8,000,000,000 was spent for America's drink bill." Christians let us question ourselves, are we deeply concerned about souls as we should be? Think of the transands of souls this awful CURSE that is on our country has wronked and ruined; honestly don't you think it is high time that every man woman, boy and girl that has named the name of CHRIST should rise up in one united front against this DEADLY ENEMY -STRONG DRINK.

Respectfully supmitted,

CLAUDE T. HALL.

REPORT OF THE BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE OF FLORIDA

God has marvelously blessed the work now being done by the Baptist Bible Institute at Lakeland. The Institute has just entered its sixth year with fine prospects for a good session. This school has as its motto, "Help for Those Who Want Help", and is, therefore, maintained for all God-called men and women who want further training for service regardless of their previous schooling.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell said: "Baptists are irrevocably committed to denominational education and training for their people. It ought to appeal to every Baptist as definitely and as certainly as missions, because it is a method of missions, and a most effective method."

All Baptist Bible Institute teachers have standard college and or seminary degrees. They and all other employees of the Institute sign the following doctrinal statement each year. These are true Eaptist beliefs, and all are happy to endorse them.

"WE BELIEVE:

1. The Bible is the divinely inspired word of God.

2. God is a holy Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.

 Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Savior of men, born of a virgin, equal with the Father in every divine perfection.

 The Holy Spirit is a person who convicts of sin, regenerates, enlightens, endues for service, comforts and guides believers.

5. All have sinned and are therefore in need of salvation.

 Salvation is by grace, is free to all who will accept it, and its only conditions are repentance and faith. All who have been born again are eternally secure.

7. Salvation is essential to baptism and to church membership. Jesus personally instituted the church which He commissioned to teach all nations, to baptize believers, and to train them to do all things that He commanded. The church ordinances, baptism and the Lord's supper, are memorials of Christ as set forth in the New Testament.

8. Jesus died on Calvary, was buried, arose bodily the third day, ascended to the right hand of God, and is coming again in

 There are only two classes, righteous and unrighteous, saved and lost. The saved shall live eternally in conscious blessedness in heaevn; the unsaved in everlasting punishment in hell.

10. The three distinctive Baptist principles are: (1) The absolute lordship of Christ; (2) The supreme authority of the Holy Scriptures; and (3) The soul's right of direct approach to diety."

There are thirteen buildings on the campus including the chapel, administration building, cafeteria, dormitory for men and dormitory for women, and 39 one and two-bedroom apartments. (Some of the apartments are not quite completed.) The campus comprises about seven acres of land in southwest Lakeland overlooking Lake Beulah. When all building has been completed, this will be one of the beauty spots of Lakeland.

The school's operating budget for this year is about \$34,000.00. This does not include payments on buildings. The interest and principal of bonds recently issued are being paid by rentals. It is not possible, therefore, for the school to have any of the rental money for its operating expenses. This necessitates the school's having income from other sources.

The Florida Baptist Convention approved the Institute as worthy of support and especially of being included in the state missions offering in the fall, and we are happy to have some part in these State Mission gifts. Last year a number of churches sent monthly or quarterly donations for operating expenses. Small amounts from many church budgets total a great deal for the school. We greatly need to have twice as many such cooperating churches this year as last year.

Please keep praying for us. This is your school, and it is trying in every possible way to glorify Christ our Savior and to

advance His Kingdom.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The annual report of the Home Mission Board has been compiled. It reveals an interesting program of successful missionary endeavor.

The Missionaries

During the year there were some sixty replacements due to resignation, retirement, or death. Home Board missionaries serving in Guatemala and Honduras were transferred to the Foreign Mission Board, which took over the work in those Central American countries. The total number of missionaries is 720, three more than the number reported in 1946. Add 286 student summer workers to the number of full-time missionaries and the grand total will be 1006.

Evangelistic Results

The missionaries delivered 68,425 sermons and addresses, made 255,388 religious visits, contacted 55,270 persons in personal work, and feported 24,221 conversions with 12,814 additions to the churches. There was an average of 30 conversions for every

full-time worker. Literature

Missionaries of the Home Board distributed 52,651 Bibles and gospels, 1,125,132 pages of tracts, and taught 10,709 classes in mission study. They conducted 1,135 revivals.

Co-operative Missions
Approximately one-fifth of the budget of the Home Mission
Board is spent in co-operation with state boards. The work of
that department is reported by the states. A summary of such
reports would be an interesting chapter in the year's achievements.

Missionary Education

In the field of missionary education, it is reported that 1,979 churches participated in schools of missions, using 227 speakers and conducting 2,718 classes, with a total participation in the schools of 749,155. Seventy-one home missionaries served in 98 camps in 17 states, and twenty-one missionaries were committed to serve in other programs of mission study.

Peak circulation for Southern Baptist Home Missions was

119,200; and 110,722 mission study books were circulated.

Two 16 mm, home mission films were released and nine new sets of slides. Projected pictures were ordered by 518 churches during 1947.

PAUL HENDRY.

REPORT ON SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

In March, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary celebrated the fortieth anniversary of its chartering.

The Seminary's organizational set-up comprehends the three schools of Theology, Religious Education and Sacred Music.

The enrollment for the 1947-48 session was 1,442, an increase of 66 over the past year and the largest in its history. Students came from 37 states, the District of Columbia, and four foreign countries.

During the past year, 353 have taken courses through the medium of correspondence study. Seventy-five individuals in Dallas and the same number in Fort Worth attended evening classes taught in local churches. Forty Negroes attended evening classes in Theology and Music at the Seminary twice a week, thirty in Austin, and fifty in Beaumont.

The Seminary employs 34 faculty members and 37 others, a total of 71 full-time workers.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

In the face of the challenging world situation today—the material and spiritual needs of all nations and an open door for the gospel into most of them— Southern Baptists must advance in their foreign mission program. The objective of the Advance Program may be stated as follows: (1) to strengthen our 119 centers in 25 countries; (2) to open additional centers in strategic areas; (3) to support centers and projects undertaken directly by native Baptist conventions; and (4) to increase our resources in personnel and finances until we have approximately 1,750 missionaries, an annual operating budget of \$7,000,000, and an annual capital needs budget of \$3,000,000.

The need for missionaries in Japan is so great that Dr. Baker James Cauthen, regional secretary for the Orient, has requested that the number for Japan be increased to 100 by 1950. In China, Communist action has caused some shifting of missionaries into other areas, as it is not possible to conduct mission work under Communist domination.

Communism is also blocking mission work in the Balkan states, but there is evidence that national Christians are keeping the light burning there. Missionaries are on the field in Spain and Italy, nominally committed to religious liberty. Catholic persecution is raising serious obstacles there. A Baptist seminary is proposed, with Geneva, Switzerland, suggested as the location, in order that European pastors may have adequate training to evangelize their own countries.

War in Palestine has darkened the mission picture in the Near East. At the time the British mandate ended in May, Southern Baptist missionaries had left Palestine. At that time a missionary couple was studying in Bahrein preparatory to beginning work in the Hadhramaut in southern Arabia.

Africa is a bright spot on the missionary map. The policy of training native leadership is bearing fruit, and one of the most significant developments is the recent decision of Southern Baptists Seminary in Louisville to grant degrees for work done by students in the Baptist Seminary at Ogbomosho, Nigeria.

Southern Baptist missionary forces in Latin America, as in other areas, are still spread too thinly. The W. E. Craigheads, who have not been permitted to return to their work in the Russian area of Europe, will go to Paraguay to work with Russian groups there. Baptists in Colombia will organize a Colombian Baptist Conevntion next winter, Property at Cali was recently purchased for a seminary and training school to serve Colombia and surrounding republics.

Total receipts of the Foreign Mission Board during 1947 were \$4,734,288, of which \$2,277,000 came from undesignated funds from the Co-operative Program, \$1,064,104 from special and designated funds, and \$1,393,183 from the Lottie Moon Offering. The grand total of the 1947 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, on which books were closed May 1, 1948, was \$1,503,010.

PAUL HENDRY.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

State Missions is the foundation unit of our denominational mission system. Its work is of basic importance in every denominational enterprise of Baptists. The program of our worldwide mission program is bound up in the success of State Missions. State Mission institutions are vital factors in the life of the whole denomination. These organizations are basic in training preachers, missionaries and denominational workers. No structure can be stronger than the foundation upon which it rests. A weak State Mission program will mean a weak denominational program.

Let me remind you that to State Missions falls the task of planting, cultivating, watering and keeping alive the spirit of missions in our churches. This is tremendously important. There can be no harvesting until the "seed corn" is planted.

Then let me remind you again—State Missions is the stabilizer and security of all missions. A stream cannot rise higher than its combined sources. State Missions strengthens the mismion stream at its fountain head by building missions and establishing new churches and developing a mission-conscious attitude. And while the churches are giving an ever increasing amount of mission money, our schools are busy turning out preachers, missionaries, lawyers, doctors, nurses and Christian statesmen to take the place of those who have fallen in the ranks. Read Isiah 54:2. Should our tent of expansion become larger than the stakes of state missions can support, the result will be a collapse of the whole super-structure.

During this associational year of 1947-48, our division of funds as been 50-50. The state's 50% is further divided between instit. The state of the

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PAUL HENDRY.

REPORT ON THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

During the past 90 years more than 9,000 men have been enrolled in Seminary classes and hundreds of women have been enrolled in the Woman's Missionary Union Training School.

Southern Seminary is most strategically iccated, being at the cross-loads of the nations and only 80 miles from the center of population of the United States. Within a radius of 650 miles of Southern Seminary are 85% of all Southern Baptist churches, 90% of all Northern Baptist churches, 90% of the nation's colleges and Universities, and 80% of the nation's population.

Within a radius of 200 miles of Southern Seminary are 3,000 Baptist churches, 1,000 of which are student pastorates or petential student pastorates. Within this area live more than 7½ millions of people.

The student body is composed of 733 theological students, 41 Music School students, 203 Training School students. More than 30 states and five foreign countries were represented in the Seminary student body this year.

The Southern Seminary has become known around the world because of its faculty. Many real schola's have served on the faculty through the years. They have never drawn a false line between scholarship and spirituality. They have seen that the two supplement and inspire each other. True scholarship based upon the New Testament is the greatest power to produce genuine spirituality.

The spirit of the students and faculty has never been better.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PERIODICALS

1-Christian Education

The accepted media of local Religious education are the Sunday school, The Baptist Training Union, The Women's Missionary Union. The Brotherhood and all other Church organizations, including the preaching of the Gospel. The effectiveness of this teaching depends upon the ability, leadership and consecration of those who carry forward these programs.

We need a concerted, master teaching program on the Holy Scriptures, our Baptist doctrines and our denominational program. A part of this must be leadership Training Conferences for our workers. It is well to remember that Christ's program includes, not only preaching and healing but teaching as well. This is a part of The Great Commission entrusted by the Lord to His Church. Our efforts can go no further and no higher than the vision, training and consecration of those in our training program. It is felt that the major responsibility for Christian Education rests squarely within our family group and in our Churches.

The Attorney General of Florida has ruled that The Bible may be taught within the public schools if done on a basis that complies with the dictates of our Federal Constitution. This is being done in at least one public school within our association and at a good many points over the State. Apparently this is a good movement where consecrated Bible teachers are employed. There is a danger, however: That we might attempt to place the responsibility of the home and Church on the public school. This would be a grievous error. The home and Church cannot escape the solemn obligation of Christian Education.

Our Denominational institutions of higher learning are easy to forget, because they are geographically removed from our local Churches. They must not be forgotten, for they are our strongest hope for a tained leadership, the promulgation of sound doctrine, the speeding up of evangelism and stewardship and the protection of our Christian birthrights. Surely, we do not want to cut the life-line of the future by neglecting to support these institutions. We are proud of J. Ollie Edmunds, a great Christian layman, who is now President of Stetson University. Let us hold up his hands in the great role of leadership among Florida Baptists.

A young and growing institution, The Baptist Bible Institute at Lakeland, established 1943, now having nearly 100 students in training for Christian Service—66 of the number preachers—richly deserves our support and fostering care. The school's motto is "Help For Those Who Want Help." The President is Rev. Leon M. Gambiell.

2—Periodicals

We think the "Florida Baptist Witness" should go into every home by the way of the Church budget. The Witness should be used in our teaching agencies, read within the home and supported liberally. We recognize the chief function of Christian Education and periodicals to be leading the lost to Christ. However, our homes and firesides and our American way of life are threatened with Communism within our gates. Communism strikes at Christianley and seeks to destroy the freedom of religion. It hates the Cross of Calvary. Surely the Church cannot stand idly by and see our heritage and our future hopes taken from us. It is high time that we learned the facts and moved into this field to buttress and protect our Government and our right to follow the teachings of Christ Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN B. BROWNING, Chairman.

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

"The School of Providence and Prayer", and "The most potential mission field in America," are two phrases often heard concerning the New Orleans Seminary. Each school-day morning the entire faculty meets in the room of prayer to seek God's power for the day,

The faculty was never stronger than at present, and the student body was never more impressive. There are thirteen teaching faculty members, aided by administrative workers and various tutors, fellows, professors' aids and staff members.

In the session 1947-48 there were 361 students enrolled, from 22 states and 3 foreign countries. There are 217 ministerial students. Students have attended 79 colleges. Of these, 160 have college degrees, one a music degree, and 17 hold theological degrees. The living quarters were filled throughout the year, and many scores of applicants were turned away for lack of room. Ninety-three students applied for graduation in the various departments. There were eighty G-I students.

Each week each student does two assignments of practical soul-winning and mission work as part of the required work or else he does not get credit for his classroom studies. We believe in soul-winning along with studying. Each week the students win enough people to Christ to equal a great revival meeting in one of our greater churches. Our aim is to send out spiritually minded, soul-winning Christian workers and evangelistic preachers. The Bible is the heart of our classroom study and evangelism

is the hea t of our daily activities.

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is a member of the American Association of Theological Schools and has its theological degrees accredited through the Accrediting Commission of the State of New York. The standards for degrees are as near as possible identical with those of the other two Southern Baptist seminaries.

The courses offered are in five departments; (1) Theological Semina y; (2) Sacred Music; (3) Religious Education; (4) Missionary Education, and (5) Christian Training.

The Theological Seminary department offers work only to college graduates, awarding the degrees, B.D., Th.M., and Th.D. The other degrees offe ed in the other departments are B.R.E. and M.R.E. Always the Seminary welcomes students who have not attended college. For them the department of Christian Training offers two years of work and a certificate of completion or g aduation. The classes for this group are entirely separate from classes open to college graduates.

Three reasons demand enlargement by the Seminary. First, scores and even hundreds who need and desire training are turned away each year for lack of room. Again, we receive scores and even hundreds of requests from thu thes for trained ministers, educational and musical directors, missionaries, etc. Furthermore, there are enough student pasto ates and enough missionary fields possible for our students while in school to demand that our enrollment be doubled. There is now no available hous-

ing space for a large enrollment.

General plans have been drawn for a new plant to be built on the new 75-acre campus which the Seminary owns free of debt. It will require at least \$3,000,000.00 to build sufficient buildings for the Seminary to move. The Coope ative Program receipts for capital funds and gifts from generous individuals must supply this need. The Seminary is seeking 1.000 persons to give \$1,000.00 or more to this building fund. Encouraging success is being met. This fund is designated as "God's Million Unlimited." About \$125,000.00 has been pledged and raid on this.

Receipts from various generous friends have been encouraging. Faith in God and in Southern Baptists leads us to believe we will have soon a Seminary in New Orleans worthy of Southern Faptists and more adequate for our vast opportunities in this

most potential mission field.

It is the hope of the Trustees to retain the old property of the Seminary after the new plant has been completed, renting it and using it as productive endowment. The administration hopes to see the new Seminary completed not later than 1950 or 1951

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TABLE III—TRAINING UNION OF MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1948.

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Number of Story Hours	Number of Junior Unions	Number of Intermediate Unions	Number of Young Peoples Unions	Number of Adult Unions	Grand Total Unions	Story Hour Enrolled	Junior Enrolled	Intermediate Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adult Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Youth Week	Christian Home Week
Brewer Lake Central Cherry Lake Elizabeth Foley Friendsbip Greenville Hopewell Macedonia Madison Mayo New Home (Madison) New Home (Taylor) New Hopeful	Mrs. Gracie Ezell, Perry, Fla. Horace Weaver, Mayo, Fla. Mrs. Wesley Tindell, Aucilla, Fla. Mrs. Ralph Bland, Madison, Fla. Enoch Luch, Aucilla, Fla. Mrs. A. J. Gross, Foley, Fla. Hubert Murphy, Perry, Fla. Mrs. R. E. Merrell, Greenville, Fla. J. W. Kelly, Sr., Madison, Fla. I. F. Day, Lee, Fla. Buford Selman, Madison, Fla. Mrs. Patricia Carter, Mayo, Fla. Mrs. Lucion Floyd, Madison, Fla. Lamar Folsom, Perry, Fla. W. N. Craig, Madison, Fla. Rev. Loren A. Williams, Perry, Fla. Mrs. Archie Norris, Lovett, Fla.	1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1	55445595335544155162	12 14 6 19 13 12 15	7 17 6 11 16 23 10 10 14 11 10	18 19 9 12 40 6	17	26 22 9 7 25 26 12 13 14 23 6 11 25 32 50	4 3 2 5 6 4 12 7 4 1	73 73 36 48 96 99 50 45 52 79 80 41 41 25 141 55	35 45 20 35 40 64 35 30 49 45 22 25 47 14 82 40	00000000000000000000000000000000000000	NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN
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CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDANTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradte Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Deparment	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Estolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	
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TABLE V—BROTHERHOOD WORK—BUILDING OF MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1948

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CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOOD AND ADDRESSES	Enrolment of Brotherhood	Meetings Held During Year	Value Pastor's Horne	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Spent on Building and Remodeling	Building and Reserve Funds On Hand at End of Year	Total Church Debt at End of Year
Brewer Lake Burton Central Cherry Lake Flizabeth Foley Friendship Greenville Lamont Macedonia Madison Mayo Mosley Hall	J. E. Ezell, Perry, Fla. J. O. Simons, Foley, Fla. W. W. Glenn, Madison, Fla.	26	12	2,500.00 2,000.00 7,500.00 4,500.00	\$ 11,055.00 10,000.00 5,700.00 2,500.00 2,500.00 3,000.00 3,000.00 17,597.00 5,000.00 8,000.00 37,500.00 7,500.00 1,000.00 900.00	4,500.00 204.00 1,173.00 380.00 1,292.00 242.00 3,553.00	2,449.00 50.00 2,187.00	1,245,00
New Home (Madison) New Home (Taylor) New Hopeful Oakland Perry Pinetta Pine Grove Pisgah Riverside San Pedro St. John	G. D. Hendricks, Perry, Fla.	40	12	2,500.00	2,500.00 25,000.00 2,600.00	500.00 17,500.00 4,156.00 28.00 19.00 2,400.00 1,203.00	48.00 27.00 2,084.00 764.00	800.00

TABLE IV—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1948

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Earolied	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
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TABLE VII—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC., OF FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, YEAR ENDING OCT. 31, 1948

CHURCHES	CLERES OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Co-operative Program (or Unified Budget)	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries	Orphanaze, Total Gifts	Designated to Hospitals	Relief and Annuity; Other Objects	Total Gifts for Missions	Grand Total Gifts for All Purposes (Add Line 66 and Line 76)	Pledged to Co-onerative Program or Unified Balget for Coming Year	Pledged Associational Missions for Cheming Year
Beulah Brewer Lake Brewer Lake Burton Central Cherry Lake Elizabeth Foley Friendship Greenville Hopewell Lamont Lee Macedonia Madison Mayo Midway Mcaley Hall Mt. Gliead Mt. Olive New Home (Madison) New Home (Taylor) New Hopeful New Hopeful New Hopeful New Hopeful Perry Pineta Pine Grove, Pisgah Pleasant Grove (Laf.) Pleasant Grove (Laf.) Riveride Sam Pedro	W. M. Howel, Perry, Fla. Mrs. Sarah Bell, Mayo, Fla. J. D. Granthar, Perry, Fla. Mrs. Blanche Clark, Aucilla, Fla. W. C. Hawkins, Madison, Fla. K. B. Trefry, Aucilla, Fla. C. P. Wilson, Foley, Fla. Lillien Gloria Poppell, Perry, Fla. W. H. Kerr, Greenville, Fla. Dozier Sapp, Madison, Fla. Dozier Sapp, Madison, Fla. Dozier Sapp, Madison, Fla. J. F. Hembree, Lee, Fla. M. C. Woodard, Lee, Fia. J. Vickers Miss Louise Hurst, Mayo, Fla. R. C. Wheeler, Madison, Fla. Sidney R. Moon, Greenville, Fla. W. G. Vann, Shady Grove, Fla. Wadden H. Phillips, Madison, Fla. Mrs. Albert McLeod, Madison, Fla. Mrs. Abert McLeod, Madison, Fla. Mrs. Essie Mae Cogburn, Perry, Fla. Mrs. Essie Mae Cogburn, Perry, Fla. Mrs. Essie Mae Cogburn, Perry, Fla. Lie Barday, Greenville, Fla. Mrs. L. Newell, Perry, Fla. Lillie Mae Jackson, Mayo, Fla. Lillien Franker, Ferry, Fla. Lillien Fla. E. F. Buebler, Steinhatchee, Fla. Marcus Day, Lovett, Fla.	30,000 40,000 40,000 41,000 47,000 48,000 47,000 48,000 47,000 48,000 49,000 40	24 00 7 00 25 00 12 00 83 00 72 00 97 00 65 00 9 00 108 00 17 00	11.00 18.00 27.00 22.00 42.00 10.00 29.00 22.00 22.00 50.00 10.00	5.00 33.00 25.00 72.00 92.00 163.00 10.00 5.00 20.00	7.00 5.00 357.00 15.00 282.00 12.00 20.00 20.00 224.00 8.00	30.00 40.00 240.00 2.00 31.00	265.00' 15.00 33.09 35.00 421.00 369.00 16.00 16.00 163.00 755.00 30.00 770.00 23.00 18.00 23.00 118.00 12.00 118.00 12.00 118.00 12.00 118.00 12.00 118.00 118.00 118.00 118.00 118.00 118.00 118.00 118.00 118.00 118.00 118.00 118.00 118.00	138.00	11.00 134.00 120.00	\$ 340.0° 94.0° 514.00 83.00 192.00 192.00 1, 216.0° 65.00 2, 249.00 175.0° 846.0° 848.0° 374.00 125.00 89.00 105.00 6.00 2, 391.00 105.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00	137.00	12\) 00 1,320 00 123.00 230.00 305.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 112.00 112.00 1,500.00	\$ 39.00 14.00 15.00 77.00 18.00 75.00 18.00 75.00 18.00 36.00 28.00 28.00 28.00 36.00 29.00 10.00
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TABLE VI—GIFTS FOR LOCAL WORK OF CHURCH OF MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, YEAR ENDING OCT. 31, 1948

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CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Pator's Salary Paid for Year	Janitor, Fuel, Repairs, Insurance, etc.	Aast, Paytor, Educational Director, Choir Leader	Revival Expense and Pactoral Supply	Paid on Church Debt out of Current Funds	Likrafura, Quarterlies. Church Paper, Song Books	Local Benevolences	Building Furki (given Assoriational Year)	Local Missions	Other Objects	Total Given for Local Church Work
ewer Lake Irton intral	W. M. Howell, Perry, Fla. Jessie Sullivan, Madison, Fla. W. C. Winderweedle, Day, Fla. W. J. Porter, Perry, Fla. Oliver Scruggs, Aucilla, Fla. J. W. Cason, Madison Fla. Mrs. Mary Lighteey, Aucilla, Fla. J. W. Cason, Madison Fla. W. R. Rice, Foley, Fla. Lillian Gloria Poppell, Perry, Fla. Miss Elizabeth Kerr, Greenville, Fla. W. B. Lamb, Madison, Fla. Mrs. Ada Mills, Lamont, Fla. J. A. Kinsey, Lee, Fla. O. A. Henderson, Lee, Fla. L. R. Woodward, Madison, Fla. E. R. Woodward, Madison, Fla. E. E. Phillips, Madison, Fla. J. W. Eakins, Lamont, Fla. J. W. Eakins, Lamont, Fla. J. Eddie Bass, Madison, Fla. E. E. McLain, Perry, Fla. J. H. Ghard, Greenville, Fla. J. W. Herring, Greenville, Fla. Mrs. John F. Wilson, Madison, Fla. J. H. Sims, Pinetta, Fla. Mrs. Frank Davis, Madison, Fla. J. L. Sims, Pinetta, Fla. Mrs. Frank Davis, Madison, Fla. J. L. Sims, Pinetta, Fla. Mrs. Frank Davis, Madison, Fla. L. Newell, Perry, Fla. J. L. Sims, Pinetta, Fla. Mrs. Frank Davis, Madison, Fla. L. L. Newell, Perry, Fla. J. L. Sims, Pinetta, Fla. Mrs. Grander, Shady Grove, Fla. Linton Baiver, Mayo, Fla. Clarence Thigpen, Greenville, Fla. C. F. Buebler Steinhatchee, Fla.	480.00 1,500.00 2,590.00 840.00 600.00 655.00 2,520.00 588.00	45.00 28.00 738.00 28.00 50.00 50.00 50.00 33.00 494.00 50.00 50.00 20.00 109.00 77.00 4142.00 71.00 12.00 45.00 12.00 13.865.00 12.00 13.00 140.00 150.00	70.00 127.00 35.00 37.00 36.00 25.00 1,260.00	80.00 138.00 138.00 175.00 181.00 80.00 317.00 100.00 265.00 222.00 112.00 170.00 100.00 176.00 176.00 176.00 176.00 176.00 1776.00 1776.00 140.00 140.00 177.00 303.00 177.00	1,138.00 418.00 971.00	34.00 176.00 176.00 189.00; 60.00 183.00 411.00 62.00 447.00 78.00 235.00 352.00 448.00 158.00 97.00 21.00 74.00 31.00 74.00	30.00 36.00 50.00 141.00 65.00 231.00 175.00 23.00 15.00 25.00 57.00 47.00 15.00 25.00	2,500.00 425.00 1,009.00 1,359.00 880.00 2,112.00 559.00 2,168.00 48.00	8.00 39.00 886.00 108.00	80.00 437.00 25.00 73.00 15.00 255.00 273.00 273.00 21.00 50.00 32.00 410.00 6.00 30.00 8.00 1.00	74 4,78 3,86 1,51 4,53 2,64 4,99 1,16 5,86 2,25; 1,76 1,70 1,70 1,70 1,70 1,70 1,70 1,70 1,70
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