

Middle Florida Missionary Baptist Association

FLORIDA

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

Held With

SAN PEDRO BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 9th, 1952

And

CHERRY LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 10th, 1952

FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Will Convene With

1st DAY—PINETTA BAPTIST CHURCH

2nd DAY—NEW HOME (Mad.) BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 8-9, 1953

1952

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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 preserve 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 baptized 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 punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous 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.

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, when he may cast the deciding vote.

4. No 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 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.

CONSTITUTION

of

THE MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Article 1. The name of this organization shall be "THE MIDDLE FLORIDA MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

Article 2. The Association shall be composed of messengers duly elected by the Churches affiliated with this body who shall present letters certifying to their election, or other satisfactory evidence thereof, and all ordained pastors who are members of or pastors of any of said churches.

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.

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 for 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 be a layman or part-time Pastor who shall act as Moderator in the absence of the Moderator, and who shall also be Moderator for the Fifth Sunday Meetings, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by the suffrage of the messengers elected by the Churches, and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

Article 9. This Association shall have an Executive Committee composed of six laymen and the Pastors of each Church belonging to this Association, the Associational Sunday School Superintendent, the Associational B. T. U. Director, the Associational Woman's Missionary Union President, the Associational Brotherhood President, together with the officers as Ex-officio members. This committee shall foster all the interest 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 colporteurs, 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 Moderator shall be 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 cooperation.

Article 11. The Association shall recognize and respect the rights and independence of every church cooperating.

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.

ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

Rev. W. L. Rollins, Moderator Foley, Fla.
 Rev. L. C. Hicks, Assistant Moderator Lee, Fla.
 Carl W. Burnett, Clerk Madison, Fla.
 J. Vickers, Treasurer Madison, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pastors and Officers of Association and

Norman Hartsfield Aucilla, Fla.
 T. W. Herring Greenville, Fla.
 S. C. Kierce Perry, Fla.
 Horace Weaver Madison, Fla.
 T. P. McLeod, Jr. Greenville, Fla.
 Guy M. McClain Mayo, Fla.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN—1953

Evangelism—Rev. Dewey Mann Perry, Fla.
 Children's Home—G. F. Andrews Greenville, Fla.
 Missions—Rev. M. J. Hicks, Jr. Pinetta, Fla.
 Cooperative Program—Rev. Butler Horton Madison, Fla.
 Christian Education & Periodicals—E. B. Browning Madison, Fla.
 American Bible Society—Rev. J. W. Johnson Perry, Fla.
 Budget Com. Chairman—Rev. S. V. Cofield Mayo, Fla.
 Temperance—Rev. Carl Webb Lee, Fla.
 Relief & Annuity—Rev. W. L. Price Lee, Fla.
 Our Beloved Dead—Rev. T. A. Goodman Shady Grove, Fla.
 Church Music—Miss Shirley Stanfill Perry, Fla.
 Nominations—Rev. W. G. DeShazo Perry, Fla.
 Baptist Hospital—Rev. Ben Perry Madison, Fla.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Rev. K. A. Whaley, Chairman Perry, Fla.
 Bro. Eugene Mugge Greenville, Fla.
 Rev. T. W. Cruce Perry, Fla.
 Mrs. Ben Perry Madison, Fla.
 Mrs. Roy Milliron Madison, Fla.
 Rev. Jack Lamb Madison, Fla.
 Rev. C. T. Hall Foley, Fla.

SERMONS

Doctrinal—Rev. F. W. Cruce Perry, Fla.
 Alternate—Rev. M. J. Fowler Day, Fla.
 Missionary—Rev. M. J. Hicks, Jr. Pinetta, Fla.
 Alternate—Rev. W. G. DeShazo Perry, Fla.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

Rev. L. C. Hicks and Pastor Host Church

ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OFFICERS

President—E. E. Mugge Greenville, Fla.
 Program Vice-President—Byron Butler Perry, Fla.
 Promotional Vice-President—E. M. Page, Jr Madison, Fla.
 Attendance Vice-President—C. P. Wilson Foley, Fla.
 Secretary & Treasurer—E. M. May Madison, Fla.
 Choirster—Rev. F. A. Parker Perry, Fla.

ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

Superintendent—Rev. F. W. Cruce Perry, Fla.

ASSOCIATIONAL BAPTIST TRAINING UNION OFFICERS

General Officers

Director—Mrs. Ben Perry Madison, Fla.
 Associate Director—Horace Weaver Madison, Fla.
 Secretary—Miss Doris Shaffer Madison, Fla.
 Pastor Adviser—Rev. Chas. W. Milford Madison, Fla.
 Pianist
 Choirster

East Section

Group Leaders:

Rev. Bobby Dykes Madison, Fla.
 M. C. Woodard Pinetta, Fla.
 W. O. McCullough Madison, Fla.
 Pianist—Miss Diana Milford Madison, Fla.
 Choirster—Paul Day Lee, Fla.
 Secretary—Miss Mige Green Madison, Fla.
 Pastor Adviser—Rev. M. J. Hicks, Jr. Pinetta, Fla.
 Adult Leader—Mrs. C. W. Milford Madison, Fla.
 Young Peoples Leader—Mrs. Horace Weaver Madison, Fla.
 Intermediate Leader—Miss Thursa Williams Madison, Fla.
 Junior Leader—Miss Irene Williams Madison, Fla.
 Children's Work Leader—Mrs. Bobby Dykes Madison, Fla.

West Section

Group Leaders:

Rev. Julian T. Maddox Greenville, Fla.
 Kelly Bailey Greenville, Fla.
 Harvey Croft Mayo, Fla.
 Rev. K. A. Whaley Perry, Fla.
 Pianist—Miss Jo Marie Winburn Mayo, Fla.
 Choirster—Howard Whitfield Perry, Fla.
 Secretary—Mrs. Kelly Bailey Greenville, Fla.
 Pastor Adviser—Rev. Alva Horton Perry, Fla.
 Adult Leader—Dudley Carvell Foley, Fla.
 Young Peoples' Leader—
 Intermediate Leader—Mrs. Willard Carmichael
 Junior Leader—Mrs. Harvey Croft Mayo, Fla.
 Children's Work Leader—Mrs. S. V. Cofield Mayo, Fla.

FLORIDA BAPTIST CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Rev. Chas W. Milford Madison, Fla.
 Van H. Priest Madison, Fla.
 Rev. Dewey Mann Perry, Fla.

ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U. OFFICERS

President—Mrs. Myrtle Milliron Madison, Fla.
 Vice-President—Mrs. P. R. Lawson Monticello, Fla.
 Young Peoples Leader—Mrs. J. O. Simons Foley, Fla.
 Secretary & Treasurer—Mrs. J. L. Gibson Perry, Fla.
 Com. Missions Chairman—Mrs. J. T. Maddox Greenville, Fla.
 Stewardship Chairman—Mrs. S. V. Cofield Mayo, Fla.
 Margaret Fund Chairman—Mrs. Doris Barrs Mayo, Fla.
 Training School Chairman—Mrs. W. L. Rollins Foley, Fla.
 Mission Study Chairman—Mrs. J. L. Bishop Aucilla, Fla.
 Children's Home Chairman—Mrs. E. A. McClain Perry, Fla.
 Publicity Chairman—Mrs. R. B. Bryan Madison, Fla.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Ministers Licensed This Year

Hopewell—Austin Kelly Madison, Fla.
 Macedonia—Richard Brown Madison, Fla.
 Macedonia—Paul Day Lee, Fla.

Ministers Ordained This Year

Lee—Jim Dryden Lee, Fla.
 Macedonia—Ira E. Blair Madison, Fla.
 San Pedro—Howard Whitfield Perry, Fla.

Students For The Ministry

Macedonia—Richard Brown Stetson University
 Perry—Leonard Cone Mercer University
 Perry—Carl Whiddon Stetson University
 Perry—Howard Whitfield C. M. C. Miss.
 Perry—Tommy Joe McLeod C. M. C. Miss.

CHOIR OR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Athena—B. W. Morgan Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.
 Bethel Creek—C. B. Goodwin Day, Fla.
 Burton—D. L. Frith, Jr. Perry, Fla.
 Elizabeth—Curtis Smith Monticello, Fla.
 Foley—Miss Newana Chesser Foley, Fla.
 Greenville—Mrs. S. B. Algeo Greenville, Fla.
 Hopewell—Wesley Kelly Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.
 Lee—Leroy Rutherford Lee, Fla.
 Macedonia—Paul Day Lee, Fla.
 Madison—Mrs. L. R. Woodard Madison, Fla.
 Midway—Mrs. Marantha Howard Madison, Fla.
 New Home (Mad.)—Henry Lewis Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.
 New Home (Tay.)—S. H. Hendry Perry, Fla.
 New Macedonia—Miss Betty Coker Greenville, Fla.
 Perry—Miss Shirley Stanfill Perry, Fla.
 Pisgah—Mrs. Pauline Lundy Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.
 Pleasant Grove (Lay.)—Morris Wilder Mayo, Fla.
 Pleasant Grove (Tay.)—C. A. Lewis Shady Grove, Fla.
 San Pedro—Drexler Agner Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.
 Sirmans—Miss Arie Bell Bailey Greenville, Fla.

PIANIST or ORGANIST

Athena—Mrs. Ornnie Whaley Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.
 Bethel Creek—Mrs. Audrey Williams
 Burton—Mrs. D. L. Frith, Jr. Perry, Fla.
 Central—Miss Lalla Bishop Aucilla, Fla.
 Elizabeth—Mrs. K. B. Trefry Monticello, Fla.
 Foley—Mrs. Iris Swain Foley, Fla.
 Friendship—Mrs. Lou Ella Shaw Perry, Fla.
 Greenville—Mrs. S. B. Algeo Greenville, Fla.
 Hopewell—Mrs. Walden Phillips Madison, Fla.
 Lamont—Mrs. Betty Bailey Lamont, Fla.
 Lee—Mrs. Roy Smith Lee, Fla.
 Macedonia—Mrs. Edd Worthington Lee, Fla.

Madison—Mrs. Vernon Ragans Madison, Fla.
 Mayo—Mrs. Sara V. Cook Mayo, Fla.
 Midway—Miss Berniece Thomas Lee, Fla.
 Mt. Gilead—Mrs. W. M. Aman Shady Grove, Fla.
 Mt. Olive—Miss Doris Barker Madison, Fla.
 New Home (Mad.)—Mrs. Henry Lewis Madison, Fla.
 New Home (Tay.)—Miss Jewell Horton Perry, Fla.
 New Hopeful—Miss Jean Bodenstein Madison, Fla.
 New Macedonia—Mrs. Alice Taylor Greenville, Fla.
 Pine Grove—Miss Thomasanna Morrison Madison, Fla.
 Pisgah—Miss Leila Fife Perry, Fla.
 Pleasant Grove (Lay.)—Miss Zelda Ezell Mayo, Fla.
 Pleasant Grove (Tay.)—Mrs. S. W. Tedder Shady Grove, Fla.
 Riverside—Mrs. J. W. Lyons Mayo, Fla.
 San Pedro—Miss Maxine Carrin Perry, Fla.
 Sirmans—Miss Lorene Bailey Greenville, Fla.

LIBRARIANS

Athena—Mrs. Janie Moseley Foley, Fla.
 Greenville—Miss Sara Andrews Greenville, Fla.
 Perry—Mrs. Lovie Clark Perry, Fla.
 Sirmans—Mrs. Silvia Ann Bailey Greenville, Fla.

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

Perry—Miss Juanita Johnston Perry, Fla.

MINISTERS OTHER THAN PASTORS

Beulah—Rev. H. L. Stokes, L Lee, Fla.
 Burton—Rev. A. H. Townsend R. Perry, Fla.
 Greenville—Rev. W. D. Keis, R Greenville, Fla.
 Hopewell—Rev. Austin Kelly, L Madison, Fla.
 Lamont—Rev. Walter Bailey, L Lamont, Fla.
 Lee—Rev. Jim Dryden, O. M. Lee, Fla.
 Macedonia—Rev. Paul Day, L Lee, Fla.
 Macedonia—Rev. Richard Brown, L Madison, Fla.
 Madison—Rev. Ben Perry, O M Madison, Fla.
 Mayo—Rev. Carl Webb, O M Lee, Fla.
 New Hopeful—Rev. W. C. Jones, L Madison, Fla.
 Perry—Rev. Leonard Cone, S Perry, Fla.
 Perry—Rev. Carl Whiddon, S Perry, Fla.
 Perry—Rev. Tommy Joe McLeod, S Perry, Fla.
 Pine Grove—Rev. A. M. Rowe, R Madison, Fla.
 Pine Grove—Rev. W. L. Ranew, O M Madison, Fla.
 Pine Grove—Rev. R. B. Keyes Gainesville, Fla.
 Pleasant Grove (Tay.)—Rev. Colon Lewis, O M Shady Grove, Fla.
 San Pedro—Rev. Howard Whitfield, S Perry, Fla.

MESSENGERS ENROLLED

Athena—E. G. Whitfield, Mrs. Bertz Ezell, Mrs. Dusky Giddens.
 Bethel Creek—Mrs. May Milford, J. D. Stewart, Esta Mae Stewart, Bonnie Goodwin.
 Beulah—Frank Stokes and wife, H. L. Stokes.
 Brewer Lake—Thomas A. Bell, J. M. Snipes, Mrs. Bertha Barrs, W. C. Winderweedle and wife.
 Burton—W. A. McLeod and wife, Mrs. W. M. Whiddon, E. J. Tedder, Mrs. H. Defnoll, Mrs. C. A. Nelson.
 Central—Oliver Scruggs and wife, Mrs. J. L. Bishop, Mrs. Weyman Horne, Mrs. M. A. Turner.
 Cherry Lake—Rev. J. R. Collins and wife, W. E. Gray and wife, Mrs. Alton Singletary, Mrs. Albert Gentry, Mrs. R. R. Moore.
 Elizabeth—Mrs. T. G. Walker, Mrs. Geo. Demett, A. W. Wilder, Norman H. Hartsfield and wife.
 Foley—Mrs. J. O. Simons, Mrs. Roy Dennis, Mrs. Elizabeth Pellett, Mrs. W. E. Baxter, Mrs. J. T. Parker.
 Friendship—Mrs. Annie Roberts, Mrs. Ruth Baxter, Mrs. Wanda Murphy.
 Greenville—Rev. J. T. Maddox and wife, T. P. McLeod, Jr., G. F. Andrews, Rev. W. D. Kels, E. E. Mugge, Jr., Mrs. S. P. Hendry.
 Hopewell—Johnnie McClamma and wife, J. R. Wynn and wife, Mrs. Jack Wynn.
 Lamont—Mrs. V. J. Davis, Mrs. Sallie Timmons.
 Lee—Jim Dryden, Simon Kinsey, Jr., J. T. Kent.
 Macedonia—Mrs. Edd Worthington, Mrs. Avis Richardson, Mrs. Gene Brown, Paul Day, Mrs. T. C. Webb, Mrs. John Sevor, Mrs. Ivy McCullough.
 Madison—Rev. Chas. W. Milford and wife, J. Vickers, A. J. Hargrove, Henry Messer and wife, Jim Shaw, Mrs. Van H. Priest, Rev. J. R. Dykes and wife, Rev. Ben Perry and wife.
 Mayo—Mrs. Clara May Hatch, Mrs. Harvey Croft, C. E. Goodman and wife, Rev. S. V. Cofield and wife, Mrs. S. E. Blanton.
 Midway—Sidney Jordan, Cecil Hicks, J. H. Phillips, Quinton Dryden, William Dickey.
 Moseley Hall—Jim Cruce, Sam Andrews, Leon Andrews.
 Mt. Gilead—J. E. Aman and wife, W. G. Vann and wife, Mrs. W. C. Campbell.
 Mt. Olive—M. A. Payne and wife, Gordon Dickey and wife, Floyd Barker and wife.
 New Home (Mad.)—Sim H. Andrews, Mrs. Mary Jane Tuten, Sam Tuten, Sarah Jane Tuten.
 New Home (Tay.)—Mr. Nix and wife, Mrs. E. E. McClain, Mrs. J. B. Tedder, R. C. Loper and wife, Mrs. W. R. French.
 New Hopeful—John Wilson and wife, T. Z. Henderson and wife.
 New Macedonia—T. W. Herring and wife, Mrs. Perry Barclay, Mrs. Annie Bell Shackelford.
 Perry—Mr. Inman, Mr. Bevis, Mr. McCall and wife, Mrs. Beatty, Mr. Leverette, Mr. Gibson and wife, Mrs. Jess McLeod, Mrs. Lundy, Shirley Stanfill, Juanita Johnston, Mr. Mann and wife, Mrs. Alston, Mrs. Hines, Mr. Martin and wife, Nita Blue, Mrs. J. L. Burch, Mrs. Bennett.

Pinetta—Mrs. William Downing, Mrs. Lamar DeLoach, Rev. M. J. Hicks, Jr., and wife.
 Pine Grove—L. F. Kelly and wife, Rev. W. L. Ranew and wife.
 Pisgah—Mrs. Susie Hudson, Mrs. Carrie Blue, T. J. Hudson.
 Pleasant Grove (Lay.)—Albert Jackson, Lillie Mae Jackson, Jody Brumley, Hallie Brumley, Mrs. Betty Lyons.
 Pleasant Grove (Tay.)—Woodrow Lewis, S. W. Tedder and wife, Mrs. Eunice Wood.
 Riverside—Red Shiner, Roy Snipes, W. O. Lyons, Jimmie Lyons.
 San Pedro—Monroe Wright, Howard Carrine, Corrine Carlton, George Vickery, Mrs. Della Sanford.
 Sirmans—Alvin Slaughter, Mrs. Kelly Bailey, Homer Bailey.
 Steinhatchee—Mrs. L. E. Ross, Mrs. John A. Fletcher, Mrs. Minnie Stewart, Mrs. Pearl Jeffords.
 St. Johns—L. C. Newmans, Luther Norris, W. B. Wynn.

RECORD OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED

At The

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1. Song service led by Rev. Paul Hendry.
2. Called to order by Moderator, Hon. E. B. Browning.
3. Devotional led by Rev. Joe McCullough.
4. Motion made and carried that Messengers enrolled from the churches, the Executive Committee and Officers of the Association constitute the working body for this session.
5. The printed program, with such changes as may be necessary, was adopted as the Order of Business.
6. Address of Welcome by Rev. Francis Cruce, host pastor.
7. Response by E. G. Mugge, Jr., of Greenville Baptist Church.
8. Call for Letters by the Moderator.
9. The following visitors were recognized: Rev. Dozier Hall and wife, Rev. A. M. Parker of Suwannee Association, J. P. Humphries and Grover Morgan of Lafayette Association, Rev. B. W. Burns, Pastor First Baptist Church, Marianna, Chipola Association, G. A. Ratterree, State Brotherhood Secretary, Jacksonville Association.
10. New pastors and special workers were introduced as follows: Rev. J. R. Dykes, pastor of Pisgah Church, Rev. Joe McCullough, Pastor of Moseley Hall Church, Rev. P. R. Lawson, Pastor of Elizabeth Church, Paul (Skippy) Day, Miss Shirley Stanfill, Music Director, Perry Church, Miss Juanita Johnson, Educational Director, Perry Church.

11. The following reports were read: Sunday School, Brotherhood and Ministerial Support, Children's Home, Cooperative Program, Missions, Relief and Annuity, Temperance, Baptist Training Union, Christian Education and Periodicals, Baptist Hospitals and American Bible Society.
12. Associational Sermon by Rev. Julian T. Maddox. Using as a text Second Cor. 5:18.

Afternoon Session

13. Song Service led by Rev. Paul Hendry.
14. Devotional, led by Rev. W. G. DeShazo, pastor of Burton Church.
15. Special song by Mrs. Loraine Perry.
16. Rev. B. W. Burns, Pastor of Marianna Baptist Church, spoke in behalf of our Baptist Children's Home and to the report given by G. F. Andrews.
17. The Cooperative Program report and the program in general was very ably discussed by G. A. Ratterree, State Brotherhood Secretary.
18. Rev. Chas. W. Milford of Madison Church spoke for the Fla. Baptist Witness and its importance in the work of Florida Baptists.
19. Rev. D. O. Alderman, District Mission Worker, gave his report.
20. All reports mentioned above were adopted at this time.
21. Dr. J. Ollie Edmunds, President of Stetson University, gave a wonderful message on "Magnifying the Church."

Friday Morning Session

22. Song service led by Miss Shirley Stanfill, Music Director of Perry Church.
23. Devotional led by Rev. Alva Horton, Pastor of New Home Church, Perry.
24. Welcome given by Rev. John Collins, Host Pastor.
25. Response by Bro. Sam Andrews.
26. Special prayer led by Rev. Chas. W. Milford for Mrs. Sheffield, daughter of Bro. Sam Andrews.
27. Treasurer's report read by O. A. Henderson, and adopted.
28. Rev. W. D. Keis at this time gave an inspirational account of our Baptist work in Hawaii as he found it on a recent visit.
29. J. Vickers, Chairman of Budget Committee, read the proposed Budget and same was adopted.
30. Rev. G. A. Cooper, District Missionary from Valdosta, was recognized, also Rev. W. C. Taylor of Valdosta.
31. Women's Missionary Union report read by Mrs. Roy Milliron, and on motion to adopt was spoken to by her and adopted.
32. Missionary Sermon by Rev. W. L. Rollins, Pastor Foley Church. Text: John 20:21. Subject: "The World is Yours."
33. Executive Committee report read by the Clerk and adopted.
34. Dr. Oscar A. Beck and Prof. Candler Matheny, of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, were recognized.

Afternoon Session

35. Song Service led by Miss Shirley Stanfill.
36. Devotional led by S. V. Cofield, Pastor Mayo Baptist Church.

37. Digest of Letters report read by Rev. Chas. W. Milford, Pastor Madison Church.
38. Motion made and carried that the Moderator appoint a committee to confer with Program Committee and our Denominational Leaders asking that proper recognition and participation in Centennial Celebration of Florida Baptist be given Middle Florida Association since Convention was organized nearby and that State Mission Board was organized in Madison.
39. Motion made and carried that each Standing Committee be composed of three members each.
40. Report on Evangelism read by Rev. Francis Cruce and on motion to adopt was spoken to by he and Rev. Clarence Bailey, and adopted.
41. Motion made and carried to give committee on Evangelism one hundred dollars out of contingent fund in Budget.
42. Report on Beloved Dead read by Rev. M. J. Fowler and adopted.
43. Rev. Hazel Woodard, Pastor of Corinth Church, Valdosta, Ga., Association, and Rev. T. S. Fields, Pastor Quitman Church, Mercer, Ga., Association, were recognized.
44. Report of Nominating Committee read by Rev. Francis Cruce and adopted.
45. Motion made and carried to pay Clerk and Treasurer salaries as stated in Budget.
46. Vote of thanks extended to San Pedro and Cherry Lake churches for the splendid entertainment of the Association.
47. Motion made and carried that Dewey Mann and Dave Alderman investigate as to the future of Oakland Church.
48. The following Officers were unanimously elected: Moderator, Rev. W. L. Rollins; Vice-Moderator, Rev. L. C. Hicks; Clerk, Carl W. Burnett; Treasurer, J. Vickers.
49. Rev. Dewey Mann elected Chairman of Committee on Evangelism.
50. Rev. T. S. Fields, Pastor Quitman Baptist Church, preached a great sermon on "We Are Laborers Together With God", using as a text First Corinthians, fourth chapter, verses one and two.
51. There being no further business the Moderator declared the Session adjourned.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee held four meetings during the past year as follows:

Dec. 30, 1951, at St. Johns Church, at this meeting plans were made and dates set for the 1952 Simultaneous Revival Campaign in the Association. Also agreed to take offering at each Fifth Sunday meeting and give same to the host Church.

Feb. 18, 1952, the Committee, upon invitation from Greenville Church, met there and held a very interesting meet with good reports from all the departments of our Baptist program in the Association.

June 12 meeting was held in Madison. The Committee endorsed the movement to have Evangelist Billy Graham hold Revival in Tallahassee some time during 1953. There was some discussion relative to Boys and Girls Summer Camp and the Committee agreed to endorse the Camp and to underwrite \$75 for any deficit there might be if Camp was held.

The Committee also passed a resolution concerning the St. Johns Association. Resolution as to some proposed changes in the program of our State Board of Missions.

The last meeting was held at Hopewell Baptist Church at the Fifth Sunday Meeting in August.

Plans were made for the annual Association and committees appointed to carry out these plans.

Your committee has tried to sponsor and help in every way it could to promote the best interest of our Baptist Program and wishes to thank the churches for their fine cooperation in the Biggest Business in the world, the fulfillment of The Great Commission as given by our Lord an Savior Jesus Christ.

CARL W. BURNETT, Clerk.

RESOLUTION

By The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the
MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Executive Committee of the Middle Florida Baptist Association that the State Board of Missions has constituted a committee to make a study of the departments of the work of Florida Baptists, and

WHEREAS: The Middle Florida Baptist Association has a large constituency of rural churches making it highly proper that this Association should make a statement on this subject, now
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this Executive Committee commend our Baptist leaders for initiating this study for laying the basis for effectuating any needed improvements in our Baptist work.
2. That we express our high regard for the work done in our Association by the Department of Missions, Evangelism and Stewardship among our rural churches. It is the sense of this Committee that much constructive work has been done by this department which evidences itself: in a number of churches having gone from quarter-time to half-time and a number having gone from part-time to full-time preaching; in the improvement of the financial programs of a number of churches and in contributions to the Cooperative Program among the churches of the Association. It is also the feeling of this Committee that the work of this department has been self-financing in nature due to the fact that with the improvement in stewardship more money has gone into the State Office than has been required to operate this program.

3. That this Executive Committee earnestly request the Special Committee and the State Mission Board to consider most carefully in the light of pertinent facts the retention of this department with adequate staff to carry on its work among the churches.
4. That we urgently request the Special Committee and the State Board of Missions to consider carefully the wisdom of permitting the workers in this department to center their major emphasis on (a) stewardship, and (b) evangelism, thus freeing them as much as possible from the burden of other work.
5. That copies of this resolution be sent the Chairman of the Special Committee, State Executive Secretary of the Florida Board of Missions and given general circulation among the churches of this Association.

Unanimously adopted by the Executive Committee of the Middle Florida Baptist Association in session in Madison on June 12, 1952.

EDWIN B. BROWNING, Moderator
CARL W. BURNETT, Clerk.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION

We give thanks to God for the Baptist Training Union work of the Middle Florida Association. In the year 1950-51, we made great gains both in new Training Unions and new Units organized. This past year we have given ourselves to the task of raising the standard of work done in the Training Unions of our Association.

The cooperation of the churches and pastors has been wonderful, but there is so much yet to be done. We have stressed the need for educational plants in Training Union work, and a number of our churches that last year had only one-room buildings now have 6 to 8 classrooms. Some of these churches have already set up fully graded Training Unions.

As your director of this great work, I have traveled 2,017 miles, have written 233 letters and 347 cards. Have had part in 19 meetings, directing 17 of these meetings. Taught in 4 training schools, helped in re-organizing and grading 2 Training Unions.

The outstanding accomplishments of our Association this past year were: 1. We were 3rd in the State in "M" Night attendance, with 696 people present. 2. Miss Esther Brown, the Sword Drill winner from our Association, was one of 6 district winners in the State.

Our aim for the coming year is, with the help of our Lord, to reach each church in our Association with a training program that will glorify God, and help us to learn and to practice the teachings of Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. BEN PERRY.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance last report	\$ 610.23
Cash Receipts to date	816.05
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	\$1,426.28
Disbursements	
O. A. Henderson, Treasurer	50.00
Mrs. Ben Perry, B. T. U.	150.00
Carl W. Burnett, Clerk	125.00
and expense to Moderator & Clerk Convention	11.28
Rev. J. T. Maddox, Sunday School	23.77
Gibson's, Printing Minutes	300.00
Enterprise-Recorder, by T. P. McLeod	2.58
Mrs. Sue Paines, W. M. U.	118.75
Miss Tommie Lee Fowler, Music	50.00
Ester Brown, expenses to DeLand	25.00
Moderator's Expenses	9.59
Associational Brotherhood Speaker	20.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 885.97
CASH BALANCE	540.31
	118.50
	\$ 658.81

Respectfully submitted,

O. A. HENDERSON, Treas.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

We live in a changing world. All around us are visible evidences of changes being wrought in this unstable world. However, there are some things that never have changed nor never will.

Among these is the Great Commission of our Lord given to His churches which, in its fulness, is that of **preaching, baptizing, teaching, and training** of those who believe throughout the world. His churches have been commanded to stay **continually busy** about this great business.

During the past year our Association cooperated with the Cooperative Missions Department of the Florida Baptist Convention in urging each church to engage in two revivals, one of which was in connection with an association-wide simultaneous campaign. Only about 50 percent of the churches cooperated in the Simultaneous Revival on the date of April 6-20, 1952. These results of these revivals are unknown as to baptisms, etc.

The suggested program of evangelism is the same for another year and the date for such simultaneous meetings should be set in the Associational Meeting.

The work of the Associational Chairman of Evangelism is limited because of the fact that there is no provision made for any promotional expense whatsoever in the associational budget. It is recommended that some consideration be given to this item along with the rest of the Associational program.

One event that has done much to raise the evangelistic emphasis among the pastors and churches of our state has been the Statewide Evangelistic Conference held in Jacksonville, Florida. Plans for the fifth such conference to be held January 13-15, 1953, are under way. Dr. W. A. Criswell, First Church, Dallas, Texas; Dr. James T. Middleton, First Church, Shreveport, Louisiana; Dr. C. Y. Dossey, of the Home Mission Board, and Dr. G. A. Lechliter, Plant City, are among the outstanding speakers scheduled to appear on the program. Each church will make a wise investment in sending their pastor to this conference.

During the past year 21 Middle Florida Churches held two revivals. Fourteen churches held one revival meeting. Two churches had no revival. There were 249 baptisms reported this year, and 325 transfers of letters, etc. Eight churches report no baptisms.

Surely Christ's churches at no time in history have ever faced a greater challenge today in this crucial hour in which we have the privilege of living and witnessing.

May we, in this hour, hear afresh from the Living Word of God the unchanging challenge of an unchanging Christ: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Give us a watchword for the hour,
A thrilling word, a word of power;
A battle-cry, a flaming breath,
That calls to conquest or to death;
A word to rouse the church from rest,
To heed her Master's high behest,
The call is given: Ye hosts arise,
Our watchword is **EVANGELISE!**

The glad evangel now proclaim
Through all the earth in Jesus' name;
This word is ringing through the skies,
Evangelize! Evangelize!
To dying men, a fallen race,
Make known the gift of gospel grace;
The world that now in darkness lies,
Evangelize! Evangelize!

—(Henry Crocker)

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS W. CRUCE, Chairman.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Amidst all the delight we have had in the work of our Lord the past year, we are forced by the Eternal Homegoing of 55 of our loved ones, to come to the saddest report of all reports.

Among these that have departed this life, that we miss so much, is our faithful Brothers S. G. Ward and C. W. Persons, who labored in our midst for many years as devout Ministers and Pastors.

Our Dead are as follows:

Bethel Creek	Mayo
Bro. T. P. Newman	Mrs. Virgie Edwards
Bro. John Bell	Bro. George Jones
Brewer Lake	New Home (T)
Bro. T. H. Bell	Bro. W. E. Edwards
Mrs. Ila Evans	Bro. Tobie Register
Mrs. Berta Horton	Mrs. Mary Sulowa
Bro. Mozelle Singletary	New Macedonia
Rev. S. G. Ward	Mrs. Maggie Aman
Bro. R. P. Wheeler	Dea. Thomas M. Barclay
Central Church	Perry
Mrs. J. T. Arant	Mrs. Billie Hurn
Mrs. J. T. Corniff	Mrs. Essie Mae Cogburn
Cherry Lake	Mrs. R. H. Vereen
Mrs. Mamie Collins	Rev. C. W. Persons
Elizabeth	Mrs. Livingston Dail
Bro. John Glossin Walker,	Bro. J. H. Cone
Jr.	Bro. M. T. Blocker
Bro. Joe W. Kinsey	Pinetta
Greenville	Bro. L. W. Minton
Miss Patricia Cone	Dea. W. T. Everette
Mrs. Suelle Joyce	Pine Grove
Lee	Mrs. J. R. Herring
Mrs. Roy Rowe	Deacon J. R. Herring
Macedonia	Mrs. L. C. Blair
Miss Ruby Faircloth	Pisgah
Mrs. Lillie Clemons	Mrs. Etta Lundy
Bro. Charlie Johnson	Pleasant Grove (L)
Bro. Hunter Dixon	Mrs. Mary Lou Martin
Mrs. John King	Riverside
Madison	Mrs. Octavia Mills
Mr. W. C. Bailey	Sirmans
Mrs. J. A. Cason	Bro. Charley Chason
Mrs. S. A. Smith	St. Johns
Mrs. Butler Horton	Bro. J. P. Kinsey
Mt. Olive	Honewell
Mrs. Ollie McLeod	Bro. Tucker Bass
New Home (M)	Mrs. Evelyn Kelley
Bro. Robert Bass	Mrs. Laura Sapp

We trust that all these to Heaven has gone, but they have left us here to weep and mourn.

REV. M. J. FOWLER

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PERIODICALS

I—Christian Education

If the wheels of progress in Evangelism, Stewardship, Teaching, Training, Preaching and Worship are to continue to turn in our Baptist life, Christian Education must be given its rightful place. To neglect to do this is to plant the seeds of deterioration in the very heart of our program. Let us man the ramparts that guard our program of Christian Education.

Southwide

It is important to make a proper evaluation of the status of Christian Education among Southern Baptists. It is not difficult to give evidence of the tremendous contributions of these institutions to the life of our denomination. The Christian College, Seminary and Training School has given to our denomination 806 of the 827 missionaries now serving on the foreign field. More than 70% of our college trained, denominational leaders received their schooling in our denominational colleges. Our progress will be measured in all fields of Christian endeavor in proportion to our college trained leadership.

Our 69 institutions of learning are valued at one hundred forty-five millions of dollars in terms of endowment and property values. In all of our schools there is an upsurge of interest with a program of expansion and enlargement.

Why do we not make full use of our splendid colleges? Why do we invest our monies in them and send our sons and daughters elsewhere? Because we know so little about them that many of us think their only function is the training of denominational leaders.

Southern Baptist Colleges, Seminaries and Training School enrollment 1951-52: 47,626.

Ministerial students and Volunteers for full-time Christian Service: 11,429.

Statewide

Stetson University is the Baptist School of Florida located in DeLand. Total endowment: \$1,284,246.65; value of property: \$1,744,407.44; Total income 1950-51: \$1,170,937.03; Total expense: \$1,310,693.48; Deficit: \$139,754.45. Students enrolled 1951-52: 1,784; Graduates: 339; Ministerial Students: 110; those preparing for the mission field and special service: approximately 90.

Activities

In checking the records of the student body of Stetson University we find that 70% were actively engaged in some form of church work in the local churches during the school year. The B. S. U. is very active. There was a representative group of students attending Vespers, Morning Watch services, Y. W. A. meetings, prayer groups and Ministerial Association. Focus Week was like an old fashioned revival. Allen Hall, the Religious Center has truly become the center of religious activity on the campus of Stetson. Florida Baptists should never cease to rejoice in the great service and ministry of this center of culture creating a Christian atmosphere for the entire campus.

Orientation Week for Ministerial students brought an awakened interest in the institutions, agencies and work of our denomination.

Some Facts

The Florida Baptist Convention has cooperated to the fullest in promoting every interest of Christian Education and Stetson University during 1950-51. 20% of the Florida Cooperative Program Dollar has gone to Stetson in the amount of \$76,924.01 for current operations. \$5,671.52 was designated by churches for current operations. The Florida Baptist Convention Endowment fund earned \$28,488.09, also for current operations. Florida Baptists gave for Ministerial Aid through the Cooperative Program \$8,212.65, and for capital improvements the sum of \$39,921.40 earmarked for the Sampson Library Building.

Income for Stetson University for 1950-51 from Florida Baptists:

Current Operations	\$111,083.62
Ministerial Aid	8,212.65
Capital Improvements	39,921.40
Total	\$159,217.67

Other Services

Through the Department of Christian Education we have kept before our people throughout the year special feature articles on many phases of Christian training and work. Stetson Sunday was observed with most of the pastors bringing Stetson to the attention of their people. The School of the Prophets of DeLand and West Florida was well attended with splendid teachers and preachers. We have never had so many preachers and leaders interested and cooperating in the vast program of Christian Education. With strong preaching, teaching, reflecting through example and conduct the high principles of Christian training, something is bound to happen. As a result more sons and daughters of Baptist families are coming to Stetson. This is as it should be.

We recommend:

1. Liberal support of all of our educational agencies and institutions.
2. That loan scholarships be provided by the churches to help not only ministerial students but worthy lay students who need financial assistance.
3. That we hold up the leadership of our institutions before God in fervent entreaty for His blessing and guidance.

II—Periodicals

The Florida Baptist Witness gets better and better each issue. More and more the Witness is being accepted as a necessity in individual and church life. Gone are the days when our state paper literally begged for recognition and acceptance. It has taken its rightful place in the hearts of the people; its journalistic and editorial standards compare most favorably with the best in the field. Great progress is being made. We submit two recommendations:

1. That the Pastors provide brief periods for reviews of the subject matter in the Florida Baptist Witness.
2. That the Witness be carried as an item in the budget of each church and that copies be furnished to each member.

We of this Association cannot but take just pride in having had W. G. Stracener as our fellow laborer when he first came to Florida. His rapid rise in usefulness is a subject of interest to friends here.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN B. BROWNING, Chairman.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The American Bible Society is an active partner of Southern Baptists in their world-wide mission work. The Society serves every form of missions at home and abroad. Bible distribution is a "must" in mission work.

If the people of the world are to know Christ, they must have the Bible. It is the one primary source of knowledge of Him. The Bible is the missionary's chief tool. The Bible itself is a missionary. It can go where the human missionary cannot go, stay when he must leave, and keep on working in a man's heart.

Every man must have the Bible in his own native tongue if the Word of God is to speak to his heart. But, in most countries of the world the income of the people is so low they cannot afford even the bare cost of the printed Scriptures.

Supported by gifts, the American Bible Society aids in Bible translation, publishes the Scriptures without note or comment and distributes them, without profit and usually below cost, for use in mission work around the world. It also supplies Scriptures for the Blind in raised-letter systems and on Talking Book records.

During 1951 the American Bible Society—

- distributed at home and abroad more than 16 million volumes of Scriptures;
- helped the Japan Bible Society to distribute 3,372,803 Scripture volumes, making a total of approximately 10 million volumes distributed in Japan since V-J Day;
- in Korea, supplied over 1 million Scripture volumes for civilians, South Korean and other UN armed forces and North Koreans and Chinese in prisoner-of-war camps.
- aided the Brazil Bible Society to reach the largest Scripture distribution in the country's history, 1,510,712 volumes. Of these, 168,670 were whole Bibles—almost three times the average of whole Bibles distributed in recent years;
- provided 941,241 Scripture volumes for our Armed Forces, bringing the number supplied since 1940 to more than 10 million volumes.

—received from churches and individuals, gifts which made possible the largest budget in its history—and in faith adopted an even greater program for 1952;

—but faced additional urgent requests from many fiends, especially Brazil, Korea and Japan, emphasizing the fact that a worldwide missionary advance, through increased Scripture distribution, waits! . . . Waits only for needed funds.

Southern Baptists can lead in providing ENOUGH Bibles for world needs NOW!

In 1951, Southern Baptist churches gave \$90,909 to the American Bible Society. \$2,918.63 of this came from churches of the Florida Baptist Convention. With gifts from churches of all denominations totaling \$749,085, Southern Baptist gifts stood second, exceeded only by Methodist gifts which amounted to \$120,812.

Because of Southern Baptists' ability and readiness to respond to missionary needs, the American Bible Society confidently expects that gifts from Southern Baptist churches will soon reach \$150,000 each year.

Increased gifts from Southern Baptists will help to provide enough Bibles now and will inspire others to give more. Please send the gifts from your church to your Baptist state headquarters office, marked "for the American Bible Society."

REV. IRA E. BLAIR.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The devil's best friend and God's worst enemy is the liquor traffic within the bounds of our nation. In the old saloon days we had only 177,790 saloons. Today, we have near one half million places where liquor is licensed to be sold—. Drunkenness has increased at a great rate; bootlegging thrives as never before; our taxes have been more than enlarged, crime and juvenile delinquency have broken all bounds and our youth and women are being exploited and debauched by liquor mongers that beggars all description.

It is past time that people who have the fear of God in their souls, the welfare of their boys, and the honor of their country at heart do something about this greatest of all curses, the most terrible enemy within our own borders—the demon drink. Lamenting the evil is not enough. It is time to make our influence count for something. We owe our boys and girls in the service of our country protection from vice and liquor. We owe to our country and our country's honor the removal of that curse which is inflicting more damage than enemy bullets and bombs. The time is near at hand when Christian men and women at the ballot will be given another chance to render the devil a knock-out blow in doing away with the open saloon.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVA HORTON.

REPORT OF RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

The reports, reviewing the work of the Relief and Annuity Board, presented at the annual meeting of the Board in Dallas, on March 12th, showed 1951 to be a year of continued progress and enlarged service to our Southern Baptist constituency.

Officers of the Board were re-elected: Dr. Wallace Bassett, president; Dr. Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary; Dr. Robert S. Jones, associate secretary; Mr. Orville Groner, treasurer-investments.

Total income for 1951 was \$5,144,134.29, with total benefits paid, amounting to \$1,559,438.69. Total assets of the Board as of December 31, 1951 were \$23,333,014.10.

In spite of more intensive promotional work on the part of the several states and of the Relief and Annuity Board, there is yet much to be done to broaden the protection of the Ministers Retirement Plan. Far too many pastors are retiring without any source of income and thus adding to the burden of the relief department. In 1951, the relief department spent more in ten states than it received. The deficit in these states could only be met by drawing upon the relief reserves. The relief department cannot continue to meet these deficits by reducing the relief reserve fund. This situation can and must be corrected. Two suggestions are made which should help in overcoming these deficits.

First, more of the churches should follow the recommendation of the Southern Baptist Convention and take a Fellowship Offering for ministerial relief on the first Sunday in June, or at such time as convenient to the church.

Second, each state should consider setting a date after which time no pastor would be eligible for assistance from the relief department who had not been a member of the Ministers Retirement Plan. A pastor who refuses to join the plan has no right to expect the denomination to provide for his needs when he is forced into retirement because of ill health or old age when he refuses to make some effort to provide, with the help of his denomination, something for himself. Unless something like this is done, the relief load will continue to increase when it should decrease from year to year.

The retirement boards of the other major denominations require that a pastor be a member of some contributory retirement plan before he is considered eligible for assistance from relief funds.

A pastor who lacks three to five years of reaching retirement age, can join the Ministers Retirement Plan and enjoy an age annuity on retirement, far beyond what he would receive if he were placed on the relief roll. Every active pastor should take advantage of the opportunity which his denomination has provided that he may not face a penniless old age.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL A. WEBB.

REPORT OF BAPTIST HOSPITALS

We are pleased to report that our Southern Baptist Hospitals are doing a great job, in bringing to suffering humanity relief from their body afflictions as well as bringing to them spiritual relief.

The Southern Baptist Board is committed to the building of a hospital in Jacksonville sponsored by the Jacksonville Baptist Association. At this time the Baptists and their friends have purchased a site on the St. Johns River consisting of 22 acres at a cost of \$125,000. They also have \$1,250,000 to be used for the construction of the first unit.

Our hospital officials tell us that they are having great difficulty securing trained nurses and other trained personnel. We urge all high school graduates who plan a nursing career to enroll in the schools of nursing in the nearest Baptist hospital to them.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. COLLINS.

REPORT OF COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND STEWARDSHIP

The Cooperative Program is the plan by which we spend the Lord's money sent in by the Lord's churches. To explain this program we would say that it is the unified budget for Southern Baptist Convention. In this budget every agency and organization has an allocation of monies for their operations for the year. This gives the agency or organization an opportunity to look far ahead and plan wisely for the work that is to be done. Southern Baptists have found the Cooperative Program to be, not only the best possible way to finance their Kingdom business, but we believe it to be the Lord's original plan to finance His business.

Stewardship is the method by which we secure the money for financing the Unified Budget of the Convention. Stewardship taught in every church is the Lord's plan for financing the entire Kingdom Program.

In 1953 the Southern Baptist Convention is planning for a school of Stewardship in every church in the Convention, working through the district Association.

If we plan to go along with the advance we will need to appoint a Stewardship Committee which will be responsible for developing the plans for schools of Stewardship in every church. This committee should be composed of a member from Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U., Brotherhood and several pastors.

This Committee will need to get busy right after the Association meetings. They will need to develop plans for the schools, inform every church about these plans, get each church to accept these plans and agree to hold such a school. Then there will need to be a great deal of promoting and advertising until the people of each church is entirely sold on such a program.

We the Committee recommend that such a committee on stewardship be appointed by the Association.

DEWEY MANN.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

Our Home continues to expand its facilities. We have recently added a cottage for children of pre-school age. This cottage houses both boys and girls and has enabled them to increase the enrollment by 12. The number taken care of in the building has been purposely kept low because of the attention required by a little child. Those who do group work with children have found that a small child gets along better and develops more rapidly when he is given considerable personal attention. This is the seventh cottage for children and completes the first unit of the new Institution.

The farm and dairy are important in the operation of the Home. They get many of the vegetables used in their dining rooms from the farm and all the milk they can use from the dairy. The average milk production for the past four months has been about 260 quarts per day. The calves are kept for future dairy cattle and for beef. There are 96 head in the herd. They expect to produce a large per cent of the meat used on the campus. The Home has an excellent pasture of 130 acres, 40 of which are planted with improved pasture grass.

Applications for admission from October 1, 1951 to September 1, 1952 have exceeded those of any similar period for which there are records. The total number of applicants for the 11 months was 478. This indicates a feeling on the part of many people throughout the state that they can help at the Children's Home, and it also shows a need for better care than the child can receive in his local situation. They admitted 92 children during the year which left 386 applications that were withdrawn because of a lack of interest on the part of those making them, and for a lack of space in the Institution. They turned away some children who should have been admitted because they did not have the room. Mother's Aid was given in some cases, if there were wholesome family ties, and the child was permitted to stay with his parent.

They admitted 92 and discharged 52 children during the year. The total number under the care of the Institution during the past Associational year was 168.

Your Committee wishes to call to your attention the Special Offering which will be taken for the Home November 23. This is in keeping with the spirit of Thanksgiving and is the time when most of the Children's Homes in the Southern Baptist Convention ask for special gifts. They are not asking for funds for buildings this year. They want us to help feed and clothe our children. We want every church in this Association to give something for the care of the children in the Home. The increase in enrollment, the Mother's Aid Program, and boarding home care will require more funds. If your church cannot make an offering at the suggested time, set a date that will be convenient

Home that you have a part in it. If you give to children, you will get a blessing; the child will get a blessing; and your church will be spiritually stimulated.

The Apostle Paul in his charge to the elders of Ephesus said, in Acts 20 and 35, "I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. ANDREWS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Florida Baptists are continuing to advance in a wonderful way in their Sunday School program. There have been gains in Sunday School enrollment, Training Awards, Churches reporting Training and in Vacation Bible Schools.

The theme for the year continues for the next: "Take Your Family To Sunday School."

The goals for Florida next year are as follows:

20,000 net gain in Sunday School

2,000 net gain in Sunday School Training Awards

75 net gain in number of churches reporting training

75 net gain in number of Vacation Bible Schools

25 net gain in number of Standard Sunday Schools

200 net gain in number of total Standard Units

During the past year in the Association 18 churches reported Training Schools with 350 awards. Four group Training Schools were conducted last November, and Associational meetings were held each quarter. A Vacation Bible School was held in May with the Greenville Church. There were eighteen Vacation Bible Schools in the thirty-seven churches. We are glad to report that one Sunday School attained the Standard for this year—Greenville.

The Sunday School work in the Association needs to be promoted with more vigor and it needs to be supported with more interest and cooperation on the part of the Pastors and Sunday School teachers and officers throughout the Association. More people should be enrolled in our Sunday Schools than there are resident members of our churches. More Schools should work for Standardization. Visitation and soul-winning need to be constantly emphasized. New classes should be organized and more space provided. The Sunday School is the greatest enlistment agency that we have. We should endeavor to reach the last person in our churches and Association with the gospel of Christ. We should seek constantly to improve the quality of our teaching the Word of God to the saved and the lost.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIAN T. MADDOX.

REPORT OF DISTRICT MISSIONARY

For District Three

Days spent on field, 304; Days on other fields, 57; Total, 361. Miles traveled on field, 24,414; miles on other fields, 5,524; Total, 29,938. Church visits, 136; Mission visits, 8; Pastors' Conferences, 480; Associational meetings, 20; State meetings, 4; Southwide meetings, 1; Committee meetings, 86; Prayer meetings, 42; Classes taught, 1; Revivals, 6, (Evangelistic 2, Stewardship 4); Soul-winning conferences, 111; Tracts given, 10,000, (approximately); Sermons, 173; Addresses, 16; Total, 189. Other services attended, 110; Professions of Faith, 38; Letter, 21; Total, 59. Rededications, 52; Tithers secured, 52; Church budgets made, 2; Community surveys, 1; Missions started, 1; Prayer meetings started, 2; New churches organized, 2; Cooperative Program put in budgets, 2; Mission Rallies, 123; Church lots purchased, 1; Church improvements made, 8; New buildings begun, 6; Drew floor plans for 5 churches; Pastor contacts arranged, 24; Letters and cards written, 957; Ordination services, 5; Helped to ordain 3 pastors and 5 deacons; Helped to promote the School of Prophets; Helped to promote the State Sunday School Leadership Conference; Helped plan and conducted a Workers Tour.

Respectfully submitted,

D. O. ALDERMAN, Dist. Missionary
534 West Lafayette Street,
Tallahassee, Florida

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

The past year has been one of unparalleled growth and advancement in Woman's Missionary Union activities in this Association. We have become aware of the great responsibilities and opportunities which lie before them in advancement of the Lord's work.

Attendance records at all meetings of the Association have reached an all time high, having averaged approximately one hundred and seventy-five. The programs, as laid down through our state office have been very inspiring and well delivered by each participant. These activities on the Associational level only mirror the Woman's Missionary Union work of the various churches comprising our Middle Florida Association.

The work has gone far in organizing the inactive churches. Four new Missionary Societies and five Auxiliaries came into being during this year.

Our Watchword, "Laborers Together With God", is a definite challenge to the women of all churches in the Association and it is hoped that greater things for the Master will be accomplished in the incoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. THURSTON M. RAINES.

**BUDGET FOR MIDDLE FLORIDA MISSIONARY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING OCT. 1, 1952
AND ENDING SEPT. 30, 1953.**

Printing Minutes	\$285.00	
Clerk's Salary	125.00	
Training Union Expenses	150.00	
W. M. U. Expenses	150.00	
Sunday School	100.00	
Brotherhood	460.00	
Moderator's and Vice-Moderator's Expense Fund	25.00	
Incidentals	200.00	
Treasurer's Salary	50.00	
\$50.00 per Church each day of Association	100.00	1645.00

We recommend that this budget be financed by each Church paying to the Association 3% of their Pastor's salary, remitting direct to the Treasurer of the Association.

We also recommend that the Association Treasurer send a check, about three days prior to each quarterly meeting of the District Brotherhood, direct to the Host Church for \$100.00, then a collection be taken as usual, at an appropriate time during the meeting, and the proceeds of this collection be sent immediately to the Association Treasurer.

Church	Pastor's Salary	Amount
Athena	\$1560.00	\$ 46.80
Bethel Creek	480.00	14.40
Beulah	600.00	18.00
Brewer Lake	2200.00	66.00
Burton	2845.00	83.35
Central	1150.00	34.50
Cherry Lake	600.00	18.00
Elizabeth	1920.00	57.60
Foley	2550.00	76.50
Friendship	1345.24	40.35
Greenville	3300.00	99.00
Hopewell	3250.00	97.50
Lamont	1200.00	36.00
Lee	1080.00	32.40
Macedonia	2529.05	75.87
Madison	4500.00	135.00
Mayo	2960.00	88.80
Midway	2525.00	75.75
Moseley Hall	795.00	23.85
Mt. Gilead	406.00	12.18
Mt. Olive	570.00	17.10
New Home—Madison	600.00	18.00
New Home—Taylor	3865.00	115.95
New Hopeful	720.00	21.60
New Macedonia	645.00	19.35
Oakland		

Perry	4950.00	148.50
Pinetta	1920.00	57.60
Pine Grove	837.27	25.11
Pisgah	420.00	12.60
Pleasant Grove—Taylor	600.00	18.00
Pleasant Grove—Lafayette	635.00	19.05
Riverside	480.00	14.40
San Pedro	3000.00	90.00
Sirmans	430.00	12.90
Steinhatchee	510.00	15.30
St. John's	600.00	18.00
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Respectfully submitted,

J. VICKERS, Chairman

REV. JULIAN MADDOX

REV. DEWEY MANN

Budget Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

The Advance Program goal set in 1948 is 1,750 foreign missionaries and an annual budget of \$10,000,000. Southern Baptists had 625 missionaries on the foreign field and a budget of \$3,782,800 at the beginning of 1948. At the beginning of 1952 we had 832 foreign missionaries and a budget of \$5,180,000.

Since the beginning of 1948 our missionaries have entered sixteen additional countries. The newest field is Indonesia. Three former China missionaries landed on the island of Java on Christmas Day of 1951 and in February this year were granted permission by the Ministry of Religion in Indonesia to begin mission work. Other countries in the Orient entered since advance began are: Philippine Islands, 24 missionaries in five centers on Luzon and Mindanao islands; Malaya, four, in two centers; Thailand, 13 in the capital city; Formosa, 15 in six centers; Korea, three in the city of Pusan.

Most of this new work in the Orient has been projected among Chinese populations in those countries by China missionaries evacuated from China. For the first time in more than a hundred years we have no missionaries on the China mainland, although nine are in English Hong Kong and Portuguese Macao. However, the Orient staff has increased, during the years of advance, from 257 to 291. Most of the new missionaries are in Japan, where 82 are working in 13 centers (five of the centers opened in 1951; six more centers are assigned to missionaries now in language school). Others have gone in Hawaii, where 42 missionaries are located in seven centers.

As many new countries have opened in Latin America as in the Orient. In South America are Venezuela, with three centers, and Ecuador and Peru with one each; in Central America are Costa Rica and Guatemala with one center each, and Honduras, to which missionaries are under appointment; and a China missionary couple are in the Bahama Islands in an advisory capacity.

Meanwhile, older mission areas in Latin America—Argentina, Chile, Colombia, and Brazil—have maintained their work. A great many new centers have been opened in Portuguese Brazil. The mission staff in Latin America has advanced from 237 to 346.

Three other countries have been entered in other parts of the world. Medical personnel has been appointed for one of them, Southern Rhodesia, where evangelistic work began in 1950. Lebanon, new field in the Near East, has evangelistic work and a school in Beirut. Opening of the Switzerland international seminary, where 39 students from twenty countries are enrolled this year, gives Baptists a new approach to the mission task in Europe.

Older mission fields in the Africa-Europe-Near East area also show advance. A second center was opened in the Gold Coast in 1951, and the Nigerian Mission is launching into its second century with 144 missionaries in 19 centers. New ventures in the Near East include a co-operative farm in Israel and a hospital in Jordan. Work continues in Spain and Italy under the handicap of Catholic-controlled governments. The missionary staff in the area advanced from 131 to 195.

During the year 1951 the foreign mission fields reported a membership of 189,225 in 1,913 organized churches. Missionaries also worked with 3,668 outstations, 22 medical units, 405 schools, five publication houses, three orphanages, and seven good will centers. Among the results were 18,372 baptisms, 49,271 enrolled in schools, 6,865,372 pieces of literature published, 99 orphan children cared for, and 1,766 people contacted in the good will centers.

Southern Baptists are keeping up with foreign mission advance through **The Commission**, their foreign mission journal. It is recognized increasingly as an indispensable aid in being well informed about all of our overseas work.

The 1951 foreign mission receipts from the Co-operative Program totaled \$6,900,000. The Lottie Moon offering totaled \$2,668,051.30.

BEN PERRY.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Last year home missionaries reported 36,390 professions of faith in response to their 99,033 sermons. The evangelistic crusade in the southeastern states led by the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board resulted in the greatest number of baptisms ever reported in the churches in the area. This consummated the first phase of evangelistic crusades by divisions

of west and east. In 1952 evangelism has turned toward smaller units for crusades by districts and associations. Some statewide crusades were held in the spring of 1952.

The meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco in June of 1951 focused attention upon the Home Mission Board's work in the West. Besides great increases in Convention states of the West—Kansas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Oregon, and Washington—there has been an overflow of Baptist emphasis resulting in 150 Southern Baptist churches in Utah, Wyoming, Nevada, Idaho, Colorado, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, and Michigan, affiliated with border states.

In the Department of Direct Missions 344 missionaries, serving those who are shut off from the gospel by barriers of distance, racial distinction, language, and social and economic differences, won 6,767 converts. Each missionary in the department must serve an average of 27,000 people. In the Board's work among migrants one missionary couple distributed 24,040 garments and 1,045 health kits last year. Churches are being encouraged to serve the migrants while they are working in nearby areas and thousands have come to look to the "mission on wheels" for a direct spiritual ministry.

Work recently started among isolated ranchers, oil field workers, and others out of touch with the Baptist message has proved a blessing to scores of neglected households. Work in the outposts—Alaska, Cuba, Panama, and the Canal Zone—has shown gratifying progress during the past year. Simultaneous evangelistic crusades were conducted in Alaska and Cuba. The total number of baptisms in the outposts was thirty per cent greater than the previous year.

Interest in Negro work in our Convention territory has definitely increased. The work of the eighteen Negro centers in which white leaders co-operate with the Negroes in a constructive educational and missionary program, the participation of hundreds of Negro churches in simultaneous evangelistic crusades, the institute work done by the twenty-eight teacher-missionaries of the Board, the extension courses administered co-operatively by Negro colleges, state mission boards, and the Home Mission Board, and the general interest awakened by the widespread discussion of the race problem have all combined to stimulate Baptist concern for the eleven million Negroes in our midst. Worker of the Home Mission Board reached a record number of 51,000 Negro leaders in classes, conferences, and institutes during the year.

In the Department of Jewish Evangelism the first Southwide Jewish Fellowship Week sponsored by the Board was promoted November 5-11 last year with encouraging response.

Southern Baptists now have 402 active chaplains to serve the estimated 355,000 Baptist men and women in the armed forces. The chaplains reported 10,464 professions of faith in 1951.

The Student Summer Mission Program enlisted 305 students to assist regular missionaries during the summer months. They served on a thousand mission fields and reported 3,826 professions of faith and 1,030 surrenders for special service.

A total of 1,170 missionaries (including 305 students) served the Home Mission Board last year. The Board has work among the Chinese, the deaf, French, Indians, Italians, Japanese, Spanish-speaking, and the service of Good Will Centers, Rescue Homes, and the Emergency Home in the field of direct missions. In other departments the Board has ministry among the Jews, the Negroes, ranchers, and migrants. Through the Department of Co-operative Missions the Board serves in mountain missions, the rural church program, and city missions. Through its Departments of Evangelism, Education, Schools of Missions, and the Outposts various types of service are rendered in many avenues; while ten general field workers spread their services over the whole Convention territory. The Chaplains Commission, the Board's radio ministry, and its Church Building Loan Funds all minister to the spiritual needs of our people.

We recommend that the churches consider the budget plan of subscribing for the magazine, **Southern Baptist Home Missions**, and send it to all church families.

We further recommend full co-operation with the Convention plans for enlisting unaffiliated Baptists.

We recommend also that in 1953 we join with the Home Mission Board in its Five-Year Crusade emphasis upon ministering to minority groups.

REV. BEN PERRY.

STATE MISSIONS REPORT

"Why State Missions?"

1. State Missions is Scriptural.

In His last words to the disciples Jesus made plain that His commission was to all the world.

He said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1-8).

This means we are responsible for the community where we live, the area or state in which our community is located, the areas or states adjacent to our state, and the world beyond our national borders.

Without doubt state missions is Bible missions.

2. State Missions is Practical.

State missions strengthens the home base without which world missions would perish, for surely no world program can long endure if the home foundations are not secure.

State missions builds the home base through its program of building churches.

The strong churches of Judea sent the gospel to Syria and together they sent the gospel to Macedonia. The strong churches of Macedonia helped in sending the gospel to the rest of the world. Strong churches at the home base meant a strong program abroad.

In the process of sending the gospel beyond their borders, these strong churches at home were made still stronger.

What could be more practical?

3. State Missions Gets the Job Done.

State missions has a threefold task:

- (1) Establish churches,
- (2) nurture churches and
- (3) enlist churches.

From 1947 through 1951 the Southern Baptist Convention added 1888 new churches, largely the fruits of state missions.

A missionary spent three weeks visiting in a community and conducting a revival. The results were fourteen for baptism and a new church—**state missions**. A state secretary found that one-third of the rural churches in his state were not contributing to missions. He organized a tour that carried the best speakers in the country into every one of these churches.—They all now contribute—**state missions**.

4. State Missions Fits into Our Baptist Way of Life.

State missions creates a healthy, vigorous atmosphere for Christian work. It keeps us believing in world missions by constantly revealing what missions can do at home.

A well-balanced state mission program has several wholesome effects.

- (1) It puts a responsible promotional force close to the people.
- (2) It gives the people mission objects close to home where they can see.
- (3) It keeps the neighboring churches in touch with each other in a work that is important.
- (4) It makes a small, workable group, the state convention, responsible for expansion—more churches, more converts, more tithing Christians and more missionary support."

Every phase of our work here in Florida is a part of State Missions. The various workers in all our departments are all State Missionaries. Yes, Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, etc., are State Missions.

REV. BEN PERRY.

REPORT OF RADIO COMMISSION

Radio Activities Continue To Grow

The work of Southern Baptists in the field of radio is being enlarged continually. In the areas of radio, television, transcriptions, and cooperation with other groups, the Southern Baptist Radio Commission is ever moving forward.

Some 300 stations are carrying the Baptist Hour every week. Through these outlets, the program is heard in 27 states and five foreign countries, with an estimated audience of four million listeners a week and a potential audience of well over one hundred million. Charles Wellborn continues as the regular Baptist Hour speaker, but Dr. J. D. Grey is on during July, August and September this year. Frank Boggs has been Baptist Hour soloist since the first of the year.

The 1952 session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, upon unanimous recommendation of its Executive Committee, directed the Radio Commission to continue to finance the Baptist Hour through mail receipts, to the end of 1953. This means that contributions by mail must average \$10,000 per month if the program is to continue as it is.

Much progress has been made in the field of television. The Radio Commission sponsored a TV conference in Washington, D. C. last November; presented a thirty-minute program on the NBC television network January 27; produced a fifteen-minute television film in April, and began a regular weekly live telecast over WSB-TV in Atlanta in July. In addition, the Commission has employed a full-time man, Louis A. Howard of Texas, to lead in television work in the future. Mr. Howard joined the Commission the first of July. It is hoped he will develop other work in this field.

Several new series of fifteen-minute devotional programs are being prepared by the Radio Commission. These should be ready for general distribution during the summer. The transcriptions, called the Chapel Upstairs, are made primarily for veterans' hospitals and local radio stations, but they are available to pastors, churches, or anyone that can use them effectively.

The Radio Commission continues to cooperate with other agencies of our Southern Baptist Convention, with our State Conventions, and with any local groups interested in doing radio work. The facilities of Baptist Radio Center in Atlanta are always open to any of our Baptist friends who can profitably use them in carrying on the work of Christ here on earth.

During 1952 several of our denominational publications are carrying feature stories on the radio ministry of Southern Baptists. The May issue of *Home Life Magazine*, the July and November issues of the *Baptist Training Union Magazine*, and the July issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* have articles about the Radio Commission. Similar stories are being contemplated by *The Commission*, and the *Sunday School Builder*.

S. V. COFIELD.

REPORT ON BROTHERHOOD AND MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

Brotherhood

In our Southern Baptist Convention last year the fastest-growing agency was the Brotherhood, both in percentage gain of new organizations as well as percentage gain in enrollment. Our men are on the march! May God be praised for the whole cause of our Christ waits on our men.

In Florida, interest in Brotherhood work continues to grow. Every month of the year has brought reports of new Brotherhoods. All over the state there has been an enthusiastic response to the Brotherhood's having given full department status. Florida now has 443 Church Brotherhoods and 29 Associational Brotherhood organizations. Almost every other church in Florida has a Brotherhood organization. Last year's report showed 374. We gained 69 new Brotherhoods during the past year.

The Florida Baptist Brotherhood Convention meets in Fort Lauderdale on November 11th.

In Middle Florida Baptist Association we have fourteen Church Brotherhoods, this does not quite meet the state average, when we take into consideration that we have 37 churches in the Association and only 14 Brotherhoods. We had one new organization this church year. Our Association did hold a clinic for the Brotherhood officers from the churches, the clinic was not supported by a good attendance. There were several churches in our Association that observed Laymen's Day. The Associational Brotherhood held four meetings during the year, and they were well attended. The attendance has grown so large at these meetings, that invitations are not being extended for the meeting. This is causing some concern. We feel that the Association, while in session, should help solve this problem. It could be that if there was enough money budgeted to take care of the deficit that a church might incur in having the meeting that there would be no hesitancy on the part of the Churches to invite the Associational Brotherhood to meet with them. Our men are on the march! Other churches have manifested an interest in organizing new Brotherhoods and they will be organized at an early date. Therefore, let me urge that our Association help keep the fires of interest in the men kindled so that this great work can go on.

Ministerial Support

"The laborer is worthy of his hire."—1 Tim. 5:18.

Since the day of the Apostle Paul the doctrine of Ministerial support has been a New Testament doctrine. Paul saw the importance of the ministers being properly supported by their congregation. So he spoke the words we have referred you to from Timothy. He was seeking to impress upon the mind of young Timothy that he should give all of his time to the work of the Ministry and that he should be supported by the people to whom he ministers day by day. Paul further believed that it was the duty of the minister to remind his congregation of their duty to support the Ministry with the material things needed for his support.

THE MINISTER SHOULD GIVE ALL HIS TIME TO THE MINISTRY BECAUSE IT IS A FULL TIME TASK. It is very true that the minister must have an income sufficiently large to support his family if he is to serve the congregation that has called for his service. No minister can work six days per week at some business task and be able to do a good job in the pulpit on Sunday morning and evening. He cannot visit among the people who need his services during the week if he is engaged in a task in the business world that keeps him tied down from early morning till late afternoon. Therefore, the church should make every possible effort to provide a salary sufficiently large for the minister to be able to support his family and at the same time give all of his time to the work of the ministry.

THE MINISTER MUST HAVE TIME FOR STUDY AND PRAYER. The preacher who is forced to work all the week cannot study enough to prepare his messages for the congregations that will meet him at the church on Sunday. The ministers preparation is more than Bible reading and the reading of a few denominational publications. There must be much time for prayer and waiting for the Holy Spirit to speak His mind into the heart of the minister if he is to be an effective speaker. To be burdened down with the responsibility of debt and unable to provide for his family makes it impossible for him to be the effective preacher he ought to be in the pulpit and out of the pulpit.

CHURCHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FAILURE OF THE MINISTER IN HIS FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES. The Church today requires of the minister that he own and operate a car in order to serve his congregation. The cost and maintenance of a car today is almost impossible for any minister in the rural and small town pastorate and only possible in a few of the larger city churches. It should be the church's responsibility to furnish the car or at least a reasonable allowance for car operating expense.

The New Testament Doctrine of Ministerial Support. Paul in writing to Timothy said "The laborer is worthy of his hire."—1 Tim. 5:18. Here Paul is saying to Timothy that the church or the people to whom the Lord leads him to minister should support him with their material things as well as with their prayers and attendance at the services. Let the pastors everywhere place a new emphasis upon the support of the ministry. Also let the membership of the church become awakened to the importance of properly supporting the ministry.

Southern Baptist Churches Paid For Ministerial Support Last Year A Grand Total of \$43,841,894.00. This seems like a huge sum of money, but when you are reminded that this is the total salary paid by 28,289 churches including all full time, half-time and quarter-time churches you will see that it breaks down to a very small average salary, \$1537.00 per church per year. However, we must remember that in many cases the pastor of small rural work does not receive even this much salary.

Florida Baptists Gave To Ministerial Support Last Year A Total of \$1,981,402.00. We have a total of 1093 Baptist pastors in Florida, therefore, you can see that the average pastor's salary in Florida was \$1814.00 the past year which is \$277.00 per year higher than the Southwide average. This is still far too small for effective work on the part of the ministry.

Middle Florida Average For The Past Year. The total from all the Churches in the Association was \$50,615.00. We had 32 pastors on the field during the past year. The average pastor's salary in Middle Florida Baptist Association is far below the state average and below the Southwide average. Our average is at the bottom with a total of \$1269.00 per year. Let me remind you that many pastors received far less than \$1200.00.

New Emphasis Needed On Ministerial Support. There is hardly a church in the entire Association doing as much as they should for the support of the ministry. As long as this condition exists we will have a ministry selling insurance, working at saw mills, teaching school, farming and doing many other types of work trying to make a living and at the same time educate their children. In making this statement it does not mean that we cast any reflection whatsoever on the type of work done so long as it is honorable and legitimate, but we think it is time for all of us to go home and re-think our budgets and raise our pastors' salaries to a living wage on an equal with the other people in the community. God expects us to take care of our preachers and their families.

Again I remind you that Paul said: "The laborer is worthy of his hire."—Tim. 5:18.

Sincerely yours,

T. P. McLEOD, Jr., Chairman.

Table C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. Nursery Units		No. Primary Units		No. Junior Units		No. Intermediate Units		No. Young People Units		Adult Units		Total Number Units	Nursery Enrolled	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	Mission Enrollment	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	
		No. Beginner Units	No. Primary Units	No. Junior Units	No. Intermediate Units	No. Young People Units	No. Adult Units	No. Mission Units																		
Athena	Anie Haveli, Perry, Fla.	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	10			9	3	15	19		2	58	30	
Beulah	H. L. Stokes, Lee, Fla.			10	10	10	13	10						45												
Brewer Lake	Mrs. J. R. Ward, Day, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	7			22	39	7	20		9	101	60	
Burton	Miss Betty Folsom, Perry, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7			16	11	11	14				68	50	
Central	Mrs. J. L. Bishop, Aucilla, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4			10	10	8	9			4	35	20	
Cherry Lake	Mrs. R. R. Denson, Madison, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4			13	13	11	22			4	71	40	
Elizabeth	Mrs. U. T. Shelley Monticello, Fla.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4			6	6	11	22			4	109	65	
Foley	Osward Garrto, Foley, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	10		13	13	11	22			4	71	40	
Friendship	Junior Murphy, Foley, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6			6	6	30	23			4	109	65	
Greenville	J. L. Pate, Greenville, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6			19	19	9	12			4	72	45	
Hopewell	J. L. Wynn, Madison, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6			12	12	11	19			4	70	40	
Lamont	Tom Bailey, Lamont, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5			28	28	12	18			5	99	56	
Lee	Edgar Barrs, Lee, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	7		14	14	8	19			5	73	56	
Macedonia	Finley Day, Lee, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6			12	12	10	17			7	48	40	
Madison	W. B. Selman, Madison, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7			10	11	14	10			2	60	45	
Mayo	Mrs Harvey Croft, Mayo, Fla.	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	5		4	4	33	33			2	97	66	
Midway	Rita Phillips, Lee, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4			4	20	12	5			4	93	48	
Moseley Hall	Idney Moon, Greenville, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6			11	10	17	28			4	48	25	
Mt. Giload	J. O. Vann, Shady Grove, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6			6	6	7	4			4	114	80	
New Home (Mad.)	Jim H. Andrews, Madison, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3			6	6	9	8			6	38	32	
New Home (Tay.)	Ellis Lipscomb, Perry, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3			10	15	23	34			4	34	25	
New Hopeful	T. Z. Henderson, Madison, Fla.	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	7			14	9	30	18			3	53	35	
New Macedonia	Miss Louis Hackleford, Greenville	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2			2	2	3	3			4	110	80	
Perry	Raymond Brooks, Perry, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7			9	11	8	12			5	24	15	
Pinetta	J. R. Starling, Madison, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6			27	26	35	6			4	83	58	
Pisgah	T. J. Hudson, Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5			14	13	9	10			5	136	79	
Pleasant Grove (Tay.)	Woodrow Lewis, Shady Grove, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5			9	10	12	20			6	62	30	
San Pedro	Dudley Carrall, Perry, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4			8	8	12	16			4	50	36	
Sirmans	Kelly Bailey, Greenville, Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	9		16	11	18	11			4	110	84	
TOTALS		4	20	17	42	35	35	37					154	45	188	153	544	384	224	530			122	2,085	1,315	

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OR W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	Enrolled in Mission Study		Enrolled in All Organizations
		Total Enrolled	Total Enrolled	
Athena	Mrs. Dusky Giddens, Perry, Fla.	13	20	33
Brewer Lake	Mrs. Mary Smith Mayo, Fla.	16	50	66
Burton	Mrs. C. A. Nelson, Aucilla, Fla.	15	43	58
Central	Mrs. Albert Gentry, Lovell, Fla.	22	50	72
Cherry Lake	Mrs. Desier Gentry, Aucilla, Fla.	22	50	72
Elizabeth	Mrs. P. R. Lawson, Monticello, Fla.	30	49	79
Foley	Mrs. Hattie Sumrell, Foley, Fla.	21	19	40
Greenville	Mrs. Joe Reams, Greenville, Fla.	23	87	110
Hopewell	Mrs. Jewel Walker, Madison, Fla.	21	30	51
Lamont	Mrs. V. J. Davis, Lamont, Fla.	7	15	22
Lee	Mrs. Olive Stroud, Lee, Fla.	7	10	17
Macedonia	Mrs. S. E. Worthington, Lee, Fla.	8	16	24
Madison	Mrs. R. B. Bryan, Madison, Fla.	9	17	26
Mayo	Mrs. S. E. Bryan, Madison, Fla.	8	18	26
Midway	Mrs. Ruth Dickey	8	17	25
Mt. Giload	Mrs. J. B. Whiddow, Shady Grove, Fla.	9	16	25
New Hopeful	Mrs. C. P. Pinson, Madison, Fla.	9	16	25
New Macedonia	Mrs. E. B. McClain, Perry, Fla.	9	16	25
New Home	Mrs. John Wilson, Madison, Fla.	9	16	25
Pine Grove	Mrs. W. M. Beary, Perry, Fla.	9	16	25
Pinetta	Mrs. Florence McMillian, Madison, Fla.	9	16	25
Pisgah	Mrs. Carlisle Ezell, Mayo, Florida	27	72	99
Pleasant Grove (Tay.)	Mrs. Florida Ezell, Mayo, Florida	27	72	99
Perry	Mrs. L. F. Kelly, Madison, Fla.	27	72	99
Sirmans	Mrs. Anna Bailey, Greenville, Fla.	27	72	99
Stanhope	Mrs. J. F. Karnell, Stanhope, Fla.	27	72	99
TOTALS		204	307	511

Table D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Table F--GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	LOCAL GIFTS		MISSION GIFTS									Grand Total Gifts for All Causes	
		Local Gifts (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans' Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, Etc.		Total Mission Gifts
Athens	W. M. Howell, Perry, Fla.	2,060	1,560	316	46.80	17		7				47	433	4,053
Bethel Creek	H. B. Bell, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla.	1,361	480						127				177	1,361
Beulah	L. A. Alderman Rt. 1, Lee, Fla.	410	600		17							139	166	1,341
Brewer Lake	W. L. Windsorweide, Day, Fla.	1,220	2,200	172			46	39		62			390	3,810
Burton	W. J. Porter, Perry, Fla.	4,431	2,845	110			8	6					125	2,970
Central	Oliver Scruggs, Aucilla, Fla.	985	1,150	250	31	13	7	9	18	21			353	2,488
Cherry Lake	J. W. Cason, Madison, Fla.	742	600	140	50	15	14	21		13			27	2,800
Elizabeth	Mrs. Mary Lightsey Aucilla, Fla.	464	1,920	201	29	31	14	31	15	75			81	4,782
Foley	J. D. Simons, Foley, Fla.	2,628	2,775	615	90	36	14	32		132			103	1,023
Friendship	Mrs. Janie Padgett Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.	1,924	1,345	400	35	35				30			63	5,228
Greenville	T. P. McLeod Jr., Greenville, Fla.	4,566	3,300	1,793	50	81	85	265		30	5		189	2,508
Hopewell	W. B. Lamb, Madison, Fla.	6,095	3,250	313	15		197		57			2,250	2,887	10,374
Lamont	Mrs. A. W. Reams, Lamont, Fla.	1,246	1,200	170	36					100			306	2,752
Lee	Willie Allen, Lee, Fla.	1,773	1,080	20		19	15	23	57	10		208	442	3,295
Macedonia	O. A. Henderson, Lee, Fla.	1,090	2,529	557	40		45			35			507	4,902
Madison	L. R. Woodard, Madison, Fla.	17,237	4,500	2,426	126	134	97	170	130	300		120	3,512	25,250
Mayo	Mrs. Irene Garden, Mayo, Fla.	5,838	2,960	486	50	44	25	45	50	42			90	832
Midway	Cecil Hicks, Lee, Fla.	1,618	2,525	371				3						374
Mosley Hall	Danny Bass, Rt 1, Madison, Fla.	617	795	103				10						113
Mt. Gilced	A. T. Aman, Shady Grove, Fla.	445	400	25			8	7		5				44
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Helen Phillips Madison, Fla.	740	570				1						18	19
New Home (Mad.)	James Tuten, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.	1,502	600	31		6							9	46
New Home (Tay)	E. E. McClain, Perry, Fla.	2,407	3,865	393	25	4	15	15		132			32	621
New Hopeful	Mrs. John Wilson, Madison, Fla.	493	720	109		8	170						84	371
New Macedonia	I. D. O'Quinn, Rt. 2, Greenville, Fla.	1,396	645	146	10					50			206	2,248
Perry	W. J. Hurn, Perry, Fla.	21,625	4,950	1,773	649	275	357	654	673	276		230	4,245	30,827
Pinetta	G. C. Buchanan, Pinetta, Fla.	6,021	1,920	77	20	8	5	10		10			53	176
Pine Grove	Mrs. Bell Davis, Madison, Fla.	841	837	354		34	22	8		120			74	646
Pisgah	W. O. Lundy, Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.	877	420	28	18									41
Pleasant Grove (Lay)	Morris Wilder, Mayo, Fla.	1,013	635	134		3				118			76	342
Pleasant Grove (Tay)	S. W. Tedder, Shady Grove, Fla.	637	600	24										24
Riverside	Jimmie Lyons, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla.	510	480	25	14		55			50				144
San Pedro	Chas R. Carlton, Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.	2,263	3,060	471	35					130			140	1,045
Sirmons	Hazel Slaughter, Ebb, Fla.	826	480	35	13		25			25				102
Steinhatchee	Mrs. Pearl Jeffords, Steinhatchee, Fla.	478	510	40	13		4			35			13	105
St. Johns	W. B. Wynn, Greenville, Fla.	2,433	600	409										409
TOTALS		105,021	58,798	12,828	1,416	736	1,221	1,372	1,150	1,855	5	4,812	24,787	178,152

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES	Brotherhood	Meeting Held During Year	Number of Members	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Co-operative Program or Unified Budget New Year	Goal Association Missions Conting Year	BUILDING		GOAL
										Rooms	Value	
Athens	Jack Bedford, Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.	15				114,550	6,000	300	46			
Bethel Creek						1,500	40,000					
Beulah						1,500	40,000					
Brewer Lake						6,000	20,500					
Burton						7,500	27,500					
Central						8,800	34,800					
Cherry Lake						8,800	34,800					
Elizabeth						8,800	34,800					
Foley						8,800	34,800					
Friendship						8,800	34,800					
Greenville						8,800	34,800					
Hopewell						8,800	34,800					
Lamont						8,800	34,800					
Lee						8,800	34,800					
Macedonia						8,800	34,800					
Madison						8,800	34,800					
Mayo						8,800	34,800					
Mosley Hall						8,800	34,800					
Mt. Gilced						8,800	34,800					
Mt. Olive						8,800	34,800					
New Home (Mad.)						8,800	34,800					
New Home (Tay)						8,800	34,800					
New Hopeful						8,800	34,800					
New Macedonia						8,800	34,800					
Perry						8,800	34,800					
Pinetta						8,800	34,800					
Pine Grove						8,800	34,800					
Pisgah						8,800	34,800					
Pleasant Grove (Lay)						8,800	34,800					
Pleasant Grove (Tay)						8,800	34,800					
Riverside						8,800	34,800					
San Pedro						8,800	34,800					
Sirmons						8,800	34,800					
Steinhatchee						8,800	34,800					
St. Johns						8,800	34,800					

HISTORY OF MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Date of Meeting	Church	Moderator	Clerk
Nov. 9, 10, 11, 1900	Macedonia	Rev. T. J. Farnell	Rev. J. L. Rutherford
Oct. 18, 19, 20, 1901	Live Oak	Rev. T. J. Farnell	Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct. 14, 15, 16, 1902	Pleasant G. (T)	Rev. T. J. Farnell	Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct. 14, 15, 16, 1903	Pine Grove	Rev. T. J. Farnell	Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct. 19, 20, 21, 1904	Pleasant G. (T)	Rev. T. J. Farnell	Rev. H. B. Gibson
1905			Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct. 24, 25, 26, 1906	New Hopeful	Rev. S. R. Clements	Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct., 1907	Greenville		
Oct. 21, 22, 1908	Lamont	Rev. T. J. Farnell	Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct. 20, 21, 22, 1909	Brewer Lake	Rev. T. J. Farnell	Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct. 6, 7, 1910	Hopewell	W. B. Davis	Ardis Warren
Nov. 8, 9, 1911	Beulah	W. B. Davis	Ardis Warren
Nov. 6, 7, 1912	Central	Rev. S. B. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 5, 6, 7, 1913	San Pedro	Rev. S. B. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 3, 4, 5, 1914	Mayo	Rev. S. B. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 9, 10, 11, 1915	Madison	Rev. S. B. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 14, 15, 16, 1916	Perry	Rev. S. B. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 13, 14, 1917	Midway	Rev. S. B. Cole	Ardis Warren
Oct. 1918	Riverside	Rev. S. B. Cole	Theo Leslie
Oct. 14, 15, 1919	Lee	Rev. S. B. Cole	Theo Leslie
Oct. 12, 13, 1920	Elizabeth	Rev. S. B. Cole	Theo Leslie
Oct. 10, 11, 1921	Pleasant Grove (L)	Rev. S. B. Cole	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 10, 11, 1922	Greenville	Rev. S. B. Cole	J. Vickers
Oct. 23, 24, 1923	Brewer Lake	Rev. S. B. Cole	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 21, 22, 1924	Central	W. L. Weaver	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 20, 21, 1925	Midway	A. J. Preston	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 19, 20, 1926	Macedonia	Judge W. B. Davis	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 18, 19, 1927	New Macedonia	Judge W. B. Davis	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 23, 24, 1928	Perry	Judge W. B. Davis	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 22, 23, 1929	Madison	Judge W. B. Davis	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 28, 29, 1930	Elizabeth	Jno. F. McCall	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 27, 28, 1931	Macedonia	Jno. F. McCall	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 25, 26, 1932	Macedonia	Jno. F. McCall	J. J. Farnell
Oct. 24, 25, 1933	Brewer Lake	Rev. Ray Smith	J. J. Farnell
Oct. 30, 31, 1934	Greenville	Rev. A. M. Parker	J. J. Farnell
Oct. 29, 30, 1935	Macedonia	Rev. W. G. Stracener	J. J. Farnell
Oct. 27, 28, 1936	Lamont	Edwin B. Browning	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 26, 27, 1937	Burton	Edwin B. Browning	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 25, 26, 1938	Elizabeth	Dr. A. F. O'Kelly	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 24, 25, 1939	Madison	Rev. A. H. Townsend	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 29, 30, 1940	San Pedro	Rev. A. H. Townsend	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 7, 8, 1941	Pleasant Grove (L)	Edwin B. Browning	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 6, 7, 1942	Pine Grove	Edwin B. Browning	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 5, 6, 1943	Macedonia	Edwin B. Browning	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 3, 4, 1944	Lamont	T. P. McLeod, Jr.	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 3, 10, 1945	Pleasant Grove (L)	T. P. McLeod, Jr.	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 8, 9, 1946	Macedonia	T. P. McLeod, Jr.	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 8, 9, 1947	Midway	John R. Collins	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 13, 14, 1948	Madison	John R. Collins	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 13, 14, 1949	Perry and New Home (T)	John R. Collins	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 12, 13, 1950	Brewer Lake and Riverside	Alva Horton	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 11, 12, 1951	Athena and Lee	Alva Horton	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 9, 10, 1952	San Pedro & Cherry Lake	Edwin B. Browning	Carl W. Burnett