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2nd DAY—ELIZABETH BAPTIST CHURCH

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THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

I. The Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and religious opinions should be tried.

II. God

There is one and only one living and true God, an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe, infinite in holiness and all other perfections, to whom we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. He is revealed to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

III. The Fall of Man

Man was created by the special act of God, as recorded in Genesis, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Gen. 1:27), "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7).

He was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but, through the temptation of Satan, he transgressed the command of God and fell from his original holiness and righteousness; whereby his posterity inherit a nature corrupt and in bondage to sin, are under condemnation, and as soon as they are capable of moral action, become actual transgressors.

IV. The Way of Salvation

The salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who by the Holy Spirit was born of the Virgin Mary and took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience and made atonement for our sins by his death. Being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in Heaven, and, uniting in his person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is in every way qualified to be a compassionate and all-sufficient Saviour.

V. Justification

Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of righteousness of all sinners who believe in Christ. This blessing is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but through the redemption that is in and through Jesus Christ. It brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other needed blessing.

VI. The Freeness of Salvation

The blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel. It is the duty of all to accept them by penitent and obedient faith. Nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner except his own voluntary refusal to accept Jesus Christ as teacher, Saviour, and Lord.

VII. Regeneration

Regeneration or the new birth is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit, whereby we become partakers of the divine nature and a holy disposition is given, leading to the love and practice of righteousness. It is a work of God's free grace conditioned upon faith in Christ and made manifest by the fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

VIII. Repentance and Faith

We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger, and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest, and King, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Saviour.

IX. God's Purpose of Grace

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners. It is perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility. It encourages the use of means in the highest degree.

X. Sanctification

Sanctification is the process by which the regenerate gradually attain to moral and spiritual perfection through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in their hearts. It continues throughout the earthly life, and is accomplished by the use of all the ordinary means of grace, and particularly by the Word of God.

XI. Perseverance

All real believers endure to the end. Their continuance in well-doing is the mark which distinguishes them from mere professors. A special Providence cares for them, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

XII. A Gospel Church

A church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by his word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Its Scriptural officers are bishops, or elders, and deacons.

XIII. Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The act is a symbol of our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Saviour. It is a prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, commemorate the dying love of Christ.

XIV. The Lord's Day

The first day of the week is the Lord's day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private, and by refraining from worldly amusements, and resting from secular employments, works of necessity and mercy only excepted.

XV. The Righteous and the Wicked

There is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and wicked. Those only who are justified through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and sanctified by the Holy Spirit are truly righteous in his sight. Those who continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked and are under condemnation. This distinction between the righteous and the wicked holds in and after death, and will be made manifest at the judgment when final and everlasting awards are made to all men.

XVI. The Resurrection

The Scriptures clearly teach that Jesus rose from the dead.

His grave was emptied of its contents. He appeared to the disciples after his resurrection in many convincing manifestations. He now exists in his glorified body at God's right hand. There will be a resurrection of the righteous and the wicked. The bodies of the righteous will conform to the glorious spiritual body of Jesus.

XVII The Return of the Lord

The New Testament teaches in many places the visible and personal return of Jesus to this earth. "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." The time of his coming is not revealed. "Of that day and hour knoweth no one, no, not the angels in heaven, but my Father only" (Matt. 24:36). It is the duty of all believers to live in readiness for his coming and by diligence in good works to make manifest to all men the reality and power of their hope in Christ.

XVIII. Religious Liberty

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and he has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to his Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to the church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and propagate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

XIX. Peace and War

It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war.

The true remedy for the war spirit is the pure gospel of our Lord. The supreme need of the world is the acceptance of his teachings in all the affairs of men, and nations, and the practical application of his law of love.

We urge Christian people throughout the world to pray for the reign of the Prince of Peace, and to oppose everything likely to provoke war.

XX. Education

Christianity is the religion of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is therefore a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. An adequate system of schools is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people. The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is co-ordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches.

XXI. Social Service

Every Christian is under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ regnant in his own life and in human society; to oppose in the spirit of Christ every form of greed, selfishness, and vice; to provide for the orphaned, the aged, the helpless, and the

sick; to seek to bring industry government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth and brotherly love; to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and his truth. All means and methods used in social service for the amelioration of society and the establishment of righteousness among men must finally depend on the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus.

XXII. Co-Operation

Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure co-operation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over each other or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Individual members of New Testament churches should co-operate with each other, and the churches themselves should co-operate with each other in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent program for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary co-operation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. It is permissible and desirable as between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such co-operation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and his Word as revealed in the New Testament.

XXIII. Evangelism and Missions

It is the duty of every Christian man and woman, and the duty of every church of Christ to seek to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life. It is also expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by personal effort and by all other methods sanctioned by the gospel of Christ.

XXIV. Stewardship

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to him. We have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in our possessions. We are therefore under obligation to serve him with our time, talents and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to us for the glory of God and helping others. Christians should cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally contribute of their means to advancing the Redeemer's cause on earth.

XXV. The Kingdom

The Kingdom of God is the reign of God in the heart and life of the individual in every human relationship, and in every form and institution of organized human society. The chief means for promoting the Kingdom of God on earth are preaching the gospel of Christ and teaching the principles of righteousness contained therein. The Kingdom of God will be complete when every thought and will of man shall be brought into captivity to the will of Christ. And it is the duty of all Christ's people to pray and labor continually that his Kingdom may come and his will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

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 dismission 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 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 offices 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

OFFICERS

Rev. Dewey Mann, Moderator Perry, Fla.
 Rev. DeWitt Cox, Vice-Moderator Madison, Fla.
 Judge Guy McClain, Treasurer Mayo, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. B. Lamb Madison, Fla.
 Howard Carrin Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.
 C. R. Brooke Perry, Fla.
 Ernest Page Madison, Fla.
 T. P. McLeod, Jr. Greenville, Fla.
 Guy McClain Mayo, Fla.

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Evangelism—Rev. W. L. Price Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.
 Rev. James T. Barber Madison, Fla.
 Rev. Alva Horton Perry, Fla.
 Children's Home—G. F. Andrews Greenville, Fla.
 Mrs. J. L. Gibson Perry, Fla.
 Mrs. John Collins Madison, Fla.
 Missions—Rev. C. F. Hocker Perry, Fla.
 Cooperative Program—Rev. F. A. Parker Perry, Fla.
 Christian Education—Rev. Julian T. Maddox Greenville, Fla.
 American Bible Society—Rev. S. V. Cofield Mayo, Fla.
 Budget—Rev. DeWitt Cox Madison, Fla.
 Rev. John Collins Madison, Fla.
 Rev. C. F. Hooker Perry, Fla.
 Temperance—E. B. Browning Madison, Fla.
 Relief & Annuity—Rev. James T. Barber Madison, Fla.
 Our Beloved Dead—Rev. L. C. Hicks Lee, Fla.
 Nominations—Rev. Dozier Sapp Madison, Fla.
 Rev. Julian Maddox Greenville, Fla.
 Rev. F. A. Parker Perry, Fla.
 Church Music—Eugene Knotts Perry, Fla.
 Baptist Hospitals—Rev. Austin Kelly Madison, Fla.
 Stewardship—Rev. Dewey Mann Perry, Fla.
 Resolutions—Rev. Reuben Davis Aucilla, Fla.
 Time and Place—Rev. B. A. Rakestraw Madison, Fla.

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Associational—Rev. James T. Barber Madison, Fla.
 Alternate—Rev. DeWitt Cox Madison, Fla.
 Missionary—Rev. W. L. Price Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.
 Alternate—Rev. F. A. Parker Perry, Fla.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE, FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

Rev. DeWitt Cox and Pastor Host Church

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 Program Vice-President—Ellis Lipscomb Perry, Fla.
 Secretary—H. E. McArthur Madison, Fla.

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President—Mrs. Joe Reams	Greenville, Fla.
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Young Peoples Leader—Mrs. Corine Carlton	Perry, Fla.
Stewardship Chairman—Mrs. S. E. Blanton	Mayo, Fla.
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Community Missions Chairman—Mrs. Max Walker	Madison, Fla.
Children's Home Chmn.—Mrs. Florence McMillian	Pinetta, Fla.
Training School Chmn.—Mrs. T. W. Herring	Greenville, Fla.
Publicity Chmn.—Mrs. Dewey Mann	Perry, Fla.
Choirster—Mrs. Sue Raines	Madison, Fla.
Pianist—Mrs. Bessie Lee Worthington	Lee, Fla.
Sec.-Treas.—Mrs. E. W. Handley	Greenville, Fla.

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Director—Horace Weaver	Madison, Fla.
Associate Director—Miss Sallie Wilson	Madison, Fla.
Sec. & Treas.—Mrs. Harvey Croft	Mayo, Fla.
Pastor Advisor—Rev. DeWitt Cox	Madison, Fla.
Choirster—Mrs. Lola Weaver	Madison, Fla.
Pianist—Kenneth Barnett	Madison, Fla.
Nursery-Beginner-Primary Leader—Mrs. S. V. Cofield	Mayo, Fla.
Junior Leader—Mrs. J. R. Collins	Madison, Fla.
Intermediate Leader—Mrs. Howard Coody	Pinetta, Fla.
Young Peoples Leader—Mrs. R. L. Keen	Madison, Fla.
Adult Leader—Miss Edith Albritton	Perry, Fla.
Group Leader—Cecil Hicks	Lee, Fla.
W. O. McCullough	Lee, Fla.
Thomas Bell	Day, Fla.
Ellis Lipscomb	Perry, Fla.
Dudley Carroll	Perry, Fla.
Mrs. Frances Morgan	Salem, Fla.

ASSOCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

Superintendent—Rev. James T. Barber	Madison, Fla.
Member State Mission Board—Rev. Dewey Mann	Perry, Fla.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES**Ministers Licensed This Year**

Friendship—Odis Murphy	Perry, Fla.
Madison—Kenneth Hudson	Madison, Fla.
Midway—Norman Howard	Madison, Fla.
Macedonia—Rev. Paul Day	Norman Park, Ga.

Students For The Ministry

Madison—Kenneth Hudson	Mercer University
Perry—Carl Whiddon	Stetson University
Bob Barwick	New Orleans Baptist Theological Sem.
Leonard Cone	Mercer University

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Association Director—Eugene Knotts	Perry, Fla.
Athena—Mrs. Edna McHargue	Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.
Bethel Creek—C. B. Goodwin	Perry, Fla.
Beulah—Shelby Ezell	Rt. 1, Lee, Fla.

Burton—T. R. Guilfoul	Perry, Fla.
Cherry Lake—Mrs. A. C. Gentry	Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.
Elizabeth—Curtis Smith	Monticello, Fla.
Foley—Mrs. Iris Swain	Foley, Fla.
Hopewell—Maurice Wynn	Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.
Lee—LeRoy Rutherford	Lee, Fla.
Macedonia—Hollis McCullough	Lee, Fla.
Madison—Elwyn D. Brown	Madison, Fla.
Mayo—Mrs. Joe Cook	Mayo, Fla.
Midway—Clifford Jordan	Lee, Fla.
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New Home, Mad.—Miss Jeanette Summers	Madison, Fla.
New Home, Tay.—S. H. Hendry	Perry, Fla.
New Hopeful—John F. Wilson	Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.
New Macedonia—Mrs. Clara Davis	Greenville, Fla.
Perry—Eugene Knotts	Perry, Fla.
Pinetta—Roger Starling	Madison, Fla.
Pine Grove—W. E. Seals	Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.
Pisgah—Mrs. Pauline Lundy	Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.
Pleasant Grove, Lay.—Morris Wilder	Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla.
Riverside—H. J. Frier	Mayo, Fla.
Sirran—Albert O'Quinn	Greenville, Fla.
Steinhatchee—Mrs. Mary Kate Mitchell	Steinhatchee, Fla.

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Athena—Miss Dixie Ezell	Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.
Bethel Creek—Mrs. Bonnie Goodwin	Day, Fla.
Beulah—Mrs. L. C. Hicks	Lee, Fla.
Burton—Miss Geleta Parker	Perry, Fla.
Central—Miss Lalla Bishop	Aucilla, Fla.
Cherry Lake—Mrs. A. C. Gentry	Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.
Elizabeth—Mrs. Lucy Trefry	Aucilla, Fla.
Foley—Miss Imogene Simons	Foley, Fla.
Friendship—Mrs. Lou Ella Shaw	Perry, Fla.
Greenville—Mrs. S. B. Algeo	Greenville, Fla.
Hopewell—Mrs. Walden Phillips	Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.
Lee—Mrs. Inez Stroud	Lee, Fla.
Lake Side—Mrs. K. A. Whaley	Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.
Lamont—Mrs. Hazel Westberry	Lamont, Fla.
Macedonia—Mrs. Bessie Lee Worthington	Lee, Fla.
Madison—Mrs. R. L. Simpson	Madison, Fla.
Mayo—Mrs. Sara V. Cook	Mayo, Fla.
Midway—Kenneth Barnett	Madison, Fla.
Mt. Gilead—Miss Carol Aman	Shady Grove, Fla.
Mt. Olive—Mrs. Doris Wells	Madison, Fla.
New Home, Mad.—Mrs. Henry Lewis	Madison, Fla.
New Home, Tay.—Miss Jewell Horton	Perry, Fla.
New Hopeful—Miss Jean Bodenstein	Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.

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 Pinetta—Mrs. M. C. Woodard Pinetta, Fla.
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 Pleasant Grove, Tay.—Russell Tedder Shady Grove, Fla.
 Riverside—Mrs. J. W. Lyons Mayo, Fla.
 Sirmans—Miss Lavern Bailey Greenville, Fla.
 Steinhatchee—Mrs. Freddie Henley Steinhatchee, Fla.

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 Beulah—H. L. Stokes Lee, Fla.
 Brewer Lake—M. L. Smith Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla.
 Burton—E. J. Tedder Perry, Fla.
 Central—M. A. Turner Aucilla, Fla.
 Cherry Lake—J. W. Cason Madison, Fla.
 Elizabeth—Norman Hartsfield Aucilla, Fla.
 Foley—C. M. Parker Perry, Fla.
 Greenville—J. R. Laney Greenville, Fla.
 Hopewell—J. L. Wynn Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.
 Lake Side—Curtis Whitfield Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.
 Lamont—J. H. Smith Lamont, Fla.
 Lee—F. B. Rutherford Lee, Fla.
 Macedonia—O. A. Henderson Lee, Fla.
 Madison—Van H. Priest Madison, Fla.
 Mayo—Guy M. McClain Mayo, Fla.
 Midway—M. J. Hicks Lee, Fla.
 Moseley Hall—S. R. Sapp Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.
 Mt. Olive—G. W. Albritton Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.
 New Home, Mad.—Eddie Bass Madison, Fla.
 New Home, Tay.—S. H. Hendry Perry, Fla.
 New Hopeful—Hugh Gibson Madison, Fla.
 Perry—Clarence McLeod Perry, Fla.
 Pinetta—M. C. Woodard Pinetta, Fla.
 Pine Grove—N. C. Gibson Rt. 2, Madison, Fla.
 Pleasant Grove, Lay.—Wilson Wilder Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla.
 Pleasant Grove, Tay.—Sam W. Tedder Shady Grove, Fla.
 Sirmans—L. H. Bailey Greenville, Fla.
 St. Johns—Luther Norris Rt. 1, Lovett, Fla.

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 Perry—Miss Lovie Clark Perry, Fla.

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Lake Side—Howard Carrin ..	Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.
Greenville—T. P. McLeod, Jr.	Greenville, Fla.
Madison—Ernest Page	Madison, Fla.
Mayo—Guy M. McClain	Mayo, Fla.
Perry—C. R. Brooke	Perry, Fla.

OTHER MINISTERS BELONGING TO CHURCH

Brewer Lake—M. J. Fowler, P. O.	Day, Fla.
Burton—A. H. Townsend, I. O.	Jacksonville, Fla.
Greenville—W. D. Keis, R. O.	Greenville, Fla.
D. P. Hendry, P O	Greenville, Fla.
Lee—J. T. Dryden, O M	Lee, Fla.
Macedonia—Dorman Gay, I O	Madison, Fla.
Madison—J. R. Dykes, P O	Madison, Fla.
Midway—Carl Webb, P O	Madison, Fla.
Norman Howard, L M	Madison, Fla.
Pine Grove—W. L. Ranew, I O	Rt. 2, Madison, Fla.
A. M. Rowe, R O	Rt. 2, Madison, Fla.
Pleasant Grove, Tay.—T. A. Goodman, P O ..	Shady Grove, Fla.
St. Johns—J. W. Johnson, P O	Perry, Fla.

MESSENGERS ENROLLED

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Bethel Creek—Mrs. R. V. Singletary, Mrs. Edna Farnell, Mrs. Plez Milford.
Euclah—Frank Stokes, Edgar Stokes, Lamar Stokes, Mrs. Effie Stokes, Mrs. Susie May Stokes.
Brewer Lake—Thomas A. Bell and wife, Mrs. Fannie Barrs, Mrs. Armenter Rogers, Mrs. Fannie Williams, Mrs. O. J. Revels.
Burton—Mrs. C. F. Hooker, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Parker, Mrs. W. Y, Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Beal, Mrs. Holden.
Central—Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Scheirhorst, Mrs. J. L. Bishop, Mrs. Oliver Scruggs, Mrs. Beatrice Sparks.
Cherry Lake—Mrs. R. A. Jones, Mrs. Geo. Burnett, Jr., Albert C. Gentry, Mrs. Ben Williams, W. E. Wilson.
Elizabeth—Norman Hartsfield, Ruby R. Hartsfield, Mrs. George DeMote, Louis Birdwell, James DeMote.
Foley—C. M. Parker, Oswald Gornito, Mrs. J. O. Simons, Mrs. Roy Dennis, Mrs. Mildred Dawsey.
Friendship—Mrs. Lou Ella Shaw, Mrs. Janie Padgett, Mrs. Annie Mae Johnson.
Greenville—G. F. Andrews, Albert Sistrunk, Rev. W. D. Keis, E. G. Mugge, Mrs. Joe Reams.

- Hopewell—Cary Lamb, Russell Wynn, J. L. Wynn and wife, Mrs. Jewel Walker.
- Lee—S. A. Kinsey, J. F. Dryden, Jesse Sullivan, J. H. Phillips.
- Lake Side—Mrs. Corine Carlton, Mrs. Daisy Rogers, Mrs. Elizabeth Ellison, Mrs. Audrey Whitfield, Curtis Whitfield.
- Lamont—D. R. Campbell and wife, Mrs. R. E. Timmons.
- Macedonia—Finley Day and wife, Carl W. Burnett, C. F. Woodard, Rev. Dewitt Cox.
- Madison 1st—Rev. James T. Barber and wife, Broadus Willoughby, E. B. Browning, Mrs. J. A. Zipperer, Mrs. Roy Milliron.
- Mayo—Guy M. McClain, M. M. Jones, Rev. S. V. Cofield and wife, Mrs. Govan Ware.
- Midway—Sidney Jordan and wife, Mrs. Ruth Dickey.
- Moseley Hall—J. J. Cruce and wife, S. H. Andrews.
- Mt. Gilead—By Letter.
- Mt. Olive—Floyd Barker and wife, Tom Pinson and wife, Gordon Ragans.
- New Home, Mad.—Eddie Bass, Sim Andrews, Jim Tuten, Sam Tuten.
- New Home, Tay.—Mrs. E. E. McClain, Rev. Alva Horton, Mrs. Maude Murphy, Mrs. Shirley Williams, Mrs. Wiley Lee.
- New Hopeful—Russell Bodenstein, T. Z. Henderson, John Wilson.
- New Macedonia—Mrs. Ellen Barclay, M. M. Pickels, T. W. Her-ring.
- Oakland—Ralph Whiddon, Mrs. Margaret Whiddon.
- Perry 1st—Mrs. J. L. Gibson, Mrs. W. E. Martin, Miss Lovie Clark, Mrs. W. P. Brannen, Mrs. Jeanette McLeod, Mrs. W. B. Lundy, T. R. Bevis, Mrs. J. L. Burch, W. E. Inman.
- Pinetta—Mrs. Willie Graves, Ervin Newbern, Tom Drew and wife, Mrs. Florence McMillian.
- Pine Grove—R. C. Burnett and wife, Mrs. T. H. Meeks, Mrs. Hoyt Wainwright.
- Pisgah—Mrs. Mattie Newell, Mrs. L. J. Slaughter.
- Pleasant Grove, Lay.—Louise Hart, Dorothy Hart, Wilson Wilson, Annie Mae Buchanan, Lyna Wilder.
- Pleasant Grove, Tay.—C. A. Lewis, Mrs. A. E. Wood, S. W. Tedder and wife.
- Riverside—D. F. Allen, Clifton Shiver, T. J. Fryer, Minnie Frier.
- San Pedro—Nola Padgett, Nettie Padgett, Katie Towles, Gladys Jackson.
- Sirmans—Kelly Bailey and wife, Homer Bailey and wife.
- Steinhatchee—Mrs. R. V. Green, Mrs. J. F. Farnell, Mrs. E. F. Buehler.
- St. Johns—R. P. Byrd, W. B. Wynn, Luther Norris.

RECORD OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED

at the

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

held with

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH OCT. 7, 1954

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH OCT. 8, 1954

1. Devotional led by Rev. Rakestraw.
2. Welcome by W. B. Lamb.
3. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. John Collins, who announced it ready for the transaction of any business coming before the body.
4. Clerk Carl W. Burnett presented the report of Program Committee and made motion which was carried that the Program submitted, with such changes as may be necessary, be made the order of business for this session.
5. Motion made and carried that the messengers from the Churches, the executive committee, chairmen of standing committees and officers of the Association constitute the working body for this fifty-fifth session.
6. Motion made and carried that Moderator appoint some one to write letter to Treasurer Jake Vickers commending him for his interest in every phase of our work and expressing our sympathy to him and family during his illness. Rev. Julian Maddox was appointed and Dr. Jno. Maguire led in prayer for Ero. Jake's recovery.
7. New Pastors were recognized as follows: Rev. B. A. Rakestraw, Hopewell, Rev. Dewitt Cox, Macedonia, Rev. Reuben Davis, Central and Elizabeth, Rev. James Barber, Madison, Rev. Odis Murphy, New Macedonia. Also the following visitors: Dr. Jno. Maguire, executive Sec.-Treas. State Mission Board, T. M. Johns, Supt. Fla. Children's Home, Dr. Harrison Griffin, representing Fla. Baptist Witness, Rev. Don Crawford, Stetson University and Fla. Baptist Foundation, Dr. A. H. Steinback, Baptist Bible Institute, Rev. D. O. Alderman, Supt. Associational Missions Dist. Three, Rev. L. J. English, Bradenton, Rev. A. B. Franklin and Rev. Will Gray Suwannee Association, Mr. C. P. Kelly, Madison.
8. Call for Letters.
9. Sunday School report discussed by Rev. Odis Murphy and adopted.
10. Stewardship read by Rev. Dewey Mann and adopted.
11. Dr. Harrison Griffin spoke in behalf of Fla. Baptist Witness.
12. Cooperative Program report given by Broadus Willoughby and adopted.
13. Mission reports read by Rev. Dewitt Cox and adopted. Dr. Jno. Maguire spoke to these reports.

14. The Moderator appointed the following committees: Budget, Rev. James Barber, E. B. Browning, and Rev. Dewitt Cox. Nominations, Rev. Alva Horton, Rev. James Barber and Rev. W. L. Price.
15. Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. C. F. Hooker, pastor Burton Baptist Church.
16. Motion made and carried to print sermon in minutes.
17. Stewardship report read by Rev. Dewey Mann, discussed by him and adopted.

Afternoon Session

- Song service led by Rev. Dewitt Cox.
18. Devotional led by Rev. Austin Kelly.
 19. Report on Christian Education and Periodicals read by Rev. James Barber and adopted.
 20. B. T. U. report read by Horace Weaver and after discussion by him was adopted.
 21. Report on Children's Home read by Clerk, spoken to by G. F. Andrews, Rev. C. F. Hooker, and Supt. Johns and adopted.
 22. Rev. D. O. Alderman read his report on Associational Missions and same was adopted.
 23. Report on Baptist Bible Institute given by Dr. A. H. Steinback, discussed by him and adopted.
 24. Rev. Don Crawford made report on Stetson University and Fla. Baptist Foundation and these were adopted.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

25. Rev. Dewitt Cox led song service.
26. Devotional by Rev. S. V. Cofield.
27. Welcome by Rev. Dewitt Cox, pastor of host Church.
28. Executive Committee report read by Clerk and adopted.
29. Treasurer's Report read by Rev. James T. Barber and adopted.
30. Report of Budget Committee read by Rev. James T. Barber and adopted.
31. W. M. U. report read by Mrs. Joe Reams, President, and adopted.
32. Relief and Annuity report read by the Clerk, and the Moderator read a letter explaining the new Social Security Law as to Pastors participating and report was then adopted.
33. Temperance Report read by Rev. Paul Hendry, spoken to by G. F. Andrews, Rev. W. L. Price, Rev. M. J. Fowler and Rev. L. C. Hicks, and then adopted.
34. Rev. Jake Sullivan and wife of the Suwannee Association were recognized, also Rev. Paul Day and Rev. A. M. Parker of the Lafayette Association.

35. Church Music Report read by the Clerk and adopted.
36. American Bible Society Report read by Clerk and adopted.
37. Report on Evangelism read by Rev. W. L. Price, discussed by him, Rev. James T. Barber, Rev. Alva Horton and Mrs. J. A. Zipperer and adopted.
38. Motion made and carried that since no one present had the Brotherhood Report that Clerk get same and print in the minutes.
39. Motion made and carried that Moderator appoint Assoc. Fla. Baptist Witness representative and he appointed Rev. S. V. Cofield.
40. Report of Committee on Digest of Letters read by E. B. Browning and adopted.
41. Rev. Paul Swofford and wife of Mercer Association (Ga.) were recognized.
42. Rev. Dewitt Cox was recognized as Song Leader for this session of Association.
43. Missionary Sermon by Rev. Jno. R. Collins. Subject: Transforming Failures Into Success. Text: Luke, 5:4.
44. Report of Committee on Nominations read by Rev. Alva Horton and adopted.
45. Motion made and carried Moderator appoint Standing Committee on Time & Place.
46. Motion made and carried that Moderator add two more members to each Standing Committee.

Afternoon Session

47. Song service led by Bro. Cox.
48. Devotional led by Rev. L. C. Hicks.
49. Report on Our Beloved Dead given by Rev. Dewey Mann and adopted.
50. Nominations for Officers were as follows: Moderator, Rev. Dewey Mann, Rev. John Collins and Rev. Julian T. Maddox. Vice-Moderator, Rev. Alva Horton, Rev. Dewitt Cox and G. F. Andrews. Treasurer, Judge Guy McClain. Clerk Carl W. Burnett.
Rev. Dewey Mann was elected Moderator, and Rev. Dewitt Cox Vice-Moderator.
51. Motion made and carried that Moderator cast a unanimous ballot for Clerk and Treasurer.
52. Motion made and carried that Moderator appoint Committee on Resolutions as one of Standing Committees.
53. Motion made and carried to adjourn.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Athena

Miss Bertie Whitfield
Deacon E. G. Whitfield

Bethel Creek

Pastor, Russell Williams

Brewer Lake

Mr. J. G. Page
Mrs. S. G. Ward

Burton

Mr. Wash. Parker

Central

Mr. J. T. Walker
Miss Nellie Thomas

Cherry Lake

Mrs. Rosa Pitts

Elizabeth

Mr. Alford Hamrick
Mrs. Mattie Stanley

Foley

Mrs. John W. Hart
Mr. Bill Dawsey

Greenville

Mrs. Evie Mae Warden
Mrs. Lilla Warren
Mr. Evan Taylor

Hopewell

Mr. Willie McClamma
Mr. Frank Bass

Lake Side

Mrs. Bertie Poppell

Lamont

Mrs. J. H. Smith

Lee

Mrs. W. T. Kent
Mrs. Ollie Bass

Macedonia

Deacon B. I. Green
Pfc. Eugene Welch

Madison

Mrs. W. M. Wells
Mr. W. H. Hudson
Mrs. Lula Hewitt
Mr. James Tooke
Mr. James Shaw
Deacon G. M. Sims
Mr. R. L. Simpson
Mr. Sam Stanton
Mr. J. E. Flowers

Mayo

Mr. E. S. Winburn

Midway

Mr. Matin L. Morris
Mr. Edd Webb

Moseley Hall

Mrs. Sid Pickels

Mt. Olive

Mr. Greenbury Hill
Mr. Eugene Bembree
Mr. M. T. Slaughter

New Home, Tay.

Mrs. A. A. Dykes
Mr. A. A. Dykes
Mrs. Emmer Pickett

New Hopeful

Mr. Tom Black

New Macedonia

Mrs. Alice Kinsey Holland

Oakland

Deacon W. B. Whiddon

Perry

Mrs. Barney O'Quinn
Mr. K. B. Wages, Jr.

Pinetta

Mrs. John Hutto

Pine Grove

Deacon T. H. Meeks

Pisgah

Mrs. Nancy E. Scott

Pleasant Grove Lay.

Mrs. Charlie Lashley
Mr. Horace Lawson

Pleasant Grove, Tay.

Mr. T. A. Waller

Riverside

Mrs. Malley Allen

San Pedro

Mrs. Mary Lynn

Sirmans

Mr. Alvin Slaughter

St. John

Mr. Archie Norris
Mrs. Beulah Collins

SACRED TO THE MEMORY

of

REV. RUSSELL WILLIAMS

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

October 7, 1954

Mr. Jake Vickers
Madison, Florida

Dear Brother-in-Christ:

The Fifty-fifth session of the Middle Florida Association has un-
animously voted to express to you through this letter our love
and appreciation for your long years of useful service to the
Lord through the Association.

Through the many years that you have served as our efficient
and faithful clerk and later as Treasurer you have endeared
yourself to a host of friends and have rendered an invaluable
service to the Kingdom of our Lord.

Likewise through your consecrated service to Florida Baptists as
a member of the State Mission Board you have greatly strength-
ened the work of our denomination in the State and have en-
larged your circle of friends throughout the State.

Your vision, faith, generosity, and leadership have been an in-
spiration to us all. We miss your presence, your winning smile,
your gracious personality in our midst today. We are praying
for your recovery according to the will of our Heavenly Father.
Dr. John Maguire led the Association in prayer for you today.

May the Lord richly bless you and keep you and make his face
to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Middle Florida
Baptists and Baptists throughout Florida are appreciative of
your unselfish and consecrated service to the work of our Lord
and his Church.

Prayerfully yours.

The Middle Florida Baptist Association

By: Julian T. Maddox,

Chairman of Committee

Rev. J. R. Collins, Moderator

Carl W. Burnett, Clerk.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

We live in a time when souls are going to hell without
Christ. it seems that no one knows what to do, we spend much
time surveying the past, we brag and chide over the number in
Sunday School, we talk about our training program, and we
gather together in brotherhood meetings, we enjoy the food and
the fellowship is wonderful; we hear such messages as we heard
at Mt. Olive Church, by Brother Barber. He told us what God
said for us to do, to run to and fro in the streets and see if ye
can find a man. Jere. 5:1. This old sinful world needs men with
Evangelism burning in their bosoms.

A quotation from the report made by the Rev. Francis Cruce,
1952. 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.

Number of Revivals held 1954: 31. Should be 78. Last year held 49.

Number of converts, 1954: 269. Last year 311. Decrease 61.

Number of Churches that had no converts: 5.

Number of Churches that had no Revivals: 6.

As we turn from the past, and face the future, I want to offer the plan for our associational work in Evangelism for 1955.

I. That this Association allocate \$125.00 for the expenses of advertising the Revival in March, 6-20.

II. That this Association will help sponsor and back up two mass kick-off meetings, one to be held with the New Home Baptist Church, Perry, on the fourth Friday night in January, 7:30, 1955. A good Evangelist will be secured to warm our hearts and send us out to do what God would have us to do.

The second meeting to be held with First Baptist Church, Madison, the time of that meeting will be the fourth Friday night in Feb., 7:30, and on Tuesday, March the 8th, 7:30 A. M., the Greenville Baptist Church will furnish the preachers, their Evangelist and their workers, with a good breakfast. A good speaker will be there to warm our hearts.

III. That Evangelism will be given a place on all programs of our work.

As we meet in this fifty-fifth session, may we be as Wendell Phillips while standing on that famous rock in Plymouth. A citizen approached him and said we are fortunate to have the rock within our borders. Wendell Phillips replied: this rock underlines all America, it only crops out here.

I want to say that the power of God underlines all the world, and Jesus said to his disciples, all power is given unto me both in heaven and in earth. Mat. 28:18.

He also said: Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Mk. 16:15.

May we work the turn-rows, and the fence corners, let Middle Fla. Baptist "face up" to answer the modern macedonian call, and win lost souls who are on the road to hell.

Let's all have our Stewardship Revivals this Fall.

Quoting Dr. Grey:

Let us no longer stand back, our ears stopped with the soft down of indifference, our mouths stuffed with the "cotton candy" of sweet sentimentality, and our hands and feet bound with the red tape of "proper procedure."

When a Church fails to Evangelize, and fails to win lost souls, they sign their death warrant.

Middle Florida Association has a job to do for the Lord. We don't have time to dawdle, but we must preach as dying men to dying men.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. L. Price, Chairman.

STEWARDSHIP

Southern Baptists have recognized their full stewardship to God, and God has opened the window of heaven upon them. Their blessings are more than they can number. Baptists no longer depend on begging to finance their church, but can stand up to the counters of the world and pay for what they need. No longer do they class their churches as charitable institutions. Through God's word we have learned that God never thought of them as depending on charity, but gave them a sound financial program through the tithes and offerings of his people.

Our Middle Florida Association had 24 quarter time, one half time and 3 full time churches in 1929. In 1935, we had 30 quarter time, four half time, and 3 full time churches. In 1944, we had 19 quarter time, 9 half time and 5 full time churches. Baptists began in earnest to teach Bible stewardship and unified budget around 1940.

Our Middle Florida Association has grown in strength and influence as we have advanced in Bible stewardship. We do not have a single quarter time church now. There are 8 half time and 29 full time churches from last year's report.

It does not take a man of great wisdom to see what stewardship preaching and teaching has done here in our own association.

We need a great deal more for we have not reached all of our people yet. The school of stewardship or a stewardship revival will help us in reaching our goal of "Every Baptist a Tither."

DEWEY MANN.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

"Your English Bible speaks to my head, but my Chinese Bible speaks to my heart." These words of a Chinese student express a missionary principle true in all lands;

**Every person must have the Bible in his own language
if the Word of God is to speak to his heart**

The Bible is the missionary's chief tool. He uses it in every form of mission work. 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.

The American Bible Society aids in Bible translation, publishes the Scriptures without note or comment and distributes them without profit, usually below cost. In cases of special need at home and abroad, they are given without charge. Scriptures for the Blind are supplied in raised-letter systems and on Talking Book records. The Society serves every form of Southern Baptist mission work around the world.

During 1953 the American Bible Society—

—distributed throughout the world more than 15 million volumes of Scriptures.

—in the U. S. A. distributed 9,726,391 Scripture volumes in 81 languages.

—helped the Japan Bible Society to continue its systematic program of widespread distribution of the Scriptures in that land.

—continued to supply Scriptures in Korea, through the Korean Bible Society, for civilians, military personnel and prisoners of war.

—strengthened its work throughout Latin America, where Scripture distribution by thousands of volunteer workers is producing outstanding missionary results.

—Supplied some 500,000 volumes of Scriptures for refugees in Western Germany and materials for 400,000 Bibles and Testaments in Iron Curtain countries.

—provided 1,301,145 Scripture volumes for our own Armed Forces, bringing the number supplied since 1940 to more than 12 million volumes.

—received gifts which made possible its largest budget—and adopted for 1954 an even greater program to meet expanding needs for Scriptures around the world.

Southern Baptists' Part in the Work

In 1953, Southern Baptist churches gave \$102,010 to the American Bible Society.

Gifts from churches of all denominations totaled \$785,897. Southern Baptist gifts continued to stand in second place, exceeded only by Methodist gifts of \$148,724.

Has your church given to the American Bible Society this year?

The help of every Southern Baptist church is needed. Every church can give at least these amounts each year:

Country and village churches \$10 to \$25.

Churches in small cities \$25 to \$100.

Larger churches \$100 to \$200.

Great city churches \$200 to \$500 or more.

Please send gifts to your Baptist state office marked "for the American Bible Society."

S. V. COFIELD.

TRAINING UNION REPORT

The Training Union work of our Association has progressed nicely within the past year with thirty-five of our thirty-seven churches with Training Unions.

We have held four Officers and Leaders Councils, four Executive Committee meetings, and four mass meetings, one of which was our "M" Night meeting with a record attendance. We reported 850 present. We also held our Youth Night program which was not the largest meeting but one of the most inspiring.

In connection with our work we had one study course, organized one training union, traveled approximately 825 miles, wrote 325 cards and letters, made 15 telephone calls and visited 16 churches.

Respectfully,

HORACE WEAVER, Director.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

Alcohol An Enemy of Destruction

Only look around and you will say the situation is terrible.

There is an increase in the sales of whisky, beer, wine and cigarettes. Also there is an increase in the places that are licensed to sell and operate. The task to do something about the evil lies before every Christian—Will we stand “idle all the day long?” To fight this evil we must use the weapon of TRUTH.

Many people are deceived as to the destruction of this evil. Let us open our eyes and see the opportunity and “work while it is day.”

REV. PAUL HENDRY.

RELIEF AND ANNUITY REPORT

The Ministers Retirement Plan is a contributory annuity plan administered by our denomination, to provide a living income for the minister in old age, or financial assistance at some earlier period if he should become disabled. The objective of the Ministers Retirement Plan is to provide income to the pastor who must retire either from disability or age. Those who preach the gospel should also live of the gospel—all of their lives.

By July 1, 1954, all ministers were urged to participate in the Relief and Annuity Board's new liberalized plan called the Ministers Security Plan which gave increased benefits to the minister and to his widow. The cost of the program is met from three sources: the pastor, the church, and the convention each pay five per cent of the salary paid the pastor (maximum salary \$4,000).

The new plan became effective July 1, 1954 when the necessary two-thirds of the active Minister Retirement Plan members enrolled. All states of the Southern Baptist Convention went over their established goals in the Ministers Security Plan.

All ministers should enroll in the Ministers Security Plan as it provides protection and security.

Information concerning the Plan and application blanks can be secured from our State Secretary or from the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIAN T. MADDIX.

REPORT ON THE FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

There have been substantial improvements in the Home during the year. The dairy herd has been increased and a poultry house was built. They produce all the milk needed in the Institution and since December 1, 1953, all the beef used on the campus has come from the dairy and beef herds. Twenty acres of white dutch clover was planted for winter grazing and fifteen acres of Pensacola bahaha was seeded in September. This

makes a total of eighty acres of improved pasture grass with additional fifty acres of native carpet, or a total of 130 acres in pasture.

The educational and religious training programs keep pace with the public schools and churches in Lakeland. The children attend the public schools; they also go to church in the city. Central Avenue, First Church, and Southside are the church homes of our children.

Florida Baptists closed fifty years of service to children in February of this year. The first child admitted according to the records came to the Home in February, 1904. Since the admission of this child there has been a constant stream of children entering and leaving the Home. The early records are not complete, but it is estimated that Florida Baptists in the past fifty years have given aid to more than 2,500 children, enough to make a sizeable town. These are living in every section of our country and some on foreign soil, each thankful for the help given him and the training he received. Two hundred thirty-five children have been helped by the Home during the current year.

The good accomplished is not a commodity that is measured in dollars and cents. It is far more valuable than this. Preachers, teachers, nurses, and many other areas of service are numbered among those who have lived there. These are not too important within themselves. The most important thing the Home has done for its children is to help them grow up as useful, Christian citizens. It has assisted them in finding the Saviour and thereby have a sense of security and happiness that otherwise would be impossible. We have done a good job these fifty years but it is not enough. There are many hundreds more whom we must help.

Two cottages, one for junior boys and one for junior girls, were erected on the campus this summer. Applications were accepted for the space provided in these buildings two months before they were finished. These cottages will add 35 to 40 to the enrollment. This means that the Home must have more funds for operating expenses. An average of about 43% of the income for our children is received from the Cooperative Program. The remainder, or 57%, must come from other sources. The Thanksgiving Offering is the major source they must depend on to meet the 57% balance of their needs.

We urge every church to participate in the Offering for the Home. This year they are asking that we make our gift on November 21. If this is not suitable to you and your church, please make it at a convenient time for you. It is urgent that each church help support our children. The Lord Jesus Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. ANDREWS.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS, DISTRICT THREE, 1954

Days spent on field 325, other fields 40, total 365.

Miles traveled on field 23,256, other fields 5,004, total 28,260 miles.

Church visits 129, Mission visits 10, Pastor's conferences 413, Associational meetings 22, State meetings 3, Committee meetings 66, Prayer meetings 42, Classes taught 9, Revivals 6 (Stewardship) Assemblies 1, Soul-winning conferences 76, Tracts given 9,400, Other services attended 100. Special week in Stewardship Study 2, Rededications 201, Decision for Ministry 1, Sermons 211, Addresses 4, Total 215. Professions of Faith 24, Baptisms 9, by letter 30, total additions 63. Community surveys 8, Ordinations 2, New Churches organized 1, Prayermeetings begun 1, Sunday Schools begun 1, Training Unions begun 3, helped to arrange for 43 Study Courses.

Church budgets made 5, Every member canvas 2, Tithers secured 220, Pastor contacts made 30, Church improvements made 7, New buildings begun 5, Pastor's homes provided for 2, Church enlargement programs 2.

Cooperative Program put in budgets 4, Helped churches purchase furniture 3, Helped purchase lot for building 1, Drafted floor plans for buildings 3, Conferences on buildings and additions 23, Helped to dedicate pastoriums 2, Helped to dedicate churches 1, Helped to dedicate educational buildings 1, Attended the 100th anniversary of Mt. Elon Baptist Church, Florida Association Letters and cards written 896.

District Three is comprised of three associations, Suwannee, Middle Florida, and Florida, having a total of 105 churches and 1 mission. One church this year failed to respond to the call of World Wide Missions through the channel of the Cooperative program, but we are happy that 104 churches and 1 mission did.

Your Superintendent of Associational Missions gratefully appreciates the fine spirit of cooperation that makes this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,
D. O. ALDERMAN.

REPORT ON THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

That we have the largest Missionary Program in the World is greatly attributed to our democratic, forward looking plan called the Cooperative Program. It is the "Little hands and feet" of 28000 Southern Baptist Churches earnestly trying to do His Will.

The immense Home, State and Foreign Mission Work could not function effectively for Christ as it does without this intelligent and spiritual direction that is made possible by the systematic fund raising of the Cooperative Program.

We are happy to report that 100% of the Churches in this Association are now giving through this Program and yet there is room for improvement. The spirit of missions is the spirit of

giving. Let's increase our percentage in the church budget to the Cooperative Program and make our slogan for 1955 "More for Christ than the year before."

Respectfully submitted,

BROADUS WILLOUGHBY.

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee submits the following recommendations and suggested budget for the year beginning October 1, 1954 and ending September 30, 1955:

1. A word of deep appreciation must be expressed for the excellent cooperation of all the Churches toward contributing through the Budget as suggested by your Budget Committee last year.
2. That the Budget be financed by each Church contributing to the Association 3% of their pastor's salary, remitting directly to the Treasurer of the Association.
3. That the Associational Treasurer send a check prior (at least three days) to each Quarterly meeting of the District Brotherhood, direct to the Host Church for \$100.00, then an offering be taken as usual, at an appropriate time during the meeting and the proceeds of this collection be sent immediately to the Associational Treasurer.

4. The suggested budget as follows:

Printing Minutes	\$400.00
Clerk's Salary	175.00
Training Union Expense	150.00
W. M. U. Expense	150.00
Sunday School Expense	150.00
Brotherhood Expense	450.00
Simultaneous Revival Expense	125.00
Moderator's and Vice-Moderator's Expense	100.00
Incidentals	200.00
Treasurer's Salary	50.00
\$50.00 per Church each day of Association	100.00

TOTAL\$2,050.00

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Barber, Chairman

E. B. Browning

Rev. Dewitt Cox.

REPORT OF W. M. U.

Women's Missionary Union in Florida celebrated its sixtieth anniversary this year. It has been a wonderful celebration with all of the societies participating. The convention at Daytona Beach in April was a climax to all the research and study digging into our history. A beautiful pageant was presented depicting the beginning of our work and its growth.

Our women in Middle Florida have increased from one known society in 1894 to 29 in 1954 through laboring together with God. We have grown bountifully in sixty years, but we are yet far from our goal. Only through prayer, faithful service and diligent study by every woman may we continue to serve God as he expects.

I like to think of our Watchword for the year: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." What better way may women find to uphold Him than through Woman's Missionary Union!

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOE S. REAMS.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC DIRECTOR TO THE MIDDLE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION:

The Church Music Department of the Florida Baptist Convention was one of the first to be set up following the southwide organization of the Department of Church Music of the Sunday School Board in 1945. Today nearly every state in the Convention has a Department of Church Music.

In Florida our Church Music Department has been functioning with ever increasing results in the musical life of our churches. There are more churches in Florida with a graded choir program than ever before. The quantity and quality of the work was evidenced in the four very wonderful Church Music Festivals held last spring.

In our Middle Florida Association we are growing musically and some fine progress has been made during the past year. Our year was marked by three very successful hymn sings. The enthusiasm shown perhaps made up for the lack of talent, yet musical talent was most evident, especially in the third hymn sing at the Pinetta Church when 12 different churches participated with special numbers. At this hymn sing there was proof that every church has some talent to be used. Those who did not attend missed a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon. The first of our hymn sings at the Hopewell and New Home, Perry, churches were of such a caliber as to warrant convention-wide publicity in the "Associational Church Music Bulletin" issued by the Department of Church Music in Nashville.

Your Associational Music Director plans to continue to promote our music through the Associational hymn sing, for such a program appears to be the best manner in which to encourage our churches to take what talents they have and use them. The Lord hears every effort to praise Him, however humble that effort may be.

In the individual church the following program is recommended and urged.

1. The establishment of a graded choir program. Every church can have at least two choirs: one of children, and one of adults and young people. The size of the groups will depend upon the size of the church. Also organize small groups such as

trios, quartets, or ensembles.

2. Plan a school of music in the local church, or, if desired, with a group of neighboring churches. The more we learn about music the better we will be able to use the talents which God has given to us.

3. Use Southern Baptist Song Books and Hymnals. By so doing each church will find it easier to participate in the music program of the association and of the state. During the coming year all hymn sing programs will be built from hymns found in the Broadman and Modern Hymnals. Announcements concerning the next hymn sing will be made within the next few weeks.

4. Make some arrangement for talented children and young people to receive music instruction. Such training will bring rich rewards to the church and will prepare these talented young people for greater service later when they become the adult leaders of our churches.

5. Plan to send your pianists, choir or song leaders to one of the Convention music conferences or camps next summer.

Your Associational Music Director stands ready at all times to do whatever possible to assist in the music program of each church. Feel free to call upon him, for he is ready to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE KNOTTS.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

November 20 of this year will mark the closing of the Florida Baptist State Convention's first 100 years, for it was in 1854 that the Florida Baptist State Convention was organized in the home of R. J. Mays, near Lovett, Florida, and from that early, meager beginning, with from the very beginning the Convention becoming engaged in state mission work, we have seen the progress of state missions march from that first church which was organized on Florida Baptist soil, the Pigeon Creek Church near Hilliard, until today, in the march of state missions, there is now actively connected with the Florida Baptist Convention 1,006 cooperating missionary Baptist churches, covering the entire state, and this number is growing year by year.

Florida continues to be a giant and almost virgin mission field for Baptists. We are told on very reliable authority that 150,000 new permanent residents come into Florida every year. At this rate, Florida's population will reach an increase of 1,500,000 in the next ten years. Added to the 3,000,000, this will give us approximately 4,500,000 people, or a need for at least 400 new churches in Florida within the next ten years to take care of nothing more than the increase from the outside. Thus we can see what the needs are in this rapidly growing state of ours. In many residential communities near our great cities, the population has spread so rapidly that we must at once go in and establish many new churches, to say nothing of the concern and attention we must give our large negro population that is calling for help and guidance in favored Florida.

Florida Baptists have today the most extensive and comprehensive program in their 100 years of history. The work of state missions has come to cover a wide scope of activities. It not only does the work of missions in Florida, but also is the chief agency for promotion of all missions as fostered by the Florida Baptist Convention and our beloved Southern Baptist Convention. It is the agency through which Baptists promote all phases of kingdom work, including evangelism, which is primary, stewardship, teaching, training, enlistment, and every other phase of work fostered anywhere by either of our Conventions.

The work of state missions is carried on in Florida under the different departments. These departments are Sunday School, Brotherhood, Training Union, Music, Cooperative Missions, and Student work, and added to the combine work of all of these departments is the new phase of our work, included this year in our program, that of promotion and publicity, and working very closely with these departments is the W. M. U. All of these departments, agencies, and phases of our work are actively engaged in promoting every phase of mission work done at home and around the world.

The work of state missions is showing remarkable results. In addition to the regular work of the above-mentioned departments and phases of our work, we have each year a "special" state mission effort, to which all peoples are given an over and above opportunity to have a part in some particular phase of work for that particular season. Thus we believe that with everybody being informed, challenged, and encouraged to have a part in this worthy and all inclusive program that we will, as we begin a second century of progress for Christ in Florida, within the next 100 years be making a much greater progress towards advancing God's kingdom than ever before. You can see that as each one of you has a part in state missions, you are having a part in everything that Florida Baptists and Southern Baptists do, not only at home but to the ends of the earth.

REV. DEWITT T. COX.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Climaxing the Five-Year Crusade of the Home Mission Board, the emphasis this year is on Witnessing for Christ. In the Board's objective to lead every individual Christian to become a more effective witness it is hoped that the Christian testimony may be given among the minority groups, the neglected, and the underprivileged. Not only is it necessary for the individual to witness but every church ought to manifest its interest as a body in the unreached. Then churches, associations, and groups of churches working together are supporting local missions and building new churches.

During 1953 the Home Mission Board had 937 regular missionaries and employed 366 youths in the Student Summer Mission Program, making a total of 1,303 missionaries. Dr. J. B. Lawrence rounded out his tenure as executive secretary-treasurer.

er and was succeeded by Dr. Courts Redford. The missionary staff gave full tribute to Dr. Lawrence in his last year of leadership by vigorously promoting the Board's work and assured Dr. Redford of full co-operation in planning for the future.

In the meetings and regular work of the missionaries 31,849 conversions were reported. Professions of faith reported by Baptist chaplains numbered 17,912 and baptisms reported in evangelism crusades led by members of the evangelistic staff numbered 6,140, making a grand total of conversions reported under either direct or indirect ministry of home missionaries 55,901.

In the reports of home missionaries for 1953 it was revealed that 284 new churches were constituted and 706 new missions opened. The missionaries entered into the "Million More in '54" program and organized many new classes and mission Sunday schools. Even mission churches open missions and missions start missions before they become churches. Thus new units are constantly becoming new churches.

While there has been a change in designation of departments in 1954 the various departments and their work for 1953 are represented as follows:

The Department of Direct Missions listed 342 missionaries and 7,176 professions of faith in the work among the Chinese, the deaf, French, Good Will Centers, Indians, Italians, Japanese, Russians, Spanish-speaking, rescue homes, and Woman's Emergency Home and Baby Placement Center.

The Department of Evangelism has six members on its staff and reported seventeen crusades, thirty revivals, and 6,140 professions of faith in meetings held.

In the Department of Jewish Work three additional missionaries were added during 1953 and an encouraging report was made on Jewish Fellowship Week.

In the outposts—Alaska, Cuba, and Panama and the Canal Zone—and in the work among migrants, the pioneer ranch ministry, and the Student Summer Mission Program a far-reaching ministry was effected.

In the Department of Negro Work there were fifty-nine missionaries serving in Negro centers, as teacher-missionaries, or as general workers. The teacher-missionaries had 34,148 students in their classes, 10,000 of whom were ministers. They reached 14,000 in extension classes and enrolled more than 8,000 in institutes.

The Chaplains Commission reported 477 chaplains on duty and endorsed 274 to the services in 1953.

The Church Building Loans Department had one of its busiest years but placed all the money available in church loans and reported the greatest need of the Board at the present time as that of increased funds to lend to new churches.

Four-Year Conquest for Christ

In the four years preceding the Southern Baptist sesqui-

centennial program the Home Board will be executing its Four-Year Conquest for Christ in home missions. Worthy goals are proposed in all departments of home missions for the 1955-through-1958 conquest.

DEWITT T. COX.

THE FLORIDA BAPTIST FOUNDATION

THE FLORIDA BAPTIST FOUNDATION is a permanent trust established by the Florida Baptist Convention and under its direction.

THE FLORIDA BAPTIST FOUNDATION is chartered to serve any person who wishes to contribute to any Baptist institution or agency by gift, bequest, gift annuity, or otherwise.

THE FLORIDA BAPTIST FOUNDATION will manage the funds entrusted to it according to sound business practice, and under the direction of experienced businessmen. It is independent of the institution and agencies it serves but committed to their best interests.

THE FLORIDA BAPTIST FOUNDATION is a flexible agency. A gift may be directed through it to any institution or agency with such controlling conditions as may be desired. All instructions must be carefully observed.

THE FLORIDA BAPTIST FOUNDATION can render a broad service. One gift may be made to endow many institutions or agencies. These may be specified by the donor; or divided among the agencies of the Florida Baptist Convention, as the Convention may determine.

Charter Revisions

At the Convention sessions held in Tampa, Nov. 11-12, 1953, the Foundation was empowered to seek revision of its Charter so that its scope of operation might be broadened to include certain institutions not falling within the classification of those directly "fostered by" the Florida Baptist Convention. This Charter revision is in process and in due course the legal aspects of the same will be completed.

Specifically, this will bring within the scope of Foundation service such institutions as the Baptist Bible Institute at Graceville, and we trust that our people will make large use of the Foundation on behalf of the Institute.

Living Investments

The Foundation would urge all our people to give serious thought to the establishment of trust funds for the future maintenance of our various preaching, teaching, and healing agencies. The Foundation is prepared to administer any such funds on behalf of the givers which will insure faithful and consistent management thereof. Our mission preaching stations or missionary programs, our school, colleges, and seminaries, and our Baptist Hospitals may thus be substantially undergirded in their growing programs.

The Foundation's Southwide Score

While the Foundation is an agency of the Florida Baptist Convention, it is empowered by Charter provision to receive and

administer funds on behalf of any recognized Southern Baptist Agency, or Institution.

This means that any of our South-wide work at home or abroad is the fit and proper subject for our services. Since Baptists are at heart a missionary people, this service of the Foundation can be used with great and increasing help to our world-wide causes.

The Foundation has emphasized the matter of will-making by our people and will be glad to advise in such matters.

JNO. R. COLLINS.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Southern Baptists are now operating six theological seminaries located in Nashville, Tennessee; Louisville, Kentucky; Berkeley, California; New Orleans, Louisiana; Wake Forest, North Carolina; and Fort Worth, Texas. We have invested more than \$25,000,000 in property and endowment in these seminaries, and during the past year, these schools enrolled 5,632 ministerial students.

The State Conventions of thirteen Southern Baptist states operate thirty senior colleges and universities, twenty-one junior colleges, and eight academies. The only Baptist institution of higher learning in Florida is a senior college—Stetson University—located at DeLand, Florida.

In these senior colleges and universities, we Baptists have invested more than \$106,000,000 in property and endowment. These colleges and universities employ 2,785 teachers and administrative officers, and last year had a total enrollment of 37,269 students. Four thousand seven hundred nineteen pre-ministerial students are now obtaining their undergraduate training in these colleges and universities.

The average Southern Baptist senior college has \$3,500,000 invested in endowment and property. Our Florida Baptist university, located in DeLand, has \$2,113,830 so invested. The average Southern Baptist senior college had 1,240 students enrolled during the past academic session, but Stetson University had 1,653 enrolled. The average Southern Baptist senior college employs 92 faculty members and administrative officers, but Stetson University during the past session had 127 teachers and officers serving its students. The average Southern Baptist college has only 59,700 volumes in its library, but Stetson University has 146,800.

Although Florida is the most rapidly-growing state east of the Mississippi River, it has only one Baptist college and there are fourteen Southern Baptist colleges in this area which have more money invested in college buildings than does Stetson University, and nine Southern Baptist colleges which have a greater endowment. Florida Baptists have invested less in Christian education than any other state in the same area.

Fortunately, Florida Baptists have finally awakened to their responsibility in the field of Christian education, and during the

past five years have poured nearly \$1,500,000 into Stetson University. Moreover, the money being invested in the plant and facilities at DeLand is paying dividends far out of proportion to the amount of money being invested. This year 127 ministerial students and many more full-time volunteers to the mission fields and other Christian full-time vocations are receiving special preparation. In addition, Stetson is returning to the communities of Florida men and women trained as teachers, lawyers, doctors, and businessmen to assume positions of civic and church leadership.

Stetson University is the only one of our Southern Baptist colleges which provides tuition scholarships to students possessing outstanding capacities for lay leadership in the Florida churches. For the second year now, Stetson University has joined the churches of this State in selecting and training students who have academic promise and who have ability which indicates that they will be able to make a significant contribution to the churches of this State.

All of our Southern Baptist colleges are making significant contributions to the Christian leadership of the South, and according to the publishers of *Who's Who in America*, community leaders are coming out of these colleges in numbers all out of proportion to the total of their graduates. In four Southern states—Texas, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Florida—a Southern Baptist college leads all of the other independent institutions in the number of names included in this important publication.

In the State of Florida, Stetson University with less than one-twentieth of the total college enrollment in Florida has about one-third of the names listed in the current volume of *Who's Who*. Leading all of the State institutions proportionately, Stetson University had more individual names in this volume of *Who's Who* than all of the other private colleges in the State combined.

In his report to the Southern Baptist Convention at St. Louis, Dr. Orin Cornett, Executive Secretary of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, said:

"Perhaps the most heartening sign on the educational horizon for Southern Baptists is the growing tide of interest in our educational institutions—at the level of the local church. Throughout the Convention territory, increasing attention is being given to the pre-college guidance of boys and girls in the churches, to the advantage of the Christian college, and to the matter of proper support and wise operation of our colleges and schools.

"In a day when the lot of denominational colleges and seminaries in general is becoming more and more difficult, it is reason for thanksgiving that Southern Baptist educational institutions are going forward—in enrollment, in support, in academic growth, and in their relation to the denomination and to each other. Their progress is far from rapid enough, however, to

prepare them for the demands which will be made upon them in the next decade. More support, more encouragement, more effort in their behalf by Southern Baptists as a whole is necessary if our colleges and schools are to meet the challenge of the future."

REV. J. T. BARBER.

REPORT ON BAPTIST LITERATURE
and
THE FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS

Slowly but surely we believe it is beginning to dawn upon right-thinking Christian citizens that "people do what they read."

On the one hand we have, for example, the recent statement of the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges in an adopted resolution which said in part:

"Comic books and horror magazines depicting crime, sadism, vulgar sex and horror scenes contribute toward the moral breakdown of our children today (and are) often responsible for the criminal in adult life.

"The character of juvenile delinquency is no longer the thoughtless acts of children, but in all too many instances is the consequence of stimulation by these publications.

"These are not comics, but 'tragedies', resulting in acts of violence, armed robbery, rape, torture and even homicide. We daily see the tragic and pitiful consequences of these vicious and vile publications which now condition the minds of our children."

The judges called for action on federal, state and local levels to "outlaw, curtail and prohibit the publication, dissemination and distribution" of such publications.

On the other hand, we could recite repeated testimonies of people whose homes have been strengthened and families blessed by the reading of Christian publications, and of churches which have become more vitally evangelistic and more generously missionary through the use of their denominational paper.

Southern Baptists are increasing their publication efforts and the circulation of their periodicals just as fast as our people will make use of the publications, which is not yet fast enough for the best results. Last year the Sunday School Board printed and distributed 54,145,087 copies of its periodicals, plus 3,914,880 books, plus more than 210 million tracts.

The publications of the various agencies and auxiliaries of the Southern Baptist Convention have a total circulation of more than 800,000 copies per issue.

At this year's Convention the 22 Baptist State Papers reported their total circulation as 1,117,462.

Our own FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS (as of August 1, 1954) is reaching 34,717 subscribers and continues slowly and steadily to increase its circulation. There are at least 35,000 more Baptist homes in Florida into which their churches are not sending the

paper. Let every church co-operate in reaching these at the earliest possible time.

One of the best investments any church can make is to send the Baptist Witness to every family in the membership through the simple Church Budget Plan, to be paid in easy monthly installments.

Our association is requested to elect an Associational Witness Representative who will help enlist the churches in a wider and more effective use of the paper and to whom the editor may look for counsel in the important work of increasing the circulation in this association.

REV. JAMES T. BARBER.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Hopewell and Macedonia Baptist Churches have opened their doors to entertain the Middle Florida Baptist Association, and

WHEREAS, they have provided food in such abundance as to amply take care of the physical needs of all who attended, and

WHEREAS, everyone felt the genuine Christian fellowship that was so generously extended.

BE IT RESOLVED that we, as an Association, express our heartfelt thanks for these courtesies and kindnesses extended to us.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL W. BURNETT.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Committee held four meetings during the year and has been very diligent in trying to promote every phase of the work of the Association and the Convention.

Several matters came up connected with the Association and some individuals but all were settled to the satisfaction of all concerned and to the best interest of the on-going of God's Kingdom.

The Committee members were always anxious to do the right thing and to promote harmony in our Association. We recommend that all the Churches work whole-heartedly in the Convention Program and try to make each succeeding year the best ever.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL W. BURNETT, Secretary.

Table A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location: Rural, V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	GAINS		LOSSES	TOTAL						Special Information		
					Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions		Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Male Membership	Female Membership	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithees	Stare Paper in Budget
Athens	R	1897	4	W. L. Price, Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.	6	6	0	55	15	70	33	37	1	20	Yes	\$ 3,381
Bethel Creek	R	1910	4	M. J. Fowler, Day, Fla.	3	0	8	57	34	91	39	53	1	6	No	1,330
Beulah	R	1902	1-2	L. C. Hicks, Lee, Fla.	0	0	5	35	36	71	17	18	1	2	No	690
Brower Lake	V	1888	4	W. D. Hudson, Day, Fla.	1	0	15	151	49	203	81	119	0	0	No	2,670
Burton	C	1933	4	C. F. Hooker, Perry, Fla.	2	3	12	129	21	150	92	89	25	No	2,875	
Central	V	1907	1-3	Reuben Davis, Aucilla, Fla.	8	6	4	61	54	115	58	57	3	Yes	1,283	
Cherry Lake	R	1937	4	J. R. Collins, Madison, Fla.	4	12	8	94	23	117	53	64	1	25	Yes	1,959
Elizabeth	R	1831	4	Reuben Davis, Aucilla, Fla.	10	7	6	188	50	238	0	0	1	30	No	2,610
Foley	V	1930	4		5	3	15	116	151	267	0	0	0	Yes	3,379	
Friendship	R	1920	4	F. A. Parker, Perry, Fla.	6	22	9	128	14	142	62	80	2	13	Yes	1,219
Greenville	T	1857	4	Julian T. Maddox, Greenville, Fla.	12	18	0	224	79	303	0	0	3	39	Yes	3,630
Hopewell	R	1877	4	B. A. Rakestraw, Madison, Fla.	7	6	42	161	17	178	83	95	2	43	No	3,225
Lee	V	1904	4	L. T. Carter, Jasper, Fla.	7	75	0	104	72	236	126	110	3	18	Yes	2,761
Lake Side	R	1952	4	K. A. Whaley, Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.	13	8	0	76	6	82	37	46	2	33	Yes	1,083
Lamont	V	1890	2-1		2	0	10	65	36	101	46	55	1	6	Yes	1,213
Macedonia	R	1865	4	D. T. Cox, Madison, Fla.	16	14	16	157	61	218	102	116	2	0	Yes	2,447
Madison	C	1850	4	James T. Barber, Madison, Fla.	15	25	29	0	0	656	0	0	0	Yes	5,930	
Mayo	T	1930	4	S. V. Coffield, Mayo, Fla.	5	12	15	142	84	226	78	148	1	41	Yes	2,671
Midway	R	1856	4	Byron Nelson, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.	9	5	40	124	88	212	0	0	1	20	No	2,671
Mosley Hall	R	1901	4	Frank B. Leverette, Perry, Fla.	1	6	3	56	27	83	0	0	2	2	Yes	661
Mt. Gilead	R	1859	4	T. A. Goodman, Shady Grove, Fla.	2	0	1	36	17	53	20	33	2	7	No	529
Mt. Olive	R	1893	4	R. A. Kelly, Madison, Fla.	16	22	2	0	0	95	36	50	2	18	No	1,261
New Home (Mad.)	R	1923	4	Doxier Sapp, Madison, Fla.	7	5	6	81	45	126	54	72	3	8	No	1,311
New Home (Tay.)	C	1941	4	Alva Horton, Perry, Fla.	31	40	29	349	120	469	174	295	2	21	Yes	3,811
New Hopeful	R	1876	2-1	L. C. Hicks, Lee, Fla.	1	6	4	65	26	90	45	45	2	8	No	721
New Macedonia	R	1873	4	Odus Murphy, Perry, Fla.	1	2	11	76	15	91	43	51	2	2	No	1,211
Oakland	R	1880	4	Alva Horton, Perry, Fla.	0	1	1	23	11	34	0	0	0	No	138	
Perry	C		4	Dewey Mann, Perry, Fla.	26	9	72	0	0	870	0	0	1	213	Yes	6,049
Pine	V	1918	4		9	15	19	146	78	224	133	91	2	No	2,735	
Pine Grove	R	1869	4	D. P. Hendry, Greenville, Fla.	1	0	1	70	43	113	50	63	2	Yes	1,319	
Piscataway	R	1918	1-3	J. L. Barber, Rt. 2, Mayo, Fla.	0	1	0	64	15	79	27	31	1	3	No	619
Pleasant Grove (Jay.)	R	1900	2-1	J. L. Barber, Rt. 2, Mayo, Fla.	2	0	17	130	31	161	62	69	1	3	No	619
Pleasant Grove (Tay.)	R	1870	4	C. J. Lewis, Shady Grove, Fla.	5	4	1	53	31	84	39	45	1	3	No	861
Riverside	R	1902	4	Lorance Colthorn, Mayo, Fla.	12	7	0	85	139	224	0	0	1	5	No	1,111
San Pedro	R	1885	4		9	25	43	99	49	148	0	0	2	13	No	2,649
Sirrans	V	1909	4	Ira E. Blair, Madison, Fla.	2	2	2	5	7	12	23	34	2	3	No	935
Stanhatchee	V	1939	4	J. B. Rowe, Perry, Fla.	5	1	1	23	25	48	16	27	1	13	No	1,222
St. Johns	R	1946	1-3	Felder Rowan, Adel, Ga.	11	6	6	92	13	105	0	0	2	4	No	1,399
TOTALS					269	469	489	3,594	1,543	5,137	1,509	2,079	52	699		1875,371

Table B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT																
		Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted in Classes and Departments	Mission Sunday School Enrolment	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance V. B. S.	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools
Athena.....	Jack Bodiford, Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.		12	4	8	8	8	30			2		72	55	96	79	No	
Bethel Creek.....	Walter Ball, Day, Fla.			18			10	31			2		61	31			No	
Beulah.....	David Stokes, Lee, Fla.		1	2	6	11		18					38	30			No	
Brewer Lake.....	Thomas A. Bell, Day, Fla.		8	9	12	22		62		2		116	70			No		
Burton.....	E. G. Beal, Perry, Fla.		45	42	90	88	85	30				108	67			No		
Central.....	M. A. Turner, Aucilla, Fla.		2	5	5	12	11	15		2		53	35			No		
Cherry Lake.....	Norwood Williams, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.		19	13	25	17	24	35		3		134	56	54	49	Yes		
Elizabeth.....	Arthur Herndon, Aucilla, Fla.		13	14	11	19	20	56		5	14	177	87			Yes		
Foley.....	A. R. Cothran, Foley, Fla.		12	7	20	27	23	38				103			91	No		
Friendship.....	Leonard De Vane, Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.			14	17	21	10	33				102			115	Yes		
Greenville.....	T. P. McLeod, Jr., Greenville, Fla.	6	25	13	31	46	34	27	101	13		297	180	165	141	Yes	4	
Hopewell.....	Cary Lamb, Rt. 1, Madison			10	8	14	20	15	50		2	114	84	59	48	Yes		
Lee.....	Elmer Brown, Madison, Fla.			10	12	24	14	14	24			104	75			Yes	1	
Lake Side.....	H. H. Ellison, P. O. Box 517, Perry, Fla.			6	2	9	10	30		4		67	56			Yes		
Lamont.....	C. J. Reams, Lamont, Fla.			10	2	5	8	19				56	45	50	45	No		
Macedonia.....	Kelly Woodward, Madison, Fla.			11	9	13	17	14	57		3	124	56			No		
Madison.....	O. R. Hamrick, Madison, Fla.	12	21	33	42	63	53	26	153	15	4	425	210	140	125	No		
Mayo.....	Harvey Croft, Box 182, Mayo, Fla.		23	12	32	18	25	10	38		2	160	80	75	72	Yes		
Midway.....	Sidney Jordan, Lee, Fla.			11	9	9	11	9	36			85	64	33	26	No		
Mosley Hall.....	S. R. Sapp, Rt. A, Madison, Fla.	4	9		6	8		25	36		3	62	36			No		
Mt. Gilead.....	J. O. Vann, Shady Grove, Fla.			6	2	6	6	8	18			36	34	26	26	No		
Mt. Olive.....	Floyd Barber, Rt. 2, Madison, Fla.	4		11	11	13	20	14	44		2	107				No		
New Home (Mad.).....	Jack Pickles, Madison, Fla.	6		7	9	11	18	9	43		6	109	79			No		
New Home (Tay.).....	J. C. Williams, Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.		10	19	39	56	25	18	120		2	289	197	131	103	Yes	1	
New Hopeful.....	Dawson Rutherford, Madison, Fla.		4	1	3	10	9	21				48	12			No		
New Macedonia.....	Perry Barclay, Rt. 3, Greenville, Fla.		13	15	10	11	11	35		3		107	58	44	42	No		
Perry.....	C. A. Langford, Perry, Fla.	10	29	43	81	72	82	29	241		5	592	258	104	117	Yes	1	
Pinetta.....	George Bartlam, Madison, Fla.		10	8	23	16	23	10	79	15		184	96	116	93	No		
Pine Grove.....	W. B. Seals, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.					6		16				22				Yes		
Pisgah.....	Joe Farmer, Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.		10		7	6		7	15		4	49	39			Yes		
Pleasant Grove (Lay.).....	Leslie Walker, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla.		30	14	10	11	12	9	28		2	96	45			No		
Pleasant Grove (Tay.).....	Wilburn Knowles, Shady Grove, Fla.				10	14	11		27			68				No		
Riverside.....	H. J. Frier, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla.		16		14			23	31			83	46			No		
San Pedro.....	Riley Dorman, Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.		4		3	4		19		3		38	28			Yes		
Sirmans.....	Horner E. Bailey, Greenville, Fla.		6	6	9	8		23		6		55	28			No	1	
Steinhatchee.....	H. F. Mitchell, Steinhatchee, Fla.		4		8	14		8	29		2	65	48			No		
St. Johns.....	Paul A. Byrd, Rt. 1, Lovett, Fla.											83	43			No		
TOTALS.....		38:	225	388	576	698	641	335	1,738	46	89	1,537	2,310	1,254	1,049		13	

Table C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	TRAINING UNION ENROLMENT										
		Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Mission Enrolment	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Athens	Mrs. Francis Morgan, Rt. 3, Perry, Fla.	7	1	2	6	4	9	12		4	45	34
Beulah	H. L. Stokes, Lee, Fla.		3		6	8	6	12		4	39	30
Brewer Lake	R. T. Smith, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla.		5	5	14	26		21		2	73	51
Burton	C. G. Moore, Perry, Fla.	6	7	6	8	7	5	25		6	39	17
Central	E. C. McKown, Aucilla, Fla.			5	9	9		13		2	38	20
Cherry Lake	Miss Sallie Wilson, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.			6	24	18	13	28		2	91	38
Elizabeth	Mrs. Curtis Smith, Monticello, Fla.	12	10	15	10	16	19	38		10	130	65
Foley	Oswald Garnto, Foley, Fla.			9	14	20	8	7		4	62	33
Friendship	Dudley Carroll, Perry, Fla.		12	12	21	15	10	21			94	
Greenville	W. G. Mugge, Greenville, Fla.	4	4	12	31	24	11	29		3	115	73
Hopewell	J. L. Wynn, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.		4	6	12	17	20	20		3	83	61
Icc.	Leroy Rutherford, Lec, Fla.		10	18	26	16	8	29			108	77
Lake Side	Miss Edith Albritton, P. O. Box 380, Perry, Fla.		6	6	8	14		24		4	62	50
Lamont	D. R. Campbell, Lamont, Fla.	2		5	5		15	8		1	36	28
Macedonia	Foye Wilder, Madison, Fla.		10	8	12	16	15	43		3	107	59
Madison	W. B. Salman, Madison, Fla.	4	6	8	20	26	8	24		3	99	52
Mayo	Mrs. Harvey Croft, Mayo, Fla.				6	15	4			1	30	17
Midway	J. T. Dickey, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.		4	7	8	9	9	22			59	56
Mosley Hall	Leroy Cruce, Rt. 3, Greenville, Fla.		10		9		7	19		3	48	30
Mt. Gilead	J. E. Arman, Shady Grove, Fla.		6	2	6	6	8	18		7	43	34
Mt. Olive	B. D. Wilks, Jr., P. O. Box 191, Madison, Fla.		5	12	14	8	10	42		6	97	40
New Home (Mad.)	Sam Andrews, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.		4	8	14	14	12	28		6	83	75
New Home (Tay.)	Olin Horton, Perry, Fla.	4	8	16	29	10	13	51		2	133	90
New Hopewell	Poy Wright, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.			4	5	6		9			24	15
New Macedonia	Louis Shackelford, Greenville, Fla.		15	15	9	10	6	21		5	81	49
Perry	Joe Yarbrough, Perry, Fla.		5	26	33	42	9	46		4	165	80
Pine Grove	Roger Starling, Madison, Fla.		6	8	9	11	5	27		4	70	67
Pine Grove	Edward Kelly, Madison, Fla.				6		20	16			42	
Pisgah	Mrs. Carrie Blue, Boyd, Fla.		5	5	5		8	15		2	40	27
Pleasant Grove (Jay.)	Wilson Wilder, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla.		18		17	11	6	15		5	70	45
Pleasant Grove (Tay.)	Russell Tedder, Rt. 1, Shady Grove, Fla.		13		17	17		22			69	
San Pedro	J. P. Baxter, Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.		2	4	3		3	19		3	34	31
Sirrans	Miss Lavern Bailey, Greenville, Fla.			4	10	11		20		6	51	28
St. Johns	Cleon Sands, Greenville, Fla.										85	42
TOTALS		39	177	234	426	493	273	747		105	2,455	1,414

Table D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
Athens	Mrs. Janie Massey, Foley Fla.	1		1	1	1	4	16		5	5	10	36	
Brewer Lake	Mrs. H. J. Williams, Day, Fla.						1	14					14	
Burton	Mrs. E. G. Beal, Perry, Fla.		1				2	8	12				20	5
Central	Mrs. Reba Schierhorst, Aucilla, Fla.			1	1		2	13		9	12		34	12
Cherry Lake	Mrs. Ben Williams, Rte. 3, Madison, Fla.			2			2	28		15			43	20
Elizabeth	Mrs. Mary Lightsey, Aucilla, Fla.						1	20					20	3
Foley	Mrs. A. R. Cothran, Foley, Fla.			1		1	2	16		10		12	32	
Friendship	Mrs. Lou Ella Shaw, Perry, Fla.						1	19					19	13
Greenville	Mrs. E. W. Handley, Greenville, Fla.		1	2	2	1	6	60	7	18	20	18	123	19
Hopewell	Mrs. I. L. Toughton, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.						2	27		15			42	20
Lake Side	Mrs. Corine Carlton, Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.			1	1	1	3	16		7	7	10	40	30
Lamont	Mrs. R. E. Timmons, Lamont, Fla.						1	12					12	
Macedonia	Mrs. R. L. Keene, Madison, Fla.						1	21					21	
Madison	Mrs. R. F. Milliron, Madison, Fla.			1	1		2	110		18	12		138	
Mayo	Mrs. Leon Land, Mayo, Fla.			1		1	2	54		11		18	83	41
Midway	Mrs. Ruth Dickey, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.			1	1	1	3	11		8	7	5	31	14
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Inez Moncrief, Lee, Fla.					1	1	31			18	20	69	18
Now Home (Tay.)	Mrs. Chaffier Polson, Perry, Fla.			3	1	2	6	25		20	8	27	80	31
New Hopeful	Mrs. John P. Wilson, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.						1	6					6	4
Perry	Mrs. Dewey Mann, P.O. Box 398, Perry, Fla.		1	1	1	1	4	115	15	17	10	28	185	240
Pinefork	Mrs. Florence McMillian, Rt. 2, Madison, Fla.		1	1	1	1	4	26	5	18	12	13	74	33
Pine Grove	Mrs. F. R. Shackelford, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.						1	18					18	
San Pedro	Mrs. Elsie Putch, Foley, Fla.						1	9					9	
Sirmans	Mrs. Anna Bailey, Greenville, Fla.						1	13					13	
Steinhatchee	Mrs. Freddie Henley, Steinhatchee, Fla.		1	1		1	3	19	8	14		20	61	10
TOTAL		34	5	18	11	12	80	704	47	185	111	181	1,223	518

**Table E—BROTHERHOOD WORK—BUILDING—GOALS—CHURCH LIBRARY—
CHURCH MUSIC—VISUAL EDUCATION**

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES	BROTHERHOOD				BUILDING			GOALS	Church Library	CHURCH MUSIC				Visual Educ.				
		Men's Brother- hood Enrollment	No. Meetings Held	Young Men's Brother- hood Enrollment	No. Meetings Held	Total Brotherhood Enrollment	No. Meetings Held	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Cooperative Program Coming Year	Goal Association Missions Coming Year	Does your Church have a Library?	Number Choirs	Total Choir Enrollment	Music Budget	Use Church Musi- cian Magazine	Church had Music Training Course	Film-strip Projector
Athena.....	W. M. Howell, Perry, Fla.	15	12			15	12	\$10,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 300	\$...	Yes	1				No	No
Beulah.....									1,500				No					No	No
Brewer Lake.....									40,000				No					No	No
Burton.....									20,000	400			No	1	20			No	No
Central.....									5,500		200	36	No					No	No
Cherry Lake.....	Horace Weaver, Rt. 3, Madison.	1	12			1	12		3,500				No	2	35	10		No	No
Elizabeth.....	James Lewis, Monticello, Fla. .	24				24			8,000			120	No					No	No
Friendship.....	Doyle Padgett, Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.	12	12			12	12						No					No	No
Greenville.....	Joe Reams, Greenville, Fla.	25	12			25	12	5,000	30,000		2,338	108	No	4	64	25		No	No
Hopewell.....	Russell Wynn, Rt. 1, Madison....	29	11			29	11	5,000	24,350		2,500		No	1				No	No
Lee.....									18,000				No	1				No	No
Lake Side.....	Curtis Whitfield, Rt. 1, Perry....	21	12			21	12		4,500			490	15	No				No	No
Lamont.....									5,000			240	36	No				No	No
Macedonia.....								5,000	50,000			490	No					No	No
Madison.....	Albert McLeod, Madison, Fla.	40	12			40	12	7,500	37,500		3,930	150	No	2	40	1,075		Yes	Yes
Mayo.....								5,000	10,000	1,500	495		No					No	No
Midway.....	Max C. Webb, Box 218, Lee, Fla.	16	12			16	12	4,000	10,000				No	1				No	No
Mosley Hall.....	Leroy Cruce, Rt. 3, Greenville....	12	11			12	11		5,000				No					No	No
Mt. Gilead.....									600				No					No	No
Mt. Olive.....	Alva Payne, Madison, Fla.	19	11			19	11		9,000				No					No	No
New Home (Mad.).....	Jim Andrews, Rt. 1, Madison....	10	3			10	3		8,000		120	39	No	2	37			No	No
New Home (Tay.).....	Lincoln Murphy, Perry, Fla.	55	12			55	12	15,000	42,000	1,650			No	3	59			No	No
New Hopeful.....									2,610				No					No	No
New Macedonia.....	W. M. Blanton, Rt. 3, Greenville	27	12			27	12		4,510				No					No	No
Oakland.....									753		20	4	No					No	No
Perry.....	Joe Yarborough, Perry, Fla.	60	12			60	12	10,000	253,000				No	5	97	3,800		No	No
Pinetta.....	George Bartlam, Rt. 2, Madison....	23	12			23	12	4,000	16,000				No					No	No
Pine Grove.....									3,225		310		No					No	No
Pisgah.....									3,300				No					No	No
Pleasant Grove (Jay.).....									15,000		180	18	No					No	No
Pleasant Grove (Tay.).....									4,000				No					No	No
Riverside.....									5,000				No					No	No
San Pedro.....	Nola Padgett, Rt. 1, Perry, Fla. .	14	12			14	12	6,500	11,500				No					No	No
Sirmans.....	Kelly Day, Greenville, Fla.	9	12			9	12		2,000		95	12	No					No	No
Steinhatzice.....									5,000		70	25	No	1	25			No	No
St. Johns.....									10,000				No					No	No
TOTALS.....		411	192			411	192	\$50,000	\$890,540	\$10,556	\$9,118	\$603		24	368	4,910			

Table F—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	All Receipts Through All Organizations for Year	Total Salaries (Do not include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printings, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Including Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense (Nearest Dollar)
Athens	W. B. Giddons, Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.	\$ 4,614	\$.	\$ 649	\$ 2,713	\$ 225	\$ 163	\$ 310	\$ 137	\$ 49	\$ 4,146	\$ 1,850	\$ 5,996
Bethel Creek	R. L. Snipes, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla.	1,885	19		179	112		226		17	553	1,220	1,773
Beulah	Leroy Alderman, Lee, Fla.	843		23	100		18	61			201	640	641
Brewer Lake	W. C. Winderweede, Day, Fla.	3,361		339		132	197	65			507	2,300	3,004
Burton	W. J. Porter, Perry, Fla.	4,673	291	55		112	171	50	604		1,544	2,876	4,420
Central	Oliver Scruggs, Aucilla, Fla.	2,763		50	177	232	315				393	1,168	2,218
Cherry Laka	J. W. Cason, Madison, Fla.	3,759		94	147	321	20	150			67	1,780	1,950
Elizabeth	Mrs. James Lewis, Monticello, Fla.	5,293	166	234	1,834	334	285	133			662	3,666	2,295
Foley	J. O. Simmons, Foley, Fla.	6,646	396				10	30		1,241	1,241	3,379	5,061
Friendship	Inez Woodall, Perry, Fla.	4,550	98		1,266	143		175			578	1,230	3,483
Greenville	T. P. McLeod Jr., Greenville, Fla.	12,852		314	250	605	302	453		2,423	2,363	3,650	7,992
Hopewell	W. B. Lamb, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.	6,277	219	1,745		224	186	540			341	3,255	3,225
Lee	H. J. Brown, Lee, Fla.	9,172		789	2,195	255	193	562	2,090		749	6,253	2,395
Lako Side	Ralph Carlton, Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.	6,926			3,006	167		425			444	5,247	8,645
Lamont	Tom B. Bailey, Lamont, Fla.	2,619	20	77	12	115		163			829	1,300	2,029
Macedonia	O. A. Henderson, Lee, Fla.	3,515		135	90	118	50	247			459	1,111	3,558
Madison	L. R. Woodard, Madison, Fla.	21,696	1,355	1,957		1,538	116	1,025		2,233	8,874	2,042	10,916
Mayo	Mrs. Irene Garden, Mayo, Fla.	7,024		759		330	819	125	500		615	3,154	6,754
Midway	E. E. Phillips, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.	4,513	70	92		266		140			391	930	3,003
Mosley Hall	Sidney R. Moon, Rt. 3, Greenville, Fla.	2,125			314	109	247	150			173	993	1,953
Mt. Gilead	A. T. Aman, Shady Grove, Fla.	1,467						135				319	839
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Helen Phillips, Madison, Fla.	5,303		75	3,102	220	73	100			46	3,597	4,801
New Home (Mad.)	Mrs. John F. Wilson, Madison, Fla.	2,854			441	282	122	118			80	945	1,500
New Home (Tay.)	E. E. McClain, Perry, Fla.	10,422	130	68	3,407	722	129	219	250		210	5,748	3,876
New Hopeful	Ralph Whiddon, Perry, Fla.	1,589		69	226	99		193			125	710	723
New Macedonia	Ralph E. Davis, Greenville, Fla.	1,537			250	190		161			163	671	890
Oakland	W. J. Hurn, P.O. Box 226, Perry, Fla.	949		124							95	215	1,08
Perry	G. C. Buchanan, Finetta, Fla.	38,492	6,971	1,177	5,987	951	133	660		4,375	30,189	5,555	35,733
Pinetta	G. C. Buchanan, Finetta, Fla.	5,428	120	361		289	253	265		180	1,472	2,835	4,277
Pine Grove	Mrs. Belle Davis, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.	3,357		70		103		300			20	506	1,806
Pisgah	E. W. Clark, Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.	8.00		19		60		75	55			198	630
Pleasant Grove (Lay.)	Morris Wilder, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla.	1,225				21	15				303	523	723
Pleasant Grove (Tay.)	D. E. Sheffield, Rt. 1, Shady Grove, Fla.	2,328		55	958	67		50			14	1,147	851
Riverside	Raymond Dees, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla.	1,519			525	68	55	100			166	794	1,000
San Pedro	J. P. Baxter, Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.	6,170		19	2,305	144	265	155			84	3,021	2,450
Sirmans	Mrs. Pearl Bailey, Greenville, Fla.	1,984			196	108		252				704	985
Steinhatchee	Mrs. Pearl Jeffords, Steinhatchee, Fla.	2,477		21	793	101	15				47	836	1,221
St. Johns	W. B. Wynn, Rt. 1, Greenville, Fla.	4,738			1,594	80	265	183			118	2,210	1,520
TOTALS		\$207,125	\$9,858	\$9,771	\$32,802	\$8,930	\$4,347	\$8,502	\$3,636	\$ 17,481	\$118,026	\$ 68,803	\$171,191

Table G—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGE, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Other Objects	Total Expenditures for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure for All Purposes
Athena	Mrs. Dusky Giddens, Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.	\$ 300	\$ 118	\$ 12	\$ 2	\$	\$	\$ 28	\$	\$ 20	\$ 400	\$ 8,486
Bethel Creek	R. V. Shigletary, Mayo, Fla.				35			58		19	112	1,885
Beulah	Shelby Ezell, Rt. 1, Lee, Fla.	76									76	922
Brewer Lake	Mrs. Sarah W. Bell, Day, Fla.	110		6	21			131		89	357	2,361
Burton	A. L. Lawson, Perry, Fla.	120	35	9	28	15				46	253	4,673
Central	Mrs. Blanche Clark, Aucilla, Fla.	230	36	10	13	55	5	53		10	386	2,635
Cherry Lake	Mrs. R. A. Jones, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.	195	24	16	16	9	161	60		63	675	3,405
Elizabeth	Norman Hartsfield, Aucilla, Fla.	488	63	25	19	13		27		87	723	6,684
Foley	C. M. Parker, Perry, Fla.	750	16	11	1			162		99	1,038	6,055
Friendship	Mrs. Artie Woodall, Perry, Fla.	359						30		41	430	3,850
Greenville	R. A. Scott, Greenville, Fla.	2,152	108	158	155	456		147		269	3,445	11,437
Hopewell	Walden H. Phillips, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.	552	25		25			20			622	7,100
Lee	Jessie L. Sullivan, Madison, Fla.	25	47					25			67	8,742
Lake Side	Miss Edith Albritton, P. O. Box 389, Perry, Fla.	400	15	19	10	14		59			508	6,745
Lamont	David R. Walker, Lamont, Fla.	250	36	6	6	7		100			406	2,435
Macedonia	Cardie V. Welch, Madison, Fla.	273	101	46	9	17		68		173	691	4,249
Madison	E. M. May, Madison, Fla.	3,300	135	40	102	177		75			3,829	14,745
Mayo	Mrs. Clara Mae Hatch, Mayo, Fla.	658	78	39	33	58	25	344		145	1,379	7,124
Midway	Cecil Hicks, Lee, Fla.	454	87			10					559	4,480
Mosley Hall	Sidney R. Moon, Rt. 3, Greenville, Fla.	177	27					78			243	2,236
Mt. Giload	W. M. Aman, Shady Grove, Fla.	124									124	974
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Pannie Barker, Rt. 2, Madison, Fla.	20		36	7	8		30			101	4,362
New Home (Mad.)	Mrs. Sarah Jane Tuten, Madison, Fla.	31	16					25			72	2,315
New Home (Tay.)	Ellis Lipscomb, Perry, Fla.	483	40		25	29	65	157			800	10,422
New Hopeful	T. Z. Henderson, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.	153	22	6	8	8		15			212	1,613
New Macedonia	W. T. Davis, Greenville, Fla.	39						28			67	1,537
Oakland	W. D. Wilson, P. O. Box 349, Perry, Fla.	20									20	343
Perry	Mrs. Virginia Dean, Box 258, Perry, Fla.	2,250	201	365	397	773		311		262	4,559	40,292
Pinetta	Marvin Evans, Pinetta, Fla.	180	61	13	22	34		80			409	5,188
Pine Grove	B. F. Davis, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.	374	25	27	26	25	3	136		21	635	2,442
Pisgah	Mrs. Susie Hudson, Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.	82	8								90	857
Pleasant Grove (Lay.)	James Hutcheson, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla.	175	28					100			391	1,545
Pleasant Grove (Tay.)	Mrs. Virginia Rowell, Shady Grove, Fla.	50	26								76	2,673
Riverside	J. W. Lyons, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla.	25						25			50	1,844
San Pedro	Mrs. Monroe Wright, Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.	165	50	12	45	23		40		266	691	6,072
Sirmaus	Mrs. Kelly Bailey, Greenville, Fla.	100	12		175	15					393	1,932
Steinhatchee	Mrs. Pearl Jeffords, Steinhatchee, Fla.	78	23	84	16	15		25		27	218	2,325
St. Johns	R. P. Byrd, Rt. 1, Lovett, Fla.	205									206	4,739
TOTALS.....		\$ 15,403	\$ 1,463	\$ 896	\$ 1,143	\$ 1,783	\$ 259	\$2,438	\$.....	\$ 10,637	\$ 25,987	\$200,902

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. E. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 5, 6, 7, 1913	San Pedro	Rev. S. E. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 3, 4, 5, 1914	Mayo	Rev. S. E. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 9, 10, 11, 1915	Madison	Rev. S. E. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 14, 15, 16, 1916	Perry	Rev. S. E. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 13, 14, 1917	Midway	Rev. S. E. 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. 23, 23, 1929	Madison	Judge W. B. Davis	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 23, 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
Oct. 8, 9, 1953	Pinetta & New Home (M)	W. L. Rollins	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 7, 8, 1954	Hopewell & Macedonia	John R. Collins	Carl W. Burnett