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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, vet 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 Holv 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. canger, 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 heartly 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 encouages 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. Perserverance

All real believers endure to the end. Their continuance in well-doing is the mark which distinguishes them from mere professors. A special Frovidence 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 dving 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 resur-rection 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 excented.

XV. The Righteous and the Wicked

between There is a radical and essential difference righteous and wicked. Those only who are justified through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and sanctified by the Holv 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 mainfest 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. Religous 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 fuil 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 loval 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 propogate 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 practi-

cal 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 spirtual program for Christ's people. The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is coordinate 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 industy 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 permissable 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 vart 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 sholld 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.

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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 a lay member from each Church and the Pastors of each Church belonging to this Association, the Associational Sunday School Superintendent, the Associational B. T. U. Director, the Associational Woman's Missionary Union President, the Associational Brotherhood President, together with the officers as Ex-officio members. This committee shall foster all the interest of the Association, when the body is not in session. The Committee shall have authority to appoint or recommend to the State Board Missionaries, or colporteurs, and to make appropriation to weak churches or destitutions, and to give such advice to the churches as may seem wise and necessary, and the Moderator shall be chairman of the Executive Committee.

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

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

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

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Brewer Lake—Mrs. Pearle Prine Central—Mrs. Thomas Reams	
Cherry Lake—Mrs. A. C. Gentry	
Elizabeth—Mrs. Ruby Hartsfield	
Greenville—Mrs. S. B. Algeo	
Lamont—Mrs. Hazel Westberry	Lamont, Fla.
Lee—Mrs. Roy Smith Macedonia—Mrs. Gordon Henderson	Lee, Fla.
Madison—Mrs. Vernon Ragans————	
Mayo—Mrs, Joe Cook	Mayo, Fla.
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Mt. Olive—Miss Mary Grace Sapp	Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.
New Home—Miss Eloise Tuten New Hopeful—Miss Jean Bodenstein	
New Macedonia—Mrs. Alice Taylor	
Pine Grove—Miss Thomasina Morrison	Rt. 2, Madison, Fla.
Pinetta—Miss Carolyn Woodard Pleasant Grove (L)—Miss Carlie Downing.	
Riverside—Mrs. Willie Lee Lyons	
St. Johns-Mrs. Doris Newman	

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Bethel Creek—Curtis W. Koon	Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla.
Beulah—Cleveland Driggers	
Brewer Lake—M. L. Smith	
Cherry Lake—Horace W. Weaver	Madison, Fla.
Elizabeth—Arthur Wilder	
Greenville-J. R. Laney	Greenville, Fla.
Hopewell—J. L. Wynn	Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.
Lamont—R. E. Timmons	
Lee—J. H. Phillips	
Macedonia—O. A. Henderson	
Madison—Van H. Priest	
Mayo—Guy M. McClain	
Midway—M. J. Hicks, Sr	Lee, Fla.
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Mt. Olive—George Albritton	
New Home—J. Eddie Bass	Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.
New Hopeful—T. Z. Henderson—Rt.	
New Macedonia—W. T. Barclay, Sr.	
Pine Grove—N. C. Gibson	Rt 2 Madison, Fla.
Pinetta—Cecil Crafton	
Pleasant Grove (L)-Luther Thomas	
Pleasant Grove (T)—Sam Tedder	
Sirmans—L. H. Bailey	
St. Johns—Bailey Wynn	Rt. 4 Greenville Fla.
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There were none reported.

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Madison—Rev. James T. Barber		Fla.
OTHER MINISTERS BELONGING		
Bethel Creek—C. B. Goodwin L M.	Day,	Fla.
W. T. Rycroft	Rt. 3, Madison,	Fla.
Brewer Lake—M. J. Fowler, P O	Day,	Fla.
C. F. Coker, I O	Rt. 3, Greenville,	Fla.
H. W. Hayes, O.		
A. J. Townsend, O		
Greenville-W. D. Kies, R O		
Lee—J. F. Dryden, L M	Lee,	Fla.
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James C. Moore, Ed. O	Madison,	Fla.
Earl Davis, L M S, Stetson Univ	DeLand,	Fla.
Mayo-E. W. Carter, P O		
S. V. Cofield, R O	Mayo,	Fla.
A. M. Parker, R O		
Midway—Norman Howard, L M		
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Pine Grove—A. M. Rowe, R. O.	Rt. 2. Madison.	Fla.
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Riverside—Eldridge Lyons, P O	Rt. 1. Mavo.	Fla.
St. Johns—L. C. Newman, L M	Rt. 4, Greenville,	Fla.

MESSENGERS ENROLLED

Bethel Creek-Edna Farnell, R. V. Singletary, Beulah Snipes.

Beulah—W B. Ezell and wife

Brewer Lake—Rev. Eugene Baxley and wife, Thomas A. Bell and wife.

Central-J. L. Bishop and wife, Oliver Scruggs.

Cherry Lake—D. W. Barnes, Mrs. R. W. Milner, Mrs. Walter Roberts, A. C. Gentry and wife.

Elizabeth—Norman and Ruby Hartsfield, V. T. Shelley and wife, Franklin Barnett.

Greenville—G. F. Andrews, Mrs. Julian Maddox, T. P. McLeod, Jr., Mrs. Lamar Andrews and Eugene Mugge.

Hopewell—Jack Lamb, Velma Wynn, Annie Bell Walker, Vernon and Mary Singletary.

Lamont—Rev. D. Kilpatrick, D. R. Campbell and wife, Mrs. Sallie Timmons.

Lee—J. H. Phillips, J. F. Dryden, J. C. Martin, S. A. Kinsesy, Macedonia—Carl W. Burnett, Rev. John Hutherson and wife, Rev. D. S. Gay and Finley Day.

Madison—Rev. James T. Barber, Henry Messer, W. T. Coody, Mrs. W. O. McCullough and Mrs. Sam Lamb.

Mayo—Mrs. J. D. Garden, Mrs. J. M. Underwood, Guy M. Mc-Clain and wife and Mrs. H. T. Collins.

Midway—M. J. Hicks, Sr., and wife, Norman Howard, Della Webb and Ruth Dickey.

Moseley Hall-Rev. Jack Lamb and wife and J. J. Cruce.

Mt. Gilead—J. E. Aman and wife, Mrs. Margarette Russell and Mrs. Reba Aman.

Mt. Olive—Cary Pinson and George Albritton.

New Home—Royce Tuten, Jack Pickles, Mrs. Johnie Tuten, Jim Tuten and Eddie Bass.

New Hopeful—T. Z. Henderson and wife.

New Macedonia-Mrs. Eilen Barclay, Mrs. Alice Taylor, Mrs. J. F. Andrews.

Pine Grove-Mrs. Hoyt Wainwright, Mrs. W. B. Seals, J. Arthur Cruce.

Pinetta-M. C. Woodard, Tom Drew, Mrs. McMillian, Cecil Crafton and wife.

Pleasant Grove (L)—Mrs. Louise Hart, Mrs. Abbie Cates, Mrs. Annie Mae Buchanan, Sam Buchanan, Mrs. Carlie Downing. Pleasant Grove (T)—Mrs. Mable Knowles, Woodrow Lewis.

Riverside-Luther Hart, Herman Frier, Ray Snipes and Red

Sirmans—L. H. Bailey and Mrs. Kelly Bailey.

St. Johns-Bailey Wynn and wife and Mrs. Addie Norris.

Record of Business Transacted

AT THE

Fifty-ninth Annual Session OF THE

Middle Florida Missionary Baptist Association

Held With

MADISON BAPTIST CHURCH OCT, 21, 1958 MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH OCT. 22, 1958

- 1. Called to order by Moderator, Rev. James T. Barber.
- 2. Song service led by Rev. Julian T. Maddox, Association Music Leader.
- 3. Devotional by Rev. Ben Duque, Fastor of Beulah Church.
- 4. Welcome by Deacon Van H. Priest.
- 5. Response by Rev. E. W. Carter, Pastor of Mayo Church.
- 6. Motion made and carried that the messengers enrolled, the officers of the Association and the Committee Chairmen constitute the working body of this Fifty-ninth session.
- 7. Program Committee Report given by the Clerk and motion made and carried that the program submitted, with such changes as may be necessary, be made the Order of Business for this session.
- 3. New Pastors were recognized as follows: Rev. J. C. Moore, Rev. Eugene Baxley, Brewer Lake, Rev. L. D. Hughen, Hopewell.
- 9. The following visitors were recognized: Rev. Dave Alderman, Fla. Association and District Three Secretary; Dr.

Ratterree, Brotherhood Secretary; H. E. Ridenour, Associate Secretary B. T. U.; Aubrey Fowler, Suwannee Association; Dr. Lawrence Payne, Supt. Fla. Baptist Hospital, Jacksonville, and Rev. B. A. Rakestraw and wife of Tifton, Ga., W. M. Scruggs, Clerk Fla. Association, Rev. C. J. Smyly, Associate S. S. Secretary; Rev. Francis Cruce, Taylor County Association, and Rev. P. R. Lawson of Jacksonville.

- Prayer for and greetings sent to Rev. S. V. Cofield, who was a patient in Alachua General Hospital.
- 11. The Moderator appointed the following committees: Nominations, Rev. J. R. Collins, Rev. L. D. Hughen and W. T. Coody; Time & Place: Rev. Julian T. Maddox, Rev. W. C. Tanner, Rev. Eugene Baxley; Resolutions: Rev. E. W. Carter, Rev. Ben Duque, Rev. Carl Webb.
- 12. Sunday School report given by Cecil Webb. Spoken to by Rev. C. J. Smyly and adopted.
- 13. Report of American Bible Society given by Rev. Lorace Cothran, and after discussion by him, was adopted.
- Report on Florida Children's Home given by G. Frank Andrews, discussed by him, Ben Duque, Carl Webb and W. M. Scruggs, and adopted.
- 15. Hospital Report discussion by Dr. Payne and several others and was then adopted.
- 16. Motion made and carried that Nominating Committee nominate a member from our Association for the Hospital Clinic.
- 17. Annual Sermon by Rev. M. J. Fowler. Text: Acts 2:14-15 and Daniel 2:44-45. Subject: "Why we are Baptist."

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 18. Song service by Bro. Maddox.
- 19. Devotional by Rev. Eugene Baxley.
- 20. Evangelism Report given by Rev. E. W. Carter, discussed by him, Rev. Duque and Moderator, and adopted.
- 21. Report on Relief and Annuity read by Rev. M. J. Fowler and adopted.
- 22. Brotherhood report discussed by Bro. Ratterree and adopted.
- Music Report was given and discussed by Rev. Julian T. Maddox and adopted.
- 24. W. M. U. report read by the Moderator, discussion by Mrs. A. C. Gentry, new Associational President of the W. M. U., adopted.
- 24a. The Moderator appointed Rev. I. T. Carter and D. W. Barnes on the Committee on Digest of Letters.
- 24b Missionary Sermon by Rev. E. W. Carter.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

- 25. Song service led by Bro. Maddox.
- 26. Devotional by Rev. Dozier Sapp, host pastor.
- 27. Welcome by Pastor Sapp.
- 28. Response by Rev. Carl Webb.
- 29. Visitors recognized were: Dr. W. G. Stracener, Editor of Fla. Baptist Witness; Rev. E. L. Mixon, Dr. James A. Stewart,

- Dean of Chaplains, Stetson University, and Rev. Russell C. Carter. Bro. Mixon was representing the Temperance Department and Bro. Carter the State Mission Board. Also Rev. W. G. DeShazo and W. I. Wood and Hubert Burnett of the Suwannee Association.
- 30. Dr. Stewart spoke to the report on Christian Education, Report was then adopted.
- 31. Executive Committee report given by the Clerk, spoken to by him and the Moderator and then adopted.
- 32. Report on Our Beloved Dead given by Rev. D. S. Gav and adopted.
- 33. Temperance report read by S. A. Kinsey, Jr., discussed by him and Rev. E. L. Mixon, and adopted.
- 34. Report on Radio & Television by O. A. Henderson, was discussed by the Moderator, Rev. Maddox, Rev. Collins, and adopted.
- 35. Motion made and carried to adopt Stewardship Report.
- 36. Missions reports were discussed by Rev. Russell C. Carter and adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 37. Song service led by Bro. Maddox, with a special song by the Rev. I. T. Carter uartette.
- 38. Devotional by Rev. Durward Kilpatrick.
- 39. Report of Committee on Digest of Letters given by Rev. I. T. Carter and adopted.
- 40. The B. T. U. report was given by Horace Weaver and adopted.
- 41. Rev. James T. Barber distributed copies of the Calendar of Activities and it was adopted as the program for the year.
- 42. Rev. D. O. Alderman read his report and it was adopted.
- 43. Resolutions Committee report was read by Rev. E. W. Carter and adopted.
- 44. Budget Committee report read by Guy McClain and adopted.
- 45. Treasurer's report given by Treasurer Guy McClain, who also requested that his books be audited. Report was then adopted.
- 46. Report of Committee on Nominations read by Rev. J. R. Collins and adopted.
- 47. Report of Committee on Time & Place read by Rev. Julian T. Maddox and adopted.
- 48. The following officers were elected without any opposition: Rev. James T. Barber, Moderator.
 - Rev. Lorace Cothran, Vice-Moderator.
 - Guy M. McClain, Treasurer.
 - Carl W. Eurnett, Clerk.
- 49. Clerk was instructed to include in the minutes report on the Florida Foundation.
- 50. Report on Christian Periodicals read by Rev. L. D. Hughen, and spoken to by Dr. Stracener, and adopted.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

"In His Word"

In his word God speaks to children, In his word they find the light; When they listen, when they answer, They grow strong in doing right.

Then our ears must always listen, Hearts be ready to obey; And our feet must hasten gladly When he speaks to us each day.

In so doing we grow stronger
Coming closer to the Lord;
Day by day the light grows clearer
In the hearts that love his word.

—Selected.

In his word the women of Middle Florida can find the work that He has for us to do—and the way to accomplish that work!

Only until we:

Seek to develop an appreciation for all people; Feel a deep concern for lost people;

Strive to strengthen our OWN and our family's spiritual lives:

Study about and PRAY for our missionaries;

Learn to share our Time, Talents, Possessions, and our money;

Try to cultivate in the hearts of children missionary convictions;

Seek to bring others into a growing experience of missionary endeavor;

Seek to have INFORMED leadership;

And above all else live as a true christian as God in his word teaches us;

Only then can we share in the accomplishings of God's will in Middle Florida.

This year in Woman's Missionary Union two new W. M. S.'s were organized, only one of those survived. We now have 17 out of "27". An average of 11 reported each quarter. An average of 110 attended the rallies. We had two Mission Study Institutes,

Miss Josephine Jones, our State Executive Secretary, came to us in January to explain our Aims for Advancement. Mrs. R. Cecil Moore, Missionary from Chile, came to us in July and gave us a most inspiring message.

We had a Coronation. A most beautiful and inspiring service given us by our G. A. Director for the Association, Mrs. John Collins. Her assistant, Mrs. Horace Weaver and the G. A. girls from all over the Association. Miss Helen Smith a G. A. from Madison First, was crowned Queen.

Only five of our 17 W. M. S. promote the use of the calendar

of prayer prepared for us by the S. B. Convention. Only six have planned Community Missions work. Only one has ever reported a Mission Study Round Table. We have only 93 women reported as tithers. God—in his word tells us what needs to be done; He gave his all; what do we give?

In the years ahead let's heed His words, let's listen to His voice and make Middle Florida ring with our work. For in His word God speaks to His children.

MRS, ROY MILLIRON, President.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Madison First and Mount Olive Baptist Churches have graciously invited and equally entertained the Middle Florida Association on October 21st and 22nd, 1958.

Because God has blesesd us spiritually and materially, Therefore, Be It Resolved that this body express our gratitude to the said churches with a rising vote of thanks.

> CARL WEEB, BEN DUQUE, E. W. CARTER, Chmn.

> > October 22, 1958

Rev. S. V. Cofield General Hospital Gainesville, Florida

Middle Florida Baptist Association are praying for, and wish you a speedy recovery.

CARL W. BURNETT, Clerk,

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that our Association meet with the Lamont Baptist Church on October 15th and with the Mayo Baptist Church on October 16th, 1959.

Respectfully submitted. EUGENE BAXLEY W. C. TANNER JULIAN T. MADDOX.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

During the past year 208 children have been served on the campus at Lakeland, and 26 on the campus at the new Miami Home, making a total of 234 under the direct care of the Home.

There were 14 in boarding homes, 13 were given emergency assistance in their own homes and 30 were cared for under Mother's Aid, making a grand total for the year of 291.

Our home, like all other institutions in our fast growing State, will need more money to take care of the poor unfortunate children that we must make a home for. We, therefore, urge each Church in our Association to give to the utmost in the Thanksgiving offering for these are "Our Children."

We also urge each Church to send provisions or anything that children or the animals at the Home can use.

Respectfully submitted.

G FRANK ANDREWS.

REPORT ON BAPTIST LITERATURE and THE FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS

Southern Baptists can look with justifiable pride at their work with the printed page. One may search the world over and not find any denominational group that surposses Southern Baptists in the type, quality and appeal of their printed matter.

Our presses at Nashville, Tennessee are busy turning out books, literature, tracts, pamphlets, posters and promotional materials to help win people to Christ, train them for service, put them to work and to advance the cause of Christ around the world in multiplied ways. Our Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas is doing the same in a smaller way for our Spanish-speaking people.

Our printed matter is not just attractive to the eye, it is sound in doctrine, easy to be understood, and safe to follow.

Southern Baptists continue to increase and to speed up their publication efforts and the circulation of their periodicals just as rapidly as our peoeple will make use of the publications. Last year the Sunday School Board printed and distributed 89,380,000 copies of its periodicals, 6,461,941 books, 60,099,800 preprinted church bulletins and millions of tracts.

Circulation of the Commission (foreign missions journal) is now 132,759, Home Missions Magazine 175,000, Home Life Magazine 789,666, Erotherhood Journal 112,500 (plus 77,000 for Ambassador Life), W. M. U. publications 586,042—for record circulation at almost every point.

The 24 Baptist State Papers, at the 1958 Convention in Houston, reported a combined circulation of 1,313,843 copies each issue, for a total of more than 65,000,000 of these papers mailed out last year.

The FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS, our own state paper, (as of August 1, 1958) is going into 50,703 homes in 734 different churches, with 647 of these churches using the Budget Plan for at least a portion of their membership. An increasing number are sending the paper to every resident family. Eighty-seven other churches have small Clubs of subscriptions. There are still some 29,000 Baptist homes in Florida into which the churches are not sending the paper. There are yet 414 Florida Baptist churches which are saving a little and losing a lot by failing to take advantage of the most economical medium of information which they can provide their members, a subscription to the FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS.

We urge every church that now sends the WITNESS into only some of its homes to enlarge its subscription list to include every resident family, and every church which does not now have the WITNESS in its budget to promptly consider sending it into the homes of its members.

There simply is not a speedier or more economical means toward a better informed, more completely enlisted, more thoroughly generous, more genuinely missionary membership than for your church to send the BAPTIST WITNESS to every family in its membership through the simple Church Budget Plan. The small cost may be paid on a regular monthly basis without any additional cost in the Budget subscription rate.

REV. L. D. HUGHEN.

RELIEF AND ANNUITY REPORT

Since its organization 40 years ago, the Relief and Annuity Board has paid out benefits totaling nearly \$27 million. In 1957 alone, \$2,245,861.18 in benefits was received by more than 5,000 retired or disabled ministers and denominational leaders and widows.

At the close of 1957, there were approximately 17,500 active members in the Board's various retirement plans, with nearly 20,500 churches, Boards and agencies cooperating. During the year, membership in the plans increased by 2,454.

Each year continues to show an increase in the number of retirement, disability and widow annuities. Last year, 503 persons were added to the Board's annuity roll, 136 more than the previous year.

PROMOTION

Mailing of "THE YEARS AHEAD", the Board's official publication was increased to 30,000 in February of 1957. A new color film, also with the title "The Years Ahead", was produced during the year. It is being used throughout the Southern Baptist Convention at state, associational and district meetings to explain the Board's work and to show the benefits provided by the various protection and retirement plans.

Presently, only 34% of our Southern Baptist ministers are enrolled in the Annuity Board's protection program. The Board's Promotion Department is constantly working to enlist the thousands of others in this vital program. A study of the retirement or pension plans of other denominations reveals an important fact. In the denominations showing the greater percentage of their preachers in the protection program, the church assumes the entire financial responsibility, paying the pastor's dues as well as its own.

Out of the approximately 11,000 Southern Baptist churches now participating with their pastor in this protection program, around 36% are paying both member and church dues. It is hoped our churches will give this matter some serious thought as a possible solution to giving these other preachers and their families the protection they need through the Annuity Board's program.

FINANCIAL SECURITY

The Board's financial security is dependent on the work of the Investment Department. It is this department's duty to safeguard and increase by interest additions, the funds belonging to the members of the retirement plans. Last year, 97.55% of the Board's total assets were invested for this purpose. Because of the splendid program of investments, the Board was able to add an additional credit of ½ of 1% to all the Board's reserves at the end of 1957. The basic rate of interest is 3%.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

Administrative officers of the Relief and Annuity Board are: R. Alton Reed, executive secretary; Floyd B. Chaffin and L. T. Daniel, associate secretaries; Fred W. Noe, treasurer and investment director; Owen Henley, assistant director of investments and Mable H. McCartney, registrar.

REV. M. J. FOWLER.

SEMINARIES

Southern Baptists operate seven Seminaries as follows:

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.: Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; New Orleans Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana; Golden Gate Theological Seminary, Berkley, California; Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, and Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Kentucky.

These seven institutions have an important role to play in the Southern Baptist Convention; namely, the training of leaders. The major problem which they face today is resources which are inadequate to provide the quality of education required by the large number of students which they are called upon to train. There are over seven thousand enrolled in these seven seminaries

With 30,000 new preaching stations proposed by the Convention, the task of the seminaries will be very heavy to supply a trained leadership for these preaching stations. More and more emphasis is being given to year around instruction in our seminaries, and the summer sessions are being largely attended.

Dr. Nathan Brooks, who was one of our Florida pastors, recently began his duties as President of Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville, Kentucky.

All in all Southern Baptists can be proud of their seminaries. These great institutions need our prayerful and sympathetic understanding. Baptists have always believed in Education. We are grateful to God for His blessings upon our Seminaries, for the soundness of their teaching, for their Christ-centered teaching progams, and the spirit of Evangelism that is evident on every campus. Let us continue to pray for and support them.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIAN T. MADDOX.

BROTHERHOOD REPORT

Enrolment—R. A. (5); Adult (252).

No. of Churches with Brotherhood—14.

No. of Brotherhoods organized this year—four (4).
Churches with Royal Ambassador Troops—two (2).

No. of meetings held—four (4).
Average attendance—108.
January meeting—Brewer Lake.
April meeting—Madison First.
June meeting—Pinetta First.
October meeting—Cherry Lake.

Meetings for next year:
Elizabeth—January.
Macedonia—April.
Brewer Lake—July.
Midway—October.

W. T. COODY.

TRAINING UNION REPORT

We have had all our regular meetings and in addition to that we have had our Youth Night meeting with our Young Peo-

ples President in charge of all youth week activities.

We held Associational Sword Drill and Speakers Tournament Elimination Contest with our representaives going on to win the District and representing the District in DeLand. It has been a year of re-adjustment for us but we believe that we have made those readjustments and are ready with a good corps of officers to function as we should next year.

Next in sight on our program will be Officers and Leaders Council next month, Nov. 10th, 7:30 (note time change), Hopewell. Miss Roumell Bowen, state approved worker from Tallahassee Association, will be with us. Then "M" Night Dec. 1st at 7:30 P. M., Madison First, with O. K. Radford to bring the

message.

HORACE WEAVER.

CHURCH MUSIC

Progress has been made in promoting better Church Music in our Association during the past several years. Each year we see more and more churches taking a real interest in developing their choirs and participating in the State Music Festivals.

This past year we had several Associational Hymn Sings. One of the outstanding events was the Associational Music Festival which was held at Macedonia in January at which time choirs from several churches qualified for participation in the State Music Festival which was held in Madison First Church in March.

Even though all the choirs that qualified did not participate in the State Festival, our Association made a creditable showing. We would urge every church in the Association to make plans now for participation in the coming State Festival, However, in order to qualify for participation a choir must take part in the Associational Festival in January.

Our State Music Department is under the direction of Dr. W. G. Stroup, ably assisted by Mrs. Stroup and Mr. Joe Abrams. It is quite an inspiring sight to see so many of our churches participating in these State Music Festivals. For eleven years the Church Music Department of our Florida Baptist Convention has been sponsoring these Festivals.

The State Music Festival for our area will be held in the First Baptist Church of Lake City, Feb. 20-21, 1959.

Our own Associational Music Leadership Conference will be held in Greenville on Thursday night, November 6th, at 7:30. All Pastors, Pianists, Music Directors, and Song Leaders are urged to attend this very important meeting.

We urge all the churches to endeavor to have a Graded Choir Program in each church and for them to participate fully in all of the Associational Hymn Sings, Associational Festivals, and then at the State Music Festival.

Respectfully submitted. JULIAN T. MADDOX

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In order to make this report as practical as possible, it is organized around definite avenues for helpfulness for our churches, and church leaders.

Giving Information—The channels of information relating to Christian education should be kept open in every church.

Young people and the entire membership should know about these Baptist towers of educational strength:

General Seminary—Southern—Louisville, Kentucky.

General Seminary-Southwestern-Fort Worth, Texas.

General Seminary—New Orleans—New Orleans, Louisiana.

General Seminary—Golden Gate—Berkeley, California.

General Seminary—Southeastern—Wake Forest, N. C.

General Seminary-Midwestern (new)-Kansas City, Mo.

General University-Stetson University-DeLand, Florida.

On-the-job Education—Baptist Bible Institute—Graceville, Florida.

Each of these institutions has a distinctive program of great challenge to our people. Full information may be secured by writing to these institutions.

We offer a special word on The Baptist Bible Institute. Our Baptist policy being that of a democracy, we do have and perhaps always will have men entering the ministry after they have married and have families and some who, for other reasons, cannot pursue a full college and seminary course. The Baptist Bible Institute is made to order for all such men. Now that we have Baptist Bible Institute, there is no excuse for anyone whom God has called into His service not receiving special training for His wo.rk.

Support of Christian Education—The cause of Christ and the welfare of civilization require that the light of Christian education be held high. The cause deserves our interest, our prayers, our deepest allegiance, and our financial backing. We need and should cherish our great system of public education, but only Christian education can make glow the blessed light of our living Faith.

Education in our Churches—We are living in a world of rank materialism. We are so apt to measure the success of peoeple in terms of dollars acquired, positions held, honors attained, or prestige among men. Christian education, both in our institutions and in our churches, must if we are to survive spiritually, focus on the true values of character, love, kindness, honesty, sevice to fellowman, and communion with Him who had no place to lay His head. From our pews and from our pulpits must come ever and ever again in accents clear and arresting: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Workers for the harvest-He through whose blood we are

redeemed admonishes His followers to pray for workers for the harvest. This is the key to triumphant evangelism, to valid stewardship, and to acceptable service. The world is bidding excitingly for our children. Yet God calls some. These should be profoundly and thoroughly educated for The Master's work.

The parents of young preachers or other professional religious workers are under the same duty to provide for their education on all levels as they are to provide education for their children who are to enter law, medicine, or accountancy. This doe not, however, leave the churches—or able laymen—with no obligation in training these religious workers.

Partners with God-If the parents of those who have been called are financially unable or not willing to provide the necessary seminary education for these eager young ones, the mother church, or its membership, has the solemn obligation and high pivilege of forming a second line of defense so that the training may go forward. This should be done through assistance in securing scholarships, part-time employment, loan funds, or more direct means of help. Thus may a church or a Christian become a partner with God in advancing His glorious kingdom.

But there are other means of help which may be even more important. The church should be active in communicating its love and encouragement to those who have answered the call, in praying for them, in making them feel that they have a ready source of sympathy and care, in affording them treasured opportunities for preaching in the pulpit, and otherwise securing experience in actual work. In this manner a church may span eternity through manifesting a Christlike care for those "who have left all to follow Him."

Holy Task!—Christ called unlearned followers to him, but he never sent them forth until he had educated them. Let us praise God that Baptists do not attempt to glorify ignorance. We know we must have educated preachers and other workers. We know, no less compellingly, that we must have educated lay people. In the rush of being busy about many things, let us not forget the support of Christian education, our hope and the Master's unchanging command.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWIN B. BROWNING.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bal, on Hand 10-17-57	\$2806.91
Plus Receipts, all sources	2143.19
Total On Hand	\$4950.10
Expenditures for all purposes	2552.09
Bal. on Hand 10-21-58	\$2398.01

Respectfully submitted, GUY M. McCLAIN

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Octoober, 1958 — October, 1959

October—1958

27-31-Florida Training Union Leadership Institute and Work shop-Miami.

November-1958

- 2— 8—R. A. Focus Week.
 - 6-Music Leadership Conference at Greenville.
 - 10—Training Union meeting at Hopewell Officers and Leaders
- 11-13-Florida Baptist Convention, Miami.
 - 17—Sunday School meeting at Pleasant, Lafavette.
 - 23-Florida Baptist Children's Home Thanksgiving Offering.

December-1958

- 1-"M" Night-Madison First.
- 1- 5-W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.
 - 15-Sunday School meeting at St. Johns.
 - 21—Associational Hymn Sing at Hopewell.
 - 28-Student Night at Christmas.

January—1959

- 1—Brotherhood meeting at Elizabeth.
- 5- 9-January Bible Study Week, (Book: Studies In The Gospel of Mark).
 - 12—Training Union Meeting at Midway—Executive Commit-
- 11-16-W. M. S. Focus Week.
 - 13—Modoerator's and Clerk's Conference—Jacksonville.
- 13—15—Evangelistic Conference—Jacksonville.
 - 18—Associational Music Festival at Madison, First.
 - 23-W. M. U. Associational meeting at Lamont.
 - 29—Associational Leadership Conference, Cherry Lake.

February—1959

- -Simultaneous Religious Census.
- 8-14-Y. W. A. Focus Week.
 - 9-Training Union meeting at Beulah. Officers and Lead-
- 15-20-Training Union Study Course Week.
 - 16-Sunday School meeting at Mt. Olive.
- 20-21-State Music Festival at Lake City.
- 23-25-State-wide Sunday School Convention, Jacksonville.
 - 23—Executive Committee—Mayo.

- March—1959 2— 6—Week of Prayer for Home Missions.
 - 9-Training Union meeting at Brewer Lake-Mass meeting. Sword Drill and Speakers Tournament.
 - 15—Associational Hymn Sing at Cherry Lake.
 - 16-Sunday School meeting at New Macedonia.

April—1959

- 2-Brotherhood meeting at Macedonia.
- 2-W. M. U. Associational meeting at Mayo.
- 5-12-Youth Week.

- 10-Youth Night at Cherry Lake.
- 10-11-Royal Ambassador Congress at Clearwater.
- 12-26-Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade.
 - 13-Training Union meeting at Midway-Executive Commit-
- 19-24-District Training Union Convention-(to be announced). 28-V B. S. Clinic at Greenville.

May-1959

- 3-10-Christian Home Week.
- 10-16-G. A. Focus Week.
 - 11-Training Union meeting at Mayo-Officers and Leaders.
 - 18—Sunday School meeting at New Home.
- 17-19-Southwide W. M. U. meeting at Louisville, Ky.
- 20-23-Southern Baptist Convention at Louisville, Ky.

June-1959

- 5- 6-Brotherhood Encampment, Deland.
- 6-11-Florida Eaptist Assembly, Deland.
 - 8-Training Union meeting at Midway-Junior Night.
- 11-17-Y. W. A. Conference at Ridgecrest.
 - 21-Associational Hymn Sing at Mt. Olive.
 - 15—Sunday School meeting at Pleasant Grove, Taylor.
 - 29-Executive Committee meeting at Macedonia.

July-1959

- 2—Brotherhood meeting at Brewer Lake.
- 6—11—Florida Baptist Assembly, Panama City. 13—18—Royal Ambassador Camp, Panama City.
- - 13—Training Union meeeting at Midway, Executive Commit-
- 16-22-W. M. U. Conference at Glorieta.
- 20-25-Royal Ambassador Camp, Panama City.
 - 20-Sunday School meeting at Lee.
- 23-29-Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, First Sunday School Week.
- 30-Aug. 5-Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Second S. S. Week.
- 31-Aug. 1-Brotherhood Encampment, Panama City.
 - 28-W. M. U. Associational meeting at Midway-Youth Rally.
- 23—29—Y. W. A. Conference at Glorieta.

Training Union Ridgecrest Dates:

- 2— 8—First T. U. Week.
- 9-15-Second T. U. Week.
- 16-22-Third T. U. Week.

August—1959

- 3— 8—R. A. Camp, Panama City. 9—15—Sunbeam Focus Week.
- - 10-Training Union meeting at Elizabeth-Officers and Leaders.
- 10-15-Harmony Bay Music Week.
 - 17—Sunday School meeting at Madison, First.
- 17—22—Harmony Bay Music Week.
- 30-Sept. 4-Intermediate Week.
- 31-Sept. 4—State-wide S. S. Leadership School, Tampa OFF-TO-COLLEGE DAY.
- 6-12-W. M. U. Conference at Ridgecrest.

September—1959

Church Music Month.

- 8—11—School of Prophets, Panama City.
 - 10—One Night Associational S. S. Officers Clinic.
- 9-12-W. M. U. Season of Prayer for State Missions.
 - 14—Training Union Meeting at Pinetta, Yearly Business Meeting.
 - 20—Associational Hymn Sing, Macedonia.
- 20-25-Sunday School Preparation Week.
 - 21—Sunday School meeting at Macedonia.
 - 28—Church Clerk's meeting at Madison, First.
 - 27—PROMOTION DAY.

Executive Committee meeting.

October-1959

- 1-Brotherhood meeting at Midway.
- 8-W. M. U. Associational meeting at Brewer Lake.
- 11—Layman's Day.
- 12—Training Union Meeting at Midway, Executive Committee.
- 15-16-Annual Associational Meeting.
- 25—30—Training Union Officer's meetings (Planning) (to be announced).

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee held three meetings during this associational year.

Feb. 24 we met with Macedonia Baptist Church, with 6 pastors and 15 churches represented. I. F. Day, from Macedonia, and Cleveland Driggers from Beulah, were elected as committeemen.

Motion made and carried that our Association participate in the 1959 Evangelistic Crusade, Rev. E. W. Carter to be chairman.

June 30 meeting was held with Brewer Lake Church. 16 churches were represented with 10 pastors. Rev. D. O. Alderman, District Missionary, was also present and introduced Rev. Phil Maxwell, representative of the Relief & Annuity Board for Florida and Alabama, who explained the benefits pastors and employees could receive under the present plan of the Board.

Sept. 29 meeting was at Midway Church, with 15 churches and 12 pastors present. Motion was made and carried that we recommend to the Association not to pay any more to the Middle Fla. Assembly Grounds until something definite is done. Also that we accept date of Oct. 15-16 for 1959 Association meeting.

Motion made and carried to recommend that Baptist Hour

be put in Budget.

Due to the fact that the churches did not respond to the recommendation for the Baptist Hour for this year, the Committee has authorized the Treasurer at each meeting to pay the bill out of the miscellaneous fund.

At all the meetings the heads of each department of our work gave reports of their work.

Each host church furnished supper for us and the fellowship was marvelous.

Respectfully,

CARL W. BURNETT, Sec.

RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION REPORT

"Go forth into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature..." is the guiding principle of our faith. Only in very recent times has God put into our hands, through the knowledge of men's minds, new ways to carry out this principle on a mass method—even on a world-wide scale

The secrets of radio and television are open to us now, and we believe in making the best possible use of them for promoting the Kingdom and carrying the Good News of Christ to the lost and hopeless of our world.

TELEVANGELISM

For more than two years now, Southern Baptists' dramatic television series, THIS IS THE ANSWER, has been used of God to bring the truth of the Gospel message into 90 per cent of the homes in America which have television. With this brief but impressive history, THIS IS THE ANSWER steps into a more ambitious role next year, in the efforts of our denomination to take Christ to the lost through a project called TELEVANGE-LISM.

Televangelism combines the interest-holding, selling power of drama and binds it up with the evangelistic concern of the personal visitor and witness for Christ. A more effective and fruitful ministry results for both. It should be one of the Commission's most thrilling undertakings.

Televangelism's purpose is to provide a positive, unified plan of action for the local churches to add to and supplement preparation for the 1959 Simultaneous Revival Crusade—and to launch the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

Early this year, the Commission and the Home Mission Board's Evangelism Department, in cooperation with other agencies of the Convention, selected 13 moral and spiritual problems. These are being projected into forceful half-hour TV dramas in a new THIS IS THE ANSWER film series. A printed folder takes the story of each film beyond the TV solution, developing the plan of salvation and offers further scriptural help.

The heart of TELEVANGELISM lies in visitation and witnessing in areas where the films appear on TV. The same film will be shown in every area on Sunday afternoon, as far as possible. It is hoped that every pastor and layman in the Convention will become involved in this great endeavor.

THE BAPTIST HOUR

THE BAPTIST HOUR continues to improve in quality and to reach an ever-increasing audience now estimated at 50 million over the 465 stations which broadcast it weekly both in the U. S. and abroad.

Dr. Herschel Hobbs, paster of Oklahoma City's First Baptist Church, will begin his ministry as preacher on THE BAPTIST HOUR the first Sunday in October. He succeeds Dr. Rov O. Mc-Clain, pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, who will have preached more than 150 sermons during the 36 months he served on the program off and on since the final quarter of 1954.

Common among broadcasters is the "rule of thumb saying" that for every person who writes in or makes a request, there are 1000 others who intended to but didn't get around to it. Dr. McClain's SIN OF WORRY sermon brought 550 requests, largest number to ask for any one message preached on the program. Nearly 15,000 sermon requests were receeived in a 29-month period.

O. A. HENDERSON.

REPORT OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST FOUNDATION

The Foundation is an Agency of the Florida Baptist Convention, its Trustees are elected by the Convention, it bears the relationship of a "non-Departmental Agency" and as such its operating costs are derived from the overall budget of the Convention

The Foundation, through its Promotion Office and through the columns of the Florida Baptist Witness, seeks to publicize all the objects of work engaged in by our people, State and Southwide, and commends these objects to our people as fit and proper responsibilities of good stewards of God's gracious gifts.

The legal counsel of the Foundation will advise with those who desire to leave property, by will, bequest, etc., to any of the State or Southwide Baptist agencies and will assist in preparing such documents.

Through an arrangement with the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Foundation can arrange the purchase of annuities to be funded by the Relief and Annuity Board and by these contracts the annuitant is given the right to designate the gift portion of such annuity to any Baptist object of their choice. By this plan the annuitant receives the income of the annuity for their life time and is privileged to make a substantial gift to a cherished object of their interest, as well.

The Foundation joins with the Committee of the Convention on a Home or Homes for the aging, in emphasizing the growing need for such facilities. We pray that quickly properties and/or funds may be forth-coming for our launching such a worthy effort under Baptist auspices in Florida.

Since our last report, one substantial Annuity has been arranged, the gift portion being divided equally between the Home and Foreign Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. Through our legal counsel we have assisted in drawing six (6) wills, another one now in process, and we have fourteen (14) pending files.

We stand ready to assist any of our people wherever they may be in respect of the above matters.

N. W. ROWELL

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Southern Baptist plans for the Baptist Jubilee Advance, 1959-1964, remind us that

In every missionary advance the Bible goes forward first!

The Bible is a "must" in missions and evangelism. If the people of the world are to know Jesus Christ, the one hope of men and nations, they must have the Bible. It is the one basic

source of knowledge of Him. The Bible is the missionary's chief tool: he uses it in all his work. The Bible itself is a missionary. It can go where the human missionary cannot go. It can stay when he must leave—and keep on speaking to a person's heart.

Every man must have the Bible in his own language, but in most countries the people cannot afford even the cost of printing the Scriptures.

The American Bible Society helps to translate the Bible, publishes without note or comment and distributes without profit, usually below cost, for worldwide mission work. For the Blind, it supplies Scriptures, at a small fraction of cost, in raisedletter systems and on Talking Book records. The Bible Society is an active partner of Southern Baptists and serves every form of Southern Baptist mission work at home and abroad.

During 1957 the American Bible Society-

- -distributed throughout the world nearly 15 million volumes of Scriptures.
- -donated more than one million Scripture volumes for distributiton by Chaplains to our Armed Forces, as a vital link between the home churches and the men in service.
- -introduced the Finger Phono, a new feather-weight plastic phonograph, operated by one finger. These are being supplied, with Scripture recordings in the languages needed, in areas where very few people can read. They are now in use among the Navaho Indians in the U.S. A. and in various parts of Africa and Asia.
- -accepted a new joint responsibility, with the British and Foreign Bible Society, for the work in India, in France and in the Congo Basin of Africa. In India, the Bible Societies are undertaking to provide in the next 5 years, a New Testament for every Christian who can read and a Gospel for every non-Christian who can read; this will require 90 million Scripture volumes in 5 years for India alone!

Southern Baptists Support the Work

Because the Bible Society serves mission work—and because Southern Baptist missionaries depend on the Society for Scriptures they need for distribution to their people—Southern Baptist churches give to the American Bible Society.

In 1957, Southern Baptist churches gave \$118,815 to the American Bible Society—but still stood in second place, exceeded by Methodist gifts of \$136,499.

The help of every Southern Baptist church is needed. Has your church given this year? Here are suggestions, based on what many churches are doing:

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we come to make this annual report to the Association on behalf of the entire staff of Associational Sunday School Officers. Let me pledge our adherence to the ideal that our task is one of service. Our only purpose is to help the churches through proper use of their Sunday Schools to reach the lost for Christ and lead the saved to acknowledge the Lordship of Christ in daily living.

This year our association is reporting 27 churches, with 27 Sunday Schools. Our Sunday School enrolment this year is 2521, an increase of _____over last year.

Achievements for the past year: 10 churches observed January Bible Study. 15 Vacation Bible Schools. Churches observed Preparation Week, Not any new Sunday Schools started. 7 churches reported 117 training awards. Sunday Schools achieved the Standard of Excellence.

We respectfully make the following recommendations:

I That we adopt for this year the theme "That They Might Have Life."

II That the Sunday School leadership of each church in our Association be urged to:

- (1) Determine to gain a minimum of 10 per cent in enrolment and 15 per cent in attendance
 - (2) Have a weekly visitation program.
- (3) Provide a training program which would include January Bible Study Week.
 - (4) Hold a Vacation Bible School.
- (5) Encourage all Sunday School workers to participate in the regular Associational Sunday School meeting and programs.

 $\,$ III $\,$ That the Associational Sunday School leadership be urged to:

- (1) Enlist a complete organization.
- (2) Plan and direct Associational Sunday Schools date____
- (3) Provide regular meetings for training and inspiration of the Sunday School worker in the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

CECIL HICKS

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OUR BELOVED DEAD

Whereas, God in His Divine Providence and Wisdom has seen fit to call to their eternal reward a number of our brothers and sisters.

Be It Resolved. That our deepest sympathies go to the families of each, and our thanksgiving to God for their lives, and that their names be recorded on the pages of our Association minutes.

Beulah

Deacon Emory Turlington Mrs. Catherine Tippette

Brewer Lake

Mrs. Fannie Barrs Mrs. Mollie Fielding Mr. A. J. Evans Mrs. John Strickland

Elizabeth

Mr. Theron Walker Mr. Dale Lightsev

Greenville

Mr. J. F. Capan Mr. H. C. Giles Mr. W. C. Prince

Hopewell

Mr. William Kelly

Lee

Deacon L. C. Purvis Mr. S. L. Carter Mrs. Bob Williams

Macedonia

Mrs. Alice McCullough Miss Joyce Welch Mr. Tebo Welch

Madison

Mrs. J. L. Tooke Mrs. J. A. Zipperer Mrs. Broadus Willoughby Mrs. Sue Thomas Mr. Julian James Mr. M. M. DeLaughter

Deacon Jake Vickers

Midway

Mrs. Georgia Ann Rogers

Moseley Hall

Deacon Sam Andrews

Mt. Gilead

Rev. A. B. Franklin

Mt. Olive

Mr. H. C. Groover

New Home

Mrs. Addie Floyd Mrs. Christine Bass

New Macedonia

Mr. M. M. Pickles Mr. F. L. Davis

Pinetta

Mrs. I. E. Reeves Mr. J. L. Sims Mrs. Mary Newbern

Pleasant Grove (L) Deacon Ben Ezell

Riverside

Mrs. Lilla Hart Mrs. Ola Williams

St. Johns

Mrs. Georgia Bush

HOME MISSIONS REPORT

The Annual Report of the Home Mission Board for 1957 showed an income of slightly over four million dollars through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Offering.

There were 1,723 missionaries, including 452 student summer missionaries who worked for ten weeks in the summer under the direction of regular missionary personnel. This was a gain of 91 missionaries for the year. Professions of faith through the services of the missionaries numbered 36,464, with 3,569 additions to the churches. In addition, the 425 Southern Baptist chaplains reported 13,534 professions of faith in their services.

Among the new workers added to the missionary staff in 1957 were: Paul S. James, director of Southern Baptist work in New York City; J. V. James, director of work in behalf of juvenile delinquents and broken homes; W. Bertram King, liaison worker among the Baptists in Canada; Victor T. Glass, associate secretary in the Department of Negro work; and Billy T. Hargrove, director of church surveys. Dr. C. C. Warren is jointly employed by the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board for the promotion of the 30,000 Movement.

The Board has made progress on its Third Jubilee goals. In evangelism 1957 was a year of planning for the Year of Prayer in 1958 and the Year of Evangelistic Crusades in 1959. Also, a survey by Home Board staff reveals the need of 30,000 new churches now and a likely need for 60,000 missions. The goal for this year is "2,888 in '58." Vigorous effort is put forth to increase church loan funds and to keep them in circulation in order to help new churches and strengthen older ones.

The Rural Church Program in three years exceeded the goals set for ten years. In city missions there were 64 programs in 1957. An enlarged ministry in pioneer areas showed the Home Mission Board serving the state mission boards in a ministry reaching 43 states.

A goal of 1,050 missionaries for minority groups by 1964 has been set. The increase of missionaries in that area has been 169, numbering now 776 missionaries to minority groups. The ministry to migrants, Jews, and the deaf has been intensified and the number of missionaries increased, while in Negro work the budget has been materially increased and the number of missionaries enlarged, particularly in co-operation with state mission boards in the employment of state directors of Negro work.

Schools of Missions number some 3,000 annually with a million people reached; more than 300,000 mission study books are circulated annually; and Home Missions has reached a circulation of 175,000, with a goal of 200,000 within the next year.

Dr. Redford suggests "a goal of 2,000 missionaries, and 1.00 per member from Southern Baptists for the support of home missions by 1964."

Respectfully submitted,

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

From year to year, as we come in this annual associational meeting. We try to get our people, not only of this association but of the state, to pause and to really look at state missions within the state of Florida. Perhaps the best way to startle our people and get them to really take a look is to quote the population gains for the past three years.

"Florida has been gaining population at the rate of 4,064 persons per week during the past three years," the State Chamber of Commerce said recently. This per week gain in new Floridians is an average net figure and is made up of 2,941 new permanent residents moving in from other states and 1,123 persons from natural increase.

The last official estimate by the United States Bureau of Census showed a computed count of 4,092,000 Floridians as of July 1957, a gain of 18 per cent during the three years, compared with the national increase of 6 per cent. Unofficial estimates have placed Florida's present population at approximately 4.259.000. With this tremendous gain in population, what are we to do?

I ask again. What are we as Baptists to do, for we certainly cannot sit idly by and allow the state to be filled to overflowing with people, without making some very definite and positive effort toward reaching them for Christ? Either we will Christianize them, or this horde of newcomers will inevitably paganize us, and by us I mean all Florida. With next year being designated as a year for evangelism, what better opportunity than now to lay our plans to do something about this unprecedented opportunity within our own borders.

For one thing, we can redouble our efforts on our college and university campuses to Christianize that great group of young people who will tomorrow be our leaders, Christian or otherwise. At the same time, we cannot neglect the new areas where missions need to be established and churches organized. We should set ourselves to the task of organizing at least 75 new missions a year and 50 new churches. We will have to actually do better than this, if we reach our goal by 1964. While we are engaged in these two great enterprises, we must not forget our established departmental activities. Our Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U., Brotherhood, Church Music, and all the rest of our departments must be cared for, in order that we have a balanced state mission progam within the state.

We can do something now about our advanced program, but we will never advance until our churches catch a vision and will join with the state office in such a program. To assure that we will be able to make the advance, our new program of church finance should be offered to all of our churches. If adopted and carried out, this New Testament program, called "Forward Program of Church Finance," will solve our problems, but I repeat, Our Churches will have to follow the plans.

May I repeat what has been said many times in years past. The future of Florida is as bright as the promises of God and as sure as our faith and our ability to claim these promises. As always we need more laborers, better cooperation, more faith, and a greater vision. Let us move together, for Baptists today, as always, go forward when they go together. We must take the state of Florida for Christ. State Missions cannot be minimized. State Missions cannot be neglected. State Missions is our mission.

W. C. TANNER.

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

Appointments totaling 109 during 1957 and 26 from January to May, 1958, bring the number of foreign missionaries in active service to 1,204. The appointment goal for all of 1958 is 130. The Board expects to reach its Advance Program goal of 1,800 missionaries by January 1, 1964.

"Everything done by the personnel department is for the purpose of helping God-called young people to share the gospel with the world. After all has been done about the realities of requirements and procedures for missionary appointment, we face the host of lost people, we study the hundreds of personnel needs sent by our missionaries—each one in itself an emergency of eternal proportions—and say, 'Oh, God, help us as Southern Baptists to enter these open doors!"—Elmer S. West, Jr.

During 1957, Southern Baptists had resident missionaries in 38 countries and separate entities: Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Formosa (Taiwan), Gaza, Ghana, Guatemala, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Honduras, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Korea, Lebanon, Macao, Malaya, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Singapore, Southern Rhodesia, Spain, Switzerland, Tanganyika, Thailand, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland are to be entered when personnel is available.

Mission work is carried on through a varying number of institutions on each mission field—churches, schools, hospitals, publication plants, good will centers. But all are interactive and the goal of each is evangelization. Whatever their institutional duties, all missionaries participate in the work of the churches in their stations.

Pastors on mission fields include 147 missionaries and 1,688 nationals. Almost all of the churches have Sunday schools, and many of them have other church-affiliated organizations. The 2,938 churches and 5,883 outsiations report 4,138 Sunday schools with 322,369 pupils enrolled. The churches report 383,092 members, with 25,078 baptisms during the year. (These figures include 392 churches, 410 outstations, and 123,000 church members estimated for China).

Educational work not only offers opportunities for evangelism, but trains a strong national leadership. There are 836 Baptist schools on the mission fields, enrolling 131,824 students, and served by 4,647 national and 290 missionary teachers. Among the

schools are 28 theological schools with 1,119 students and 4 women's training schools with 254 students. Other schools range from kindergarten to college.

The ministry of the hospitals is carried on through personal contacts with patients and their families, devotional services, distribution of literature, and followup visitation after patients leave the hospital.

Medical mission institutions include 14 hospitals and 42 clinics and dispensaries with a total of 102 buldings and 776 beds. Personnel includes 43 missionary and 43 national physicians, 61 missionary and 140 national nurses. They served 221,-468 patients during the year, of whom 24,502 were in-patients.

The 50-bed Baptist Hospital, Guadalajara, Mexico, was dedicated on February 16, 1958. Additional medical facilities of Mati Baptist Hospital, in the Philippines, were recently dedicated, also. Hospitals are planned for Nalerigu in Ghana (ground was broken September 16, 1957), Mbeya in Tanganyika, and Kontagora in northern Nigeria.

The largest mission publication plants are the El Texas, plant, which supplies Baptist literature for Spanishspeaking groups all over the world, and the Rio de Janeiro. Brazil, plant, which supplies Baptist literature and Bibles in Portugese. The major plant for Chinese literature is located in Hong Kong. Nigeria, Japan, Italy, and several other missions have plants of varying sizes.

Publication plants on mission fields turned out 8,567,375 pieces of literature during 1957, which included periodicals, tracts and books. Forty-seven missionaries and 350 nationals serve on publication staffs.

The Foreign Mission Board received \$14.352,975.46 from all sources during 1957. Contributions for foreign missions accounted for \$14,003,660.63 of that amount.

Funds from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering totaled \$6,121,585.14, as of May 1, 1958.

Contributions for world relief totaled \$82,011,26 during 1957. The Advance Funds from the Cooperative Program (75 per cent of funds after Convention-wide budget is reached) have increased steadily year by year. The 1957 funds amounted to \$2,445,226.22.

W. C. TANNER.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

Let us reason together prayerfully and factually about this destructor of mankind as God calls out, for in Daniel 1:5, 8, 16, and 10:3. Daniel, who refused to drink the King's wine, was especially blessed by the Lord. This says to me that temperance is not just a thing for the saints of God. It must be a thing sought after by and for all. Your child is in danger of desiring social acceptance through the lack of guidance if we allow the forces of destroying alcohol to set the social timber of our nation. You see, it is our duty to educate our children to the harm

and degredation that alcohol causes and enlighten them to the beauty and opportunities in living a Christian life through ab-

stinence and righteous living.

We certainly should be humble toward God and mankind and courageously stand for the total abstinence from alcoholic beverages and be a vigorous opponent of the entire liquor industry.

I'm sure there will be many who will say that it is an impossible task to hope to do away with alcohol and its cancerous conditions. But where is your faith? Christ will lead the crusade

if we only pray and work in his will.

Positive reasoning is most important in an approach to this evil. Children should be able to see the "dos" of life, not just the "don'ts". We should lend ourselves to do God's will rather than harp continuously on the "don'ts" of life. Reasoning together is much more desirable than demanding submission to a thing or person. Do let us be cognizant of this fact when we strive to educate the children to the more important—to be a better Christian rather than to drink.

We, in our Christian responsibilities, must prevent the people from taking the first drink. Nor should we forget our obligations to those who have already become victims of alcohol. The drinker must be led to see the possible goal of freedom from alcohol. These I believe are three things that should be stressed:

- 1. Overcome his self-pity and master the defeatist spirit.
- 2. He then must be led to hate the thing that enslaves him.

3. Pray earnestly and often for deliverance.

We are in a position to help all of these people I have mentioned by sincere and prayerful response to his call. This call can be met only through God's will, not what we hope is God's will. Go forth with a new zeal to tell the story of Jesus Christ in its great and unified force. Yes, Jesus' forces are unified and at work.

SIMON A. KINSEY, JR.

STEWARDSHIP AND COOPERATIVE PROGRAM REPORT

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, has often said, "The Cooperative Program is the lifeline of foreign missions. We are more dependent upon it now for the support of the foreign missionary program than at any time in our history." Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board has spoken in equally urgent words. Everything we do in our state missions program is dependent on our gifts through the Cooperative Program.

More for Missions—It is our conviction that we must do more for missions. In 1957 we gave 17.6 cents out of each dollar given through the church treasury to all missions causes. This is a smaller proportion than the 17.8 cents out of each dollar given in the depression year of 1931. There is a growing conviction that Southern Baptists ought to do more. How can we do more?

Goals—Although we may have goals on the convention level, these goals mean little or nothing unless local churches make increases. Each church is urged to accept a worthy goal of increase on a percentage basis for world missions through the Cooperatitye Program.

Forward Program-One step in reaching such goals is the use of the Forward Program of Church Finance, in an effort to reach more of their members for the practice of New Testament stewardship. Churches reporting use of the Forward Program in 1957 reported an increase of amounts pledged to their church budgets of 84%; number of persons pledging, 86%; increase in number of tithers, 96%; increase in gifts through the Cooperative Program, 41%, which in turn represented an increase in the percentage of the total budgets given to world missions through the Cooperative Program of 1.7%.

Increase at least 1%-The Florida Baptist Convention in 1955, voted that each cooperating church be asked to increase its gifts through the Cooperative Program by at least 1% of its

total budget receipts each year.

2 Plus-The Southern Baptist Convention in 1958 adopted the program of "2 Plus for World Missions through the Cooperative Program," for the coming year. Many of our churches who have been working on the 1% per year basis, will be able to step up to 2 Plus for the coming year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend:

1. That every church in the association include the Cooperative

Program in its budget on a percentage basis.

2. That all our churches increase gifts to world missions thru the Cooperative Program at least 1% per year, and that, where pessible, careful consideration be given to increasing the percentage this year by 2% in cooperation with other churches in the Southern Eartist Convention.

3. That a continuous program of stewardship education be carried on in each church, teaching the New Testament plan

of giving.

4. That each church be urged to cooperate in the Forward Program Clinics that are held in our state, giving careful consideration to the adoption of this program.

REV. EUGENE BAXLEY.

REPORT OF FIELD SECRETARY DISTRICT THREE 1958

Days spent on field 365, miles traveled 26,631, Churches and Missions visited 176, Pastor's conferences 354, Associational meetings 60. State and SBC meetings 6, Committee meetings 84, Prayer meetings 60, Classes taught 12, Tracts and Scriptures given 10,800, Revivals—Evangelistic 1. Stewardship 3: Letters mailed 702, Sermons and Addresses 200, Professions of Faith 15, By Letter 18, Baptism 4, Total 37; Rededications 203, Volunteers for Special Service 2, Community surveys 10, New Missions started 1, Churches sponsoring missions 3. Church improvements made 18, New buildings begun 5, New pastoriums built 1, Pastor contact arranged 10, Marriages 1, Funerals 2, Ordination services 5, Baptismal service 1, Public relationship conferences 6, Jail services 2, Assembly planning meetings and conferences 8, Department conferences 2, Attended Home Mission Conference at Ridgecrest, School of the Prophets at Panama City, School of Missions Northwest Coast Association, State Evangelistic Conference at Jacksonville, Associational evangelistic conferences 2, Special Evangelistic Clinic at Jacksonville, Associational Leadership Conferences 4, Forward Program of Church Finance Clinic or Conference 2, Stetson Luncheon Meeting at Panama City, Church Budgets made 4, Tithers secured 74, Building planning conferences 6, worked other associations 10, and prepared plans for building 1.

District Three is comprised of four associations, Suwannee, Middle Florida, Taylor and Florida, 107 churches and 3 missions. Every church responded to some phase of mission work, but 3 failed to use the channel of the Cooperative Program. Two associations were 100% in giving to World Wide Missions, one association lacked two churches and another association only one.

Your Field Secretary is deeply grately for your faithfulness,

devotion and untiring work for Christ and His Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted, D. O. ALDERMAN 1805 Lenora Drive Tallahassee, Florida

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT—1958-1959

I.	$_{ m PR}$	OMOTION OF DEPARTMENTAL	WORK
	1.	Sunday School	\$150.00
	2.	Baptist Training Union	150.00
	3.	Brotherhood	450.00
	4.	Woman's Missionary Union	150.00
	5.	Music	100.00
	6	Bantist Hour	500.00

Total \$1,500,00

11. ANNUAL MEETING, MINUTES, ETC.

1. Aid to Churches entertaining the An-

nual Association (\$75.00 each Church) 150.00

2. Printing Associational Minutes 300.00 3. Clerk's fee, preparing Minutes 131.35

4. Treasurer's fee 75.00

5. Send Moderator and Clerk to annual

meeting 50.00

Total

\$706.35 100.00

GRAND TOTAL BUDGET

\$2,306.35

We recommend the following:

1. That our deep appreciation be expressed to the churches for the excellent way they have cooperated in contributing to the budget, plus keeping the Baptist Hour on the air this past year.

2. That each Church continue to send 3% of the pastor's salary to the Associational Treasurer in order to finance

the work for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, GUY M. McCLAIN, chairman HARVEY CROFT JAMES T. BARBER.

TABLE A-CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

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CHURCHES	Location Bural-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Mecting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Church Have Budget	Every Member Canvass	State Paper in Eudget	No. Local Missions Operated by Church	Fastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor for full year or not)
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TABLE B-BUILDING-GOALS FOR COMING YEAR-SPECIAL INFORMATION

CHURCHES	CHAIRMEN OF RECREATION COMMITTEES AND ADDRESSES	Value of Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Money Spent on New Construction, Property and Equipment, Church	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Cooperative Program, % of Total Budget	Association Mission Goal Coming Year	Church Have Library	la:	,∫≒‴	Church chool
Bethel Creek	***************************************	ŝ	\$ 5000		\$	l	\$ 18		No	No	
Beulah Brewer Lake			8000	2433		10		No		No	
Central		6000	36000 7500	, 1			101 36	No No	No No	No No	No No
Cherry Lake	***************************************		30000	4189	4500	12			No		
Elizabeth			20000	392	4300	Ί	69	No			
Greenville		5000	50000	575	500	29	108			1110	110
Hopewell		5000	24350	215		1 -	101	No	No	No	No
Lamont			10000	3667		11	3G			No	
Lee	***************************************		34000	800	6 0 0	⊧ 10	93	No		No	
Macedonia	Mrs. Corine Henderson, Lee, Florida	10000	50000	i i		18	93	Yes	No.	No	No
Madison		7500	227500	2062	43750		168	No		No	
Mayo		7500	21500	43		12	108			No	
Midway		4000	19000)	86			No	
Moseley Hall Mt. Gilead			5000	765		10		No		Νo	
741 031	***************************************		1000	550		ļ	22	No	No	No	
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New Macedonia	***************************************		8000	665		10	39	No No	No No	No No	
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Pleasant Grove (T)	***************************************		8000	1 220		1 4	27	No	No	No	
Riverside	***************************************	'	7000	1 1		3	37	No	No	No	
Sirmens	***************************************		2000	(5	37	No	No		
St. Johns	<u></u>		5000	ļ i		j 10	22			No	
	TOTALS	s 550 0 0	\$ 636875	\$ 25023	\$ 49538		\$ 1699				

TABLE C-BROTHERHOOD WORK

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES	. CHAIRMAN ROYAL AMBASSADOR COUNSELORS AND ADDRESSES	Men's Brotherhord Eurolment	Total Men	No. Junior R. A. Chapters	Junior R. A. Enrolment	No. Intermediate R. A. Chapters	Intermediate R. A. Enrolment	Total R. A. Enrolment	Grand Total Enrolment
	R. J. Smith, Rt., Mayo, Fla. Walter Roberts, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.		19 19	8 19	11	23	1	6	23 13	31 32
Elizabeth	Herbert DeMott, Rt. 1, Monticello, Fla Lamar Andrews, Greenville, Fla		10 20	10 20	1	20	_	10	30	10 50
Mopewell	W. B. Lamb, Madison, Fla.			22	1	20		•	30	22
Macedonia	J. H. Phillips, Lee, Fla. Jimmy Moncrief, Rt., Madison, Fla. Vernon Ragans, Madison, Fla.		8) 7 50	8 7	ŀ	ļ		ļ		8 7 50
Midway	Cecil Hicks, Rt., Lee, Fla	Clifford Jordan, Lee, Fla	13	50 13	1	9	1	7	16	29
	Cleo McClanima, Madison, Fla		10	10 16	ŀ	- 1		ł		10 16
Pinetta	W. G. Downing, Pinetta, Fla. E. C. Brannon, Rt. 1, Box A12, Mayo, Fla.	Tommy Thompson, Madison, Fla	30 261	30 26	1	10			10	40 26
Lichard Glove .	2. C. Diemon, No. 1, Box A12, Mayo, Fig.	TOTALS	239	239	5	69	3	23	92	331

TABLE D-WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Beulah	CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. & ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
	Beulah Brewer Lake Central Cherry Lake Elizabeth Greenville Hopewell Lumont Lee Macedonia Madison Mayo Midway Mt. Olive New Home Pine Grove Pinetta	Mrs. Candace Ezell, Rt. 1, Lee, Fla. Mrs. John Princ, Day, Fla. Mrs. Blanche Clark, Rt. 1, Bx 125, Monticello Mrs. Blanche Clark, Rt. 1, Bx 125, Monticello Mrs. Allen Lightsey, Rt. 1, Bx 211, Monticello Mrs. L. I., Harper, Greenville, Fla. Mrs. Annie B. Walker, Box 32, Madison, Fla. Mrs. D. W. Shealey, Lamont, Fla. Mrs. V. E. Malone, Madison, Fla. Mrs. V. E. Malone, Madison, Fla. Mrs. E. M. Page, Jr., Madison, Fla. Mrs. J. M. Underwood, Mayo, Fla. Mrs. Annie Bell Payne, Rt. 2, Madison, Fla. Mrs. Annie Bell Payne, Rt. 2, Madison, Fla. Mrs. B. F. Davis, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla. Mrs. B. F. Davis, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla. Mrs. Carlie Downing, Rt. 2, Mayo, Fla.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1	1 1 1 2	1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	5 1 2 3 9 4 2 3 2 4 1	13 13 11 35 16 42 22 8 24 15 98 44 18 20 81 27 29 18	8	15 6 8 20 6 9 6	13- 6 24 10	13 13 18 55 16 70 29 142 44 26 36 17 32 53 18	3 10 10 20 10 19 2 37 8 5 11 26 3

TABLE E-THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Churches	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults (25-34)	Adults (35 and up)	Extension Department	General Officers	Grand Total Sunday School	Average Attendance	Number Training Schools	Yacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance V.B.S.	January Bible Study
Beulah Brewer Lake Central Cherry Lake Elizabeth Greenville Honewell Lamont Lee Macedonia Madison Mayo Midway Moseley Hall Mt. Gliead Mt. Olive New Home New Hopeful New Macedonia Pine Grove Pinetta Pleasant Grove (L) Pleasant Grove (T) Riverside	Curtis W. Koon, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla. Cleveland Driggers, Box 362, Madison, Fla. W. C. Keene, Sr., Rt., Mayo, Fla. Mrs. W. S. Tindell, Rt. 1, Monticello, Fla. Mrs. W. S. Tindell, Rt. 1, Monticello, Fla. Mrs. W. S. Tindell, Rt. 1, Monticello, Fla. Arthur Herndon, Rt. 1, Monticello, Fla. T. P. McLood, Jr., Greenville, Fla. V. L. Singlctary, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla. Mrs. A. W. Reams, Lamont, Fla. Hoyt Ragans, Perry, Fla. Carl W. Burnett, Madison, Fla. Hoyt Ragans, Perry, Fla. Carl W. Burnett, Madison, Fla. Harvey Crott, Mayo, Fla. Franklin Stokes, Lee, Fla. Leroy Cruce, Rt. 3, Greenville, Fla. Floyd Barker, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla. Jack Pickles, 415 S. Shelby, Madison, Fla. Dawson Rutherford, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla. Dawson Rutherford, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla. G. C. Buchanan, Pinetta, Fla. G. C. Buchanan, Pinetta, Fla. Bernard Webb, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla. Woodrow Lewis, Rt. 1, Box 55, Greenville Clifton Shiner, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla. Kelly Bailey, Greenville, Fla.	225	3 2 8 8 8 8 27 7 16 16 8 8 5 5	13 6 12 2 13 6 13 9 11 26 9 7 7 9 5 6 4 7 2 2 2 2 9 7 7	12] 3 13 9 30 10 6 6 10 133 46 12 11 9 47 17	4 10	13 8 7 21 16 19	3 3 15 21 7 9 14 23 10 8 8 4 4 14 14	7 10 12	21 15 34 12 6 29 15 55 26 17 13 20 22 37	244 566 222 577 344 721 111 100 20 400 122 277 20 20	2 4 9 5	153343223 2653 76553235 85	62 123 117 282 95 52 95 129 406 132 113 44 57 50 50 59 203 111 58 73	300 300 800. 355 78 67 127 70 45 69 73 32 205 69 73 32 35 60 59 14 25 82 83 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84	24 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1 1	37 117 49 40 35 89 160	53 322 71 35 97 27 34 33 145 75 67	NO. NO YES NO NO NO YOU NO NO YOU YOU NO
St. Johns	Clarence Thigpen, Rt. 4, Greenville, Fla TOTALS	- <u> </u>	1:201	9[211]	264	356	14 349		10 69	330	683	<u>. </u>	98	65 2727		13	55 1101		No

TABLE F-TRAINING UNION

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CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults, 25-34	Adults, 35 and up	General Officers	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Observe Youth Week Number Training Schools
Central Cherry Lake Elizabeth Greenville Hopewell Lamont Lee Macedonia Madison Mayo Midway Midway Midway Midway Moseley Hall Mt. Olive New Home New Hopeful New Macedonia Pine Grove Pinetta Pleasant Grove (L) Pleasant Grove (T)	W. H. Bailey, Jr., Rt. 3, Greenville, Fla. Cleo McCiamma, Madison, Fla. Royce Tuten, Madison, Fla. T. Z. Henderson, Rt. 3, Box 276, Madison W. M. B'anton, Rt. 3, Greenville, Fla. J. Arthur Cruce, Rt. 2, Madison, Fla.	33 22 1	6 6 9 5 7 7 8 7 2 7 6 4 9 2 2 6 8 3	11 13 5 6 8 8 7 7 10 7 69 69 63 11 12 15	3 11 5 19 1 24 6 6 15 7 15 12 12 12 15 4 15 17 10	4 11 11 23 10 15 10 5 24 14 8 4 10 11 9 14 3 12 6 15 17		2 8 9 2 2	29 10 11 6 17 5 3 3	14 11 16 20 31 10 29 41 16 12 24 14 14 12 24 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12	ភាភភិឧភាភាឧ ភាសិភិភិភិ ជាមានមាន	93 73 104 68 31 96 90 68 47 73	24 45 18 65 25 53 42 25 76 50 56 56 12 29 48 60 21	No

TABLE G-CHURCH MUSIC

Chürches	CHOIR DIRECTORS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adult	General Officers	Total Enrolment	Attendance	September—Church Music Month Observed	No. Copies Church Musician usually Or.	Name of Hymnal Used in Auditorium
Eculah Erewer Lake Central Cherry Lake Elizabeth Greenville Hopewell Lanont Lee Macadonia Madison Mayo Midway Moseley Hall Mt. Gliead Mt. Olive New Home Now Hopeful New Macadonia Pine Grove Pinetta Pic.saat Grove (L) St. Johns	Miss Carylon Stokes, Lee, Fla. Mrs. Delories Townsend, Mayo, Fla. Sidney Horne, Rt. 1, Monticello, Fla. Mrs. A. C. Gentry, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla. Mrs. Jamus DeMote, Rt. 1, Monticello, Fla. Wesley Kelly, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla. Wesley Kelly, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla. Wiss Gwendoiyn Dunian, Lee, Fla. Mrs. J. T. Carler, Jasper, Fla. Mrs. Joseph S. Bird, Madison, Fla. Mrs. Joseph S. Bird, Madison, Fla. Mrs. William F. Hart, Mayo, Fla. Clifford Jordan, Lee, Fla. Miss Pearlie Ruth Sapp, Rt. 3, Greenville Mrs. W. M. Aman, Rt. 1, Greenville, Fla. Mrs. Annie Bell Payne, Rt. 2, Madison, Fla. Mrs. Clara Davis, Rt. 3, Greenville, Fla. Marcus Morrison, Rt. 3, Greenville, Fla. Marcus Morrison, Rt. 3, Greenville, Fla. Tommy Thompson, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla. Tommy Thompson, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla. Mrs. Betty Willis, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla. Clyde King, Rt. 4, Greenville, Fla.	12	14	16] 7	13 16 15 15 22 11	2	39 16 15 27 38 26 20 32 15	22 20 16	No No No No No No No No No No No No No N	1 24 24	Broadman Broadman Modern Baptist Broadman Baptist Modern Broadman
	TOTALS	24	27	47[118	3	228			49	

TABLE H & I-TOTAL GIFTS AND LOGAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Yotal Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance, Bepair, Etc.	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, Etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Yotal Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Yotal Local Expense	
	J. D. Farnell, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla	\$ 769 3639	- 1	\$ 6 196	\$ 2433	\$ 55 119	\$ 105 35	\$ 45 253	\$	\$ 33 45	\$ 244 1781	\$ 420\\$ 1300\	664 3081	
	W. C. Keen, Sr., Mayo, Fla.	3934	ł	386	2433	269	54	335		8	1053	2520	3573	
Central	Oliver Scruggs, Rt. 1, Monticello, Fla	3698	ď	3.834		181	28	245		297	1136	1200	2336	
	J. W. Cason, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla	1	54	124	4187			125	800	1507	7279	3120	10400	
	Mrs. Allen Lightsey, Rt. 1, Monticello, Fla.	5412	300	392	392	296	50	335		243	2009	2320	4329	
Greenville	T. P. McLeoed, Jr., Greenville, Fla	12917	40	361	1	545	78	382	575		4543	3600	8143	
Hopewell	W. B. Lamb, Madison, Fla	6147	260	88	215	660	125	200		337	1885	3145	5030	
Lamont	Tom H. Balley, Lamont, Fla	3764	- 1	869	3667		19	175		266	5127	1200	6328	
Lee	H. J. Brown, Lee, Fla.	6335		340		512	179	310	672	345	2387	3120	5507	
Macedonia	Gordon Henderson, Lee, Fla.	5124	20	254	2000	415	92	316		0000	1098	2467 5604	3565	
	I. R. Woodard, Madison, Fla	31925	2632	2073	2062	1509	11	485	11175		23031 2173	3600	28635) 57731	
	Mrs. J. D. Garden, Maye, Fla.	8176	Į	579	43	647 159	724 636	185		180 115	1343	2884	4227	
Midway	E. E. Phillips, Madison, Fla.	2438	-	222 21	36 341		174	175 200		162	1032	1235	2267	
Moseley Hall	Sidney R. Moon, Rt. 3, Greenville, Fla Mrs. Clydle Jones, Rt. 1, Greenville, Fla	1139		175	241	66	117	801		40	362	748	1110	
	Mrs. Cleo Phillips, Box 301, Madison, Fla.	4228	115	852	830		237	125		369	2645	1820	4465	
	Jim Tuten, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.	2397	110	002	492	141	19	100	484	72	877	1250	2127	
New Hopeful	Margaret Shackleford, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.	1316		i	18	44	~~	120		89:	271	720	1262	
New Macedonia	Lee Barclay, Rt. 1, Greenville, Fla.	20891	100	16	665	45	20	139			985	1300	2285	
	B. F. Davis, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.	4682		234	i	286		169	995	73	1683	1930	3613	
Pinetta	M. C. Woodard, Pinetta, Fla	6159	1	322	1822	393	25	250	720	275	3810	3380	7190	
Pleasant Grove (L)	Mrs. Annie Thomas, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fia	3207	ĺ	25	440	114	92	333		112	995	1780	2776]	
	Betty Jean Sheffield, Greenville, Fla	1314	Ì		115	53		100		86	354	910	1264	
Riverside	Jimmie Lyons, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla	2080	ļ]		40	154	140		94	428	1262	1690	
	Mrs. Kelly Bailey, Rt. 3, Greenville, Fla	1468		!]	76	75	75		38	263	1225	1488	
St. Johns	Marcus Day, Rt. 4, Greenville, Fla.	1475		140!	!	94		205		188	489	720	1209	
	TOTALS	\$125772	S 3521	\$ 8058	\$17758	\$ 75841	\$ 2932	\$ 5343	\$15421	\$10619	\$69283	\$54780 8	124337ノ	

TABLE J & K-MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational or District	Designated State Missions	Pesignated Home Missions	Berignated Foreign Missions	Christian Education Schools	Children's Komes	Designated Hospitals	Other objects (Relief and Annuity) Homes for Ared, Radio-	Total Mession Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditures for All Purposes
	R. V. Singletary, Rt. 1, Box 161, Mayo, Fla.	8 12 3		4 4	§ 5	\$ 5 \$;	\$	\$	\$	\$ 45	
Beulah	Cleveland Driggers, Box 362, Madison, Fla. Mrs. Sarah W. Bell, Box 16, Day, Fla.	140	39	12 25		0.0					191	3274
Brewer Lake		134	62	25	331	60		27		20	360	3934
	Mrs. Blanche Clark, Rt. 1, Bx 125, Monticello Mrs. Emma O. Barnes, Rt. 3 Bx 107, Madison	410	36	24! 191	25 27	50	ĺ	61	1	86	692	3027;
Cherry Lake	Norman Hartsfield, Rt. 1, Bx 179, Monticello	480	00	19]		40 14		64)		159	789	11189
Greenville	E. G. Musse, Greenville, Fla.	539	60	l coo	27		50	100	10	G2	710	5038j 13122j
Hopewell	Mrs. Gladys Herndon, Bex 32, Madison, Fla.	3027	124	223	351	776	อบ	100	16	312	4979	5685
Lamont	David R. Walker, Lamont, Fla	545 342	101 36!	10!	10 14:	62		105	50	0.0	655	7061
Lee	Jessie Sullivan, Madison, Fla.	3271	94	25	25	5 0 1	3	135 12	50	85 26	733 562	6069
Macedonia	Mrs. L. B. Welch, Madison, Fla.	910	94	23	40	50]	٠.	461		20	1050	4615;
Madison	C. M. May, Box 359, Madison, Fla.	33741	162	55	65	193	259	62		372	4543	33177
Mayo	Mrs. Mack Suggs, Box 12, Mayo, Fla.	7301	149	31	28.	40	12	183	22:		1511	7284
Midway	Miss Willie Poillips, Lee, Fla.	7.5	70	ŝ	31		1.2	103	9	280	456	46831
Meseley Hall	Sidney R. Moon, Rt. 3, Box 95, Greenville.	236!	29!	- 1	3	**		31	3	26		2589
Mt. Gilead	Rodney Watts, Rt. 1, Greenville, Fla	22		1	i	- 1	,	9-1	ì	. ~ .	22	1131
Mit. Olive	Mrs. Olco McClamma, Madison, Fla.	501			10	10		i		26		4571
New Home	Mrs. Johnnie Tuten, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.	1301	391	11	61	5		i	i	26		2318
New Hopeful	T. Z. Henderson, Rt. 3, Box 276, Madison	132	i	22	- i	- i		i	i		154	1316
New Macedonia	Mrs. Tennie V. Davis, Rt. 1, Greenville, Fla.	5	i	j			ļ				5	2290
Fine Grove	Marcus D. Morrison, Rt. 2, Madison, Fla.	285	į	15	11	20	22	36i		19	408	4021
Pinetta	Geoorge Bartlam, Rt 2, Madison, Fla	500	101	i	10	23		153	j		792	7982
Pleasant Grove (L)	Mrs. Scarlet Baber, Rt. 1, Mayo, Fla	180	47		5	9		14	į		256	3031
Pleasant Grove (T)	Horace Knowles, Box 58, Greenville, Fla.	50	- 1	- 1	- 1	ĺ	i	'	į		50	1314
	Bobby Ray Lyons, Rt. 1, Box 107, Mayo. Fla.	30)	- [- 1	1	1			Ì		30	1720
Sirmans	Mrs. Kelly Bailey, Rt. 3, Greenville, Fla.	67	36		j	,	5	4)	11		124	16121
St. Johns	Norman Newman, Rt. 4, Greenville, Fla.	147	22	- !		ì		- 1		26	173	1403
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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 Pleas	sant G. (T)	Rev. T. J. Farnell	
Oct. 14, 15, 16, 1903	Pine Grove	Rev T I Farnell	Rev H. B Gibson
Oct. 19, 20, 21, 1904 Pleas	sant G (T)	Rev. T. J. Farnell	Rev H. B. Gibson
]	Rev. H. B. Gibson
1905 Oct. 24, 25, 26, 1906N	lew Honeful	Rev. S. R. Clements	Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct. 24, 25, 26, 1900 Oct., 1907 Oct. 21, 22, 1908 Oct. 20, 21, 22, 1909 Oct. 6, 7, 1910 Nov. 8, 9, 1911	Greenville		
Oct., 1901	Lamont	Rev. T. J. Farnell	Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct. 21, 22, 1900	rewer Lake	Rev. T. J. Farnell.	Rev H. B. Gibson
Oct 6 7 1010	Honewell	W. B. Davis	Ardis Warren
Nov. 8 0 1011	Beulah	W. B. Davis	Ardis Warren
Nov. 6 7 1019	Central	Rev. S. B. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 6, 7, 1912 Nov. 5, 6, 7, 1913	San Pedro	Rev. S. B. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 3, 4, 5, 1914	Mayo	Rev. S. B. Cole.	Ardis Warren
Nov. 9, 10, 11, 1915	Madison	Rev. S. B. Cole	Ardig Warren
Mar 14 15 16 1016	Perry	Rev. S. B. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 13, 14, 1917 Oct. 1918	Midway	Rev. S. B. Cole	Ardie Warren
NOV. 13, 17, 1811	Riverside	Rev S B Cole	Theo Leslie
Oct. 14 15 1010	Tee	Pay S B Cole	Theo Leslie
Oct. 14, 15, 1919 Oct. 12, 13, 1920	Elizabeth	Rev. S. B. Cole	Theo Leslie
Oct. 12, 13, 1920 Oct. 10, 11, 1921 Pleasant	Grove (L)	Rev. S. B. Cole Rev. S. B. Cole Rev. S. B. Cole Rev. S. B. Cole	Carl W Burnett
Oct. 10, 11, 1921	Greenville	Rev. S. B. Cole	T Wickers
Oct. 23, 24, 1923 B	rewer Lake	Rev. S. B. Cole	Carl W Burnets
A 4 91 99 1094	CANTROL	W. L. Weaver	Corl W Burnett
Oct. 21, 22, 1924 Oct. 20, 21, 1925 Oct. 19, 20, 1926 Oct. 18, 19, 1927 New	Midway	A. J. Preston	Carl W. Burneti
Oct. 10, 21, 1925	Macedonia	Judge W. B. Davis	Corl W. Burnett
Oct. 19, 20, 1920	Macedonia	Judge W. B. Davis	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 23, 24, 1928	Perry	Judge W. B. Davis	Corl W. Burnett
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Oct 99 90 1030	Elizabeth	Jno. F. McCall	Carl W. Burnett
Oct 97 98 1031	Macedonia	Jno. F. McCall	Carl W Burnett
Oct 95 96 1039	Macedonia	Jno. F. McCall	Oail W. Duiness
Oct. 23, 23, 1929 Oct. 28, 29, 1930 Oct. 27, 28, 1931 Oct. 25, 26, 1932 Oct. 24, 25, 1933 Oct. 24, 25, 1933	Rrewer Lake	Roy Pay Smith	T I Farnell
Oct. 30, 31, 1934	Greenville	Rev. Ray Smith Rev. A. M. Parker	J. J. Farnell
Oct. 29, 30, 1935	Macedonia	Doy W C Stroomer	J. J. Farnell
Oct. 27, 28, 1936	Lamont.	Rev. W. G. Stracener 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	Corl W. Burnett
Oct. 24, 25, 1930	Madison	Rev. A. H. Townsend	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 24, 25, 1939 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 Oct. 3, 4, 1944	Macedonia	Edwin B. Browning	Carl W Burnett
Oct 3 4 1944	Lamont	T. P. McLeod, Jr.	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 3, 4, 1945 Pleasan Oct. 8, 9, 1946 Oct. 8, 9, 1947 Oct. 13, 14, 1948 Oct. 13, 14, 1949 Nev	t 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		
Nev	V Home (T)	John R. Collins	Carl W Burnett
Oct. 12, 13, 1950Brewe	er Lake and	Committee Congress	carr w. Burness
	Riverside	Alva Horton	Carl W Burnett
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Oct. 9, 10, 1952S	Charry Inko	Edwin B. Browning	Comi III Dumott
Oct. 8, 9, 1953	Cherry Lake	Edwin B. Browning	Carl w. Burnett
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New	Home (M)	W. L. RUIIIIS	Cari w. Buinett
Oct. 7, 8, 1954	Trobewett ex	T 1 D 0 22	On all the bosons of
	Macedonia	John R. Collins	
Oct. 6, 7, 1955Greenville	& Elizabeth	Dewey Mann	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 4. 5. 1956	Midway and		
Pleasant C	irove (Lay.)	Julian T. Maddox	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 17, 18, 1957	Athena and		
	Frove (Tay.)	James T. Barber	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 21 & 22, 1958M	adison First		•
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