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## TRIBUTE



E. B. Browning Sr.

Recognizing our previous oversight in our last associational meeting, I have asked permission to include in our minutes "A Tribute to E. B. Browning Sr," offering it as a "prefiled motion of resolution" to be acted upon in our next meeting, in this or some other form, confident we would happily concurred in this tribute and even the dedication of the minutes in his honor.

To write words of evaluation and appreciation of E. B. Browning is a difficult task. Thoughts that throng my mind and exercise my heart makes it exceedingly difficult to compress in few words and small space a just expression for the noble character this man of God has demonstrated through these years of life and service.

Forty-one years of leadership in an association of "new-born, immature and most mature children of God," and, he not a minister in the professional sense, is certainly an unusual and historic accomplishment. There are other laymen who have served effectively in many places and times but rarely do you have one giving spiritual leadership over so long a period of time, while bearing other varied responsibilities. Our association has the distinction of two "laymen" setting the example of loving, faithful service, E. B. Browning and beloved Carl Burnett.

Man of many "hats." Man, and what a man, husband, father, teacher, school administrator, Christian, church-member, Bible student and teacher, deacon, vice-moderator and moderator, over a forty year plus in our association. Historian, "par excellence." Hearer, learner and doer. A man of great strength, wise understanding, deep compassion and care in so many areas of life. His grace, courtesy, culture, compassion and refinement has blest and inspired me to become more like him.

As one concerned with all truth, he has led in investigating, evaluating and recording the past, bringing to our minds people and their noteworthy accomplishments. At the same time his work and worth unrecorded, as he extolled the feats of others, encouraging us all onward.

Paul summed up concerning the "spiritual realities" with: "Now abide faith, hope and love, these three, but the greatest of these is love. Make love your aim."

Our brother a man of faith: Faith in Christ Jesus our Lord, in God's word, in his church, in his brethren, co-laborers, faith that bears up and looks beyond the visible to the invisible, faith still abiding and serving. "Hope" that "well-founded expectation of future good," expected because God, who cannot lie has promised, with eye to the future serving now as though He possessed all, constantly working for that improvement to be consummated at the glorious appearance of our Lord and Savior. "Love" to love a girl to become his wife and together build such life of character and service, to love one's own and his neighbors children, to love the Lord, his church and his brethren and to love even those who count as enemies. To love where infirmity and need prevail to give oneself to bless and build this is the love God has and begets in us, a lover in the finest sense.

This is E. B. Browning, long may he live, for as he lives he will give forth the fragrance of "The Lily of the Valley" and "The Rose of Sharon." Led and energized by "The Forget-Me-Not" of the scriptures, the Holy Spirit. God bless, keep and use his son and servant we delight to call our "Brother Booze." Gratefully and humbly submitted

J. Thad Entzminger

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# Calendar of Activities 1977-78

## OCTOBER, 1977

- 5 Prayer for Cooperative Program
- 7- 8 Brotherhood Leadership Conference, Lake Yale
- 7- 8 District Sunday School Workshop, Pickett Lake
- 11 WMU Rally, Cherry Lake, 10:00 A. M.
- 12 Prayer for Cooperative Program
- 13 Annual Session, Elizabeth Church, 3:00 P. M.
- 14 Annual Session, Lamont Church, 10:00 A. M.
- 14-15 Brotherhood Leadership Conference West, Florida
- 14 Pastor/Diacon Retreat, Pickett Lake, Registration begins 3:00 P. M.
- 15 Youth Rally, Lamont, 8:00 P. M.
- 19 Prayer for Cooperative Program
- 20 Brotherhood Supper Meeting, Pinetta, 7:00 P. M.
- 26 Prayer for Cooperative Program
- 28-30 Single Adult Retreat, Lake Yale

## NOVEMBER, 1977

- 1 Baptist Young Women Assoc. Meeting, Faith Baptist Church, 7:30 P. M.
- 4- 6 State Baptist Student Convention, Lake Yale
- 6-12 Royal Ambassador Week
- 7 World Day of Prayer
- 10 Assoc. Music Leader's Supper and Fellowship, Cherry Lake Church, 7:30 P. M.
- 11-12 State Royal Ambassador Rally
- 14-16 Florida Baptist State Convention Annual Session, St. Petersburg
- 18-19 Youth Leaders Bible Conference, Lake Yale (SS)
- 19 Youth Rally, 7:30 P. M.
- 20 A ThankSing in Every Church
- 22 Assoc. Foreign Mission Study, "Rivers of Ink," Lee, First Baptist 7:00-9:30 P. M. (taught by Mrs. Charlie Webb)
- 24 Thanksgiving
- 28 "M" Night, Macedonia, 7:30 P. M.
- 29-30 West Florida Bible Conference, West Florida

## DECEMBER, 1977

- 2- 3 State Vocational Guidance Conference (CT)
- 4-11 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
- 12 Executive Committee Meeting, Lee, 7:30 P. M.
- 18 Student Day at Christmas
- 17 Youth Rally, 7:30 P. M.
- 21 A Carol Sing in Every Church
- 25 Christmas Day (Sunday)
- 27 Florida Baptist Youth Evangelism & Missions Conference, Tampa
- 31 Watch Night

## JANUARY, 1978

- 2- 6 January Bible Study (Exodus)
- 8 Witnessing Commitment Day in Every Church

- 9-11 Evangelism Conference, Jacksonville
- 12-14 RA Leadership Campcraft Clinic, Lake Yale
- 18 Mission Action Workshop, Pinetta, 10:00-12:00  
(This taking place of WMU Rally)
- 19 Brotherhood Meeting, Lee, 7:00 P. M.
- 21 Youth Rally, 7:30 P. M.
- 22 Baptist Men's Day
- 22-25 World Missions Conference in the Churches
- 23-27 Association Family Ministry Conference (CT)
- 26-28 Church Extension Institute, Lake Yale
- 28 Association Music Festival, Madison, First, Registration 6:30 P. M.  
Children's choirs 7:00 P. M.—Adult and Youth choirs, 7:30 P. M.

#### FEBRUARY, 1978

- 4 Young Adult Banquet
- 12-18 WMU Focus Week
- 17-18 State Young Musicians' Festival, Lake Yale
- 18 Youth Rally, 7:30 P. M.
- 20-24 Senior Adult Leadership Workshop (CT) Gainesville
- 24-26 Senior High Acteens and Cometogether, Lake Yale

#### MARCH, 1978

- 3 Association Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament
- 3- 5 Renewal Retreat for Couples, Lake Yale
- 6- 8 Renewal Retreat for Church Staff Couples, Lake Yale
- 5-12 Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 10-12 Renewal Retreat for Couples, Lake Yale
- 12-19 Youth Week
- 13-14 Vacation Bible School Clinic, West Florida Assembly
- 13-15 Human Relations Conference, Lake Yale
- 13 Executive Committee Meeting, Lee, 7:30 P. M.
- 16 Baptist Way Conference, SBC and Florida Baptist Convention,  
Madison First Baptist
- 16-17 Vacation Bible School Clinic, Lake Yale
- 18 Youth Rally, 7:30 P. M.
- 24-25 RA Congress, Lake Yale
- 26 Easter Sunday
- 27-28 Pastor/Deacon & Wives Conference, West Florida
- 27-31 Regional Bible Drills and Speakers' Tournaments
- 31-April 1 Pastor/Deacon & Wives Retreat, Lake Yale

#### APRIL, 1978

- 8 PraisFest, Stetson University, Deland
- 11 WMU Rally, Madison First, 10:00 A. M.
- 11-12 WMU Annual Session, First Baptist, Pensacola
- 15 Youth Rally, 7:30 P. M.
- 16 Cooperative Program Day
- 17-18 State Music Methods and Materials Clinic, Lake Yale
- 17-20 Regional Inter-Faith Witness Conference, Jacksonville
- 17-21 Baptist Doctrine Study
- 20 Brotherhood Supper Meeting, Mt. Olive, 7:00 P. M.

- 23 High Attendance Church Training
- 28-29 Baptist Men Encampment, West Florida
- 28-30 Single Adult Retreat, Lake Yale

MAY, 1978

- 2 Baptist Young Women Association Meeting, Mt. Olive, 7:30 P. M.
- 5- 6 Baptist Men Encampment, Lake Yale
- 7-14 Christian Home Week
- 8-12 Association Family Ministry Conference (CT)
- 14 Mother's Day
- 14 Mother's Day Offering Florida Baptist Children's Home
- 19-20 Girls in Action Mother/Daughter Overnight, Lake Yale
- 13 Florida Baptist Historical Society Meeting, First Church Madison
- 20 Youth Rally, 8:00 P. M.
- 21 Stetson University Commencement
- 25-27 Association Leadership Planning Conference, Lake Yale
- 29-30 Bus Outreach Conference, Marianna

JUNE, 1978

- 12 Executive Committee Meeting, Lee, 7:30 P. M.
- 12-17 GA Camps, Lake Yale and West Florida Assemblies
- 13-15 Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga.
- 17 Youth Rally, 8:00 P. M.
- 18 Father's Day
- 19-24 GA Camps, Lake Yale and West Florida
- 19-24 RA Camps, Lake Yale and West Florida
- 27-29 Missions and Fellowship Conference, Lake Yale (WMU)
- 26-July 1 Acteens Camp, West Florida Assembly
- 26-July 1 GA Camp, Lake Yale
- 26-July 1 RA Camp, Lake Yale

JULY, 1978

- 2 Freedom Sing in Every Church
- 3- 8 GA/Acteens Camp, Lake Yale
- 3- 8 RA Camp, Lake Yale
- 4 Independence Day
- 10-13 Sunday School Leadership Assembly, Lake Yale
- 10-15 Acteens Camp, Lake Yale
- 10-15 RA Camp, Lake Yale
- 11 WMU Rally, Elizabeth, 10:00-12:00, Youth Program
- 15 Youth Rally, 7:30 P. M.
- 17-22 Youth Music Camp, Lake Yale
- 20 Brotherhood Meeting, Cherry Lake, 7:00 P. M.
- 14-15 Sunday School Leadership Mini Conference, Lake Yale
- 17-22 GA Camp, Lake Yale
- 24-29 State Music Assembly, Lake Yale
- 24-29 Young Musician's Camp, Lake Yale
- 31-Aug. 4 National /Southern Baptist Convention Church Leadership, Training, Conference, Lake Yale
- 31-Aug. 5 GA/Acteens Camp, Lake Yale
- 31-Aug. 4 Associational Youth Camp, Pickett Lake

## AUGUST, 1978

- 7-12 Church Training Youth Assembly, Lake Yale
- 11-12 Church Training Leadership Retreat, Lake Yale
- 14-17 Kindergarten and Child Care Workshop, Lake Yale
- 14-18 Youth Rally Revival .
- 18-19 Sunday School Leadership Mini-Conference, Lake Yale
- 20-27 Church Music Week in Every Church
- 21-23 WMU Leaders' Conference, Lake Yale
- 20-27 Church Music Week in Every Church
- 25-26 Sunday School Leadership Mini-Conference, Lake Yale
- 28-30 Church Growth Institute (Evangelism and SS)

## SEPTEMBER, 1978

- 1- 3 Spiritual Atmosphere Consultation for secularly employed pastors,  
Lake Yale
- 2- 4 Baptist Women's Conference, Lake Yale
- 3-10 Season of Prayer and Special State Mission Offering
- 4 Labor Day
- 10 On-to-College Day, Local churches
- 11 Executive Committee Meeting, Lee, 7:30 P. M.
- 11-15 Association Growth Clinics
- 16 Youth Rally, 7:30 P. M.
- 18-22 Association Growth Clinics (Evangelism and SS)
- 22-23 Adult Choir Member Retreat, Lake Yale
- 24-Oct. 1 SS Leadership Preparation Week
- 29-30 Adult Choir Member Retreat, Lake Yale

## OCTOBER, 1978

- 1 Bold Advance Day (Hi Attendance Day in SS)
- 4 Prayer for Cooperative Program
- 6- 7 Brotherhood Leadership Conference, Lake Yale
- 10 WMU Rally, Lamont, 10:00 A. M.
- 11 Prayer for Cooperative Program
- 18 Prayer for Cooperative Program
- 19 Associational Annual Session, Madison, First
- 20 Associational Annual Session, Midway Church
- 20-22 Junior High Acteens Cometogether, Lake Yale
- 21 Youth Rally, 8:00 P. M.
- 23-25 Bible Study and Enrichment Conference for Ministers & Wives, Lake Yale
- 25 Prayer for Cooperative Program
- 27-28 Seminar for Church Music Directors (Part-time)
- 27-29 Single Adult Retreat, Lake Yale (SS)

## NOVEMBER, 1978

- 3- 5 State Baptist Student Convention, Lake Yale
- 5-11 RA Week
- 13-15 Florida Baptist Convention, Lakeland
- 7 Election Day
- 16-18 Youth Leaders' Bible Conference, Lake Yale
- 18 Youth Rally, 7:30 P. M.
- 19 A ThankSing in Every Church

- 23 Thanksgiving
- 27 "M" Night
- 29-Dec. 1 Directors of Associational Missions/Florida Baptist Convention Staff  
Retreat, Lake Yale

DECEMBER, 1978

- 3-10 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
- 16 Youth Rally, 7:30 P. M.
- 20 A Carol Sing in Every Church
- 24 Student Day at Christmas, Local Churches
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 Watch Night

Respectfully submitted,  
I. T. Carter, Chairman

## Minutes

Of the Seventy-Eighth Annual Session  
Of the Middle Florida Baptist Association  
Met With Elizabeth Church

### AFTERNOON SESSION

1. Song service led by Mrs. Herbert Demott, Elizabeth.
2. Devotional by Dr. John Niver, Central.
3. Welcome by Rev. Roy Huguen, Elizabeth.
4. Response by E. B. Browning, Sr., Madison.
5. Called to order by Moderator, Rev. I. T. Carter.
6. Clerk, Robert Bellflower, made a motion "That all messengers present and all messengers to come later to this meeting, be seated and they constitute the working body of this Annual Session and that we follow the program as set forth in the Book of Reports, with whatever changes needed." Motion carried.
7. Visitors recognized were: Rev. and Mrs. B. D. Locke, Mrs. Dave Alderman and Mr. Bill Scruggs from the Florida Association, Mr. L. C. Page, Lester Page and Mrs. Inez Page from Orange Blossom Association. New pastors were: Rev. John Dorman, New Home; Rev. William Roberts, Mayo; Dr. John Niver, Central; Rev. George Fulgham, Moseley Hall.
8. Committee reports were as follows:
  9. Executive Committee, Robert Bellflower, Macedonia.
  10. Foreign, Home and State Missions, Rev. Marcus Morrison.
  11. Florida Baptist Witness, Carl W. Burnett, Macedonia.
  12. United Christian Action, Rev. Walter Bailey.
  13. This report spoken to by Mr. Bill Grant, representing the state office in Jacksonville, of Madison First Church.
  14. Florida Baptist Children's Home by Mrs. Audrey Wood. Mike Goodwin of the Children's Home in Tallahassee spoke to this report.
  15. Annuity and Retirement by Rev. J. Thad Entzminger, Greenville, Rev. William H. Lord, Sr., manager of the Baptist Retirement Center in Vero Beach, Florida spoke to this report.

16. Treasurer's Report by W. T. Coody.
17. Evangelism by Rev. Layton Daughtry, Midway.
18. On motion made and carried the above reports were adopted.
19. A motion was made and carried that the associational Secretary salary be raised to \$3.50 per hour.
20. A motion was made and carried that the Annual Session in 1979 convene with Pleasant Grove (T), this being their centennial year.
21. Special music by the Elizabeth Choir.
22. Rev. Howard Money of Pinetta brought the Doctrinal Sermon.
23. Adjournment prayer by Rev. Verner Wheeler.
24. Recess—Fellowship meal by Elizabeth Church.

#### EVENING SESSION

25. Praising by Mrs. Herbert DeMott.
26. Devotional by Rev. William Roberts, Mayo.
27. Committee reports were as follows:
28. Sunday School, Gene Stokes, Beulah.
29. Baptist Campus Ministry, Miss Phyllis Sevor.
30. Special Missions Committee, Rev. B. E. Humes, Madison.
31. Church Training, Edgar Barrs, Lee.
32. Colleges and Seminaries, J. V. Cason, Faith.
33. Music Report, Mrs. Herbert Demott, Elizabeth.
34. On motion made and carried the above reports were adopted.
35. Special music, "By My Spirit"—Ensemble.
36. Inspirational Speaker—Rev. Francis Cruce, Director of Missions, Beulah and Suwanee Associations.
37. Adjournment prayer, by Rev. Marvin Day, New Hopeful.

#### MET WITH LAMONT CHURCH FRIDAY MORNING-SESSION

38. Song service by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reams, Lamont.
39. Devotional by John Dorman, New Home.
40. Welcome, Harold Reams, Lamont.
41. Response, Albert Gentry, Cherry Lake.
42. The Moderator asked the Vice-Moderator to preside through the morning session.
43. Committee reports were as follows:
44. Associational Youth Camp, Rev. Tom Ray Kelley, Mt. Olive.
45. Middle Florida Assembly Grounds, Rev. I. T. Carter, Lee.
46. American Bible Society by Mrs. L. R. Woodard, Madison First.
47. Historical Report by Mr. E. B. Browning, Sr. Vice-Moderator asked Brother Knox Ward to preside while he gave his report.
48. Woman's Missionary Union Report—Mrs. John Collins, Cherry Lake.
49. Music Report spoken to by James D. Morrell, State Representative of Jacksonville.
50. Digest of Associational Letters by Robert Bellflower, Macedonia.
51. Florida Baptist Foundation by L. R. Woodard, Madison, First.
52. Calendar of Activities, Rev. I. T. Carter, Lee.
53. Brotherhood by Bill Grant, Madison.

54. Radio and Television by Mr. E. B. Browning, Sr., Madison.
55. The Vice-Moderator asked Mrs. Ollie Andrews Banks to preside while he gave the Radio and Television Report.
56. Motion made and carried that these reports be adopted as given.
57. A motion was made and carried that Rev. Tom Ray Kelley be appointed Camp Director for the Elbert C. Tyner Youth Camp of our association.
58. A motion was made and carried that we give \$100.00 to the American Bible Society to be taken from the Miscellaneous Fund of our budget.
59. "Amazing Grace" was sung by Rev. I. T. Carter, accompanied by Mrs. Carter.
60. Special music by Lamont Baptist Church.
61. Rev. B. E. Humes, Madison, brought the Missionary Sermon.
62. Adjournment prayer by Rev. Roy Hughen.
63. Recess—Fellowship meal by Lamont Church.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

64. Song service led by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reams. John Fields gave a Recitation entitled, "Three Rusty Nails."
65. Devotional by Rev. J. Thad Entzminger, Greenville.
66. Committee reports were as follows:
67. Nominations by J. H. Phillips, Lee.
68. Our Departed Loved Ones, Mrs. Joe Reams, Greenville.
69. Stewardship, Rev. Howard Money, Pinetta.
70. Resolutions, Lex Webb, Madison.
71. Time and Place—Wesley Downing, Pinetta. 1978 session at Madison First, and Midway.
72. Associational officers were elected as follows.  
 Moderator—Rev. I. T. Carter, Lee  
 Vice-Moderator—Lex Webb, Madison  
 Clerk—Robert Bellflower  
 Treasurer—W. T. Coody
73. All senior citizens were given special recognition. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farnell being the oldest couple, were presented a corsage and boutonniere.
74. Closing prayer by Rev. Tom Poole, Faith.

### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Lee, Baptist Church  
 December 20, 1976

Moderator, Rev. I. T. Carter, called the meeting to order.

Rev. Phil Maxwell, our Director of Missions gave the devotion and prayer.

I. Minutes were approved as read by Mr. Robert Bellflower.

II. Reports were given as follows:

#### A. SUNDAY SCHOOL—GENE STOKES

Emphasis in December has been on Foreign Missions.

On January 11, 1977 is set for our first Pastors-Directors Fellowship. Midway Baptist Church will be our host for supper at 7:00 p. m. This will also serve as our Early Bird Vacation Bible School Clinic. Brother Frank Delrose is our worker for this event.



February 14 and 15, 1977 are set for the Central Training School at the Cherry Lake Baptist Church at 7:00 p. m. Five workers are scheduled—one for each division of our work.

**B. CHURCH TRAINING—EDGAR BARRS, JR.**

“M” Night 1976 was held December 6 at First Baptist, Madison. We had a total of 201 in attendance, with 18 churches represented, 15 pastors and 15 Church Training Directors. Three awards were presented, all going to Cherry Lake Baptist. They were for: (1) Church with most Course Credits 191, (2) Church with largest percentage of Course Credits in ratio to the church membership 102%, (3) Church with the most Course Credits in subject area (64) Church Training, 12. Rev. Phil Maxwell gave a very inspiring message.

**C. TREASURER’S REPORT—W. T. COODY**

Balance as of 10-1-76	\$ 948.01
Collections from 10-1-76 to 12-20-76	3,116.02
Total	\$4,064.03
Paid Out	2,129.94
Balance as of 12-20-76	\$1,834.09

Rev. Phil Maxwell expressed appreciation for the splendid support and cooperation of the churches, the department heads and committee chairmen, in the interest of our work. He mentioned several programs which are being planned for the Association, including the possibility of a World Missions Conference early in 1978. The churches were also urged to use Youth Revival Teams in the summer provided by various departments of the State Convention.

An amended motion was passed that the Middle Florida Baptist Association present a trophy at “M” Night for the church having the largest percentage of attendance according to Church Training Membership.

Churches are asked to pick up their Associational Minutes and History at the Associational Office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Bellflower, Clerk

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 31, 1977  
Lee Baptist Church

The meeting was called to order by Rev. I. T. Carter, Moderator. Devotional given by Rev. Glenn Collins.

I. Minutes approved as read.

II. Reports were given as follows:

**A. MUSIC—MRS. LINDA DEMOTT:**

The Music Festival was a real blessing to all. We had 206 participating plus 94 visitors for a total of 300. Churches participating were Cherry Lake, Mt. Olive, Lee, First Pinetta, Madison First, Lamont and Elizabeth.

**B. SUNDAY SCHOOL** announcement of Sunday School Clinic at Cherry Lake, February 14-15.

**C. PASTORS AND WIVES SUPPER** announced for February 26, Lee, First.

Adjournment by E. B. Browning, Sr.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Bellflower, Clerk

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
March 28, 1977

The Moderator introduced Dr. John Niver to the Association.

A motion was made to pay for flowers, \$22.50 for Rev. Glenn Collins son, who passed away recently.

A motion was made and carried to pay \$7.27 out of the Assoc. Treasury to the Church Training Budget amount which had been overspent.

A motion was made and carried to give the Church Training Budget an additional \$75.00 to operate on for the remainder of the year.

Mr. E. B. Browning, Sr. brought greetings from Rev. Phil Maxwell, stating that he was sorry that he was unable to attend this meeting and that he was progressing nicely. He stated that he was hoping that we could have a mid-year meeting to select the Department Heads for next year.

Brother Maxwell requested that he be paid no salary for this month.

A motion was made and carried to grant his request regarding the salary.

A motion was made and carried that we have the semi-annual meeting, May 2, 1977 at Faith Baptist Church. This meeting will take the place of the May 2, Executive Committee meeting. It will be a covered dish supper, beginning at 7:00. Reports were given as follows: TREASURER'S Report—W. T. Coody

Balance as of 12-5-76	\$1,961.55
Paid Out	<u>2,292.16</u>
Balance as of 3-28-77	1,621.20
PICKETT LAKE SIDEWALK FUND	123.28
Paid Out	<u>123.28</u>
	000.00
Paid in on Association Minutes	\$438.00

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT May 2, 1977  
SEMI-ANNUAL

The Moderator announced that Rev. Phil Maxwell, Director of Missions, would not be serving any longer because of ill health. Motion made and carried that the State Office continue to keep the \$3600.00 in their budget for the coming associational year for the salary for our Missions Director.

Moderator appointed a committee to search for a Director of Missions. The committee was Rev. B. E. Humes, Rev. Roy Hughen and Rev. Gerald Hegwood. A motion was made and carried to send a letter to Rev. Maxwell, expressing our love and concern for his well being and for what he did as our Associational Missions Director.

A motion was made and carried to charge \$3.00 for Minutes that are mailed out, and to add Mrs. Ruth Reams and Mr. Carl Burnett's names to the Historical Committee.

A motion was made by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee that all the Department Directors on the 1976-77 list remain the same for the year 1977-78.

Reports were given by Mrs. Linda Demott and Mrs. Gracia Collins.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of 3-26-77	\$1,621.20
Paid Out	<u>305.12</u>
Balance	1,739.70
Check No. 1165 returned	<u>400.00</u>
Balance as of 5-2-77	\$2,139.70

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, August 8, 1977, Lee Church

Minutes approved as read. Reports were given and approved. History—E. B. Browning. Treasurer Report—W. T. Coody:

Balance as of 5-2-77	\$2,139.70
Collections & balance	3,914.43
Paid Out	2,484.62
Balance as of 8-8-77	\$1,429.51

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Bellflower, Clerk

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

The sending out and maintaining of missionaries is primary in Southern Baptist overseas missions through the channel of the Foreign Mission Board. During 1976, a total of 268 missionaries were appointed or reappointed, exceeding even 1975 appointments, which broke all previous records. Appointment of a large number of missionaries must never be taken for granted; much prayer and missionary education in the churches are reflected in the response to Christ's calling. At the close of 1976, the Board had an overseas missionary staff of 2,715 (including 218 missionary associates, 172 journeymen, and 4 special project workers). The 268 new missionaries included 128 career missionaries, 10 reappointments, 32 missionary associates, 94 missionary journeymen, and 4 special project medical workers. These bring the total appointed since 1845 to 5,889.

Almost 1,500 lay volunteers served overseas in 1976, in medical projects, special evangelism, church development, stewardship efforts, and in other ways. Information concerning opportunities for mission involvement was supplied to 100 family units that moved abroad during the year.

EVANGELISM AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Evangelism and church development are central to the objectives of missions: making disciples, maturing disciples in the fellowship of local churches, and developing churches into a cooperative effort for a continued outreach. Churches overseas are stimulated by the Foreign Mission Board and its missionaries, but rather than being extensions of our churches, they stand in fraternal relationship with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The program of evangelism and church development includes many activities such as radio and television, religious education promotion, lay leadership training, stewardship, camps and conferences, women's work, men's work, youth work, and music.

## SCHOOLS AND STUDENT WORK

Strong indigenous churches must have capable and well-trained leadership from among their people. Educational institutions under Baptist auspices in various lands may include all levels from kindergarten through university. Baptists also sponsor theological schools and Bible institutes to prepare men and women for church and denominational leadership.

## PUBLICATION WORK

Adequate supplies of all kinds of Christian literature are needed for the developing of vigorous churches; therefore, publication ministries are an integral part of Southern Baptist overseas missions. There are formal publishing centers in 20 lands and informal literature production programs in a number of other lands.

## HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CARE

While meeting the physical needs of thousands of people who might otherwise be neglected, Baptist medical work often opens strategic doors for evangelism. In cooperation with national medical personnel, this witness is expressed by Southern Baptists through hospitals, dental clinics, dispensaries and day clinics, nursing schools, and other health care ministries in overseas lands.

## BENEVOLENT MINISTRIES

Social service ministries, closely related in motivation and results to medical work, include agricultural programs, community centers, orphan homes, and direct relief.

Increasing awareness of the growing world hunger problem on the part of Southern Baptists and response to special disasters led to greatly increased relief contributed in 1975 and 1976.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

In 1976, Southern Baptists contributions for foreign missions totaled \$53,984,913. The 1976 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal was \$29 million—an increase over the \$26,169,421 contributed (as of May 1, 1976) through the 1975 offering.

Approximately 50 percent of the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program funds is made available annually for foreign missions. This is the basis upon which sustained advance can be built. Still needed urgently on overseas fields are land, buildings, and equipment, amounting to several million dollars' worth.

## HOME MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

Our new Director is, William G. Tanner.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Southern Baptists were outstanding in their support of the Home Mission Board and its work in 1976. At the year's end, the 1976 Annie Armstrong Easter

Offering topped its \$9.5-million goal, receiving \$9,631,012, a gain of 13.46 percent. Cooperative Program gifts increased 13.65 percent over the previous year. The Board received \$7,680,150 in the basic Cooperative Program allocation, plus challenge funds of \$870,143.

## PROGRAM-BY-PROGRAM SUMMARY

During the year, the 14 program areas and six support sectors performed a number of functions. Here is a program-by-program summary:

**EVANGELISM DEVELOPMENT**—The program works with and assists churches, associations and state conventions in interpreting, promoting and properly relating the message, methods, motivation and spirit of New Testament evangelism. The program assisted with financial support in six states. It produced a book, **THE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**, provided 90,000 additional support pieces of resource material, increased enrollment in the Correspondence Bible Course, assisted 17 state conventions in training sessions for associational chairmen of evangelism, correlated and supervised the work of two national consultants for black and ethnic churches, and assisted five state conventions in long-range evangelism planning.

**PERSONAL EVANGELISM**—The program works with churches, associations and state conventions in motivating, equipping and involving persons for a lifestyle of personal witnessing and the training of others for such a lifestyle. It introduced a new process of witness training, "TELL Witness Training," a series of information units designed to develop personal skills to allow an individual to function effectively as a witness. It also produced three TELL film cartridges and produced and distributed a 30-minute color documentary, **A DISTURBING SILENCE**.

**MASS EVANGELISM**—A national conference for vocational evangelists was held, the first time such a meeting has been held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

**PIONEER MISSIONS**—The program relates primarily to areas where Southern Baptist work has been initiated since 1940. It is implemented through other programs of the Home Mission Board and not through its own staff unit. The function of the program is to focus attention on the continuing needs that exist in the so-called pioneer fields and to give a composite report of work in these fields. Last year, the various programs of the HMB provided full or partial support of 1,249 missionaries and contributed \$9,814,953 to work in these areas.

## STATE MISSIONS

The theme for State Missions for this year is "BOLD MISSION ADVANCE." If we are to reach our state for Christ, we must be bold in our praying, bold in our witnessing, bold in our giving. The offering goal is \$289,000. We hope each church in our Association had a part in the State Mission Offering.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcus Morrison, Chairman

## EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT

In the year 1975-76 Florida Baptists baptized 26,386 in the 1,516 churches. There were 27 churches baptizing over 100 and 23 churches baptizing 1 person for

every 5 church members or less. There were 11 Associations reporting an increase in baptisms above the previous year.

Southern Baptist for the same period of time reported 384,496 converts being baptized into the membership of its 35,073 churches. This is a good report for those associations which shows an increase, but the over all picture for the state of Florida shows we baptized 2,904 less people last year than the year before.

The State Evangelism Department has provided many tools for all churches to use, such as Witness Commitment Day in January, Associational Evangelism Rallies in February, the C. A. R. E. Revivals in March and April.

These tools are provided to get people involved in personal witnessing, and evangelism. We need these tools and the help of God, because now as we are going it takes 34 people to baptize one person in Middle Florida Association. We need evangelising. Pray God's help for ours and all Associations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Layton Daughtry, Chairman

### FLORIDA BAPTIST RETIREMENT CENTER

The ministry of the Florida Baptist Retirement Center is geared to provide fellowship, to support independence, and to add security for its residents. The friendliness, kindness and Christian principles practiced by the residents helps to create an atmosphere that is conducive to the best possible type of retirement living.

Leslie Gandy, grounds supervisor, retired on November 1, 1976. We are grateful for his contribution to the Center.

The present grounds supervisor is Joseph C. Ross, coming to the Center from Live Oak.

Another new staff member is Mrs. Marjorie Harrington, activities coordinator, who brings a new dimension to the Center's activities.

At the present time the Center's census is 66 residents, 15 men and 51 women. The age spectrum runs from 69 to 94 years.

We are grateful to Florida Baptists for their support of the ministry here at the Retirement Center.

Inquiries regarding the Center may be addressed to William H. Lord, Sr., Resident Manager, Florida Baptist Retirement Center, P. O. Box 460, Vero Beach, Florida 32960. Much is being said about retirement homes that are unfavorable. We should become acquainted with, and make our Home the very best in our state for the glory of our Lord. His servants gave the beautiful grove property and we could make it a joy to ourselves and all that need and come this way.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Thad Entzminger

### FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS

The FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS has a goal. We want to reach 100,000 circulation. Figuring three to a family, this would mean 300,000 readers each week. This in turn would mean a better-informed Florida Baptist constituency, which always leads to greater participation and success in missions. Our people will work and give for what they know about and when they are convinced their efforts are

supporting good causes. This is the ministry of the WITNESS to inform, inspire and indoctrinate.

Interest in the state paper is increasing. Pastors and congregations are becoming more vitally aware and concerned about denominational activities. In a day when so much of our work depends on cooperation with all Southern Baptists, ignorance cannot be defended as bliss. It is wrong for any congregation to be isolated from the great body of Southern Baptist fellowship. We are to bear one another's burdens and pray for each other, but how can we unless we know the successes, failures and problems of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The present circulation of the WITNESS is approximately 86,000. One thousand two hundred and twenty-two churches and missions send the paper each week to at least part if not all of their church families. We regularly encourage the churches to place the state paper in the budget and include every resident family on the subscription list.

Subscription prices for the WITNESS are very reasonable. Individuals can place an order for \$3.50 per year. Club groups (five or more) can obtain the WITNESS for \$2.50 per year. Churches on the budget plan sending the paper to every RESIDENT FAMILY can get the paper for \$2.25 per subscription per year. The budget plan puts a WITNESS into each home for only 4½ cents per copy. There is no better bargain these days of inflated costs.

The WITNESS office has several plans for helping churches promote the paper, get it started or expand a subscription list. There is no charge. Churches wanting a bundle of Witnesses sent to their church for four weeks to promote the paper or increase an already existing list of subscribers need only ask.

The FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS is also offered free to newly-constituted churches. The offer is for one year on the basis that the church agrees to include the WITNESS in the budget the following year for each family. This plan is made possible through the joint efforts of the Florida Baptist Witness Commission and the Florida Baptist Convention. Actually a new congregation has the opportunity to enjoy the FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS for two years for the price of one.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl W. Burnett, Sr., Chairman

## ANNUITY BOARD REPORT

In 1976, the Annuity Board of the S. B. C. recommended a new retirement program which was approved by all state conventions. The new program called "The S. B. retirement program will go into effect January 1, 1978. Detailed information will be presented to churches in the early fall with a route to promotional theme. Plan "A" will be closed to new members 1/1/78.

The Board paid \$17,138,343 benefits to widows, retired or disabled members in 1976. During 59 years of service the Board has paid more than \$158 million, retirement, etc. For almost 45,000 members the Board held trust funds totaling \$472,218,669 for members. 1,564 members in Florida, with woefully inadequate protection. We urge churches to see their employees are fairly provided for as you increase the measure of protection. No less than 10% of your pastor's salary should be the recommended participation in view of inflation and increased cost of life's essentials. Please do not neglect. Each pastor and staff member will be notified by the Board before 1/1/78 regarding their benefits if they remain in the Plan(s) they are in at present, and what benefits if they adopt "New."

Our Annuity Board in cooperation with Aetna Insurance Company of America, has hospital, medical, as well as life insurance plans, and long term disability plans.

Churches, as one who is there, compel your pastor to demonstrate a worthwhile protection plan, medical and life, put your part in each year "The Laborer is worthy of his hire."

Brother Richard M. Barber, Director of Florida Annuity Program will be most happy to aid you.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Thad Entzminger

## MUSIC REPORT

I am privileged to report a continued increase in music enrollment in Florida Baptist churches this year. There has also been a growing interest in music leadership training. According to Paul Bobbitt, our director of the Church Music Department and his able assistant James D. Morrell, many associations are conducting their own schools of music and music leader training schools. It appears that Florida will end the year in first place in the convention for Church Study Course credits in music training.

Last year our music festival in the association was a real blessing with almost 300 attending. We bid farewell to most of our music committees as they answered God's call elsewhere, but replacements have been enlisted for 77-78 and stand ready to help any of our churches in any way we can. We postponed work in the musical "Be My Spirit," but we hope to start work on it in the near future.

On November 3, 1977, we are planning our Music Leadership Supper and Fellowship at Cherry Lake at 7:30 P. M. If you lead music, play the piano, sing in the choir, or have an interest in music, please mark your calendar NOW and plan to attend. This is our only meeting scheduled, so please make a special effort to come and enjoy good food, fellowship, singing and sharing.

January 28, 1978 has been set for our Festival at First Madison. Registration will begin at 6:30, Children singing at 7:00 and Adult and Youth at 7:30. Let's all pray for our choirs as they serve in their churches witnessing in song and sharing with others.

Last year we had 18 churches reporting music enrollment and a total of 641 enrolled in music in Middle Florida. Six of our churches are using the 1975 Baptist Hymnal. One of our churches, Lee First was represented at Lake Yale State Music Assembly. Elizabeth, Madison, First and Lee, First had children attending Music Camps at Lake Yale. This is a great experience for our children and I pray more will go next year.

Last year in Florida 3,187 youth and leaders gathered at Stetson University for PraisFest 77. A group from Madison First represented our association there and came back with enthusiastic reports. April 8, 1978 is the date for this year's PraisFest. Put this on your calendars and let's begin praying and planning to take a bus of youth from Middle Florida this year.

We suggest to all the churches to plan a "ThankSing" in every church, which is simply a service using songs of Thanksgiving along with Scripture and testimonies of God's goodness.

MUSIC OFFICERS ARE LISTED ON Page 8.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda G. Demott



## FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

The Florida Baptist Children's Home, Tallahassee Branch, has been an operation ministry for the past four years. In these past four years, many developments have taken place. Upgrading the physical quality of the facility has been a main focus, while the care of children will always remain the major priority.

In August of this year, Mr. Jerry Edwards was officially appointed as the resident director.

In the upcoming months, a new campaign for fund raising will begin as we look towards the construction of an additional three cottages to care for the needs of dependent and neglected children in the North Florida area.

There are currently 14 WMU and 6 Sunday School groups from a total of 15 churches of this Association who are giving through the sponsorship program.

### SPONSORS

Cherry Lake Baptist—Young People Sunday School Class—Cottage

Brewer Lake Baptist—WMU—Jeffery Melvin

Faith Baptist, Madison—Young Adult S. S. Class—Miscellaneous

Pleasant Grove—WMU—Buddy Melvin

Cherry Lake Baptist—WMU—Cottage

Cherry Lake Baptist—WMU—Shelie Melvin

Cherry Lake Baptist—WMU—Jeffery Melvin

Central Baptist—WMU—Cottage

Elizabeth Baptist Church—WMU—Buddy Melvin

Midway Baptist Church—WMU—Robin Thompson

Pine Grove Baptist Church—WMU—Eddie Henley

Mayo, First Baptist, Dorcas SS Class—Cottage

Faith Baptist Church—WMU—Cottage

Lamont Baptist Church—WMU—Mike Shrader

Lee First Baptist Church—Jeffery Melvin

St. Johns Baptist Church—WMU—Ricky Shrader (Greenville)

Macedonia Baptist Church—WMU—Mike Shrader

Mt. Olive Baptist Church—Adult SS Class (Young)—Special

Lee First Baptist—Young People S. S.—Cottage

Greenville, Baptist Church—T. E. L. S. S.—Cottage

Lee Baptist Church—WMU—Cottage

The Home remains grateful for the involvement of the many churches of the Middle Florida Association, who continually give of their love, prayers, money, and time so that the quality of child care can remain high.

We are very proud of the churches who participated in the Mother's Day Offering: Beulah, Brewer Lake, Cherry Lake, Madison, First, Mayo, Midway, Mt. Olive, New Home, New Macedonia, Pine Grove, Pinetta, First, Riverside.

We challenge all 28 of the churches to give next year to the Mother's Day Offering to the Children's Home.

Through your prayer support and through your financial giving, the Children's Home remains a vital part of the ministry of Florida Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Audrey Wood

TREASURER'S REPORT  
1976-77

CHURCH	ASSOC. MINUTES	ASSOC. MISSIONS	TOTAL
BETHEL CREEK	00	00	00
BEULAH	20.00	25.00	45.00
BREWER LAKE	30.00	542.00	572.00
CENTRAL	40.00	110.00	150.00
CHERRY LAKE FIRST			275.00
ELIZABETH	60.00	172.00	232.00
ERIDU	12.00		12.00
FAITH	38.00	218.67	256.67
GREENVILLE	100.00	300.00	400.00
HOPEWELL	40.00	200.00	240.00
LAMONT	24.00	100.00	124.00
LEE, FIRST	100.00	200.00	300.00
MACEDONIA	90.00	245.00	335.00
MADISON FIRST	400.00	697.12	1,097.12
MAYO	100.00	200.00	300.00
MIDWAY	30.00	258.06	288.06
MOSELEY HALL	60.00	246.02	306.02
MT. OLIVE	12.00	191.00	203.00
NEW HOME	50.00	105.78	155.78
NEW HOPEFUL			50.00
NEW MACEDONIA			40.00
PINE GROVE	50.00	116.00	166.00
PINTEEA, FIRST	38.00	308.52	346.52
PLEASANT GROVE (L)			87.60
PLEASANT GROVE (T)			30.00
IRVERSIDE			60.00
ST. JOHNS	30.00	147.00	177.00
BROTHERHOOD			259.95
MISC.			45.55
FLA. BAPTIST CONV.			1,800.00
Edgar Blair	2.00		2.00
Mrs. Ruth Reams	4.00		4.00
Mrs. Whigham	2.00		2.00
Moseley Hall Designated to Pickett Lake			<u>70.00</u>
Total Collections	1,332.00	4,382.17	8,432.27
Balance as of 10-1-76			948.01
Total Collections and Balance			<u>9,380.28</u>
Total Paid Out			<u>7,688.85</u>
			1,621.43
Pickett Lake Sidewalk & designated Pickett Lake			<u>- 193.28</u>
			\$1,428.15

PICKETT LAKESIDE WALK

Paid Out

\$123.28

Balance .00

Designated to Pickett Lake by Moseley Hall

\$70.00

Respectfully submitted,  
W. T. Coody, Treasurer

ASSOCIATIONAL BUDGET  
For year 1977-78

ITEM	BUDGET AMOUNT	EXPENDED AMOUNT	RECOM- MENDED
Corsage for Elderly	\$ 10.00		10.00
Expense for Clerk	45.00	25.00	45.00
Evangelism	100.00	150.00	67.27
Brotherhood	550.00	545.00	550.00
Training Union	125.00	132.27	150.00
Sunday School	200.00	77.43	200.00
Music Department	225.00	223.70	250.00
W. M. U.	500.00	377.17	500.00
Aid to Churches Entertaining Assoc.	300.00	300.00	300.00
Printing Assoc. Minutes	450.00	1,644.34	450.00
Clerk's Salary	250.00	250.00	250.00
Treasurer's Salary	100.00	100.00	100.00
Middle Fla. Bap. Assembly Grounds	150.00	150.00	150.00
Campus Ministries, NFJC	100.00		100.00
Assoc. Office	450.00	524.50	550.00
Associational Secretary	800.00	650.00	800.00
Director of Missions Salary, expenses and retirement	2,400.00	2,500.00	6,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	150.00	122.57	150.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$6,905.00</b>	<b>\$7,771.98</b>	<b>\$10,622.27</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
W. T. Coody, Chairman

STUDENT DEPARTMENT  
BAPTIST CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Florida Baptist students have generally shown an increased interest in spiritual development this past year. The efforts on the part of Florida Baptist churches, the Student Department of the Florida Baptist Convention and the Baptist Campus Ministry leadership have been well received by students.

The Student Department encourages churches to help prepare students for college as well as maintain continuous contact with them through special programs. Two such programs are on to College Day and Student Day at Christmas. Contact with churches on behalf of collegians is also maintained through the associational student work committee.

Churches in the college communities have joined forces in welcoming students to college, providing transportation to church on Sunday, inviting student teams to share music presentations and lead in weekend revival teams as well as encouraging families to adopt a dormitory student for a school term.

The Baptist Campus Ministry is the organization on campus which involves students in spiritual development through Bible study, worship, mission action and evangelistic outreach. It encourages student involvement in churches and aids churches in locating students for part-time church work. The Baptist Campus Ministry organization can be found on 40 college and university campuses across Florida.

The Student Department of the Florida Baptist Convention also offers its assistance upon request in contacting Baptist Campus Ministry students to participate in an associational youth rally or weekend church revival team.

Mrs. J. T. Walker,  
Volunteer Director

The purpose of the Baptist Campus Ministry is to create an atmosphere where Christian students can meet together and support and strengthen each other, as well as be a witness for Christ on the North Florida Junior College Campus.

Last year, the BCM was very inactive. But this year thanks to a dedicated sponsor, Mrs. Hazel Walker, the BCM is back on its feet again.

At our first meeting we elected officers as shown on page 30. We meet every Tuesday morning at 11:00 A. M. on campus. We invite all of you to come and join us.

We have attended a Pat Boone Concert in Tallahassee. We are in the process of sending letters to every Baptist student on campus, giving them a special invitation to join.

Other activities that are tentatively planned are:

1. to invite special speakers to speak at meetings.
2. to have a community gospel sing.
3. to attend the State Baptist Student Convention at Lake Yale in November.

We ask that you pray for us in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis Sevor, President

## CHURCH TRAINING REPORT

OUR Associational Church Training program has the responsibility of helping each church to organize, improve and enlarge its program of Church Training. We shall be doing this, along with other associations, at "M" Night, November 28; Watch Night, December 31, 1977; Baptist Doctrine Study Week, April 17-20, 1978, and a State Creative Learning Clinic, April 21-22, 1978. Other special Church Training sponsored events and materials to participate in the Florida Baptist Convention Special Bold Advance emphasis are included in the Church Planning Guidebook sent to all members of church councils this past summer.

The following are some things the Middle Florida Associational Church Training has done and will do to help the churches with their training opportunities.

1. Associational "M" Night Attendance 200 (Statewide Attendance, 17,585).
2. Associational Youth Rallies observed: Dates 3rd Saturday each month. Average attendance is 190.
3. Youth Week was observed in the following churches:
4. Associational Church Training Leadership School or Update or Curriculum Interpretation Clinic held: Date, March 7; Enrollment, 45; Churches represented, 7.
5. \*Associational Children's Bible Drill, Youth Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament held: Date, March 11 with these participating: Children's Bible Drill, 5; Youth Bible Drill, 0; Youth Speakers, 1; Churches represented, 1.
7. In the first 8 months of 1976-77 a total of 990 churches in Florida requested 33,481 awards in the Church Study Course. During this same period, October 1976-May 1977, 18 churches in our association earned 315 awards. Again this year three special awards will be presented from the state Church Training Department at "M" Night. These will go to the churches with (1) the largest total number of awards, (2) the largest number of awards in Church Training Leadership, and (3) the largest percentage of total awards compared to total church membership. Cherry Lake First won these awards last year.
8. "M" Night, 1977, will be held: Date, November 28, at Macedonia Baptist Church at 7:30 P. M.
9. A Regional Church Training Convention and Children's and Youth Bible Drill and Youth Speakers' Tournament will be conducted in our area by our State Church Training Department with Sunday School Board faculty at Live Oak, March 31, 1978, afternoon and evening.
10. An associational one-night training clinic for church teachers of the Baptist Doctrine Week books in Church Study Course will be held: Date, April 7, at Lee First Church, at 7:30 P. M. Baptist Doctrine Study Week, April 17-20, 1978, is recommended for church studies.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edgar Barrs, Jr.

#### YOUTH RALLY REPORT

During the past year the Youth Rally has met every third Saturday night of every month. Each host church presented an inspirational program. The average attendance was

We had a Youth Revival in August with Rev. Gerald Hegwood, of Brewer Lake Church, as Minister. There were many decisions for the Lord.

In the coming year we plan to get every church involved with the Youth Rally. Again we will meet on the third Saturday night of every month. We invite each of you to come to the Rally and join us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis Sevor, Secretary/Treasurer

#### REPORT ON COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES FOR 1977

Webster's Dictionary defines an association as a union for a common purpose. That is what a Baptist Association is: A union of churches aimed at the

purpose of cooperation in the task of reaching and discipling for Jesus Christ.

That is what a college or Seminary is—an association.

They are an association of people: students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends and they have a common purpose to prepare God-called men and women for lives of ministry and service in Christ's name.

During the past year, their task has become more difficult, because of a rapidly growing enrollment that has paralleled a time of budget breaking inflation.

Cumulative enrollment for the past year hit the highest mark in the history of the Southern Baptist Association. To provide for this increasing number of students, new faculty member, plus additional instructors and in many cases visiting professors were added in order to maintain the high quality of instructors that has always characterized the Southern Baptist Association.

With this increase in both student body and faculty size has come an expected financial crunch that has increased in significance because of inflation. Schools have found it necessary to stretch the educational dollar to new lengths.

The dollar may have lost value somewhat, but there is one thing that hasn't lost its value or power, that is Prayer, so with our dollars and prayer in God's name, we can go forward.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. V. Cason, Jr.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

There were two training sessions held during the past year. The first was a fellowship-Clinic for Pastors, Sunday School Directors and Vacation Bible School leaders. This meeting was hosted by the Midway Baptist Church with Brother Frank Delrose as Clinic leader. There were approximately 23 in attendance representing 11 churches. Those attending were made aware of the materials available for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School use.

The second training opportunity was held February 14, 15, 1977 at the Cherry Lake Baptist Church. Conferences were held for General Officers, Preschool, Children, Youth, and Adults. This attendance was good with approximately 76 taking advantage of this two night meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gene Stokes, Director

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION DEPARTMENT

Woman's Missionary Union in 1976-77 had two special emphases. The first emphasis, Teach Missions: to Know, to Grow, involves a three-year plan (1976-79) and is called Teach Missions. Through the emphasis Teach Missions, Woman's Missionary Unions sought to accomplish the following objectives:

- to improve the image and quality of teaching missions.
- to encourage participation in mission study.

These two objectives will be carried all three years. A third objective changes each year. During the three-year emphasis, all aspects of the Teach Missions task will be emphasized in the objectives. This year women and girls learned about and appreciated the biblical basis and history of missions.

The second emphasis, Minding the Future, sought to accomplish the following objectives:

- to increase church leader and adult member awareness of personal responsibility for preschoolers, children and youth in missions organizations.
- to enlist more preschoolers, children and youth in missions organizations.

Two of our ladies attended the Associational Leadership Conference at Lake Yale.

Four churches were assisted in reactivating their WMU's. These are in addition to the churches already having Active WMU organizations.

### WMU BUDGET FOR 1977 and 1978

Director . . . . .	\$ 50.00
BYW. . . . .	20.00
Acteens . . . . .	20.00
G. A.'s. . . . .	20.00
Mission Action . . . . .	20.00
Guest Speaker. . . . .	100.00
Lake Yale . . . . .	125.00
Annual State Conference . . . . .	125.00
Nursery . . . . .	20.00
TOTAL . . . . .	\$500.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Gracia Collins

### THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY REPORT

The American Bible Society, founded in 1816, has only one purpose—"to promote the distribution of Holy Scriptures without profit." The Society is a member of the United Bible Societies, a partnership of Bible societies throughout the world, cooperating to make Scriptures available to people everywhere in their own languages at prices they can easily afford.

The Holy Bible has left an indelible impact on the life and character of this nation. The ABS has played an important role over the last 160 years in making this Holy Book of truth and hope available to the American people, as well as to many foreign countries.

In American's Bicentennial year the American Bible Society distributed a total of 114,796,046 Bibles, New Testaments, Portions and Selections in the United States.

The 1976 World Scriptures distribution by the United Bible Societies total 330,900,744. DONOR GIFTS to the American Bible Society made possible the distribution of 209,748,451 of these Scriptures.

Let's continue to be a DONOR to this great cause in the name of our MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, as well as individuals exposed to the Good News of God's gracious love and given this wonderful opportunity to experience the power of HIS WORD.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. L. R. Woodard, Chairman

## ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH CAMP

The first week of August 1977 the Elbert C. Tyner Youth Camp was held at Pickett Lake. This year we had in excess of ninety youth attending.

During the week the youth enjoyed many different activities. The first emphasis as always was upon teaching the youth God's Word. I thank God for the teachers we had this year. Through their teaching of the Word of God we were rewarded by God with sixteen conversions and many rededications.

The youth enjoyed outside activities also which was well supervised by those who took this week of their time that God might use them for His glory.

Our desire is that each youth received a spiritual blessing through the Camp this year that will be with them throughout their lifetime.

I thank God for the fine group of workers he blessed us with this year. I also thank each one of them for giving God this time in their life that our youth could have this camp to attend.

My prayer and desire is that we can have as good or better camp next August, and I know God will bless us in this effort.

May God show each adult and youth the need that we have for this camp each year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom R. Kelley, Chairman

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### I. INFORMATION AND GOALS CONCERNING GIVING THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM:

The Church has been given the wonderful ministry of making God's "Good News," known to the world. Just as one member can do little toward carrying on the work of an entire church by himself, so one church is helpless to meet the needs of a state, a nation and a world by itself. Paul set forth the method in I Corinthians 3:9 when he said, "We are labourers together for God." To make God's chain reach to the unsaved every link must be in place and tightly locked into God's program for outreach. We are doing this . . . At the present time there are only two churches in the Middle Florida Baptist Association not giving through the Cooperative Program. I pray that all churches in our Association will pick up the desire to increase giving to God because His giving to us is truly abundant.

During the last church year the churches of the Middle Florida Association gave \$44,109.44 through the Cooperative Program as undesignated offerings and \$16,751.61 as designated. This was a total giving of \$60,861.98 through the Cooperative Program. Our total giving to Associational Missions was \$4,500.00.

### II. 1978 GOALS FOR STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

During the year of 1978 churches should be advancing through teaching our members to become better stewards. This can be done through Stewardship Education. Some goals to help maintain and increase our Outreach are:

1. Every church in the Association giving something through the Cooperative Program for World Mission Support.
2. Every church in the Association increasing their total budget giving through the Cooperative Program by at least 1%.
3. Every church increasing the percentage of total budget giving for the support of Associational Missions.



4. Every church in the Association increasing its emphasis in Stewardship development through training and developing stewards. Tracts, Activity Guides, Study Course Books, filmstrips, and Budget Subscriptions are available to aid in this endeavor. For information write to:

The Fund Raising Section  
Stewardship Commission  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee

Respectfully submitted,  
Howard Money, Chairman

## ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT ON HISTORY

It has come to our attention that plans are underway to write histories of Hopewell, Greenville, and Beulah Churches. There are probably others. This is fine and shows a growing awareness of the value of history and our sense of obligation to coming generations.

We recommend, continued work on studying our associational history. We particularly recommend that safe places be provided for saving materials in each church. What is current today, is history tomorrow. It is encouraging that so many churches are appointing historians. This does away with the old truism "what is everybody's business, is nobody's business."

The State Baptist Historical Society meets in the First Baptist Church of Madison, May 13, 1978. Dr. Earl Joiner says the society is coming here to see, first hand, the area where the State Baptist Convention was organized, November 1854, and the State Board of Missions, constituted in the early 1880's.

Let us press ever forward but, also, let us preserve and learn from our wonderful heritage.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. B. Browning, Sr., Chairman  
Mrs. Ruth Reams  
Mr. Carl W. Burnett

## THE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION

The past year has been a high water mark in the history of the Radio and Television Commission. The videotape production sound stage and the training theater were completed and the television department and related work were moved into the new 32,599 square foot complex in September 1976. Dedication services were held in April 1977.

The evangelistic thrust of the Commission is being felt throughout the nation with the launching of the two quarter-hour television series during the first quarter of 1977. In "The Athletes" the claims of Christ are made through the testimonies of athletic stars representing many different sports. Usually "Listen" will be shown in conjunction with "The Athletes." Dr. Charles Fuller of Roanoke, Va., is host and narrator on "Listen," which features a variety of contemporary subjects and closes with a strong Christian appeal.

The Commission received 12 hours of network television time on ABC, CBS, and NBC from September 1, 1975 to September 30, 1976—the best 13 month network period Southern Baptists ever received through the Commission.

Commission records show that its programs were carried by 5,444 different radio and TV stations at some time during the past fiscal year. This windfall of free broadcasting time valued at more than four times the agency's annual operating budget, came to \$9,825,493, and brought 205,000 responses to Commission programs.

Approximately 50 churches a year have been serviced at an average cost of \$25,000 per contract, including auditorium sound systems, video and audio broadcast origination, and lighting consultation services. The emphasis will continue to be on maximizing the pastor's opportunities to proclaim the gospel of Christ.

The Commission has worked closely with the Baptist General Convention of Texas in the Good News Texas project which is designed to use all facets of media to preach the gospel to the state's 12,140,000 people by utilizing a strategy to mobilize 1,400,000 resident Baptists in a program of follow-up witnessing.

This method of extending the Message of God's Kingdom, deserves our support, as individuals and through the churches and our association. What can we do? We can pray God's rich blessings and guidance upon those producing and delivering the programs. We can get our televisions (and radios) in good order and do some listening.

You can write the Commission at the address shown below:

The Radio and Television Commission  
of the Southern Baptist Convention  
6350 West Freeway  
Fort Worth, Texas 76116

You can publicize the programs in your regular church work. It is all a part of our OUTREACH PROGRAM to which, in dead earnest, the Baptists are addressing themselves this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edwin B. Browning, Sr., Chairman

### FLORIDA BAPTIST FOUNDATION

The Florida Baptist Foundation, an agency of the Florida Baptist State Convention, serves Florida Baptists by assisting individuals and their attorneys in preparing wills favoring Florida Baptist causes, and in establishing trusts where the earnings go to Baptist causes.

The executive secretary-treasurer of the Foundation is available to associations, churches, groups of Baptists and individual Baptists to disseminate information and give assistance in this field.

Recent major accomplishments include:

1. Received and invested \$16,210.50 in new permanent money for Baptist causes during period from October 1, 1976 to August 1, 1977. Established three new trusts during this period. Handled all existing trusts in accordance with the agreements or terms of wills.
2. Managed the investments with a view to security, earnings and appreciation.
3. Worked with many individuals and their attorneys in the preparation of many new wills favoring Baptist causes estimated to be in excess of one million dollars.

4. Assisted in settling estates favoring Baptist churches and other Baptist causes where the funds went directly to these causes without coming to the Foundation.

The executive secretary-treasurer of the Foundation wishes to express his appreciation to Baptists in Florida for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. R. Woodard

#### OFFICE OF ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Responsibilities of the assistant executive secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention include Church-Pastor-Staff Relations, Convention properties, the Camps and Assemblies Department, the Florida Baptist Retirement Center, institutional missions and the Program of Public Affairs. The Camps and Assemblies Department and the Florida Baptist Retirement Center make separate reports and, therefore, the summary of the Office of the Assistant Executive Secretary will exclude these two programs of work.

In keeping with the policy of the Florida Baptist Convention, the assistant executive secretary administers the Church-Pastor-Staff Relations Ministry. Basically, this is a ministry of sharing biographical material of church staff members with churches upon request. This does not constitute a recommendation of any staff member, but is simply the sharing of materials to churches who are seeking assistance in securing a pastor or staff member.

Institutional Missions: At the direction of Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention, the assistant executive secretary serves as liaison for all of the Florida Baptist institutions. This includes the Florida Baptist Children's Home, Baptist Bible Institute and Stetson University. Close cooperation in budget planning and Convention programming is a vital part of this ministry.

B. G. Hickem,  
Assistant Executive Secretary

#### EDUCATION DIVISION Keener Pharr, Director

In this annual report to the 47 associations throughout the state, we share a report of God's blessings upon our work in the year just completed and claim his promises for Bold Advance in the future.

1. We continue to do God's work in the midst of great need and challenge. Florida is one of the nation's greatest mission fields. Note these challenging facts which bear on our planning and working together:

- \*Florida's population is predicted to increase more than 50% in the next 12 years
- \*Florida led the nation in metropolitan growth during the first four years of this decade. The fastest growing metropolitan areas in the nation are heavily concentrated in Florida.

- \*Four of the fastest growing areas in the United States were in Florida. These were: Fort Myers—46.4% increase; Sarasota—32% increase; Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood—30.1% increase; Orlando—27.7% increase.

2. We have a strong base of operation which makes possible our facing the future with faith and promise. These resources include:
  - \*A great group of dedicated, committed pastors and key leaders in 1,608 churches and missions.
  - \*A strong financial base administered by a concerned State Board of Missions, which makes possible the functioning of our total program and staff.
  - \*A task force of approximately 500 trained, experienced and capable associational workers, fully committed to providing bold leadership in this state.
3. Through God's leadership we have recruited and retained a competent, capable leadership in the four program departments assigned to the Education Division. These men are:
  - Paul R. Bobbitt, Director, Church Music Department
  - Robert S. Cook, Director, Church Training Department
  - Joe H. Webb, Director, Student Department
  - James E. Frost, Director, Sunday School Department

### CHURCH EXTENSION

William J. Guess, Director

Effective December 31, 1976, Don F. Mabry resigned as director of Church Extension, Florida Baptist Convention, to assume a leadership role in the Louisiana Baptist Convention. The position was filled on June 1, 1977, when William J. Guess, director of associational missions, Pinellas Baptist Association, accepted the invitation of the State Board of Missions to serve as director of Church Extension, Florida Baptist Convention.

The year has been marked by achievement. The Florida Baptist Convention Church Bond Plan reached \$7,915,500 in total dollar value of bonds issued. Fifty-one churches have issued bonds under this program. **NOT ONE CHURCH HAS DEFAULTED UNDER THIS PLAN.**

The Florida Baptist Convention Church Site Committee has granted a total of \$83,500 to assist in the purchase of seven church sites during the year.

Loans amounting to \$78,000 were approved from the New Work Revolving Fund during the 1976-77 Convention year, assisting four Florida Baptist churches.

Four churches received loans from the Church Loan Fund, amounting to \$21,500.

The Florida Baptist Convention has helped 11 churches and missions with Pastoral Assistance. A total amount of \$13,600 was granted to these churches to provide financial assistance for the pastors.

The Bold Advance goal for Florida Baptists in 1978-79 is to establish 200 new churches in Florida.

### MISSIONS DIVISION

J. Woodrow Fuller, Director

There are four departments with responsibility for missionary programs in the Missions Division. These are the Brotherhood Department, Robert W. Rowell, director, the Cooperative Missions Department, J. Ray Dobbins, director, the Evangelism Department, James A. Ponder, director, and the Woman's Missionary Union Department, Vanita M. Baldwin, director. All of the directors except Vanita M.

Baldwin have served in these capacities for several years. Miss Baldwin came in June 1977, to assume responsibilities as director of the Woman's Missionary Union Department. She has served 16 years with the Baptist Convention of New Mexico in a similar capacity.

A fifth area of work is that of Church Extension, related to and housed in the Missions Division Office. William J. Guess became director of Church Extension, effective June 1, 1977. He previously served for five years as director of associational missions in the Pinellas Baptist Association.

These five leaders are committed to programs that will assist churches and associations in doing better work.

The priority emphasis of the Missions Division, and a strong emphasis for the entire Florida Baptist Convention staff in relation to Bold Advance, is that of starting new missions and churches. A goal of 400 new churches and church-type missions by 1985 has been adopted. This was based on a statewide survey made in 1972-73 of actual and projected needs.

This survey is being updated in 1977 and may reveal that a more challenging goal will be needed. Under the leadership of William J. Guess, a program is being planned to secure and utilize 100 summer student missionaries in 1978 and 200 in 1979 for a major effort in starting new work.

In some areas where there is no apparent need for starting new church-type missions, a mission match-up program is being suggested. This provides an opportunity for a church located in such an area to be matched with a mission need in another part of the state.

#### COOPERATIVE MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

J. Ray Dobbins, Director  
Hubert O. Hurt, Associate  
Russell V. Kauffman, Associate  
Murray J. McCullough, Associate

The Cooperative Missions Department is responsible for program and budget planning in the areas of Christian Social Missions, Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, Interfaith Witness, Language Missions, and Special Missions Ministries.

Russell V. Kauffman, director, Christian Social Missions, reports continued good response among the associations in ministering to over 300,000 migrants. The mobile medical/dental clinic has ministered to over 4,000 patients this year. The new concept of regional directors of Christian Social Missions has been established in the Orlando and Pensacola Bay areas, with each director serving four associations.

Murray J. McCullough, Director, Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, has participated in the annual meetings of the General Baptist State Convention of Florida. He has worked with leadership of the three Baptist State Conventions in Florida in planning a successful joint fellowship of National and Southern Baptists, with a banquet and meetings in Jacksonville. A church leadership training conference was conducted for National and Southern Baptists at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly, and assistance was given in organizing workshops and training conferences for National Baptists. Two new regional directors were appointed to serve in the work of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists. One will serve in the southeast Florida area and the other in the central Florida area. Relationships continue to be good with both National Baptist conventions. The Seminary Extension program added two centers, making a total of ten in Florida.

## OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

"THE COMFORTER, WHICH IS THE HOLY GHOST, WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY NAME, HE SHALL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS, AND BRING ALL THINGS TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE, WHATSOEVER I HAVE SAID UNTO YOU." John 14:26

WHEN THERE IS STRESS OR STRAIN OR PAIN OR SORROW, THEN THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES US OF GOD'S PRESENCE THROUGH THE REMEMBRANCE OF HIS WORDS OF COMFORT, PEACE, AND DIRECTION.

AS WE REMEMBER THESE LOVED ONES, LET US BECOME AWARE OF THE COMFORTING SPIRIT OF CHRIST.

# Our Beloved Dead

## BETHEL CREEK

### BEULAH

Mr. Lucious Sullivan

### BREWER LAKE

Mr. Dempsey Crews

Mrs. Ethel Ward

Mrs. Alice Brock

Mrs. Armenta Rodgers

### CENTRAL

Deacon Richard Oliver Scruggs

### CHERRY LAKE

Mrs. H. W. Newell

### ELIZABETH

Mrs. C. W. Wimberly

Jimmy Demott

### ERIDU

Mrs. Ettie Lewis

### FAITH

Mrs. Kate Bass

### GREENVILLE

Mr. Tom S. Studstill

Mr. Schley J. Warren

### HOPEWELL

Deacon Walden H. Phillips

## LAMONT

Mrs. John A. Beaty

Mr. A. W. Reams

Mr. Horace Kinsey

## LEE

Mrs. Mary Norris

Mr. Oscar Hurst

Mrs. Ollie Kinsey

## MACEDONIA

Deacon Ted Welch

Mrs. Ola Mercer

Mr. Gene Brown

Mr. Bill Sevor

## MADISON, FIRST

Mr. James E. Stanley

Rev. James C. Moore

Mrs. J. B. Wooten

Miss Bessie Newsome

Mrs. Lee May

## MAYO

Mr. Lee Todd

Mrs. Alma Goodbred

## MIDWAY

Mrs. Dorothy Ezell

Mr. L. W. McLeod

Mrs. Loney Latner

Mr. Alvin Webb

MOSELEY HALL  
None

PINETTA  
None

MOUNT OLIVE  
Mr. B. B. Merritt  
Mr. L. E. Weatherly

PLEASANT GROVE (L)  
Mr. Delmer Webb  
Mrs. Annie M. Buchanan  
Mr. Ford Buchanan  
Mr. Johnny Livingston  
Mrs. Bertie Turlington  
Deacon Luther Thomas

NEW HOME  
Mrs. Kate Devane  
Jeffery Leroy Pickels

PLEASANT GROVE (T)  
Mr. W. E. Sheffield

NEW HOPEFUL  
None

NEW MACEDONIA  
Mrs. Rachel Blanton  
Mrs. Viola Jones  
Mr. Carl Taylor

RIVERSIDE  
Mrs. Ida Snipes

ST. JOHNS  
None

PINE GROVE  
None

SIRMANS  
None

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Joe S. Reams

#### MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSEMBLY GROUND PICKETT LAKE

Our own assembly grounds is just a small Lake Yale or Ridgecrest in reach of all of our churches in Middle Florida Association. Many of our boys and girls will never get to go to a Camp unless we maintain one near us, therefore, it seems to me to be very important that we do all we can to build our camp grounds up to a comfortable place for our youth. Last year we had 1899 to attend the Camp Meetings, with 39 conversions, and 71 other decisions. Gifts to the Assembly amounted to \$11,094.51 last year and the assembly earned \$4,013.00. We borrowed only \$5,000.00 to complete the caretaker's home and we only owe \$4,300.00 now.

We are soon going to have a new kitchen built and donated to us and how we thank God for people who can and will do these things.

I am longing to see the time when we can brick in all of our frame buildings and I know we can if we all get interested in that project.

Respectfully submitted,  
I. T. Carter, Moderator

## BROTHERHOOD REPORT

The Brotherhood met in 1976-77 at the following churches:

October, 1976	Lamont
January, 1977	New Home
April, 1977	Beulah
July, 1977	First Baptist, Madison Ladies Night

We had a total attendance of 360 at our four meetings last year. We have 12 churches participating in our Brotherhood Work and we would hope that we may have more churches represented next year.

As a Brotherhood Project, we contributed to the Sidewalk Fund at Pickett Lake and it was completed.

In January we had a Conference at New Home with Mr. Cary Hurst of Tallahassee encouraging the men in their Brotherhood work and Mr. Calvin Bolin of Tallahassee speaking to the RA Leaders.

In June, we helped to sponsor a Track Meet for RA's at Cherry Lake. We are planning another one earlier this next year.

Our places and dates for 1977-78 are:

October 20, 1977	Pinetta
January 19, 1978	Lee, First Baptist
April 20, 1978	Mt. Olive
July 20, 1978	Cherry Lake, Ladies Night

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne McCall, Secretary

## UNITED CHRISTIAN ACTION

Christian concern about moral issues of our day has continued to mount in the past year.

The moral problems plaguing our society are grave, immorality on television, the gambling industry, alcohol and drug abuse are of chief concern. We as Christians must do all we can to combat these evil forces.

When we realize the magnitude of these problems, we wonder what we can do as individuals. May I suggest a few. First of all, live as a Christian should, fully surrendered to Christ, that His life may be reflected through us. Secondly, join with other Christians in helping to educate our people, especially our youth as to the dangers of these evils. Thirdly, pray for God's guidance in these matters.

United Christian Action of Florida, and the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention have been active this year in conferences, making speeches, preaching sermons, distributing literature, to aid Baptists and others, in becoming aware of and acting to solve the moral problems of our day.

Alcohol seems to stand out as the leader in the moral problems. For example: alcohol shortens life from ten to fifteen years. Many illnesses are caused by alcohol, such as cancer, cirrhosis of the liver and heart disease, with many others alcohol related. Approximately 35,000 accidental deaths in the U. S. last year were alcohol related.



related. One-third of suicidal deaths, one-half of homicides, 41% of assaults, 34% of forcible rape, 29% of other sex crimes, 50% of the nation's prison inmates have alcohol related problems.

The economic cost associated with misuse of alcohol is estimated at 25 billion dollars annually. About 10% of our work force in U. S. are alcoholics or alcohol abusers. These facts are alarming, we must pray that God will convict us and give us direction in these matters. For further information write:

\*United Christian Action  
1230 Hendricks Ave.  
Jacksonville, Florida 32207

Respectfully submitted,  
Walter E. Bailey, Chairman

### RESOLUTIONS

1. Whereas the Middle Florida Baptist Association, meeting in its Seventy-Eighth Annual Session with Elizabeth and Lamont Baptist Churches and whereas these host churches have so cordially and bountifully supplied our every need and fed us superbly, and whereas our Moderator, our Clerk, our Secretary and our Program Personalities have blessed our lives with an inspirational program, Be it therefore resolved that we extend to these churches and these personalities a heartfelt vote of Thanks and that we will be resolved to spread the Christian Spirit which we have witnessed here throughout the days to come.
2. Whereas, in Matthew 9:36 where the scripture was speaking of our Lord "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion," Be it therefore resolved that we as Baptists exercise this Christ-like Spirit and reach out to others through the ministries of our individual churches.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lex D. Webb



## HISTORY BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH LEE, FLORIDA

The summer of the year 1902 brought the moving of God's Spirit upon the brethren and sisters of the populace of Beulah community. This inner moving surfaced, as is evident, by their meeting on August 9, 1902, in the one room Beulah School for the purpose of organizing a church. Present at this meeting were Presbyters Rev. J. T. Farnell and Rev. W. M. Tampling and seven lettered brothers and sisters. These charter members (in order of the original minutes) were: J. R. Henderson; B. C. Webb; S. K. Driggers; J. C. Thompson; J. F. Stokes; Sister M. A. Stokes; and Sister Bessie Thompson. These Presbyters and lettered Christians did organize and constitute the Beulah Baptist Church on the above mentioned date and location.

Appointments to the offices of the church were also made as follows: J. R. Henderson, Church Clerk; and J. F. Stokes ordained deacon and Treasurer. Rev. W. M. Tampling assumed the pastoral duties for the first four months.

Two months after its organization the church approved its first associational letter as well as appointing the very first delegates to an associational meeting, brothers B. C. Webb and S. K. Driggers with J. R. Henderson and J. F. Stokes serving as alternates.

Business meetings were held on Saturday before the third Sunday of each month. The order of business was of the following order: (1) Invitation to all of like faith and order to be seated in conference with the church; (2) Reading of the minutes of the past conference; (3) References—committee reports or communication received; (4) Call for acknowledgements; (5) Call for unfinished business; (6) Call for new business (a part of which was to open the doors of the church to receive members; and (7) Adjournment.

During these early months of the church's existence many individuals sacrificed time and materials to build a meeting house (sanctuary) in that the small schoolhouse (which stood approximately 50 yards west of the present auditorium) was not large enough to adequately serve the community. The first building was of frame construction and stood on piers (blocks) cut by the men and sills cut and

hewn by the men. This building was 25 feet in width and 35 feet in length. The building was oriented in a north-south direction approximately 8 feet east of the present auditorium, with the pulpit area in the extreme south end of the building.

It is believed that within three months after organization, the building had progressed to the point that meetings could be held therein. While construction was underway it was not uncommon that the women would cook, bring the food along and fellowship while working, as well as, around the bountiful noon meal (in the tradition of an old fashion barn raisings).

After having served as the first pastor of the church for four months Rev. W. M. Tampling was succeeded by the Rev. J. L. Rutherford (December 19, 1902).

From its inception until the association dropped fifth Sunday meetings, Beulah participated by sending delegates and an offering for mission purposes. Throughout the minutes these meetings are referred to as Union meetings.

During the first year a church decorum was developed and adopted by the church (we have not been able to locate a copy of this). The decorum is referred to many times primarily as to the frequency with which it was to be read to the congregation. The frequency at Beulah was quarterly in later years and semi-annually in the earlier years.

Even in the early 1900's committees played a big part of church function and operation as the responsibility for lamp oil and sacrament wine was bound over to a committee of two women, who were also to come up with the means by which to purchase same. Also a group called holders of church property (house and land) were appointed this first year. (Our present-day trustees.)

In the early years and in fact for approximately fifty years pastors were called on an annual basis, usually the year coinciding with the church year (October-September). During the first ten years or so, pastors began serving on the first meeting date of November. Usually no salary was set for the pastor, but from the beginning they were given consideration as shown by the following annual salaries: 1902—\$12.35; 1903—\$14.25; 1904—\$9.70; 1905—no recording; 1906—\$28.50. Five dollars was the largest single donation received. The pastors salary was usually made up from the members on an annual or semi-annual basis. Collections in the early years for expense of church operation were taken quarterly. The first one taken was for \$1.45.

The associational letter for the 1902-1903 church year set the appraised value of the church's property at \$200.00.

The property on which the building is located was obtained from A. L. Wheeler the deed to which was presented to the church in October 1903. November brought some question in these papers and Brother J. F. Stokes was instructed to see Mr. Wheeler about this matter. This question was settled by January 1904 with the church owing Mr. Wheeler 15 cents which was ordered paid.

Initially communion services were set semi-annually but soon moved to a quarterly observance which is still the custom.

Worship services were conducted monthly with services on both Saturday and Sunday. Saturday before and third Sunday were the designated meeting times. The first hymnals used were Manely's Choice Hymn Book.

The first acknowledgement recorded was that of clerk J. F. Hewitte for using profane language, which was forgiven.

Except for one or two years, August was the month during which the Fall protracted (revival) meetings were held; and March and April, the Spring protracted meetings. Many times the spring revivals were similar to our present day weekend revivals.

During the year 1907 there was a movement in the association for the churches to engage in foot washing. At Beulah by silent vote it was affirmed as one's Christian duty, but the question was set aside until after the association met. In November the church voted not to participate and to strike the action of the church mentioned above from the minutes.

Six years to the month after the church was organized it was decided to enlarge the building by adding a 16 foot addition to the North end of the existing building.

Beulah hosted the association its first time in 1911. Preparations for this included the construction of a table for the noon meal and appointing a committee to meet the train and assist the delegates in getting to and from the meeting.

By the early nineteens the church was paying the railroad fare for the pastors which was about \$1.80 to \$1.85 per month. To make more efficient use of the Lord's money a mileage Railroad Book was purchased for the pastor.

An organ was purchased and placed in the church in 1919. Brother W. B. Driggers served as committee chairman to raise funds.

January 1923 offering of \$4.26 was taken for the suffering in Europe and Asia.

November 1924 offering of \$4.00 to 75 million campaign.

January 1926 moved to take up collection (freewill) every Sunday church meets.

February 1931 Pastor asked church to adopt the J. M. Pendleton Manual and Church Covenant.

April 1931 church was behind on Pastor's salary \$5.68.

May 1931 Sunday School was partially organized with S. K. Driggers as Superintendent and Frank Stokes Secretary-Treasurer. Four classes were started and an average of 53 attended.

The revival held in August 1931, brought more visible results than any other in the history of the church—19 for baptism and 6 by letter. The pastors salary was \$89.54 with \$5.00 to cooperative program and \$2.00 general expenses.

In 1932 the God's acre program was instituted. This program varied from one acre per family, to one acre per plough, to the giving of a hog or cow.

In July of 1934 two deacons were ordained but their names are not recorded in the minutes.

January 1937 brings the first mention of Brotherhood meetings.

July 1941 a used piano was purchased for fifty dollars plus \$4.00 for tuning cost from J. L. Sullivan. A lamp for lighting purposes was purchased out of the treasury.

In December 1941 a good bit of repair on the building was done as overseen by the building committee. The old windows were taken out during the repair work and sold. The lighting system was revamped with the addition of a 6 volt bulb attached to a car battery. This bulb was suspended from the ceiling between the piano and pulpit. Lamps were primarily on the center row of posts in the building. These had replaced the wall mounted lamps used earlier.

October 1943 brought a monumental decision before the church—remain quarter-time or go half-time. The decision was made to go half-time. Rev. R. L. Williams was pastor when this decision was made. Having decided to launch into a fuller program of service, it was the decision that all monies would be deposited with the treasurer and he would make all expenditures of funds. Pastor's salary was set at \$10.00 per month with \$20.00 per year going to cooperative program and \$20.00 per year to the orphans home.

During November 1944 it was decided to give one morning offering quarterly to Stetson University.

For many years, it was the practice of churches of our area to help the Florida Baptist Children's Home in Lakeland by gathering produce and staple goods together to be picked up by the children's home staff. In 1945, it was estimated the worth of the goods sent by Beulah to be \$30.00.

During the summer of 1945, Pastor R. L. Williams became ill. One of the persons filling the pulpit was Rev. I. T. Carter (first time June 17, 1945, for evening service). A love offering was taken for the Williams family in the amount of \$10.46.

Rev. John R. Collins who served as pastor for five years (two separate pastorates) led in reorganizing the Sunday School. By the spring of 1946 the Collins' had experienced the loss of their home and a love offering of \$28.30 was extended to them. Pastor's salary was now at \$20.00 per month. During this time Saturday services were continued quarterly.

In 1947 a portion of the most recent addition (1908) was divided into three Sunday School rooms. During this time Brother Johnnie Thomas was running a bus route for the church. It was voted to give him \$8.00 per month for this purpose. Pastor's salary was now at \$40.00 per month.

During the spring of 1948 the Creek Hollow was filled with water for a good long while, so that most people who lived north of the church were cut off in as much as the bridge on U. S. 90 near Lee had washed out. To aid us in going to church Brother Thomas would meet the folks 1 mile west of the church where they had crossed the waters, in Brother Edgar Stokes' boat, leaving their cars behind.

In April 1946 Brother H. L. Stokes was licensed to preach.

In September 1949 Sunday School bus route was discontinued.

April 1950 the organ purchased in 1919 was given to Brother Frank Stokes in the hopes some of his daughters might learn to play well enough to provide music for church.

The fall of 1950 brought a new era to the church—that of using electricity. The church was wired during August. The auditorium had six incandescent drop chain fixtures. The Sunday School rooms had porcelain fixtures.

The BTU was organized with the help of Sister Ben Perry in February 1951.

Pastor's salary was now at \$50.00 per month, 1951.

December 1952 the church voted to buy gas heaters.

July 1953 side door was moved from position of second window from pulpit to fourth window with the addition of cement steps, a short sidewalk and a portico. Brother H. L. Stokes and S. K. Driggers doing most of the work.

March 1955 participated in the simultaneous Revival effort of Southern Baptist. Rev. Bobby Dykes was evangelist with 6 coming for baptism and one by letter.

March 1956 brought another milestone in church history, as the decision was made to go full-time and pay pastor \$20.00 per week. Brother Ben Duque was pastor when this decision was made.

September 1956 voted to repair and renovate existing building using \$500.00 from Building Fund. Repairs included replacing blocks with cement piers, replacing one sill, and installing asbestos siding (white).

June 1957 there was much discussion about churches pulling out of the association to form a new one—it was the unanimous vote to stay in the Middle Florida Baptist Association.

June 1957 voted to build a new auditorium. The building committee consisted of Lamar Stokes, chairman; Leroy Alderman, Cleveland and Evelyn Driggers and

Billie Jackson. The specifications for the building were:

26' wide x 42' long	1 door on north side near platform
9' 4" ceiling	platform 16" high—10 ft. wide
4 windows each side	across width of building
2 windows in rear	
double door in rear	

On July 14, 1957, Leroy Alderman and Cleveland Driggers were elected as Deacons. Ordination services were set for August 25, 1957.

The church decided to buy new furniture for the new building on June 29, 1958. This furniture included pews, communion table and pulpit.

The dedication service for the new auditorium was held April 5, 1959, at 2:00 p. m. Rev. James T. Barber pastor of the First Baptist Church of Madison delivered the dedicatory sermon.

April 18, 1959, Brother Carl Ivey licensed to preach and ordained on April 25, 1959, at 3:00 p. m. with Brothers Ben Duque, Ernest Gurr and John R. Collins conducting the service.

April 1964 voted to place screen doors on side and rear doors.

August 1964 set up system of individual records for tithes and offerings.

November 1964 decided to lend eleven benches out of old sanctuary to Faith Baptist Mission until they could make other arrangements for seating. (These seats were built originally by men of the church.)

November 1965 voted to refence the cemetery.

May 25, 1969 Brother J. T. Payne was licensed to preach.

August 6, 1974 sold old building to J. T. Payne for \$600.00. The building was moved on August 30, 1974.

From December 1974 to June 1975 the church was inactive—no meetings held at all during this time.

On June 8, 1975, Superintendent of Missions, Rev. T. E. Ellerby met with the congregation to reactivate the church. On this date Brother Ronnie Combass was called as pastor and the call was accepted. Three members were received: David Payne; Janice Yarborough; and William Jackson all by letter.

During June an electric water system replaced the old hand pump and the piano was repaired and tuned.

Brother Combass was ordained by the Macedonia Baptist Church on July 27, 1975, at 2:30 p. m.

The church moved forward again in August 1975 voting to build an addition for classrooms and restrooms on the back of the present auditorium. This was completed and dedicated the first Sunday of June 1976.

## RECENT EVENTS

November 1975—the night light was installed. March 1976—the church sign erected. July 1976—voted 1% of income for Associational Missionary. Pastor's salary set at \$50.00 per week. August 1975—New communion set purchased. October 10, 1976—Homecoming—Voyager's Quartet. Brother Max Long's last Concert. December 1976—voted to place Gideon Display rack. April 1977—hosted Associational Brotherhood. June 1977—cut door from Auditorium to fellowship hall. August 1977—installed flourescent lights in auditorium.

## PASTORS DIRECTORY

PASTOR	CALLED	RESIGNED
W. M. Tampling	August 9, 1902	December 19,*1902
J. L. Rutherford	December 19, 1902	October 1905
W. M. Tampling	August 1905	October 1906
T. M. Webb	August 1906	October 20, 1912
J. S. Hurst	September 3, 1912	October 1913
T. M. Webb	August 16, 1913	October 1914
J. S. Hurst	August 18, 1914	October 1915
W. M. Tampling	August 18, 1915	October 1916
T. M. Webb	August 19, 1916	October 1918
J. L. Odom	September 15, 1918	September 20, 1919
S. G. Ward	August 16, 1919	September 19, 1920
J. L. Odom	August 19, 1920	August 1921
W. M. Tampling	August 23, 1921	September 1923
W. M. Tampling	February 16, 1924	October 18, 1924
J. M. Conner	August 22, 1924	December 1924
E. O. Floyd	January 17, 1925	October 1928
W. L. Nelson	September 1928	October 1930
E. D. Johnson	September 1930	October 15, 1933
A. B. Franklin	September 16, 1933	October 15, 1936
R. M. Hall	August 16, 1936	August 1937
J. R. Collins	September 18, 1937	September 21, 1941
R. L. Williams	August 1941	June 17, 1945
J. R. Collins	July 15, 1945	October 15, 1946
R. L. Williams	July 20, 1946	October 16, 1948
Jack Lamb	October 16, 1948	October 15, 1949
J. W. Johnson	November 13, 1949	October 27, 1953
L. C. Hicks	July 12, 1953	October 18, 1955
Benjamin Duque	December 18, 1955	April 26, 1959
Carl Ivey	April 26, 1959	May 22, 1960
W. H. Wood	September 18, 1960	Date unknown
Rev. Travis	Date unknown	Date unknown
James Hunter	Date unknown	Date unknown
Glen Lawhon	July 28, 1963	April 28, 1965
John Avera	February 20, 1966	March 12, 1967
C. B. Goodwin	1967	December 1974
Ronnie Combass	June 8, 1975	

## TREASURER'S DIRECTORY

J. F. Stokes	11 years
S. K. Driggers	4 years
Willie Driggers	3 years
S. K. Driggers	13 years
Emory Turlington	12 years
Johnnie Thomas	3 years
Pauline Stokes	3 months
Jessie Sullivan	1 year

David Stokes	3 years
L. A. Alderman	6 years
Elizabeth Stokes	5 years
Alfred Pinkard	1 year
H. L. Stokes	1 year
Frank Stokes	5½ years
J. T. Payne	3 years
Pauline Stokes	

### DEACONS DIRECTORY

J. F. Stokes	H. L. Stokes
J. P. Webb	Emory Turlington
B. C. Webb	Fred Holder
L. C. Purvis	Cleveland Driggers
J. A. Johnson	LeRoy Alderman
Frank Stokes	Edgar E. (Gene) Stokes

### CLERK DIRECTORY

J. R. Henderson	1 year	J. L. Stokes	3 months
J. R. Hewitte	6 months	J. A. Johnson	3 years
J. F. Stokes	5½ years	H. L. Stokes	17½ years
J. A. Johnson	3 years	Fred Holder	11 years
W. J. Shellhouse	1 year	Jessie Sullivan	1 year
H. L. Stokes	1 year	Shelby Ezell	2 years
J. A. Johnson	9 months	Ronnie Ezell	1 year
J. F. Stokes	1 year	Cleveland Driggers	4 years
W. J. Shellhouse	1 year	Jimmie McMullen	14 years
W. B. Driggers	1 year	Geraldine Stokes	

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## HOPEWELL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

### HISTORICAL NOTES ON EARLY HISTORY OF HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

The late Mrs. Almera Sanders in June 1941 on the occasion of the Centennial of Concord Church presented notes on the early history of Hopewell Baptist Church to the compiler of these data. Her father Orien E. Sullivan had been a deacon in Hopewell and, likewise, in Concord Church. The notes follow.

The Hopewell Church was organized in 1853 with six white members and a group of colored members. I quote the first entry in the record:

“Hopewell Baptist Church Madison County, Florida

June, 1853

This Church was constituted in June, 1853 by the following members, to wit: Seaborn O. Sullivan, deacon, and wife, Nancy Sullivan; O. E. Sullivan and wife, Elizabeth Sullivan; Nancy DeLaughter and J. D. Reid, assisted by Elder H. Z. Ardis on a confession of Faith hereto annexed.

There having been no regular record kept, its present condition is as follows, to wit: white male members, S. O. Sullivan, O. E. Sullivan, W. J. Carroll: white female members, Nancy Sullivan, Elizabeth Sullivan, Nancy DeLaughter, Josephine Sullivan, Ellen Sullivan, Mary McCall, Hannah R. McCall, Dekle and Randall, together with 38 black members, supplied in preaching by Elder Luie C. Croft on the first and second Sabbaths of each month.”

The confession of faith is a scholarly presentation of the cardinal principles of the denomination. It is very solemn and binding in its terms and implications. I quote only a part of this interesting instrument in order that you might see something of its nature:

We propose to become a visible church, by uniting ourselves in a holy covenant, and first give ourselves wholly unto The Lord and renounce the vanities of the world; secondly, in a spiritual sense, give ourselves to one another, to live together in a church capacity, according to the Gospel, and agree in faithfulness to watch over each other for love and good works, and will endeavor to glorify God with our body and spirit which we acknowledge to be His."

The record which I have contains minutes of only a few meetings, but has considerable data concerning membership rolls. I note that Elder H. Z. Ardis was pastor in 1861 and was succeeded, at his own request, by Elder Campbell.

I now give information on membership:

#### White Male Members

Name	How and when received	How disposed of
L. O. Sullivan		Dismissed by letter, Jan. 14
O. E. Sullivan		By dismissal, Oct 3, 1858
W. J. Carroll	By letter, October 1856	Died, Feb. 1864
G. T. Waller	By letter, July 3, 1857	By letter, Jan. 1860
Elishua-Winbern	By Baptism, Nov. 1857	By letter, Nov. 1860
S. C. Craft	By letter, Oct. 1858	By letter, Jan. 14, 1867
John G. Plant	By letter, July 17, 1859	Died, Dec. 1862
F. E. Shipp	By letter, August 4, 1861	By letter, Jan. 14, 1867
H. M. Ardis	By letter, July 1864	
James Flinn	By letter, September 1866	
James Plant	By letter	By letter, Jan. 14, 1867

#### White Female Members

Nancy DeLaughter		Died, August 1864
Nancy Sullivan		
Elizabeth Sullivan		By letter, Jan. 14, 1867
Josephine Sullivan		
Ellen A. Sullivan		Died, Jan. 1859
Mary McCall		By letter, Dec. 18, 1864
Hannah McCall		By letter, Dec. 18, 1864
Julia Randell		
Celia Dekle (?)		By letter, Jan. 1860
Parthena Waller	By letter, July 27, 1857	
Polly Plant	By letter	Died, Jan. 1859
Frances Smiley	By baptism, Oct. 3, 1857	By letter, Jan. 14, 1867
Susan Winbern	By baptism, Nov. 1857	By letter Jan. 1860
McCall	By baptism, Oct. 3, 1858	By letter
Margaret Craft	By letter, Oct. 1858	By letter, Nov. 1860
Elizabeth Owens	By letter, Jan. 1859	
Lucy Chatham	By letter, Jan. 1859	
Sarah A. DeLaughter	By letter, Sept. 1863	
Mary McKain	By baptism, Sept. 1863	By letter, Oct. 1, 1866
A. E. Witherspoon	By baptism, Sept. 1863	By letter, Jan. 1867

Jessie Shipp	By baptism, Sept. 1863	By letter, Jan. 14, 1867
Mrs. Anna Ardis	By baptism, July 1864	By letter, Jan. 14, 1867
Miss Anna Ardis	By baptism, July 1864	By letter, Jan. 14, 1867
Miss India Ardis	By baptism, July 1864	By letter, Jan. 14, 1867
Miss Sally Ardis	By baptism, July 1864	By letter, Jan. 14, 1867
Mrs. Becks Lipscomb	By baptism, July 1864	By letter, Jan. 14, 1867
Mrs. Helen Bunting	By baptism, July 1864	By letter, Jan. 14, 1867
Mrs. James Flinn	By baptism, September 1866	

The list of colored members is likewise divided as to sex and shows the names of their masters. I find the following owned slaves who were members of Church:

Reese,	John C. McGehee
John Lipscomb	L. O. Sullivan
Thomas Chatham	Nancy
DeLaughter	A. E. Smith
H. B. Ried	Wilkerson
Dr. Wharton	J. G. Plant
Generala Thompson	
Vans Randall	
Willkins	

An interesting fact about the colored members was that they had no names until 1866. I give names of a group of these members: Sidney, Clarracy, Beady, Letty, Louvenia, Rose, Eve, Lena, Betty, Jinnil, India, Anthony, Jerry, Primas, Birl, Handy, Venue, Sam, Patsy, Tyrenia.

After the War ex-slaves adopted in many cases the family names of their former masters. This was the custom all over the south.

I see where a colored brother was received from South Carolina and referred to in letter as "Our beloved brother Primas." This shows there was no discrimination in spiritual standing among members.

The conduct of the members must have been exemplary, for I find no white incommunications and only three negroes. There was a committee of three colored brethren and two white brethren "to watch over conduct of black members." This is a possible explanation of such a splendid record of church citizenship.

You have noticed that some of John C. McGehee's slaves were members of Hopewell. We can, likewise, only wonder how the founder of the Presbyterian faith in this county, allowed these negroes to take up a faith not his own. That was most unusual, but shows the broadmindedness of Mr. McGehee, President of Florida's Secession Convention.

The record bears testimony of an honorable and auspicious beginning. The relationship depicted among races, then practiced in all churches, with the white and black kneeling together at a common altar, is most refreshing. What a wonderful influence this must have had on the slaves!

Hopewell Church still stands, the Gospel is still proclaimed. Its later history has attested to the faith of its founders. Surely a great future is before this church.

## CONCLUSION

You will wish to note that the Historical Table in the Minutes of the Middle Florida Baptist Association shows that Hopewell was constituted in 1887. Then on

the cornerstone of the new building erected while the Reverend Alva Horton was pastor, 1877 appears as the official date of constitution.

Now, to further complicate this matter, the notes here given show June 1853 as the date of Hopewell Church being organized. Some people knowledgeable in these matters say that 1857 is correct but that the church was inactive for a while. Pending more adequate research, it is felt we may safely accept 1853 as the true date.

We dedicate these lines to the memory of Mrs. Almera Sanders, one of God's saints; and to the honor of the Reverend Dozier Sapp who was helped in his early days so effectively by Sister Sanders.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edwin B. Browning, Sr.  
Associational Historian

Madison  
November 7, 1977

## MESSENGERS

### BETHEL CREEK

None

Louis Entzminger

Mrs. Pat Reams

Mrs. Martha Dell Reams

### BEULAH

Mrs. Gene Stokes

Mrs. Chapman Hicks

### ELIZABETH

Mr. & Mrs. Allen Lightsey

Mrs. Inez Demott

Mrs. Roy Hodgins

Rev. Roy Hughen

### BREWER LAKE

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dees

Mr. Knox Ward

Mrs. T. C. Burhanan

### ERIDU

Mrs. Grady Lewis

Mrs. Alton Lewis

### CENTRAL

Mrs. Charles Comer

Mrs. Paul R. Lewis

Mr. James E. Lewis

Dr. & Mrs. John Niver

Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Schierhorst

### FAITH

Mrs. Tom Poole

Mrs. Suzanne Pridgeon

Mrs. Harold Brown

Mrs. George Howell

### CHERRY LAKE FIRST

Mr. & Mrs. V. A. Genton

Mrs. Marie Hart

Mrs. Louise Williams

Mrs. Gracia Collins

Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Gentry

### HOPEWELL

Bill Lamb

Cary Lamb

Fannie Lamb

Jack Lamb

S. A. Lamb

Eustace Kelley

Grover Kelley

### GREENVILLE

Mrs. Julia Devane

Mrs. Ruth Reams

LAMONT

J. B. Thompson  
Bartow Denmark  
D. R. Walker  
Elijah Denmark

LEE, FIRST

Rev. I. T. Carter  
J. H. Phillips  
David Butler  
Andrew Thomas  
Glen Morehouse  
Mrs. J. H. Phillips  
Mrs. V. E. Wells  
Mrs. Andrew Thomas  
Mrs. Glen Morehouse

MACEDONIA

Carl W. Burnett, Sr.  
Mrs. Bessie Keene

FIRST BAPTIST MADISON

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Messer  
Mr. & Mrs. E. B. Browning, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. L. R. Woodard  
Bill Grant  
Lex Webb  
B. E. Humes  
Johnnie Smith  
Mrs. Hazel Woodard

MIDWAY

Tom Howard  
Mrs. Flo Howard  
Franklin Stokes  
Mrs. Gracie Webb  
John Daughtry

MAYO

Rev. & Mrs. Wm. Roberts  
Mrs. Rubye Breare  
Mrs. Smith  
Mary Leon Land  
Mrs. Festus Collins  
Mr. & Mrs. W. G. Croft, Jr.

MT. OLIVE

Mrs. Ethel Clark  
Mrs. Annie Bell Thomas

MOSELEY HALL

Henry Roberts  
Leroy Cruce  
Paul Bailey

NEW HOME

Rev. John W. Dormán  
Mrs. Annie B. Tuten  
Mr. Jack Pickels

NEW HOPEFUL

Rev. & Mrs. Marvin Day

NEW MACEDONIA

Harold Buchanan  
Mrs. Mae Belle Barclay  
Mrs. Lois St. John  
Mrs. Matt Henderson  
Rev. L. C. Newman

FIRST BAPTIST PINETTA

Bertie Walker  
Shirley Crafton  
Norman Walker  
Betty Walker  
Patty Fourakre

PINE GROVE

Mrs. Audrey Wood  
Mrs. Belle Davis  
Miss Gertrude Robinson

PLEASANT GROVE (L)

Thelma Webb  
Essie Webb  
Charlie Downing  
A. F. Buchanan  
E. P. Sessions

PLEASANT GROVE (T)

Plen Sheffield  
Mable Knowles  
Sam Tedder  
Mary Lee Knowles

RIVERSIDE

Clifton Shiver  
Gladys Shiver  
Ro Lyons  
Joyce Lyons

## SIRMANS

Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Carroll  
Mrs. Helen Eakins  
Mrs. Rose Benefield

## ST. JOHNS

W. B. Wynn  
Rev. Glenn Collins  
Clifton Floyd  
Mrs. Doris Page

# 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 he them" (Gen. 1:27). "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7).

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

## IV. The Way of Salvation

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

## V. Justification

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

## VI. The Freeness of Salvation

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

## VII. Regeneration

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

## VIII. Repentance and Faith

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

## IX. God's Purpose of Grace

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

## X. Sanctification

Sanctification is the process by which the regenerate gradually attain a 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. Preservation

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

## XII. A Gospel Church

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

## XIII. Baptism and the Lord's Supper

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

## XIV. The Lord's Day

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

## XV. The Righteous and the Wicked

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

## XVI. The Resurrection

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

## XVII. The Return of the Lord

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



## XVIII. Religious Liberty

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

## XIX. Peace and War

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

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

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

## XX. Education

Christianity is the religion of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is therefore a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. An adequate system of schools is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people. The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is 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 industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth and brotherly love; to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and his truth. All means and methods used in social service for the amelioration of society and the establishment of righteousness among men must finally depend on the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus.

## XXII. Co-Operation

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

## XXIII. Evangelism and Missions

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

## XXIV. Stewardship

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

## XXV. The Kingdom

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

## RULES OF DECORUM

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

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

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

4. No more than one member shall speak at a time. Any member desiring to speak shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator and when recognized by the chair may speak to the subject, but not more than twice on the same subject without permission of the body.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Constitution

### ARTICLE I—NAME

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

### ARTICLE II—OBJECT

The object of this Association shall be to foster a harmonious and efficient spirit of cooperation among the churches of its constituency and to cooperate with sister churches of the Southern Baptist Convention in carrying out the missionary, educational and benevolent program of Christ's Kingdom to the ends of the earth.

### ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Association shall be composed of messengers duly elected by the churches affiliated with this body.

Section 2. Each church in the Association shall be entitled to representation in its sessions as follows: Two messengers for the first fifty members or less and one additional messenger for each additional 25 members or fraction thereof, and all ordained pastors who are members of or pastors of any of said churches, together with the elected officers of the Association, who are members of the churches.

## ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS

The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by ballot from nominations made from the floor at the last session of the Association, taking office at the close of the annual session.

If any vacancy occurs in any office between sessions, the Executive Committee shall elect an officer to fill vacancy for the unexpired term.

The Moderator shall be elected to serve two or more years in succession.

All officers shall serve without salary except Clerk and Treasurer, whose stipend shall be referred to the Budget Committee.

## ARTICLE V—OTHER OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee shall at the September Executive Committee meeting recommend for approval, subject to election at the annual session, the heads of the various departments namely: Sunday School, Church Training, Music, Evangelistic Chairman, Stewardship Chairman and such other departments as shall be authorized by the Association.

## ARTICLE VI—COMMITTEES

Section 1. All committees shall consist of three members except the Executive Committee, Association Mission Committee and Calendar Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Associational Officers, heads of the Associational Organizations, pastors and one lay member from each church to be recommended by the individual church and chairman of standing committees.

Section 3. The Standing Committees shall be: (1) Assembly Ground, (2) Budget and Finance (3) Calendar of Activities (4) Committee on Committees (5) Missions (6) Nominating (7) Obituaries (8) Program (9) Resolutions (10) Time, Place and Preacher (11) Assignment.

Section 4. Members of the Standing Committees shall be nominated by the Committee on Committees and elected by the Association to take office at the close of the annual session.

Section 5. The Missions Committee shall be composed of five members, who shall serve for five years with one-fifth retiring each year.

Section 6. The Calendar Committee shall include the heads of each department.

Section 7. The Program Committee shall also include the Moderator and Clerk.

Section 8. The Budget and Finance Committee shall cooperate with the heads of each Associational Organization and Treasurer in preparation of a budget for the ensuing year.

This committee shall determine the sum per resident church member to be requested from the churches for funds to carry on the work of the Association.

## ARTICLE VII—RIGHTS OF CHURCHES

This body shall recognize and respect the Scriptural rights of the churches composing it, and shall in no wise exercise authority over them. Churches may be at liberty to sever connection with this body at any time by giving written notice to the Executive Committee or Annual Session.

## ARTICLE VIII—PETITION

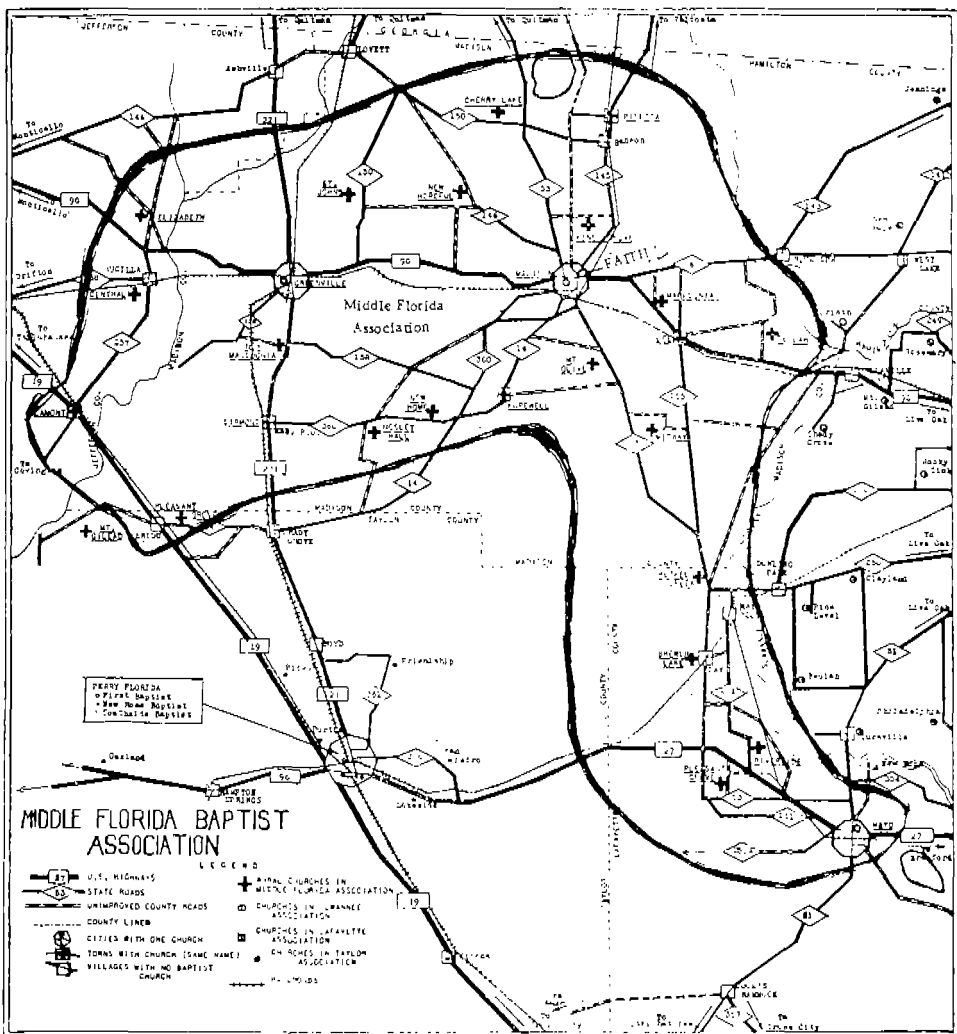
Petition for membership shall be referred to a committee on petitionary letters at any Executive Committee meeting prior to the annual meeting of the Association, and shall be subject to approval at the annual session of the Association.

## ARTICLE IX—ARTICLES OF FAITH

The Articles of Faith of this Association shall be the same as those adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention at their annual session in 1925 and shall be the basis of fellowship and cooperation.

## ARTICLE X—AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the body and must secure a two-thirds majority vote of the messengers present and voting.



# HISTORICAL SUMMATION OF THE MIDDLE FLORIDA MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

DATE OF MEETING	CHURCH	MODERATOR	CLERK
Nov. 9, 10, 11, 1900	Macedonia	Rev. J. T. Farnell	Rev. J. L. Rutherford
Oct. 18, 19, 20, 1901	Live Oak	Rev. J. T. Farnell	Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct. 14, 15, 16, 1902	Pleasant Grove (T)	Rev. J. T. Farnell	Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct. 14, 15, 16, 1903	Pine Grove	Rev. J. T. Farnell	Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct. 19, 20, 21, 1904	Pleasant Grove (T)	Rev. J. T. Farnell	Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct. 18, 19, 20, 1905	Midway	Rev. J. T. Farnell	Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct. 24, 25, 26, 1906	New Hopeful	Rev. S. R. Clements	Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct. 23, 24, 25, 1907	Greenville	Rev. S. R. Clements	Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct. 21, 22, 1908	Lamont	Rev. J. T. Farnell	Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct. 20, 21, 22, 1909	Brewer Lake	Rev. J. T. Farnell	Rev. H. B. Gibson
Oct. 6, 7, 1910	Hopewell	W. B. Davis	Ardis Warren
Nov. 8, 9, 1911	Beulah	W. B. Davis	Ardis Warren
Nov. 6, 7, 1912	Central	Rev. S. B. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 5, 6, 7, 1913	San Pedro	Rev. S. B. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 3, 4, 5, 1914	Mayo	Rev. S. B. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 9, 10, 11, 1915	Madison	Rev. S. B. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 14, 15, 16, 1916	Perry	Rev. S. B. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 13, 14, 1917	Midway	Rev. S. B. Cole	Ardis Warren
Nov. 26, 1918	Riverside	Rev. S. B. Cole	Theo Leslie
Oct. 14, 15, 1919	Lee	Rev. S. B. Cole	Theo Leslie
Oct. 12, 13, 1920	Elizabeth	Rev. S. B. Cole	Theo Leslie
Oct. 10, 11, 1921	Pleasant Grove (L)	Rev. S. B. Cole	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 10, 11, 1922	Greenville	Rev. S. B. Cole	J. Vickers
Oct. 23, 24, 1923	Brewer Lake	Rev. S. B. Cole	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 21, 22, 1924	Central	W. L. Weaver	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 20, 21, 1925	Midway	Rev. A. J. Preston	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 19, 20, 1926	Macedonia	Judge W. B. Davis	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 18, 19, 1927	New Macedonia	Judge W. B. Davis	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 23, 24, 1928	Perry	Judge W. B. Davis	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 22, 23, 1929	Madison	Judge W. B. Davis	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 28, 29, 1930	Elizabeth	Jno. F. McCall	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 27, 28, 1931	Macedonia	Jno. F. McCall	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 25, 26, 1932	Macedonia	Jno. F. McCall	J. J. Farnell
Oct. 24, 25, 1933	Brewer Lake	Rev. Ray Smith	J. J. Farnell
Oct. 30, 31, 1934	Greenville	Rev. A. M. Parker	J. J. Farnell
Oct. 29, 30, 1935	Macedonia	Rev. W. G. Stracener	J. J. Farnell
Oct. 27, 28, 1936	Lamont	Edwin B. Browning, Sr.	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 26, 27, 1937	Burton	Edwin B. Browning, Sr.	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 25, 26, 1938	Elizabeth	Dr. A. F. O'Kelly	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 24, 25, 1939	Madison	Rev. A. H. Townsend	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 29, 30, 1940	San Pedro	Rev. A. H. Townsend	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 7, 8, 1941	Pleasant Grove (L)	Edwin B. Browning, Sr.	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 6, 7, 1942	Pine Grove	Edwin B. Browning, Sr.	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 5, 6, 1943	Macedonia	Edwin B. Browning, Sr.	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 3, 4, 1944	Lamont	T. P. McLeod, Jr.	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 9, 10, 1945	Pleasant Grove (L)	T. P. McLeod, Jr.	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 8, 9, 1946	Macedonia	T. P. McLeod, Jr.	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 8, 9, 1947	Midway	Rev. John R. Collins	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 13, 14, 1948	Madison	Rev. John R. Collins	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 13, 14, 1949	Perry & New Home (T)	Rev. John R. Collins	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 12, 13, 1950	Brewer Lake & Riverside	Rev. Alva Horton	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 11, 12, 1951	Athena and Lee	Rev. Alva Horton	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 9, 10, 1952	San Pedro & Cherry Lake	Edwin B. Browning, Sr.	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 8, 9, 1953	Pinetta & New Home (M)	Rev. W. L. Rollins	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 7, 8, 1954	Hopewell & Macedonia	Rev. John R. Collins	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 6, 7, 1955	Greenville & Elizabeth	Rev. Dewey Mann	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 4, 5, 1956	Midway & Pleasant Grove (L)	Rev. Julian T. Maddox	Carl W. Burnett
Oct. 17, 18, 1957	Athena & Pleasant Grove (T)	James T. Barber	Carl W. Burnett

DATE OF MEETING	CHURCH	MODERATOR	CLFRK	PREACHER GIVING ANNUAL SERMON
Oct. 21, 22, 1958	Madison First & Mt. Olive	Rev. James T. Barber	Carl W. Burnett	
Oct. 15, 16, 1959	Lamont and Mayo	Rev. James f. Barber	Carl W. Burnett	
Oct. 13, 14, 1960	Elizabeth & Macedonia	Rev. Lorace Cothran	Carl W. Burnett	Rev. John Collins
Oct. 12, 13, 1961	Lee and Brewer Lake	Rev. I. T. Carter	Carl W. Burnett	Rev. J. D. Young
Oct. 18, 19, 1962	Greenville & New Home	Rev. I. T. Carter	Carl W. Burnett	Rev. Lorace Cothran
Oct. 17, 18, 1963	Riverside and Moseley Hall	Rev. Carl A. Webb	Carl W. Burnett	Rev. Julian T. Maddox
Oct. 15, 16, 1964	Macedonia & Pleasant Grove (L)	Rev. W. W. Tyre	Carl W. Burnett	Rev. Ted Jones
Oct. 14, 15, 1965	Cherry Lake and Madison	Rev. W. W. Tyre	Carl W. Burnett	Rev. Jim Ellis
Oct. 13, 14, 1966	Greenville and Elizabeth	Rev. W. W. Tyre	Carl W. Burnett	Rev. I. T. Carter
Oct. 13, 14, 1967	Mayo and Macedonia	Edwin B. Brown- ing, Sr.	Carl W. Burnett	Rev. Clyde McLain
Oct. 17, 18, 1968	Lee and Pine Grove	Edwin B. Brown- ing, Sr.	Carl W. Burnett	Rev. Rex Brookins
Oct. 16, 17, 1969	Faith and Midway	Edwin B. Brown- ing, Sr.	Carl W. Burnett	Rev. W. P. McElroy
Oct. 15, 16, 1970	Greenville and Brewer Lake	Edwin B. Brown- ing, Sr.	Carl W. Burnett	Rev. Elbert C. Tyner
Oct. 14, 15, 1971	Lee and Moseley Hall	Rev. I. T. Carter	Robert Bellflower	Rev. Richard Miley
Oct. 19, 20, 1972	Mayo and St. Johns	Rev. I. T. Carter	Robert Bellflower	Rev. J. Thad Entzinger
Oct. 18, 19, 1973	Pinetta and New Home	Rev. I. T. Carter	Robert Bellflower	Rev. Lamar Anderson
Oct. 17, 18, 1974	Cherry Lake and Pleasant Grove (L)	Rev. I. T. Carter	Robert Bellflower	Rev. Douglas Mitchell
Oct. 16, 17, 1975	Macedonia and Greenville	Rev. I. T. Carter	Robert Bellflower	Rev. R. B. Reynolds
Oct. 14, 15, 1976	Brewer Lake and Lee First	Rev. I. T. Carter	Robert Bellflower	Rev. Thomas L. Poole



TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION		1977		3		4		5		13		14		15		16		17		18		19		20		24		25		26	
Association				County	Year organized as a church	Location	Services held twice on Sunday?		Total Baptisms	Other additions (by letter, statements, etc.)	Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	Present resident members	Present nonresident members	Grand total present members	No. members received from non-Baptist Churches	No. members lost to non-Baptist Churches	Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	Value of church property including pastor's home	Total church debt at end of this associational year												
MIDDLE FLORIDA							Y	N																							
State																															
FLORIDA																															
Associational Clerk																															
ROBERT BELLFLOWER																															
Address		City	State	Zip																											
Rt. 1, Box 140		Lee	Fla.	32059																											
CHURCHES		PASTORS & ADDRESSES		Country	Year organized as a church	Location	Y	N	Total Baptisms	Other additions (by letter, statements, etc.)	Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	Present resident members	Present nonresident members	Grand total present members	No. members received from non-Baptist Churches	No. members lost to non-Baptist Churches	Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	Value of church property including pastor's home	Total church debt at end of this associational year												
Bethel Creek	None	Lafay.	1949	1	Y				0	0	0	32	9	40	0	0	0	4000	0												
Beulah	Ronnie L. Combass, Rt. 1, Box 174	Madison	1902	1	Y				3	17	1	85	14	99	0	0	0	20000	0												
Brewer Lake	Gerald Hegwood, P. O. Box 545, Day 32013	Lafay.	1888	2	Y				5	12	18	203	81	284	1	7	30000	110000	0												
Central	John Niver, Rt. 1, Box 114, Monticello 32344	Jefferson	1907	2	Y				2	7	5	75	28	103	1	0	30000	71000	0												
Cherry Lake, 1st	None	Madison	1937	1	Y				19	6	14	192	123	315	1	0	20000	80000	19000												
Elizabeth	Roy Hughen, Rt. 1, Box 206A, Monticello 32344	Jefferson	1831	1	Y				3	9	2	92	101	193	0	0	30000	55000	1375												
Eridu	Joe Engel, 2005 Chulinea, Tallahassee 32301	Madison	1928	1	Y				0	0	1	20	2	22	0	0	5000	10000	0												
Faith	Thomas Poole, P. O. Box 612, Madison 32340	Madison	1964	4	Y				2	6	13	139	33	172	0	4	40000	110000	43000												
Greenville	J. Thad Entzminger, P. O. Box 6, Greenville 32331	Madison	1857	3	Y				4	17	12	181	36	217	0	0	45000	90000	0												
Hopewell	Jack Lamb, Rt. 1, Box 145, Madison 32340	Madison	1877	1	Y				1	4	5	50	21	71	0	0	35000	50000	450												
Lamont	Verner Wheeler, Rt. 1, Box 59, Lamont 32336	Jefferson	1896	2	Y				12	16	5	114	55	169	0	0	38000	75000	22000												
Lee, First	I. T. Carter, Rt. 3, Box 124, Jasper 32052	Madison	1904	2	Y				5	3	16	181	82	263	0	2	0	75000	0												
Macedonia	Lamar Harris, Rt. 1, Lee 32059	Madison	1865	1	Y				6	5	18	144	48	192	0	0	10000	50000	0												
Madison, First	B. E. Humes, P. O. Box 307, Madison 32340	Madison	1835	4	Y				12	33	18	468	411	879	2	4	50000	760000	148018												
Mayo	William Roberts, P. O. Box 87, Mayo 32066	Lafay.	1875	3	Y				8	16	5	178	89	266	0	0	13000	75000	0												
Midway	Layton Daughtry, Rt. 1, Box 43, Lee 32059	Madison	1866	1	Y				1	7	13	173	68	241	0	0	4000	40000	0												
Moseley Hall	George Fulgham, Rt. 2, Box 247-A, Greenville 32331	Madison	1901	1	Y				0	5	2	69	27	96	0	0	5000	35000	2500												
Mt. Olive	Tom Ray Kelley, 107 Park Circle, Madison 32340	Madison	1899	1	Y				14	3	8	140	21	161	1	0	0	25000	0												
New Home	John W. Dorman, Rt. 1, Box 115, Madison 32340	Madison	1921	1	Y				3	9	9	124	30	154	0	0	30000	60000	0												
New Hopeful	Marvin Day, Rt. 1, Box 69, Greenville 34331	Madison	1876	1	Y				3	2	1	32	0	32	0	0	0	40000	0												
New Macedonia	Interim-L. C. Newman, Greenville 32331	Madison	1873	1	Y				0	7	6	56	45	101	0	0	0	38000	0												
Pine Grove	None	Madison	1866	1	Y				1	5	5	115	42	157	0	0	12000	47000	0												
Pinetta, First	Howard Money, P. O. Box 117, Pinetta 32350	Madison	1918	2	Y				19	4	9	175	110	285	0	1	30000	90000	0												
Pleasant Grove (L)	Sterling Branche, Rt. 1, Mayo 32066	Lafay.	1877	1	Y				0	4	11	0	0	148	0	0	70000	0													
Pleasant Grove (T)	Jimmie Coulette, Rt. 1, Box 25, Lamont 32336	Taylor	1879	1	Y				0	3	3	75	44	119	0	0	0	12000	0												
Riverside	Bobby McCray, P. O. Box 325, Mayo 32066	Lafay.	1902	1	Y				4	5	8	39	59	98	1	0	0	25000	0												
St. Johns	Glenn Collins, Rt. 3, Greenville 32331	Madison	1946	1	Y				1	5	4	142	9	151	0	0	15000	65000	0												
Sirmans	None	Madison	1909	1	Y				0	4	7	50	29	79	0	0	0	10000	0												

Madison Co. 184,000    Edge Co. 135,000  
 1-Over 1000    1-Over 1000  
 2-Over 500    2-Over 500  
 3-Over 100    3-Over 100  
 4-Over 50    4-Over 50  
 5-Over 25    5-Over 25

TABLE B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL		1977																			
Association		Credit Roll enrollment	Preschool enrollment	Children enrollment	Youth enrollment	Young Adult enrollment	Young Adult enrollment	Adult enrollment	Senior Adult enrollment	Adults Away enrollment	Homebound enrollment	General officers enrollment	Enrollment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing Sunday School enrollment	Average weekly Sunday School attendance	Number of Bible Study groups	Bible Study groups enrollment	Weekday Bible Study enrollment	Church V. B. S. enrollment	Mission V. B. S. enrollment	Total V. B. S. enrollment
MIDDLE FLORIDA		(Birth to 2 years)	(Birth through 5 years)	(6-11 years or grades 1-6)	(12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Single (18-29 years or H. S. graduation through 29 years)	Married (18-29 years or H. S. graduation through 29 years)	(30-59 years)	(60 and over)												
State		FLORIDA																			
Associational Sunday School Director		GENE STOKES																			
Address		City	State	Zip																	
Rt. 1, Box 119		Lee	Fla.	32059																	
CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES																				
Bethel Creek	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boufah	James Roebuck, Box 246, Lee 32059	3	4	9	10	0	0	19	0	0	0	3	0	48	24	0	0	0	0	0	73
Braver Lake	Marvin Buchanan, Rt. 1, Box 111, Mayo 32066	0	22	23	17	8	25	30	20	0	0	3	0	148	91	0	0	0	85	0	85
Central	Charles Comer, Rt. 1, Box 17-A, Monticello 32344	0	7	8	15	3	5	2	9	2	0	2	0	53	32	0	0	0	18	0	18
Cherry Lake, 1st	A. C. Gentry, Rt. 3, Box 261, Madison 32340	0	17	37	34	0	15	26	19	0	0	3	0	151	81	0	0	0	102	0	102
Elizabeth	Roy Fagle, Rt. 2, Box 314-C, Monticello 32344	10	4	15	24	14		18	16	0	0	3	0	104	57	0	0	0	47	0	47
Eridu	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faith	Pete Cruce, Rt. 1, Box 77, Madison 32340	5	7	16	17	0	14	20	0	0	0	2	0	81	63	0	0	0	52	0	52
Greenville	Roy Scott, Greenville 32331	1	24	29	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	156	71	0	0	0	95	0	95
Hopewell	W. B. Lamb, 506 SE Oak Dr., Madison 32340	0	0	6	4	0	0	19	0	0	1	0	0	30	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lamont	Harold Reams, Rt. 1, Box 41, Lamont 32336	0	10	16	21	0	21	17	0	0	0	2	0	87	39	0	0	0	37	0	37
Lee, First	Tom Moore, Rt. 1, Box 20, Lee 32059	5	6	8	10	12	22	40	20	0	0	2	0	125	86	0	0	0	84	0	84
Macedonia	Ray Williams, Rt. 1, Box 155, Lee 32059	0	3	8	6	4	6	14	10	0	0	3	0	54	38	0	0	0	55	0	55
Madison, First	Wiley Selman, Rt. 3, Box 272, Madison 32340	7	28	71	34	13	10	119	60	3	6	7	0	358	168	0	0	0	110	0	110
Mayo	Don Millay, Sr., Rt. 2, Mayo 32066	14	4	23	12	9	20	12	31	0	0	3	0	128	72	0	0	0	51	0	51
Midway	Coye F. Webb, Rt. 1, Box 78, Lee 32059	0	20	20	19	0	12	21	17	0	0	4	0	113	65	0	0	0	86	0	86
Moseley Hall	Homer Bailey, Rt. 2, Greenville 32331	0	0	2	9	0	0	29	0	0	0	6	0	45	26	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Olive	Tommy Matheny, Rt. 2, Box 238, Madison 32340	5	7	16	25	2	10	20	18	0	0	3	0	106	84	1	39	0	71	0	71
New Home	Wayne Bass, Rt. 1, Box 100, Madison 32340	7	11	23	27	3	38	22	8	0	0	3	0	142	72	0	0	0	81	0	81
New Hopeful	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Macedonia	Billy Reams, Rt. 2, Box 199, Greenville 32331	0	6	4	12	0	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	39	31	0	9	0	0	0	0
Pine Grove	Alvin Jones, P. O. Box 266, Madison 32340	0	0	11	9	9	9	20	10	0	0	3	0	77	40	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pinetta, First	Ervin Gaylord, P. O. Box 708, Madison 32340	5	14	18	18	9	15	25	30	0	0	3	0	137	94	0	0	0	107	0	107
Pleasant Grove (L)	Randall Walker, Rt. 2, Mayo 32066	0	8	8	6	5	7	14	22	0	0	0	71	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Grove (T)	Neil Knowles, Rt. 1, Greenville 32331	0	2	6	10	6	7	20	9	0	0	5	0	65	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	Leroy Driver, Rt. 1, Mayo 32066	0	9	8	14	3	0	17	0	0	0	4	0	52	47	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Johns	Ricky Ginn, Rt. 3, Greenville 32331	0	11	5	9	21	20	35	12	0	0	14	0	127	52	0	0	0	67	0	67
Sirmans	Johnny Carroll, Rt. 2, Box 212-A, Greenville 32331	0	2	3	4	1	0	9	1	2	0	2	0	24	24	0	0	0	0	0	0

TABLE C TRAINING UNION		1977		74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88
Association MIDDLE FLORIDA		Preschool enrollment (5 years and under—not in school)	Children enrollment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Youth enrollment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Young Adult enrollment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)	Adult enrollment (30-59 years)	Senior Adult enrollment (60 and over)	General officers enrollment	Enrollment of mission(s) of church	Total Training Union ongoing enrollment	New Member Registration			Church Leader Training Registration	Short Term Member Training Project Registration	Average weekly Church Training attendance		
State FLORIDA											Children	Youth	Adult					
Associational Training Union Director EDGAR BARRS, JR.																		
Address	City																State	Zip
P. O. Box 194	Lee	Fla	32059															
CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES																	
Bethel Creek	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beulah	Eugene Stokes, Rt. 1, Box 119, Lee 32059	8	11	10	0	16	0	3	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Brewer Lake	Spessard Putnall, P. O. Box 565, Day 32013	9	17	23	11	42	20	3	0	0	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	74
Central	Mrs. Hobart Tinnell, Rt. 1, Box 144-A, Monticello 32344	1	4	7	1	3	8	1	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Cherry Lake, 1st	Mrs. Jewell Winberly, Rt. 3, Box 177, Greenville 32340	13	17	27	14	15	15	5	0	0	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
Elizabeth	Wade Shelley, Rt. 1, Box 182, Monticello 32344	3	7	16	0	8	5	3	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Eridu	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faith	Harold Brown, Rt. 2, Box 978, Madison 32340	12	7	6	29	0	0	2	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Greenville	Leroy Blount, P. O. Box 517, Greenville 32331	5	12	14	14	9	10	3	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Hopewell	S. A. Lamb, Rt. 1, Box 145, Madison 32340	0	6	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lamont	Rodney Boland, Rt. 1, Box 69, Lamont 32336	3	6	4	9	6	0	2	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Lee, First	Edgar Barrs, Jr., P. O. Box 194, Lee 32059	5	9	12	29	17	0	2	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
Macedonia	Ray Williams, Rt. 1, Box 155, Lee 32059	0	8	8	6	15	0	2	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Madison, First	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mayo	James Morris III, Box 311, Mayo 32066	5	13	14	0	15	0	3	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Midway	John Daughtry, Rt. 1, Box 43, Lee 32059	7	12	9	10	11	0	3	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Moseley Hall	Paul Bailey, Rt. 1, Greenville 32331	0	2	2	8	22	0	5	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Mt. Olive	Bill Andrews, Rt. 3, Box 582, Madison 32340	4	8	20	4	15	5	2	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
New Home	Tim Tuten, Rt. 1, Box 120, Madison 32340	10	15	15	17	23	0	3	0	0	83	4	3	3	0	0	0	52
New Hopeful	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Macedonia	Donald Barclay, Rt. 1, Greenville 32331	4	4	8	0	12	0	1	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Pine Grove	Vernon Adams, Rt. 2, Madison 32340	0	2	3	10	10	0	2	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pinetta, First	Rev. Hollis Carroll, Rt. 3, Box 100-D, Madison 32340	6	19	32	15	21	11	3	0	0	107	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
Pleasant Grove (L)	Bruce Lawson, Rt. 1, Mayo 32066	5	4	6	6	10	10	2	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Pleasant Grove (T)	Ira Smith, Rt. 1, Box 168, Greenville 32331	7	6	9	9	14	6	2	0	0	53	1	2	1	0	0	0	19
Riverside	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Johns	Norman Bush, Rt. 3, Greenville 32331	4	7	3	18	36	0	2	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Sirmans	Franklin Carroll, Rt. 2, Box 212, Greenville 32331	1	3	4	1	9	1	2	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	21



TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION				1977	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115
Association				Mission Friends (5 years and under - not in school)	Number of Organizations								Enrolment						
MIDDLE FLORIDA					Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Actress (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	Mission(s) of church	Total number of organizations	Mission Friends (5 years and under - not in school)	Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Actress (12-17 or grades 7-12)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	WMU officers	Mission(s) of church	Total WMU ongoing enrolment	
State																			
FLORIDA																			
Associational WMU Director																			
MRS. GRACIA COLLINS																			
Address		City	State	Zip															
Rt. 3, Box 158		Madison	Fla.	32340															
CHURCHES	WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES																		
Bethel Creek	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beulah	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	4	0	0	11
Brewer Lake	Mrs. A. E. Thomas, P. O. Box 65, Day 32013	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	5	18	0	0	0	8	2	0	0	33	
Central (Aucilla)	Mrs. J. W. Tindell, Rt. 1, Box 116, Monticello 32344	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	2	0	0	9		
Cherry Lake, First	Mrs. George Burnett, Jr., Rt. 3, Box 127, Madison 32340	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	5	15	10	10	14	4	0	0	58		
Elizabeth	Mrs. Wade Shelley, Rt. 1, Box 182, Monticello 32344	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	12	1	0	0	13		
Eridu	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Faith	Mrs. Leola Sapp, 1206 Park Circle, Madison 32340	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	3	5	0	0	12	3	0	0	23		
Greenville	Mrs. J. R. Scarborough, P. O. Box 53, Greenville 32331	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	14	0	0	20	0	0	0	34		
Hopewell	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Lamont	Mrs. Sue Fields, Rt. 1, Box 85, Lamont 32336	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	8	7	12	3	12	3	0	43		
Lee, First	Mrs. Hazel Morehouse, Rt. 1, Box 65, Lee 32059	0	1	1	1	1	0	4	8	9	12	14	3	0	0	0	46		
Macedonia	Mrs. Robert Bellflower, Rt. 1, Box 140, Lee 32059	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	5	5	0	8	3	0	0	21		
Madison, First	Mrs. Marjorie Woodard, P. O. Box 724, Madison 32340	1	1	0	1	1	0	4	20	0	24	51	1	0	0	0	103		
Mayo	Mrs. Dorothy Millay, Rt. 2, Mayo 32066	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	15	1	0	0	16		
Midway	Mrs. Norman Howard, Rt. 1, Box 271, Madison 32340	1	1	10	0	1	0	3	6	5	4	0	11	1	0	0	23		
Moseley Hall	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Jimmie Ragans, Rt. 1, Box 307-A, Madison 32340	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	5	5	6	10	16	2	0	0	44		
New Home	Mrs. Eddie Bass, Rt. 1, Box 112, Madison 32340	1	1	0	0	4	0	6	10	8	8	8	1	0	0	0	33		
New Hopeful	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
New Macedonia	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Pine Grove	None	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	0	19	0	0	0	21		
Pinetta, First	Mrs. Shirley Crafton, Rt. 1, Pinetta 32350	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	6	9	9	6	16	3	0	0	49		
Pleasant Grove (L)	Mrs. Carlisle Downing, Rt. 1, Mayo 32066	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	15	3	0	0	22		
Pleasant Grove (T)	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Riverside	Mrs. Sara Helen Lyons, Rt. 1, Mayo 32066	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	10	8	0	0	10	1	0	0	29		
St. Johns	None	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	20	3	0	0	23		
Sirmans	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0		



TABLE G TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP 1977		21	22	23	27			126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135
Association MIDDLE FLORIDA		Number of tithers	Cooperative Program goal as percent of total budget	Associational missions goal as percent of total budget	Budget prom. or emphasis used during the year.			Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts	All other receipts	Total receipts	Money borrowed during the year	Church staff salaries	Money paid out on new construction during the year	Debt retirement during the year	Church literature	All other local expenditures	Total local expenditures
State FLORIDA					Simplified Stewardship Revival	Committed to Tithe Forward Program	None										
Associational Treasurer W. T. COODY		City		State		Zip											
Address P. O. Box 215		Madison		Florida		32340											
CHURCHES	TREASURERS & ADDRESSES																
Bethel Creek	Royce Morgan, Rt. 1, Box 188C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1380	0	1380	0	1074	0	0	0	1074
Beulah	Miss Pauline Stokes, Rt. 1, Box 119, Lee 32059	8	5	1.5	0	0	0	0	6020	0	6020	0	2550	0	1325	280	1617
Brewer Lake	Harold Loyd Smith, Rt. 1, Box 150, Mayo 32066	50	10	2.5	0	0	0	0	32622	0	32622	0	12600	0	0	1373	25844
Central (Aucilla)	Mrs. Jessie L. Scruggs, Rt. 1, Box 231, Monticello 32344	25	10	1	V	0	0	0	15512	4	15516	0	7496	5549	0	566	3468
Cherry Lake, First	Mrs. Lousie Cowart, P. O. Box 325, Madison 32340	42	14	1	V	0	0	0	45442	960	46402	0	10894	2985	13000	3075	10553
Elizabeth	Henry Warren, Rt. 1, Box 207, Monticello 32344	30	13	2	V	0	0	0	23317	9	23326	0	8615	0	2320	835	4200
Eridu	Mrs. Grady Lewis, Rt. 1, Box 122, Greenville 32331	0	0	0	V	0	0	0	1003	0	1003	0	705	0	0	0	184
Faith	Cleveland Driggers, P. O. Box 362, Madison 32340	16	7	1	V	0	0	0	21698	0	21698	44500	10740	44500	3944	971	5720
Greenville	Darrow Hutto, P. O. Box 147, Greenville 32331	0	8	1.5	V	0	0	0	26412	716	27208	0	11997	0	0	1330	7128
Hopewell	W. B. Lamb, 506 SE Oak Dr., Madison 32340	20	10	1	V	0	0	0	11467	0	11467	0	6549	0	862	221	4474
Lamont	Tom Bailey, P. O. Box 4, Lamont 32336	12	10	0	V	0	0	0	19886	14672	34558	22000	7575	38000	256	1553	4361
Lee, First	R. L. McLane, 914 S. Range St., Madison 32340	52	25	2	V	0	0	0	26231	0	26231	0	8653	0	0	1348	6593
Macedonia	Robert Bellflower, Rt. 1, Box 140, Lee 32059	12	11	1	V	0	0	0	13099	0	13099	0	7456	0	0	470	3907
Madison, First	L. R. Woodard, P. O. Box 267, Madison 32340	62	10	.9	V	0	0	0	78297	0	78297	80000	26007	201515	4688	3511	34087
Mayo	Mrs. Irene Garden, P. O. Box 206, Mayo 32066	40	18	0	V	0	0	0	35084	0	35084	0	13091	0	0	2233	16633
Midway	Mrs. Margaret Taylor, Rt. 1, Box 278A, Madison 32340	35+	5	2	0	0	0	0	18246	158	18404	0	11130	0	0	801	2196
Moseley Hall	Henry Roberts, Rt. 2, Greenville 32331	2	10	2	0	0	0	0	8502	70	8572	0	4539	3752	0	427	1774
Mt. Olive	Jimmy Ragans, Rt. 1, Box 307A, Madison 32340	20	5	0	V	0	0	0	20658	0	20658	0	9100	0	0	750	3711
New Home	Mrs. Sandra Bass, Rt. 1, Box 100, Madison 32340	22	2%	3	V	0	0	0	16260	29	16290	0	7670	0	0	722	5504
New Hopewell	George Henderson, 908 S. Range, Madison 32340	Unk	0	0	0	0	0	0	3319	0	3319	0	1660	0	0	0	662
New Macedonia	Mrs. Lois St. John, Greenville 32331	7	10	0	V	0	0	0	11217	0	11218	1000	3896	4921	0	300	2603
Pine Grove	J. Arthur Cruce, Rt. 2, Box 698, Madison 32340	23	8	0	V	0	0	0	12859	1335	14194	0	6527	0	0	510	4097
Pinetta, First	Henry Paul Graves, Rt. 1, Pinetta 32350	10	10	1%	0	0	0	0	24220	0	24220	0	8944	0	0	1591	3690
Pleasant Grove (L)	Mrs. Gertie Buchanan, Rt. 1, Mayo 32066	10	0	0	V	0	0	0	13528	1833	15361	0	6150	4478	0	410	200
Pleasant Grove (T)	Mrs. Reba Aman, Rt. 1, Box 107, Greenville 32347	9	\$100	\$60	V	0	0	0	11157	0	11157	0	4225	800	0	144	1802
Riverside	Mrs. Minnie Thomas, Rt. 1, Mayo 32066	3	0	0	V	0	0	0	7498	900	8598	0	4515	1361	0	375	1179
St. Johns	Clifton Floyd, Rt. 3, Greenville 32331	33	10	1	V	0	0	0	15148	406	15555	2500	7800	0	507	684	2268
Sirmans	Mrs. Helen Eakins, Rt. 1, Greenville 32331	5	0	0	V	0	0	0	4158	0	4158	0	3400	0	0	122	396

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TABLE H MISSION EXPENDITURES		1977														150
Association MIDDLE FLORIDA		Church Sponsored Missions				OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES										Grand Total Mission expenditures
State FLORIDA		Money paid out on new consecration during the year	All other church sponsored mission expenditures	Total church sponsored mission expenditures	Cooperative Program	Associational Program	Designated: State missions	Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong Exator offering)	Designated: SBC For- Mis. (incl. Lottie Moon Christmas offering)	Designated SBC Christian education (schools, etc.)	Designated: SBC Children's homes (cash plus goods)	Designated: SBC Hospitals	Designated: SBC Homes for the aged	Designated: All other (Bible Society, Temp. League, etc.)	Total other mission cause expenditures	
Director of Associational Missions NONE																Address
CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES															
Bethel Creek	Mrs. R. V. Singletary, Rt. 1, Mayo 32066	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beulah	Mrs. Geraldine Stokes, Rt. 1, Box 119, Lee 32059	0	0	0	25	25	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	110	144
Brewer Lake	Mrs. T. C. Buchanan, P. O. Box 34, Day 32013	0	0	0	2610	662	0	439	510	0	250	0	0	0	155	2016
Central (Aucilla)	Mrs. Paul R. Lewis, Rt. 1, Box 233	0	0	0	1000	150	168	201	417	0	43	0	0	0	1598	2577
Cherry Lake, First	Mrs. George Burnett, Jr., Rt. 3, Box 127, Madison 32340	0	0	0	3977	275	362		1145	0	57	0	0	0	1656	5961
Elizabeth	Roy Faglie, Rt. 2, Box 314C, Monticello 32344	0	0	0	2934	172	120	109	411	0	100	0	0	0	248	1160
Eridu	Mrs. Alton Lewis, Rt. 1, Box 123, Greenville 32331	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faith	Mrs. Mary Bell, Rt. 2, Box 1335, Madison 32340	0	0	0	1341	192	0	119	227	0	383	0	0	0	0	920
Greenville	Mrs. Shirley Hutto, P. O. Box 147, Greenville 32331	0	0	0	1755	300	105	368	793	0	150	0	0	0	1716	3471
Hopewell	Mrs. Emma Gianino, Rt. 1, Madison 32340	0	0	0	1146	1146	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lamont	Mrs. Ada Belle Davis, P. O. Box 56, Lamont 32336	0	0	0	1542	91	0	215	352	0	0	0	0	0	25	683
Lee, First	Edgar Barrs, P. O. Box 33, Lee 32059	0	0	0	6558	200	200	245	346	0	295	0	0	0	970	2257
Macedonia	Mrs. L. B. Welch, Rt. 2, Box 1179, Madison 32340	0	0	0	1247	245	33	67	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	401
Madison, First	E. B. Browning, Jr., P. O. Box 672, Madison 32340	0	0	0	6865	747	256	257	1106	500	77	0	0	0	196	3139
Mayo	Mrs. Doris Johnson, P. O. Box 383, Mayo 32066	300	0	300	6073	300	226	258	484	0	135	0	0	0	100	1503
Midway	Eddie Hale, P. O. Box 175, Lee 32059	0	0	0	926	282	103		235	350	0	74	0	1089	2133	
Moseley Hall	Mrs. George Fulgham, Rt. 2, Box 247-A, Greenville 32331	0	0	0	951	223	0	54	85	0	59	0	0	0	206	421
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Tommy Matheny, Rt. 2, Box 238, Madison 32340	0	0	0	1498	191	0	200	504	0	105	0	0	0	250	1250
New Home	Mrs. Edna G. Hollie, Rt. 1, Box 107, Madison 32340	0	0	0	356	281	0	26	225	0	45	0	0	0	0	575
New Hopeful	Mrs. Walter Grantham, Rt. 3, Box 300 C-3, Madison 32340	0	0	0	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	100
New Macedonia	Mrs. Roscoe Andrews, Rt. 1, Box 286, Greenville 32331	0	0	0	1014	0	0	0	200	0	161	0	0	0	215	576
Pine Grove	Mrs. M. C. Herring, Rt. 3, Box 25, Madison 32340	0	0	0	1814	116	114	300	307	0	173	0	0	0	0	1010
Pinetta, First	Mrs. M. C. Woodard, P. O. Box 4, Pinetta 32350	0	0	0	1988	314	0	1066	364	0	111	0	0	0	0	1855
Pleasant Grove (L)	Mrs. Dorothy Hart, Rt. 1, Mayo 32066	2950	0	2950	180	88	0	55	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	228
Pleasant Grove (T)	Mrs. Mable Knowles, Rt. 4, Box 383, Perry 32347	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	400
Riverside	Mrs. Joyce Lyons, Rt. 1, Mayo 32066	0	4250	4250	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	100
St. Johns	None	0	0	0	1182	147	0	111	221	0	52	0	0	0	0	531
Sirmans	Mrs. Louise Carroll, Rt. 2, Box 212, Greenville 32331	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





TABLE I SPECIAL INFORMATION		1977	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53
Association		No. church-type missions started during the year. No. church-type missions currently operating No. other-type missions started during the year No. other-type missions currently operating Mentally retarded enrollment in Sunday School Deaf enrollment in Sunday School Number adult Sunday School Classes Box Attendance Day care enrollment Kindergarten enrollment Number participating in youth trip Library Planning major new bldg. or remodeling project Radio/TV spot January Bible Study SS Leadership Preparation Week ACTION Deacon Family Ministry Plan Language-culture group New Baptist Hymnal Video cassette player Lay Renewal or Ministry Evangelism Week-end Baptist Men's Day Christian Citizenship Sunday Bapt. Sem., Colleges, and Schools Day State paper in budget	Does church have, observe, plan, use, etc.?																							Y=Yes N=No		
MIDDLE FLORIDA																												
State																												
FLORIDA																												
Moderator																												
REV. I. T. CARTER																												
Address																												
City																												
State																												
Zip																												
Rt. 3, Box 124																												
Jasper																												
Florida																												
32052																												
CHURCHES	CHAIRMEN OF DEACONS & ADDRESSES																											
Bethel Creek	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beulah	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brewer Lake	Clayton C. Dees, P. O. Box 5, Day 32013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central (Aucilla)	E. C. McKown, Rt. 1, Box 223, Monticello 32344	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cherry Lake, 1st	George Burnett, Jr., Rt. 3, Box 127, Madison 32340	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elizabeth	Wade Shelley, Rt. 1, Box 182, Monticello 32344	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eridu	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faith	Leroy Rutherford, Rt. 2, Box 194, Madison 32340	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenville	M. C. Burnett, PO 236, Greenville 32331	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hopewell	W. B. Lamb, 506 SE Oak Dr., Madison 32340	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lamont	Tom Bailey, P. O. Box 4, Lamont 32336	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lee, First	J. H. Phillips, Rt. 1, Box 66, Lee 32059	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Macedonia	Ray Williams, Rt. 1, Box 155, Lee 32059	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madison, First	Bill Grant, 215 NW Fraleigh Dr., Madison 32340	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mayo	James Morris III, Box 311, Mayo 32066	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midway	Ellis Thomas, Rt. 1, Box 22, Lee 32059	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moseley Hall	Leroy Cruce, Rt. 2, Greenville	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Olive	Clyde Thomas, P. O. Box 265, Lee 32059	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Home	Marvin Bass, Rt. 1, Box 103, Madison 32340	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Hopewell	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Macedonia	W. E. Reams, Rt. 2, Box 199, Greenville 32331	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Grove	T. E. Kelley, Rt. 2, Box 110, Madison 32340	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pinetta, First	Cecil Crafton, Rt. 1, Box 40, Pinetta 32350	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Grove (L)	A. F. Buchanan, Rt. 1, Mayo 32066	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Grove (T)	Horace Knowles, Rt. 1, Greenville 32331																											
Riverside	Clifton Shiver, P. O. Box, Mayo 32066	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Johns	Marcus Day, Rt. 3, Greenville 32331	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sirmans	W. G. Clements, Rt. 1, Greenville 32331	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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