

MINUTES
OF THE
Seventy-Ninth Session
OF THE
Alauchua Baptist Association

HELD WITH

First Baptist Church of Bushnell, Florida.

Next sessions convenes with the First Baptist Church of Wildwood
Wildwood, Florida, Thursday and Friday before the Second Sunday
in October, 1926.

OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT SESSION

J. C. HILL, Brooksville -----Moderator
J. H. HUGHES, Bushnell -----Clerk

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J. C. Hill -----Brooksville
J. H. Hughes -----Bushnell
J. H. Patten, -----Bushnell
G. T. Walters -----Wildwood
E. B. Green -----Sumterville
G. A. Martin -----Coleman
C. H. Calvin -----Brooksville

Delegate to State Convention—W. S. Wade, Bushnell.

Southern Baptist Convention—G. A. Martin, Coleman

Member State Board—J. C. Hill, Brooksville, Fla.

Introductory Sermon—Rev. J. C. Rodgers.

Alternate—H. C. Calvin

Committee on reports and program for 1926—J. C. Hill, J. H.
Hughes, G. T. Walters.

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H. H. Sturgies, Brooksville	G. W. Hays, Webster
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PROCEEDINGS OF SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION OF
ALAUCHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With First Baptist Church of Bushnell, Bushnell Fla.

October 8th and 9th, 1925

Thursday 10 O'clock A. M.

Meeting called to order by J. C. Hill, Moderator.

Welcome address by J. H. Patten, Pastor of Bushnell church.

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES—REPRESENTATIVES

BROOKSVILLE—J. C. Hill, G. R. Creekmore, G. H. Williams, Harvey Thomas.

BUSHNELL—Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Shaw, Mrs. A. M. Roland, Mrs. Anna Beville, Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

CENTER HILL—M. A. Galloway, A. A. Kight, Mrs. M. A. Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cooper, Mrs. M. M. Wade.

COLEMAN—G. A. Martin, J. A. Stafford, F. L. Allen, J. P. Smith.

EDEN—Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Grubbs, J. A. Morgan, Edna Morgan

FLORAL CITY—D. A. Took, Mrs. D. A. Took.

HEBRON—A. P. Sharp, Annie Milley, Abbie Milley.

PEDRO—Walter Nichols.

MARSH BEND—W. S. Wade, W. J. Albritton.

OXFORD—T. P. Caruthers, J. E. Hoard, Mrs. Clara Nichols, Miss Lula Odell, E. Lee Smith.

PLEASANT HILL—R. H. Bennett, Mrs. A. F. Wade, Mrs. W. S. Wade.

SUMTERVILLE—E. B. Green.

SUMMERFIELD—R. Y. Walden, Jr., Frank Digman, M. R. Dean, Chas. Tyler, Mrs. R. Y. Walden, Mrs. M. R. Dean.

WILDWOOD—Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Walters, J. E. Mills, J. M. Hudson.

WEBSTER—Rev. G. W. Hays, W. W. Lance, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Branch.

WAHOO—W. S. Wade.

INDIAN HILL—W. J. Bryant.

SARDIS—No representative.

CHARTE OAK—No representative.
10:30 A. M.

Program adopted, and reports from the Churches called for.

Each Church gave interesting reports of the Churches—nearly all being represented. Moved and carried that the Pastors and Messengers present, with the visiting ministers, constitute the Association.

10:45 A. M.—By motion, duly carried, Bro. J. C. Hill was elected Moderator for the next session, and J. H. Hughes was elected Clerk.

Visitors recognized and welcomed. Brother Mitchell of the Baptist Witness being present, was given an opportunity to talk in the interest of the paper. He gave a very interesting talk and a strong appeal for every Baptist in the State to read the Baptist Witness if they wished to keep up with what the Baptist of our State are doing.

11:15—Introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. W. S. Wade, after which other visitors were recognized and welcomed. Bro. T. V. McCall of Gainesville, H. A. Jordan of Suwanee Association, Bro. J. C. Bishop, of Lacochee, Pasco Association, Bro. E. Lee Smith of Orlando, Wickiva Association.

12:15—Adjourned for lunch.

1:30 P. M.—Devotional and song service, led by Rev. E. B. Green.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator, to report at this session.

Finance Committee—F. L. Allen, A. A. Kight, F. Dickman, A. P. Sharp.

Digest of Letters—G. A. Martin, T. P. Caruthers, Miss Lula O'Dell.

Brother W. J. Bryant presented application from the Indian Hill Baptist Church, asking for admittance in this association, which was duly accepted.

State Mission report was read by Rev. J. H. Patten, and spoken to by Rev. T. V. McCall, representing the State Board, who made an outline of the State work and the great need in our state. Moved and carried that this report be adopted as read. Full report follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSION

The Florida situation is unique. It challenges our admiration, enthusiasm, intelligence, civic pride, social relations, business judgment and Christian faith.

ITS DEVELOPMENT

It is well nigh impossible for one to visualize the tremendous sweep of activity that is now going on throughout Florida. It commands the attention of the nation to a greater extent than any state in the Union ever did.

IT COMMANDS ATTENTION.

The double tracking of the Florida East Coast Railroad, the erection of depots and the extension of shops together with other improvements now in progress, will total more than thirty millions. The Seaboard Air Line is extending from West Palm Beach to Miami; has leased the C. H. and N. Railroad from Bradley Junction to Little Boca Grande Harbor, will build from Sarasota to Ft. Myers, and lease property from there to Punta Rassa by the Gulf. It is also connecting Brooksville with Inverness, thus shortening its present line from Jacksonville to Tampa by several miles. The Seaboard is spending and has spent on these projects more than fifteen millions. The Georgia and Florida Railroad contemplates the extension of its line from Madison to Tampa, while the Frisco System is to enter Pensacola

from the West. More than a score of hotels costing from one to seven million each are now in course of construction. A cement factory capable of producing 5,000 barrels of cement per day is projected. Coral Gables has begun the initial work on a 75,000,000 dollar building program, and has already contracted for more than six million of the work. Hollywood-By-The-Sea has begun work on a fifteen million dollar harbor with General Goethals as consulting engineer. Approximately forty million will be put into road building, improvements, and street construction this year. There are more gigantic real estate projects now on in Florida, spending more money than any State in the Union ever had under way at any one time.

ITS PEOPLE.

Old-timers stand aghast, newcomers look on in bewilderment, developers hurry hither and thither as if a great battle was in progress; while speculators, camp followers, bootleggers, highwaymen and petty thieves hold high carnival. All roads leading into Florida appear to be one-way roads, all trains crowded with winter schedules running full speed in August, hotels full, no room in the inn. Population increased more than 500,000 or 52 per cent in the past five years.

CHURCH ACTIVITY.

Agreeable to present tabulations, there are in the state of Florida today approximately 313,000 people who are affiliated with some creed including Catholics. This means approximately 980,000 or 76 per cent of the total population of this state have no church affiliation whatever. What a task! What a challenge!

BAPTIST PEOPLE.

There are in Florida today approximately 175,000 Baptists identified with Florida Baptist churches, including white and black.

It is estimated agreeable to last census, that 42 per cent of the total population are either Baptists or inclined to be. This means that more than 340,000 of the present population who are inclined toward the Baptist churches have no affiliation with them whatever. What an opportunity!

FLORIDA BAPTIST BUILDING SITUATION.

Agreeable to the figures we have been able to gather, there are now in course of construction, or under projections, plans for the completion or erection of 217 Baptist church houses in the state at an expenditure of more than five million. There are 102 homeless congregations, while not exceeding 20 per cent of our completed buildings are adequate to the present needs. We are aiding 142 churches to maintain a pastor and have 83 organized congregations with no shepherd at all.

OUR PLEA.

In view of the above situation and in contemplation of the immediate future, with a consuming passion for our own state and people, we plead for more definite and concrete method of work. We can if we will. God help us to will.

The individual churches are our hope. We have for 75 years made plans and sent them down to our churches. Not until the churches make plans and send them up, can we hope to do our best. The Associations being the closest fraternal units to the churches, can render best help. Next to the Association is the State Convention, and beyond this the Southern Baptist Convention.

Our plea is that we go back to the churches and let them tell us what they will do. When they speak, it will be done.

SUGGESTED PLAN.

First—Each church should inform its Association what it will do, or undertake to do in this holy conflict, 1926.

Second—The Association should tell the State Convention upon what it can hope to project its work for the coming year.

Third—The States should inform the Southern Baptist Convention what their Associations and churches have said they will do.

Fourth—The Southern Baptist Convention, with the finest fraternal spirit, should keep its imperative needs and all necessary information constantly before the churches, Associations, and States, co-operating to the limit with every interest, from the smallest country church to the strongest State.

THE SIMPLE MACHINERY WE SUGGEST.

First—A church budget in each church for local and world-wide work, with a standing budget committee to carry its plan to success.

Second—An Associational budget with a standing budget committee to aid the churches to carry out their plans.

Third—A State budget committee, well informed as to the entire situation, to advise the State Convention as to its full strength and ability.

Fourth—A committee on Evangelism in each department from the local churches and district Associations to the State Convention, to see to it that the fires never go down.

Finally we plead for a full half day the (best day) in all the Associations, for a free, frank, and fraternal discussion of its local needs, the State and world-wide situation. God help us to do this, if it pleases Him.

J. H. PATTEN.

Report on Christian Education read by Rev. G. A. Martin. Same was spoken to by G. A. Martin, Rev. E. Lee Smith, Broom, McCall, Walden and Patten, after which same was adopted as read. Full report follows.

With gratitude you committee report that Baptists today are making progress along the line of Christian Education.

A few years back our boys and girls had to seek schools and colleges of others besides the Baptist. In the last twenty years we have almost doubled the number of schools and colleges. We are grateful to see Baptists today prepared to take care of its own. Yet in this beloved State, we find ourselves only with one college which belongs to us—Stetson University, Deland Fla. We regret that we have no preparatory schools and junior colleges, such as many of the states have. Yet we are grateful that the Baptists have got the vision of the all importance of preparing themselves for better service before entering the field of service.

We must be taught before we can impart to others the knowledge of truth.

We find many of our Baptists sending their boys and girls out of our State to other Schools. We commend our our Baptist Institution, Stetson University, at Deland Fla., as worthy of our patronage, and urge our people to help to render it more useful and efficient by sending to it our sons and daughters.

G. A. MARTIN, Chm.

4:00 P. M.—Moved and carried that we adjourn until 7:30 P. M.

7:15 P. M.—Prayer and praise service led by Bro. M. L. Barkman, of Indiana.

Other visitors recognized and welcomed—Dr. J. J. Justice of Phoenix Ala., and Rev. George W. Broom, of Leesburg.

Report on B. M. A. A. read by R. Y. Walden After being spoken to by Brothers Walden, Rodgers and Hill, same was adopted as read. Full Report follows.

REPORT ON B. M. A. A.

This association as the most of us understand, contributes to a members family after his death, one dollar for each member constituting the Association. Only ministers can be beneficiary members, but honorary members can join and pay one dollar at the death of a

beneficiary member. A church or a Sunday School can join and pay its dollar at the death of a member. We earnestly recommend that churches and Sunday schools or any other Baptist organization participate in this noble work.

Signed J. C. RODGERS

7:40 P. M.—Sunday School report read by Harvey Thomas, and spoken to by Harvey Thomas, J. C. Hill and others, after which same was adopted as read. Full report follows.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

There is no spirit of self satisfaction seen in the growth of the Baptist Sunday Schools. They are growing in numbers and enrollment. This is due to the guidance and blessings of the Heavenly Father. The spirit of co-operation of hundreds of pastors, enthusiastic workers, also the growth of Florida in population and wealth. No association has more virgin territory or pressing opportunity for Sunday School development. Immediate plans should be made toward making these serious obligations. We need more trained teachers and workers in our Association.

Signed, HARVY THOMAS

8 o'clock P. M.

Sermon by Dr. J. J. Justice of Phoenix, Ala.

After which the Association adjourned until 9:30 Friday a. m.

FRIDAY

9:30 A. M.—Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer and praise service conducted by H. A. Jordan.

Moved and duly carried that the Treasurer and Clerk be combined in one office for this and the next session.

10:00 A. M.—Moved and carried that we pay our Clerk \$30.00 for his services in this session and making the minutes.

Other visitors recognized and welcomed with us— Brother S. E. Walker, of Whitney Lake County Association, also Brother Simms.

10:15 A. M.—Report on B. Y. P. U. work read by Rev. E. B. Green. Same was adopted as read, after being spoken to by Brathers, Green, Martin, Hill, Patten, Mrs. J. H. Hughes and Bro. Calvin. Full report follows.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. WORK.

We find that out of all the churches of the Alachua Association, that there are only nine Baptist Young People Unions. When we look around us, we feel like it is a shame that there are not more of these unions. There are so many that could be benefited if more Unions were in progress. So let us as true, honest Christian workers endeavor to look upon this work with more interest in the future than we have in the past. It is a way that gives better chance to some one that has not had a fair chance at an education to become more familiar with Christian ideals and experience in Christian work. So let's ask ourselves the question: Are we doing our best in regards to those who haven't had advantages of this kind?

And let's ask ourselves the question: Can't we do more to reach more through the incoming year than we have this? Furthermore the B. Y. P. U. gives a better chance to send the light into the hearts of boys and girls, men and women. May the Lord help us in a time like this.

Respectfully submitted,
E. B. GREEN,

11:00 A. M.—Report on Home Missions was read by Rev. G. T. Walters, after being spoken to by Brothers Walters, Simmons and Patten. Same was adopted as read. Full report follows.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board presented its eightieth annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention last May in Memphis, Tenn. Eighty years of service by this board since its organization in 1845 constitute a real romance in Home Missions. Through many vicissitudes and steady and unvarying purpose for the salvation of the lost and the up-building of the Kingdom in our Southland, the Home Mission Board presents an unbroken history of fidelity and spiritual conquest.

It has been for Southern Baptists the one great constructive-cooperative and unifying agency. It has been the foster-mother of our weaker enterprises, the founder and support of thousands of our churches and the forerunner of most all our State Conventions and a stimulating factor in their organization and progress.

The Board in its report presented a significant comparison as follows:

	Money Raised	Missionaries	Stations	Baptisms	Churches Organized
1845-1903—0	3,520,000.00	10,586	39,973	82,742	3,649
1903-1924—	13,731,965.99	27,438	72,829	642,492	4,524

For the last twenty-five years the advance in Home Missions has been at times remarkable and always continuous and healthy. It reached its highest point in 1920, the first year of the 75-Million Campaign. Since that time, due to various causes, but chiefly to the falling off in receipts, the Board has made severe and drastic retrenchment in many phases of its work. In some instances such severe retrenchment has brought the work to the verge of calamity. The Board has had to stand still in the face of countless calls and unwanted opportunities. Fields ripe for the harvest have cried out for the sickle of the reaper, and the Board has not been able to thrust laborers sufficient into harvest fields to garner the grain.

At the recent annual meeting in June, on account of the heavy and burdensome debt, the Board had to still further retrench. Enlargement on the contrary is called for in every direction.

First. In an increase of forces; second in better equipment.

The Board has need for at least fifty capable young women and as many men in the field at home and a half dozen young women for Cuba.

In equipment the needs are even greater. For school buildings in El Paso, Texas, and Havana, Cuba; the enlargement and better equipment of our thirty mountain schools; at least fifty chapels in the homeland and Cuba and Panama. The greatest need of the Board just now is a mighty increase in financial receipts to lift the heavy burden of debt and prepare for the recovery of lost ground and to enter now fields that are white unto harvest.

Notwithstanding the retrenchments made, the Board presents a year of wonderful results:

With 1,077 missionaries, they reported 49,219 weeks of labor; 2,381 churches and stations; 144,087 sermons and addresses; 30,027 additions by baptisms; 4,896 by letter; total additions 50,354; 210 churches constituted; 355 church houses built or improved; 608 Sunday Schools organized; distributed 12,995 Bibles and Testaments.

The Home Mission field was never so great and urgent as now. To save our own land is a condition of saving the lost in distant lands. Home Missions furnish the great base of supplies for the work at home and afar.

Let's remember the Board and all its work in our prayers and come with greater liberality in our gifts!

J. H. PATTEN

11:30 A. M.—Report on Foreign Missions was read by R. Y. Walden Jr. Same was adopted as read, after being spoken to by Brothers Walden and E. Lee Smith. Full report follows.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Southern Baptist Convention through the Foreign Mission Board is finishing this year its eightieth year of service to the sin-cursed nation abroad. The number of missionaries has not increased during this year. The debt has grown and subsequently the retrenchment has been appalling; it has been absolutely necessary for the Board to refuse the necessities of the field.

What few missionaries have been sent out at the wish and be-coming of individuals or groups, in the face of all this we receive heartening reports from the foreign fields. These laborers of ours need our prayers, sympathy and means today as they have never need-ed them in several years. Will you not pray for them?

Signed by R. F. WALDEN, JR.

12:15—Moved and carried that we adopt a budget plan for this association for the Convention year 1926. By the the help of God, we will endeavor to raise \$5000.00 this year for mission work.

12:30 P. M.—Adjourned for lunch.

2:P. M.—Committees appointed to report at the next session.

Foreign Missions—E. B. Green, Chm., F. L. Allen, Frank Digman.

Home Missions—G. A. Martin, Chm., J. C. Rodgers, A. A. Kight.

State Missions—G. T. Walters Chm., J. M. Hudson, J. E. Mills
Sunday Schools—H. C. Parrish Chm., G. W. Hays, R. E. Youmans.

B. Y. P. U.—W. S. Wade Chm., Mrs. J. H. Hughes, C. M. Em-merson,

On Christian Education—R. Y. Walden, Jr., Chm, C. L. Cly-born, Miss Lula O'Dell.

Layman's Work—W. D. Brennen, Chm, A. Keathly, A. P. Sharp.

On Orphanage—D. A. Took, Mrs. Landrum, Mrs. A. C. Coogler.

Report on B. M. A. A. Work—J. H. Patten Chm., J. C. Rod-gers, H. D. Hunt.

Report on Temperance—C. H. Calvin Chm. Dr. W. H. Cox, Mr. Nelson.

Report on Woman's Work—Mrs. G. T. Walters Chm., Mrs. Clara Nichols, Mrs. M. H. Snow.

2:25 P. M.—Report on Religious Literature read by C. H. Calvin. After same was spoken to by C. H. Calvin, same was adopted as read. Full report follows.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Since there is a tendency on the part of our people towards jazz and indifference, we insist that the parents take a deeper interest in teaching first the Bible, and to keep good short story books for the small children. Then to the teachers in our Sunday Schools, should keep on hand a good supply of books of sermons, suitable for their class. All of these books and stories of religious note, these books can be secured from the American Baptist publication society, and by all means, use literature published by our Baptist people. Now we realize by association we are influenced, especially our young minds either for good or evil, thus we wish to insist that the parents be-come more prayerful in behalf of the children, and take more inter-est in their church life, so that they will not leave after Sunday School or B. Y. P. U. This is a deplorable practice and one that every member and pastor should study to overcome. We further recom-mend the Denominational paper.

Signed, C. H. CALVIN.

Report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. Clara Nichols, and spoken to by Mrs. G. T. Walters, Mrs. Nichols, Brothers Broom and J. C. Hill. Same was adopted as read. Full report follows.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

Organization, coupled with consecration, is a mighty factor for success. "First they gave their own selves to the Lord." Consecration of self and selfish interests.

Efficient organization carries out conservation as taught by our Lord, when he commanded "to gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." Careful to conserve the material, how much more careful was He, and should we be, to eliminate Spiritual waste.

The membership of this organization (the graded Union) is composed of the women and young people of our Baptist churches.

First the Woman's Missionary Society which assumes the regular duties of the society and organizes and fosters the junior organizations, which are the Y. W. A., R. A. for boys from nine to sixteen, G. A. for girls of same age; Sunbeam Band for smaller children and College Y. W. A.

The aims of the W. M. U. are individual and united Prayer, Bible Study, Soul Winning, Enlistment, Mission Study, Organized Personal service and systematic and proportionate giving.

The Book says, "Without faith, it is impossible to please God," and again "Faith cometh by hearing," or reading the Word. Therefore, if we would please Him, we must be diligent in our Bible study.

To be interested, we must be informed, and how can we better inform ourselves than through the many good and interesting books prepared for our use?

Systematic and proportionate giving has ever been one of the unions aims.

The study and teaching of Stewardship has given to the state many tithers; 1,132 being reported the past year.

Florida has six fine young women in the Training School at Louisville. From this school seven Florida girls have gone to the Foreign Fields to help win the countless millions to Jesus, while many are serving in the Home Field.

Much more could be said, but this should suffice to give you a broad vision of what the W. M. U. is, and what they are striving to do in the Kingdom Work.

The statistical report of our W. M. U. President will show you how the Woman's Work stands in our Association. There is a great

work to be done in our midst. Brethren, Pastors and Sisters, let us be up and doing, for, "The night cometh when no man can work."

Letters and cards mailed	43
Letters and cards received	33
Pages of Literature mailed	380
Money received for expenses	\$2.50
Societies organized	1
Number of members	8
Organizations reported	8
Members reported	157
Mission study classes	6
Awards granted	19
Paid on 1925 Program	\$303.55
Local and other objects	\$1,291.52
Total money raised	\$1,595.07
Periodicals	
Baptist Witness	51
Royal Service	33
Home and Foreign Fields	10
World Comrades	28

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CLARA NICHOLS

E. LOULA O'DELL

MRS. A. M. ROLAND, Comm.

2:45 P. M.—Brother Bullin of Palatka, and from the State Board was present, in the interest of the Centennial Movement, and gave a very interesting talk, which was enjoyed by all.

Report on hospitals was read by Rev. E. Lee Smith, and adopted as read. Full report follows.

REPORT ON HOSPITALS

We desire to recommend to our Baptist people, that we make a united effort to bring in to the state of Florida, a great Baptist hospital that is so much needed. This great institution will come and stay and be a great blessing to our own people if we will make up our minds. It must come. We only own a few hospitals in the Southern Baptist Convention. One in Memphis, Tenn., one in Dallas, Tex., one in Atlanta, Ga., Baptist own one jointly in St. Louis Mo., one jointly starting in New Orleans, La., two in Alabama—17 in all,

Signed E. LEE SMITH

3:00 P. M.—

was adopted as read. Full report follows.

REPORT ON OUR ORPHANAGE

Our children, as every one knows, or should know, is located at Arcadia, Fla. We own eighty acres of land on the Dixie Highway in the city limits of Arcadia. This is a very valuable piece of property with its southeast corner the geographical center of the city. The appearance of this institution is one that should reach every heart. In it a needy child will always find a friend, who is willing to render assistance. But the appeal comes stronger when we see one fatherless and motherless. It was through and by this institution of a like spirit, that caused the re-action and dedication of the much appreciated and valuable home that we now have at Arcadia. Since that time God has wonderfully blessed the work by giving the Baptist of Florida an opportunity to manifest that Christ-like spirit in administering to those little ones in need. Florida Baptist have an institution there to be proud of, and God has so richly blessed us with the temporal blessings, thus enabling us to honor and glorify His holy name, in doing our duty in contributions to this all-important cause, though we have failed in many instances in doing our duty toward this institution, it has not shortened our responsibility—it is greater than it has ever been. We now have our home crowded almost to its capacity and many have been turned away in need, in order that the more needy may be cared for. We now have near 200 children in the home, who are fatherless and motherless, and were homeless until we took them in. We are making the children's home a real home. What are we going to do with Jesus as he speaks to us from Matthew 25-35-46. We recommend to this Association that we give more thought to this all-important subject and emphasize it more in the pulpit, Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.

Signed by W. S. WADE

Report on Sacred Service and Public Worship read by J. C. Kaze. Same was adopted as read. Full report follows.

REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICE AND PUBLIC MORALS

Human relationship has changed in modern times. We have all been brought closer to each other by new methods of communication and ways of travel. This has been at once a great blessing and a great curse. While the things that are elevating are more easily

reached by the masses, the things that are evil are more accessible also. Our relationship has become more complex and varied, and the problems of society have become more difficult. The activities of one person effects the whole community of which he is a part. This being true, his work or business, intellectual or social life becomes a part of every ones business. "No man liveth to himself."

While society has been brought into closer relationship human nature has not changed. Many evil minded men have taken advantage of present day conditions and have commercialized our sports and pleasures until entertainment is not any more what it used to be, and some of the good things have been lost to us.

Another thing needs to be considered. Many of us are 25 years older than we were, and we view society from a new angle, and a higher ideal. Now we look upon some things as being evil that did not seem so to us 25 years ago.

We need to enter into a sympathetic understanding of the social and moral conditions and problems of the day, in order that we may look for a true solution of them.

There is but one remedy. As the world and people are constantly changing, we need to find the ideal for society set forth in God's word; for that ideal never changes. When we find the Biblical ideal, we shall also find that no one is able of himself to live up to it. There must come into human life a divine power through the operation of the Holy Spirit, to enable man to live as he ought. That power uses the gospel of grace to save people from themselves, and from the evils of society. Then preaching the Gospel of grace, and living it as our great task, and the Lord's remedy for a sinful world.

J. C. KAZEE

Report on Obituaries read by J. H. Patten. Same adopted as read. Full report follows.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We your committee, find that the following named members have been called from labor to rest, during the past year.

Brooksville—Mrs. J. T. McKeown, Miss Trilly Cambers.

Bushnell—Mrs. Meeks.

Center Hill—Mr. T. W. Smith.

Eden—Mr. J. H. Priest Sr., Mrs. J. A. Morgan.

Hebron—Mr. J. C. Priest.

Pedro—Mrs. Ethel Ludley.

Pleasant Hill—Mrs. R. H. Bennett.

Sumterville—Rev. M. L. Traylor.

Summerfield—Mrs. Louisa Moody, Mrs. Lizzie Hough, Mr. Jacob Smith.

Wildwood—Mrs. John Rutland.

Webster—Mrs. H. Johnson.

Wahoo—Mr. Henry Roberts.

We feel keenly our loss in the passing of these loved ones. May the Lord whom they loved and served, richly bless and comfort the bereaved.

Signed, J. H. PATTEN

Report on Digest of Letters read by G. A. Martin. Same adopted as read and full report follows.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS

Seventeen churches, 14 reporting. Gifts for all purposes \$16,586.50. Increase 89, only 13 have Sunday Schools; 8 have E. Y. P. U. We, your committee urge that the church clerks try to give a more intelligent report from the churches to our Association hereafter, so the committee can make a better report.

Signed,

G. A. MARTIN

T. P. CARUTHERS

MISS LULA O'DELL

4:00 P. M.—Financial report read by the Clerk. Same was adopted as read. Full report follows.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from all sources during and since our last session \$57.75. Printing minutes, \$54.25; express on same, \$1.73; postage paid in mailing same \$1.50, leaving balance on hand 25c. Received this Association \$58.20. Total on hand \$58.45.

Signed J. H. HUGHES, Clerk and Treas.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY

The report of the Relief and Annuity Board for the last Convention year closed May 1st, 1925, was one of the fairly good years in the Board's history, notwithstanding the great financial depression and shortage of receipts.

The relief beneficiaries received during the year \$127,021.35; the beneficiaries of the Annuity Fund received \$10,103.58, making a total

of \$137,124.93, which is more than the Board has paid out in benefits in any one year.

The Board repeated itself last December in sending out Christmas checks to beneficiaries, the amounts ranging from \$5.00 to \$10.00 each, according to the circumstances. The Board hopes to make this an annual habit.

The Board is now carrying on its roll 1086 beneficiaries; 600 aged ministers, 386 widows and about 100 orphan children.

The Board is also rendering aid to states which are wholly unable to provide for their retired preachers. It is spending thousands of dollars annually in this specific kind of aid. There was but little hope for a large class of dependent preachers until the Relief and Annuity Board was organized. The total amount donated to these states within the period of five years during the 75 Million Campaign was \$53,833.72.

The great, immediate, and all but desperate need of this Board is a fund that will yield for general relief alone \$100,000.00 per year in addition to what the Board would get from the regular budget. This statement has been made over and over again through our denominational press for the past two years. It is the one outstanding, glaring need of our Board, and should not be difficult of attainment. We must continue to press this particular need. The Board can never begin to do the adequate thing until this fund is obtained. If some of our rich people could only see their way to make some large gifts to this Board, or to remember us in their wills.

Every minister, of course, knows that sooner or later, if he lives, he will have to retire to private life. It is sweet and assuring to know that when the time comes he can do so without being the humiliated object of charity; that he can still hold up his head and walk with self-respect among his brethren of the calling, because there has been provided by the gratitude and thoughtfulness and generosity of the people he served, at least a small competence to supplement his own meager means, so that in the latter days of his earthly life he will not have to eke out a bare existence. Now, what we are trying to do is to bring just such a situation into our Southern Baptist ministry. The new plan, when once in operation, will absolutely do that.

Respectfully submitted

C. H. CALVIN, Chm.

4:15 P. M.—Moved and carried that if we can possibly do so, to send Brother E. B. Green to school to help him prepare for the ministry. Committee appointed to raise this fund—Brother and Sister G. T. Walters, G. A. Martin, J. H. Patten.

4:30 P. M.—Adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church of Wildwood, on Thursday and Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1926.

J. H. HUGHES, Clerk.

RESOLUTION OFFERED

We, the Alachua Association, having been entertained so bountifully by the Bushnell Baptist Church and Pastor, wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and invoke the blessings of an all-loving Father to and upon them.

Signed by R. Y. Walden, Jr.

W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

The Alachua Baptist Association of the Woman's Missionary Union met in Bushnell Oct. 2nd, 1925 with the President Mrs. Clara Nichols in the chair.

Devotional led by Mrs. M. H. Snow of Brooksville.

Prayer by Mrs. Kazee of Brooksville.

Welcome address by Mrs. J. D. Shaw of Bushnell

Response by Center Hill.

Mrs. Nichols gave a report on her year's work and appointed the following committees:

Obituary—Mrs. C. M. Emerson, Mrs. J. D. Shaw, Mrs. Johnson.

Resolutions—Miss Lula O'Dell, Mrs. W. D. Cobb, Mrs. B. L. Lee.

Nominating—Mrs. J. C. Hill, Mrs. A. M. Roland Mrs. Calloway.

Report from other officers read and adopted.

Miss Lula O'Dell read a paper on our Training School.

Mrs. J. D. Shaw gave an interesting talk on Mission study work, followed by a paper read by Mrs. Wall, "How to interest Societies in Mission Study work."

Mrs. G. T. Walters gave an interesting talk on "What it means to be a Graded Union."

Our State Secretary was present and gave us a most inspiring talk on "How to Enlist the Unenlisted."

Rev. J. C. Hill made a talk which was enjoyed so much, that a motion was made and carried that he put it in writing and send it to the W. M. U. page of the Witness.

Mrs. W. D. Cobb read an interesting paper on our 1925 Program.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Mrs. G. T. Walters and Mrs. Cobb volunteered as delegates to the State Convention.

A motion was made and carried that we send a telegram of sympathy to Brother Rogers.

The following officers were elected:

Mrs. G. T. Walters, President.

Mrs. Clara Nichols, Vice President.

Mrs. C. M. Emerson, Secretary Treasurer.

Mrs. A. C. Coogler, Superintendent First District.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Superintendent Second District.

Miss Lula O'Dell, Superintendent Third District.

Mrs. J. D. Shaw Y. P. S.

Mrs. B. L. Lee, Personal Service

Mrs. A. M. Roland, Mission Study

Mrs. W. E. Simmons, Stewardship.

Mrs. G. R. Creekmore, Publicity

Mrs. Michler Margaret Fund

Mrs. Desha, Training School.

A playlett representing the different countries was put on by Wildwood W. M. U.

The Alachua Association of the W. M. U. will meet in Brooksville the first Friday in October 1926 at 10 o'clock.

MRS. G. R. CREEKMORE, Sec.

TABLE NO. 2—FINANCES

CHURCHES	Regular Treasurer and Post Office	For Support of Local Church Work								Missions, Education and Benevolence							
		Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help.	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S. S. and B. Y. P. U.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Minutes and Clerk	Other Objects	Total for Support of Local Church Work	Given Through State Executive Board.	Given Through Association Mission Board	Sent Direct to Persons or Institutions	Total for All Missions Education and Benevolences.	No. Members giving Tenth.	Every Member Canvass Made.
Brooksville	W. H. Snow, Brooksville	\$2,520.00	\$200.00	\$372.00	\$ 221.92	\$253.72	393.73	24.00	15.00	7.25	4,720.00			700.89	724.82		Yes
Bushnell	Mrs. A. M. Roland, Bushnell	900.00			350.00	225.00	150.00		5.00		1,625.00	183.58			183.58	3	Yes
Center Hill	Mrs. B. F. Lee, Center Hill	1,400.00		262.00		18.00	60.00	5.00	5.00		1,775.79	35.79			35.79		Yes
Coleman	F. L. Allen, Coleman	300.00		161.00		81.00	99.77	2.53	2.00		404.30		50.00		50.00		No
Edan	Edna Morgan, Brooksville																
Floral City	Henry Dunn, Floral City						120.00		2.00	5.00	14.00			5.00			No
Hebron	I. A. Fitzjarell, Iverness	2.00		48.00					1.00								
Pedro	A. D. Procter, Summerfield	240.00		24.33		5.00	12.31		2.00	2.00	302.06	17.41	2.00		18.41		
Marsh Bend	W. J. Albriton, Panasoffkee	120.00		58.50	14.10						203.60			10.00			
Oxford	W. M. O'Dell, Oxford	600.00	350.00	47.65		28.50	113.01		7.00		1,264.56	264.96		14.50	279.64	9	
Pleasant Hill	O. W. Connell, Bushnell	87.20		40.00					2.00		127.20						
Sumterville	J. A. Mann, Sumterville	75.00		10.00					1.50		88.00	21.00			21.00		
Summerfield	Mrs. G. O. Renolds, Summerfield	600.00		50.00	200.00	33.00	48.75		4.00		935.75	6.00			6.00		
Wildwood	W. C. Fowler, Wildwood	1,200.00		127.00	3,601.25		50.21	5.00	7.00		4,489.76	70.50			193.16	9	
Webster	P. A. Tompkins, Webster	600.00		172.00		18.00					833.00				10.00		
Wahoo	J. C. Smith, Bushnell	134.21		28.22			15.00				195.93						

TABLE NO. 3—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Churches	Is it a Village, Town City or Country Church?	Superintendents and Post Offices	Secretaries and Post Offices	Sunday School Enrollment							Special Information				
				Officers & Teachers	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intmed. 13-16 Years	Srs. and Adults 17-up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Total Enrollment	Is School Graded	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Gifts to Local Church Work.	Gifts to Missions, Orphanage, etc.
Brooksville.	Town	G. H. Williams, Brooksville	Mrs. C. M. Emmerson, Brooksville	23	25	55	49	46	66	16	260	Yes	6	\$393.25	\$393.39
Bushnell	Town	J. H. Hughes, Bushnell	Edna Culberth, Bushnell	8	15	14	12	14	45		103	Yes	5	150.00	40.00
Center Hill	Town	M. A. Calloway, Center Hill	Miss Sarah Vaughn, Center Hill	7	25	20	20	23	27		125	No			
Coleman	Town	C. H. Mizell, Coleman	Miss Margaret Mizell, Coleman	6							70	No			
Eden	Country	J. E. Nelson, Brooksville	J. E. Nelson, Brooksville	3										200.00	
Floral City	Town	D. A. Took, Floral City	Bernice Dunn, Floral City	8	6	7	7	11	10		49			5.00	
Pedro	Country	Mrs. A. D. Procter, Summerfield	Miss Doris Perry, Summerfield	6							70			4.00	
Oxford	Town	T. P. Caruthers, Oxford	Miss Blanch Scott, Oxford	15	12	18	30	23	30		133			153.41	29.63
Summerfield	Town	H. L. Redding, Summerfield	Mrs. C. P. Davis, Summerfield	7	7	8	17	12	10		53				
Wildwood	Town	Mrs. Jennie Stewart, Wildwood	Dan McElrath, Wildwood	12	10	8	20	18	30		98			3.00	4.67
Webster	Town	R. E. Youmans, Webster	Mrs. M. E. Beville, Webster	8							50				33.60
Wahoo	Country	J. C. Smith, Bushnell	Miss Loree Hays, Bushnell	8	3	3	7	6	8		35				

Hebron, Marsh Bend, Pleasant Hill, Sumterville—No Sunday School.

TABLE NO. 1—MEMBERSHIP and CHURCH PROPERTY.

CHURCHES*	Is it in Village, town city or country?	When Constituted	Pastors and Post Offices	Regular Days of Meeting	Church Membership								Church Houses and Pastors' Home								
					Gains				Losses				Total pres. m'bership	Revivals during year	When Built	Material used	Persons seated	No. of Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Pastors Home	Total value all church property.
					Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Deaths										
Brooksville	City	-----	J. C. Hill, Brooksville, Fla.	All	10	22	-----	-----	8	-----	2	308	2	-----	Brick	300	14	\$15,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$21,000.00	
Bushnell	Village	1887	J. H. Patten, Bushnell	2-4	10	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1	71	-----	1887	Wood	200	1	5,000.00	4,000.00	9,000.00	
Coleman	Town	1908	G. A. Martin, Bushnell	4th	14	9	1	3	-----	-----	-----	108	-----	1908	Brick	300	1	4,500.00	-----	-----	
Center Hill	Village	1913	R. Strickland, Linden	All	3	20	-----	-----	10	-----	1	168	-----	1913	Wood	200	1	8,000.00	-----	-----	
Eden	Country	1845	None Reported	2-4	-----	-----	-----	5	-----	-----	2	98	-----	1845	Wood	200	1	1,500.00	-----	-----	
Floral City	Village	-----	None Reported	-----	-----	-----	-----	5	-----	-----	-----	172	-----	-----	Wood	200	1	2,500.00	-----	-----	
Hebron	Country	1894	W. J. Bryant, Lacochee	2-4	2	1	-----	1	-----	-----	1	66	-----	1894	Wood	400	1	2,000.00	-----	-----	
Pedro	Country	1914	N. B. Plummer	2	1	-----	-----	9	-----	-----	1	102	-----	1914	Wood	400	1	1,000.00	-----	-----	
Pleasant Hill	Country	1873	W. S. Wade, Bushnell	-----	-----	-----	-----	1	-----	-----	1	22	-----	1873	Wood	100	1	1,500.00	-----	-----	
Oxford	Town	1889	E. Lee Smith, Orlando	2-4	3	-----	1	17	7	-----	-----	260	-----	1889	Wood	350	1	2,000.00	-----	-----	
Marsh Bend	Country	1917	W. S. Wade, Bushnell	2	1	-----	-----	1	-----	-----	-----	28	-----	1917	Wood	350	1	2,000.00	-----	-----	
Sumterville	Town	1878	E. B. Green, Sumterville	1-3	4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1	39	-----	1878	Wood	250	1	2,000.00	-----	-----	
Summerfield	Town	1911	R. Y. Walden, Summerfield	2-4	5	14	-----	-----	-----	-----	3	91	-----	1911	Wood	200	1	2,000.00	-----	-----	
Wildwood	Town	1884	G. T. Walters, Wildwood	Full	2	12	-----	10	1	-----	1	182	-----	1895	Concrete	-----	2	8,000.00	-----	-----	
Webster	Town	-----	W. D. Brimmer, Webster	1-2	3	8	-----	6	-----	-----	1	127	-----	-----	Wood	200	1	-----	-----	-----	
Wahoo	Country	1903	W. S. Wade, Bushnell	1	4	2	-----	2	3	35	1	85	-----	1903	Wood	350	1	2,000.00	-----	-----	
Indian Hill	-----	-----	W. J. Bryant, Lacochee	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	

Edenfield, Charter Oak, Sardis—No report.

TABLE NO 4—B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. Work.

CHURCHES	Presidents of B. Y. P. U.'s and Post Offices	The Young People's Work							The Woman's Work									
		Senior Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Seniors Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	No. Daily Bible Readers	Unions Taking Study Courses	Total Systematic Givers in all Unions	Presidents and Leaders of Woman's Organizations and Postoffices	No. W. M. S.	No. G. A.'s	No. R. A.'s	No. Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organizations	Gifts to Local Church Work	Gifts to Missions and Benevolences.
Brooksville	C. M. Emerson, Brooksville	1	1	2	40		40	18		12	Mrs. W. H. Snow, Brooksville	1			45	98.58	97.46	
Bushnell	Miss Alice Tharen, Bushnell	1			52		52	10	10	8	Mrs. S. C. Mickler, Bushnell	1			5			
Center Hill											Mrs. M. A. Galloway, Center Hill				30		20.00	
Coleman	F. L. Allen, Coleman	1			50			8		3	None							
Floral City	Alice Londrum	1			29			15		29	None							
Oxford	Jor Sigman, Oxford					1	25			8	Miss Lula O'Dell, Oxford	1			20	26.60	214.38	
Summerfield	Mrs. C. P. Davis, Summerfield	1							13		Mrs. Louisa Moody							
Wildwood	Mr. Davis, Wildwood	1		1	28			8			Mrs. W. E. Simmons	1	9	12	10	12	1,227.64	89.03

Hebron, Petrod, Marsh Bend, Pleasant Hill, Sumterville, Webster, Wahoo—No Report.