

Minutes

of the
NINETIETH SESSION
of the

Alachua Baptist Association

held with the
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, INVERNESS, FLORIDA
October 15-16, 1936

Rev. J. C. Boatwright, Moderator—Wildwood

J. H. Perry, Clerk—Oxford

D. A. Tooke, Treasurer—Floral City

Executive Committee

The above officers with Rev. E. C. Tyner, Inverness and
Rev. J. A. Sawyer, Brooksville

State Board Member

J. C. Boatwright, Wildwood

Preacher of Annual Sermon

Rev. J. A. Sawyer, Brooksville

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention

Rev. E. C. Tyner, Inverness

Delegates to State Convention

Mrs. W. W. Monroe, Coleman

Mrs. Marie Millhouse, Center Hill

Mrs. Irvin Tooke, Floral City

Mrs. Fred Reude, Brooksville

Mrs. S. H. Davis, Inverness

Next Session Convenes With The First Church, Wildwood,
Wednesday and Thursday, After Service Sunday
in October, 13-14, 1937

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Constitution

1. This body shall be known as the Alachua Baptist Association.
2. It shall be composed of churches generally recognized as Missionary Baptist Churches.
3. Its session (Legislative, Administrative, Promotional and Fellowship) shall be by regularly elected representatives of the churches composing its membership, and other members of said churches who may be present and who may be accepted by the elected members, on the basis of two Messengers from each church, and one additional for each twenty-five members or major fractional part thereof, in excess of fifty.
4. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and an Executive Committee, elected annually by vote of the messengers present.
5. The Executive Committee shall be the Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and two additional members elected by the body in session, annually.
6. The Moderator shall preside over the sessions, keep order, take the vote on all questions properly presented and perform such other duties as are usual to such officers. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body in session, have the same printed and distributed to the churches according to the funds provided and as the body may direct. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies received; pay out upon the instruction of the body and make an itemized report of same to the Association at each annual session.
7. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the work fostered by the Association. It shall meet quarterly and plan for the promotion of various interests of the organized work, using its best efforts to stimulate the spirituality and activity of the churches, and shall make report of its work to the Association in its annual session.
8. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body; or, when necessity arises, by the Executive Committee.
9. Churches may be admitted to membership in this Association by representatives bearing a petitionary letter with statistical data; provided they are found to be orthodox by a committee appointed by the Moderator. Upon a favorable vote of the body, the Moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship on behalf of the Association.
10. The Association shall have the right and the power to withdraw fellowship from any church in its membership, upon grounds which it may deem justifiable.
11. Any church shall have the right to withdraw its membership from the Association upon due notice to the body.
12. Any church failing to report to the Association, neither sending representatives nor letters, twice in succession, shall be dropped from the roll of active members and put on a list of "inactive churches".
13. This Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds vote of the body in session.
14. This Association accepts as a fundamental Baptist doctrine the inspiration of the Scriptures and offers to those only who hold the Word of God to be the sole authority for our faith and practice.

DIRECTORY

Committees to report in 1937—Foreign, Home, and State Mission, Sunday School, B. T. U., Christian Education, Laymen's Work, Relief and Annuity, Women's Work, Children's Home, and Temperance.

| Pastors | Churches | Post Offices |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Senterfite, J. W. | —Brooksville | Brooksville |
| Sawyer, J. A. | —Bushnell | Brooksville |
| Strickland, R. | —Center Hill | Webster |
| Kayler, Frank | —Coleman | Leesburg |
| Wade, W. S. | —Eden | Bushnell |
| Aldimon, R. C. | —Floral City | Ft. Green |
| Tyner, E. C. | —Inverness | Inverness |
| Wade, W. S. | —Indian Hill | Bushnell |
| Jones, Ted | —Lecanto | Wildwood |
| Strickland, R. | —Linden | Webster |
| Brooks, Web. | —Oxford | DeLand |
| Hayes, M. L. | —Pleasant Hill | Bushnell |
| McCullough, F. M. | —Sumterville | Sumterville |
| Wade, W. S. | —Wahoo | Bushnell |
| Strickland, R. | —Webster | Webster |
| Boatwright, J. C. | —Wildwood | Wildwood |

Other Ordained Ministers

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| McKinney, B. F. | —Brooksville | Brooksville |
| Kazee, J. C. | —Brooksville | Brooksville |
| Rogers, J. C. | —Bushnell | Bushnell |
| Martin, A. B. | —Coleman | Louisville, Ky. |
| Brooks, B. F. | —Eden | Brooksville |
| Hayes, Martin | —Wahoo | Bushnell |
| Hayes, G. W. | —Webster | Webster |
| Beasley, Isom | —Webster | Webster |

Students For The Ministry

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|---------------|-------|-----------------|
| Martin, A. B. | | Louisville, Ky. |
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| Churches | Clerks | Post Offices |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Brooksville, E. C. Peterson | | Brooksville |
| Bushnell, Jettie Pearl Mickler | | Bushnell |
| Center Hill, Mrs. Bertie C. Kight | | Center Hill |
| Coleman, S. H. Crabtree | | Coleman |
| Eden, Mrs. Carrie M. Baxley | | Istachatta |
| Floral City, J. D. Bowen | | Floral City |
| Inverness, J. W. Sasser | | Inverness |
| Indian Hill, Mrs. D. C. Knight | | Bushnell |
| Lecanto, Mrs. E. M. Barns | | Lecanto |
| Linden, Mrs. Vollie Marritt | | Linden |
| Oxford, E. Loula O'Dell | | Oxford |
| Pleasant Hill, R. E. Bennett | | Bushnell |
| Sumterville, Rev. F. M. McCullough | | Sumterville |
| Wahoo, Mrs. W. S. Wade | | Bushnell |
| Webster, Paul A. Tompkins | | Webster |
| Wildwood, Loy Waldron | | Wildwood |

Sunday Schools

Superintendents

Post Offices

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|------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Brooksville, D. O. Koon | | Brooksville |
| Bushnell, Elmer Hawkins | | Bushnell |
| Center Hill, A. B. Jones | | Center Hill |
| Coleman, C. H. Mizell | ..... | Coleman |
| Eden, Rev. B. F. Brooks | ..... | Brooksville |
| Floral City, H. H. Carroll | ..... | Floral City |
| Inverness, J. A. Thompson | ..... | Inverness |
| Indian Hill—No Sunday School | | |
| Lecanto, G. O. Barns | ..... | Lecanto |
| Linden—No Sunday School | | |
| Oxford, T. P. Caruthers | ..... | Oxford |
| Pleasant Hill, J. J. Segrest | ..... | Bushnell |
| Sumterville—No Sunday School | | |
| Wahoo, Elmer Swain | ..... | Bushnell |
| Webster, Paul A. Tompkins | ..... | Webster |
| Wildwood, R. E. Sechnizer | ..... | Wildwood |

Messengers To The 1936 Session

Brooksville—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gittings, W. E. Oxley, Mr. and Mrs. Ele Peterson, Mrs. C. M. Emmerson, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Allen, J. B. Turnley, Mrs. Gus Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Lamb, Raymond Weimier, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Koon, Mrs. Fred Reude, Mrs. G. R. Creekmore.

Bushnell—Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Rogers, Mrs. Wilbur Crum, Mrs. H. D. Hunt, Mrs. W. R. Terrell, Mr. J. W. Connerly.

Center Hill—Mrs. Marie B. Milhouse, Mrs. H. B. Cherry, Mrs. Alberta Venable, Mr. A. B. Jones, Mrs. W. C. Laughton.

Coleman—Mr. G. B. Tompkins, Mr. C. D. Evans, Mrs. W. W. Monroe, Mr. C. D. Colè, Mr. S. H. Crabtree, Mrs. W. B. Bigham, Mrs. Lottie Perry.

Eden—Mrs. Dave Hedick, Rev. B. F. Brooks, Mrs. Carrie Baxley, Mr. Jay Jernagin, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Snow.

Floral City—Mr. D. A. Tooke, Mrs. Nannie Dunn, Mrs. John Knight, Mrs. H. H. Carroll.

Inverness—Mrs. S. H. Davis, Mrs. C. M. Williams, Mrs. G. W. Scofield, Mr. Frank Morris.

Indian Hill—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Wade, Mr. C. W. Baker.

Lecanto—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Laugher, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Barns.

Linden—Mrs. G. W. Gideons, Mrs. Lilly Brown, Mrs. Mary Akin, Mrs. Vollie Merritt.

Oxford—Mr. Lawrence Driggers, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Perry, Mrs. Clara Nichols, Miss Ollie Maude Blair, Mr. R. L. Griggs, Mrs. W. M. O'Dell, Miss Loula O'Dell, Mrs. T. E. O'Dell.

Pleasant Hill—Rev. M. L. Hays, Mr. R. E. Bennett, Mr. J. J. Segrest.

Sumterville—Rev. F. M. McCullough.

Wahoo—Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Swain, Rev. W. S. Wade.

Webster—Mr. W. T. Whittington, Mr. and Mrs. Isom Beasley, Mr. Lee Bouquardez.

Wildwood—Mrs. J. L. Green, Mr. E. S. Strand, Mrs. H. B. Hall, Mrs. J. C. Lesslie, Mrs. Maiers, Mr. and Mrs. Loy Waldron, Mr. Fred Waldron, Mr. and Mrs. John Waldron.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, OCT. 15th., 1936

First Morning Session—10:00

The Ninetieth Session of the Alachua Baptist Association convened with the Inverness Baptist Church, Inverness, Florida. Devotional, Rev. E. C. Tyner. Prayer, Rev. J. C. Boatwright. Welcome address by Rev. E. C. Tyner. Response by Rev. J. C. Boatwright. Received letters read by Mrs. C. D. Evans, Mrs. J. S. Green.

Motion was passed that the Messengers present be the Association.

Organization and election of officers.

Officers

Moderator—J. C. Boatwright Wildwood
Clerk—J. H. Perry Oxford
Treasurer—Mr. D. A. Tooke Floral City

Evening Session—Opened by song service led by Fred Waldron. Prayer by Ewell Hall. G. W. Scofield presented resolution to the Association regarding watchfulness against so-called Landmarks. Also voted that the Moderator have authority to instruct the clerk to publish the resolution. Moderator turned the meeting over to Mr. Lamb. Sunday School report given by Mr. Lamb. Lee Bouquardez asked the superintendent of the young people's department and teachers to meet with him at Bushnell at the regular associational meeting to plan year's work. Using Ourselves was rendered by Helen Baer.

Meeting in charge of B. T. U. Business session. Nominating committee: Miss Blair, Oxford; Fred Waldron, Wildwood; Miss Keathley, Brooksville. Officers: Ewell Hall, president; Daisy Keathley, secretary; Jettie Pearl Mickler, treasurer; Fred Waldron, choirster; Lucille Sasser, pianist; Ollie Maude Blair, reporter. Report given on B. T. U. work given by Lee Bouquardez. Adjourned

Visitors introduced and made welcome by the Association.

Motion passed that the program be accepted with any change that the Association may wish to make.

Motion was passed that Dr. E. D. Soloman speak twenty minutes and Dr. C. M. Brittin have time of the annual sermon. Dr. Brittin spoke on Rom. 1 ch.

Noon.

Wednesday afternoon—Devotional by Rev. B. F. Brooks, Matt. 28:19-20. Reports and talks. Digest of Letter, Layman's Work and Brotherhood, 100,000 Club, Ministerial Relief, State Home and Foreign Mission.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30.

Evening session in charge of the young people.

SECOND MORNING SESSION

10:00—Devotional by Rev. G. A. Martin. Inspirational address given by Mrs. J. H. Matthews.

Reports.

Noon.

Evening session—Devotional by Rev. F. M. McCullough.

Reports.

Donations: Hospital Fund, Mrs. S. E. Martin, Wildwood, \$5; Rev. J. C. Boatwright, Wildwood, \$5.

Collection was taken for the printing of the Associational Program. Adjourned to meet with the First Church, Wildwood, Wednesday and Thursday, after the second Sunday in October, 13-14, 1937.

J. H. PERRY, Clerk.

Notes: To the Association—I am having reports printed but not much of the proceeding of the Association, as it will cost more than I have to print proceedings and reports.

J. H. Perry, Clerk.

To the officers and members of the Alachua Baptist Association:

We, your Committee appointed to digest and compile a report on the church list, beg to report that we have completed our labors and report as follows:

16 churches have reported but if there are other churches in this association we do not know about. 7 of the 16 report as holding services each Sunday, or full time churches. 85 baptisms were reported during the year. For the previous year there was a total of 57, or a gain this year of 28. The grand total of all gifts and donations to schools, orphanage homes and other institutions fostered by the Convention, \$2,062.76; reported last year \$2,209.19, or \$146.43 less than was contributed for the same purpose during the preceding year. We should be ashamed of these figures and resolve to do better during the coming year.

The churches report a total membership of 2,111 against a total membership of 1,950 for the preceding year, which gives us a net gain for the year of 161. The grand total of all gifts, including local church expenses, for this year was \$13,757.90. The grand total for the preceding year was \$11,952.50, which shows a net gain of \$1,805.40. While we contributed more for local church expenses than we did the preceding year nevertheless we contributed less for missions and benevolences.

The grand total of the value of all church property as reported is \$88,350.00. The grand total for the preceding year was \$79,800.00, so we show a net gain under that item of \$8,550.00.

Matters of Special Interest

It will be observed that our gifts to missions and benevolences are insignificant in comparison with our ability and likewise in comparison with the value of our church property.

While we show an increase in the number of baptisms and total enrollment this is far below what it should be. Three of the churches do not report a single baptism during the year.

There appears to be no Baptist Brotherhood Organization in the Association. We think it the duty of each messenger to seriously consider these salient features and carry back to their respective churches a note of encouragement and renewed faith and greater inspiration and a more consecrated and loyal service with an abiding faith that such action will bring greater and more pleasing results.

Respectfully submitted:

Geo. W. Scofield, Chairman,
Lee Bourquardez,
G. A. Martin,
Committee.

REPORT ON 100,000 CLUB

During the days of the boom times the Southern Baptist Convention, like almost every organization, having a financial phase to it, contracted a heavy financial obligation (or debt) which it found itself unable to pay after the bursting of the boom.

The debts were honest obligations and carried the authority of the entire Southern Baptist Convention. After wrestling with the problem of payment for several years with failure after failure we found ourselves discouraged. It became almost impossible to create any enthusiasm in our effort to pay any appreciable part of the debt.

Some three years ago at the Washington, D. C., session of the Convention it found itself in a very critical condition—even the credit of the Convention was imperiled and discouragement well nigh robbed the individual and the organized force. At the session the 100,000 Club was organized. This was simply a movement to get 100,000 Baptists to pay one dollar per month, each over and above their regular gifts, every dollar of which was to be applied proportionally on the debts of the Boards.

Dr. Frank Trip was secured to lead in the effort, without cost to the Convention. The W. M. U. has agreed to secure 25,000 and the Baptist Brotherhood of the South another 25,000 during the coming year.

Reports from the churches indicate that our association paid as follows: Brooksville, \$70.00; Bushnell, \$6.48; Floral City, \$9.00; Inverness, \$16.00. No amount is shown from the other churches. The Dr. is supposed to be the leader of our association. We have done practically nothing. This is a poor excuse for the rest of us even if it justifies censure of the leader.

The writer believes that no enterprise has more appealing merits than this, not even missions and such. The solution of the problem rests more surely with the pastor when any other cause. We beg that each pastor will do his best during the coming year toward making possible the payment of the obligations. We further beg that the laymen will respond to this appeal.

Respectfully submitted:

S. W. Senterfitt,
Mrs. W. W. Monroe,
Mrs. Giddeon.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

The work of The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Dallas, Texas, should find a large place in the thought and concern of every Baptist in the South. They should make it a matter of prayer, of study and of co-operative effort.

The Care of Our Aged and Infirm Preachers and Widows

First, the Board continually faces the great task laid upon it by the Southern Baptist Convention and by the various States of providing food, clothing and shelter for thousands of ministers who have grown old in the service of Christ, and of the widows of ministers who have gone to their Heavenly home. The upturned faces and the outstretched hands of these needy ones make a mute appeal to the generosity of the people of our churches that should find quick and practical response and "who would begrudge a few embers to keep the frosts of winter from chilling the weary frames of the old veterans of the Cross".

The "Fellowship Offering"

The Relief and Annuity Board is now asking that a special "Fellowship Offering" be taken by each church at least once a year in connection with the observance of the Lord's Supper. This offering will be in addition to their regular contributions and should be sent to The Relief and Annuity Board through the State offices like all other contributions but marked "Special Fellowship Offering for Ministerial Relief". If thousands of our churches will take this "Fellowship Offering" the Relief and Annuity Board will be able to send thousands of dollars more money to these aged and dependent veterans.

Building Against The Day Of Need

Second, the younger men now active in the ministry of Southern Baptist churches will, if they live, grow old, and unless something is done to prevent them from reaching old age in poverty they are well nigh certain to become dependents upon the churches or upon their communities. It is not enough to say that the children and grandchildren of aged ministers should take care of them. The simple truth is that most of them do not and many of them could not if they would; they have family cares of their own that usually make drafts upon them for all that they can do. Many children of ministers do help their parents and they often do it at very great sacrifice, but be that as it may, is it not better for churches and ministers to co-operate in the payment of certain (not burdensome) dues by means of which pensions may be built up through the Relief and Annuity Board during the years of active service and drawn upon during the years of inactivity and retirement. These church dues may be limited to three per cent (3%) of the minister's monthly salary while the minister pays a like amount. No salary is too small to enable the churches and ministers to benefit by this plan.

Record of Benefits Paid

The Relief and Annuity Board has already paid to aged ministers and widows nearly Three Millions of dollars in benefits, but vastly more needs to be done and the Board is limited in what it can do only by the churches. Will they co-operate?

Respectfully submitted,

Isom Beasley,
W. L. Hayes,
Mrs. C. M. Williams.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS OF ALACHUA ASSOCIATION

given by
Mrs. Geo. Scofield, Oct. 14, 1936

Through the work of our State Mission Board, we are trying to give the gospel to the destitute regions in our own state, and working out from our Judea as a home base, we are sending it unto the uttermost part of the earth. State Missions, therefore, means the combined efforts of Florida Baptists to bring all the material resources of our own beloved state under the sway of the gospel, through our co-operative effort and organizations. It means that we are trying to rescue our stores of wealth from the hands of those who seek gold for selfish and ungodly purposes, so that we can dedicate them to Christian institutions and the Kingdom of God.

During 1935 we made some advances in our gifts to missions, as compared to the year before. Our secretary reported to the Convention in Arcadia this year that 678 churches sent in mission offerings as compared to 562 during the preceding year.

The treasurer's report made to the Convention in January showed that Florida Baptists gave to all missionary and benevolent causes for 1935 the splendid sum of \$158,581.26, including gifts made to the Cooperative Program, which amounted to \$84,967.07. All of the Program funds received were distributed according to the instructions of the Convention, and all special funds were sent to the departments designated by the donors, without deducting one cent for charges.

The State Mission budget for the year calls for an expenditure of \$56,930.00, which is to be used exclusively for the work of our Board, through its various departments, in our own state.

The Board depends on three sources for its income; first, the 30% allocated to it from Cooperative Program receipts; second, special gifts in October from the W. M. U. Week of Prayer and the Sunday Schools; third, a donation of \$5,500.00 made by the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, to assist us in maintaining our Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, and Baptist Student Union departments.

This year the Board is helping financially 87 churches and mission stations, including a missionary to the Indians. Another full-time missionary is employed in the Lake Okeechobee region, and two full-time evangelists for the entire state. A brotherhood secretary has recently been added to the roll of workers.

The Cooperative Program goal for this year has been set as \$100,000.00. Receipts thus far seem to indicate that Florida Baptists will give more to missions and benevolences this year than any previous year since 1931. Every church is urged to accept its part of the goal and send in money regularly to the Mission Office in Jacksonville.

We recommend that the churches put on the Every Member Canvass this fall and seek to enlist their entire membership in the

support of their own church and all of the Kingdom Work of the Master. The Mission Office will gladly furnish literature and canvass cards for the asking.

We recommend to our pastors and church leaders that time and attention be given to a wise distribution of Baptist tracts and other literature, in order to offset the work of those who are seeking to undermine the faith of our people. Doctrinal, evangelistic and stewardship tracts may be secured from the Mission Office in Jacksonville without cost.

We urge every church to get solidly behind the mission work and program of our denomination, which has for its aim and ideal the giving of the gospel of the Son of God to a lost world.

As laborers together with God, let us cooperate in enlarging the work of our State Mission Board by increased gifts to help speed the coming of that glorious day of prophecy when the "knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth, even as the waters cover the sea."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. G. W. Scofield, Chairman,

D. A. Tooke,

Mrs. B. F. Lamb.

HOME MISSION

In John 13:1 we find the words, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

Missions, both home and foreign, are profoundly more significant than many members of our churches have realized. We are to disciple the nations, we are to preach the gospel to the whole creation, we are to work for the enthusement of Christ in human civilization.

It is the task of the whole denomination. It is specifically the task of the Home Mission Board to work for the possession of the home land for Christ. Our objective is the winning of the home land for world conquest for Christ.

The ration of christians to population in this country is about the same as it is in the whole world. The figures given in round numbers are forty millions of christians to one hundred and thirty million of population in this country; there are five hundred millions of christians to fifteen hundred million of population in the whole world. This however does not tell the whole story. Sin is sin, whether in one civilization or another, but in America we have a type of worldliness, material sin, wickedness and spiritual indifference found in no place else in all the world. We begin to wonder sometimes when we see "wickedness in high places", if China, Africa and other foreign fields will not have to organize and send missionaries over to these United States of ours to christianize our so-called "high typed" heathenism.

Summary Table. Statistics of Alachua Baptist Association, State of Florida For Year Ending September 30th, 1936

Moderator, J. C. Boatwright, P. O. Wildwood
Clerk, J. H. Perry, P. O. Oxford

Next Annual Meeting: Time, 13-14 Oct, 1937; Place, Wildwood

| CHURCHES | When Constituted | City (C), Town (T), Village (V), or Church (O) | PASTORS AND POST OFFICES | Regular Days of Meetings | Baptisms | Total Membership | Revival Meetings Held During Year | Observances of Lord's Supper During Year | Families Receiving State Baptist Paper | Number of Schools | Total Enrollment | Total Number B. Y. P. U.'s | Total Enrollment in B. Y. P. U.'s | Total Women's and Children's Organizations | Total Women's Contributions All Purposes | Pastor's Salary | Total Local Church Expenses Including Pastor's Salary and All Other Expenses | All Gifts to Missions Schools and Orphans' Homes | Grand Total All Gifts All Purposes Local Work and Missions | Value of Church Houses and Grounds | Value of Pastors' Homes | Total Value All Church Property |
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| 1 Brooksville | 1856 | (T) | J. W. Senterfitt, Brooksville | All | 14 | 433 | - | | | 1 | 434 | 2 | 85 | 4 | 313.35 | 1796.34 | 2922.00 | 314.12 | 3606.11 | 24,000 | 7,000 | 31,000 |
| 2 Bushnell | 1887 | (C) | S. J. Morgan, Bushnell | All | 4 | 157 | | 3 | 12 | 1 | 72 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 61.23 | 634.11 | 814.68 | 86.00 | 901.56 | 15,000 | 5,000 | 20,000 |
| 3 Center Hill | 1903 | (T) | R. Strickland, Webster | 2nd-4th | 2 | 92 | 1 | | | 1 | 114 | | | 1 | 150.00 | 130.00 | 230.00 | 42.16 | 212.16 | | | 6,000 |
| 4 Coleman | 1908 | (T) | F. N. Kayler, Leesburg | All | 6 | 157 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 1 | 60 | | | 1 | 10.51 | 248.47 | 316.08 | 10.51 | 326.59 | 3,000 | | 3,000 |
| 5 Eden | 1845 | (O) | W. S. Wade, Bushnell | 1st-3rd | 1 | 44 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 1 | 33 | 1 | 15 | | 155.09 | 230.67 | 34.91 | 281.08 | 2,500 | | 2,500 | |
| 6 Floral City | 1899 | (T) | R. C. Alderman, Ft. Green | 1st-3rd | | 53 | | 3 | | 1 | 52 | | | 2 | 13.40 | 240.00 | 304.92 | 85.99 | 407.31 | 2,000 | | 2,000 |
| 7 Indian Hill | 1892 | (O) | W. S. Wade, Bushnell | 1st-3rd | 6 | 25 | | | | | 53 | | | | | 1381.25 | 2123.28 | 66.00 | 2385.62 | 6,000 | 4,000 | 10,000 |
| 8 Inverness | 1896 | (T) | E. C. Tyner, Inverness | 1st-3rd | | 225 | | 3 | 50 | 1 | 151 | 2 | 28 | 2 | 60 | | | | 78.65 | 500 | | 500 |
| 9 Lecanto | 1890 | (O) | Ted Jones, Wildwood | 1st-3rd | 10 | 51 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 49 | | | | | 36.00 | 42.25 | 4.00 | 60.67 | 1,025 | | 1,025 |
| 10 Linden | 1894 | (V) | R. Strickland, Webster | 1st-3rd | 3 | 44 | | | | | x | | | | | 60.00 | 72.16 | | 72.16 | 1,250 | | 1,250 |
| 11 Oxford | 1889 | (T) | Web Brooks, DeLand | 2nd-4th | 9 | 199 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 129 | 1 | 25 | 2 | 150.33 | 254.46 | 563.39 | 121.33 | 740.60 | 2,800 | | 2,800 |
| 12 Pleasant Hill | 1873 | (O) | M. L. Hayes, Bushnell | 1st-3rd | | 39 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 33 | | | | | 30.00 | 58.08 | 6.00 | 64.08 | 500 | | 500 |
| 13 Sumterville | 1878 | (V) | F. M. McCollough, Sumterville | 2nd-4th | 10 | 57 | 1 | | | | 28 | | | | | | | | | 2,500 | | 2,500 |
| 14 Wahoo | 1903 | (O) | W. S. Wade, Bushnell | 2nd | | 53 | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 49 | | | | | 50.49 | 79.79 | | 97.62 | 500 | | 500 |
| 15 Webster | 1892 | (V) | R. Strickland, Webster | 1st-3rd | 3 | 113 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 92 | | | 1 | 31.52 | 275.01 | 359.26 | 37.74 | 397.00 | 800 | | 800 |
| 16 Wildwood | 1884 | (T) | J. C. Boatwright, Wildwood | All | 16 | 289 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 229 | 3 | 48 | 4 | 718.35 | 940.00 | 3886.23 | 283.78 | 4170.01 | 5,000 | | 5,000 |
| | | | | | 85 | 2031 | 12 | 33 | 95 | 13 | 1497 | 11 | 182 | 18 | 1508.69 | 6231.42 | 11992.79 | 992.54 | 13881.23 | 67,375 | 16,000 | 88,575 |

Clerk named in front

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Roger Babson in a recent report said, "According to the statistics gathered by my organization, at least sixty per cent of our people never attend any church, Protestant or Catholic."

This stern fact is appalling. It means that hundreds of thousands of people here in the homeland are just as completely marooned on the shoals of error, just as tragically lost as the idol worshippers in so-called pagan lands. In no case is there an adequate mission program for reaching the unchurched when we leave them to themselves.

America is a cosmopolitan country. It is the melting pot of the world. Every known nationality visits our shores, some of them to remain permanently. Practically none of those who enter our country every year are christianized.

The Home Mission Board is doing all within its power to bring our homeland to Christ, but the work it is doing is a small part of what is necessary to be done to possess the land fully. We have only one missionary to the five-hundred-thousand Jews, Dr. Jacob Garlenhouse. How much of an imprint can one make in the midst of five hundred thousand? There are eleven missionaries to the six hundred and fifty thousand French speaking Americans; seven missionaries to the three hundred thousand Spanish speaking Americans; eight missionaries to the six hundred thousand Italians; two missionaries to the seven thousand Chinese; eighteen missionaries to the ten million negroes. Taking the entire unchurched group of forty six million people in Home Mission Fields including Central America which is a Home Mission Field and we have on the average of only one missionary to every one hundred and seventy thousand people.

When we fail in Missions we have failed in the purpose for which Christ sent us into the world. We have failed in carrying out the great commission. When we allow the missionary zeal and spirit to die in our churches, that moment the church is doomed for a swift death, for "where there is no vision the people perish."

Perhaps the spirit has not called us to leave our homes for other fields, but we are certainly appointed to be ministers of the glad tidings of our Lord, and if ministers, then a portion of our substance should be His for the advancement of the Kingdom of God in home and foreign lands.

May God help us catch a new vision of the cross of Christ and of the needed work in our homeland, that His kingdom may come swiftly to pass on this earth.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. Tyner,
A. B. Jones,
E. M. Emerson.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSION

Ninety-one years ago our fathers met in Augusta, Georgia, and launched the foreign mission enterprise of Southern Baptists. Almighty God has surely blessed us in a marvelous way by leading us through these many years. Our missionaries report a splendid work in all the Mission Fields. 13,982 baptisms were reported last year.

Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Scarborough and the Executive Secretary sailed from New York on May 23rd for a visit to our mission fields in Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Chile with the view of putting on a more intelligent and adequate program of rehabilitation.

Debt Account—On January 1, 1935 the debt in the banks totaled \$924,500.00. At the 1935 Convention, the debt stood at \$594,000. This debt has been reduced \$150,000 the past year.

Looking Ahead—A special has made a careful survey of the minimum needs of each mission and station in the fifteen foreign countries where we are carrying on mission work. During the last 10 years the Board has not been able to send very many new recruits because of a lack of funds to carry on. The property of the Board has not been repaired in any adequate way and which of it is rapidly going to pieces.

At home we have been handicapped with a paralyzing debt. With these facts in view the Board has formulated a minimum forward looking plan for the next three years ahead. The first item in this program calls for the payment of the debt—all of it by the end of the year 1938. We propose to set aside all funds received from the Hundred Thousand Club, Wade Bryant Plan, gifts through wills and annuities and all other special gifts to be applied on our debt. In addition to this, we propose to put a definite and fixed sum in the budget for debt curtailment so that the entire debt will be retired within three years.

Our Pledge—The Foreign Mission Board has pledged itself before the Convention to live within its income and pay its debt.

Something to think about—Each year an increasing number of friends are remembering our work in their wills. Please take this matter under prayerful consideration and invite correspondence with those desiring information regarding this matter.

Educational Secretary—The churches, schools, colleges and seminaries of the south need a more comprehensive and intensive policy of missionary education.

Mission Study Books—The sale of books for last year has been most gratifying. A third edition of W. C. Taylor's book "Sharing With Neighbor America", and a second edition of J. C. Quarles' book "Christ In The Silver Lands", have been necessary. There are numbers of good books to be had on our foreign mission work and if we expect to be good stewards we must inform ourselves.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Strickland, Chairman,
Rev. G. A. Martin,
Mrs. Dave Hedick.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

We find the work in Florida, like it is in every state in the South, still progressing, yet with a vast territory for expansion and conquest.

There are several new factors stepping into our B. T. U. work. The most important of these is the Adult Union. The Adult Union in any church will help solve the teaching and training of the youth in every phase of the church. The story telling hour is meant for the children of the B. T. U. workers who lead in the directing of work; but could not unless there was some place in the service for their children.

There is in our Association eighteen churches, five B. T. U.'s, one B. A. U., ten senior unions, five intermediate unions, five junior unions and have been awarded seventy-five study course awards.

In the state we have 837 churches, 233 B. T. U.'s, 86 B. A. U.s, 474 senior unions, 4631 awards, total number of organizations, 1,996, with an enrollment of 34,600.

May God's leadership and blessings continue with us that we shall continue to grow.

Lee Bourquardez,
Ewell Hall,
R. O. Swain.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

What is Christian Education? Senator Bailey says, "Christian Education is education which finds a life motive and standard in Jesus of Nazareth".

Dr. Watts says, "A christian college is one where a student cannot go for four years without being vitally influenced by the power of applied christianity".

The purpose of a Baptist school is not only to give cultural training equal to that of any institution of learning, and not only to build a christian character, the highest and strongest possible, but also to train in Baptist doctrine and the Baptist plan of Kingdom promotion and to prepare Baptist students to do Kingdom work in the Baptist way.

It must be acknowledged that the status of a denominational school is not as high as it was once was. There has been a tendency for some time to delegate education to the states rather than to christian denomination. The states have poured large sums of money into their universities that it is difficult for church schools, supported by volunteer gifts, to compete with them.

Woodrow Wilson said, "The christian college is the light house of civilization". Then, if we need civilization we need christian schools.

We are proud of our Stetson which is worth more than two million dollars. Students must be won to Stetson largely through the churches and through pastoral influence. We heartily commend Stetson University for its spirit in the past few years of visiting the association and different churches in the person of its Dr. Allen and the student preachers. If you have not had Dr. Allen or a representative of Stetson to speak in your church by all means do so at once. It will mean a great deal to you and to the college.

The fruits of christian schools are: "By their fruits ye shall know them". The test of any school is not the number of buildings or the size of the faculty, or the amount of endowment, or the number of foot ball games won, but the character and attainments of its graduates. A study of the fruits of christian college is a most gratifying proof of the superior nature of their training and influence.

May the potentialities of Stetson University become more and more effective in our Baptist life of Florida.

In our three seminaries and in our two training schools for women with properties and endowments valued at \$6,241,347 there were enrolled 1191 students last year. In our twenty-nine senior colleges and universities with properties and endowments valued at \$46,173,474 there were enrolled more than 16,000 students last year, of whom 939 were ministerial and 219 student volunteers. In our twenty-one junior colleges with properties and endowments valued at more than \$7,186,236 there were enrolled more than 4,000 students, of whom 206 were ministerial and 129 student volunteers. In our sixteen academies with properties and endowments valued at \$1,865,667 there were enrolled more than 1700 students, of whom 127 were ministerial and 82 student volunteers.

Mrs. Gus Schultz, Chairman,
Mrs. Fred B. Reude,
Rev. F. M. McCullough.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

We think of Christian literature as comprising first of all our Holy Bible. Following this may be included printed sermons by religious bodies and books written on distinctive christian themes; our Sunday school literature and religious papers, particularly those maintaining strictly christian standards as our church and denominational papers.

If every church community could pass through an experience similar to that of the early church at Ephesus both a conscience and a thirst for religious literature might be created. A group of false teachers was so completely routed that great fear fell on all the people, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. Many that believed came and confessed proving their faith in Christ by burning their evil books. "So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed."

We wish to commend to every Baptist in this Association our "Florida Baptist Witness". It has been stated again and again that the Witness should be played in every Baptist home. May we re-emphasize that statement. It should be read by every Baptist, be the prominent paper in every home and find a place in every church budget. We commend it as one of the best church papers in America today. Its editor, Dr. Solomon, is consecrated to the glorious service that it brings to our homes.

It is by far the best means that we have of keeping our folks informed as to our work in our beloved state. It is doubtful if our

work will materially prosper apart from the whole hearted support of our state paper. Let us, therefore, in the interest of our Lord's Kingdom work put the Witness beside the Bible in the home of every Baptist in Florida.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. F. Wilson Kaler,
J. H. Hughes,
Mr. Frank Morris.

REPORT OF THE ALACHUA W. M. U. ASSOCIATION

Our watchword for the year; "As the Father has sent me, even so send I you". With this promise, The Woman's Missionary Union has despite some difficulties labored persistently. We have endeavored to carry on all phases of our work through prayer, Bible and Mission study, Personal Service and Stewardship.

One of the great needs in our churches are leaders for our Auxiliaries. The Harvest is truly plentiful, but the workers that are willing to make the sacrifices are few.

19 Out of fourteen churches, we have: 9 W. M. S.'s, 4 Y. W. A.'s, 4 G. A.'s, 1 R. A., 1 Sunbeam.

Gifts as reported: Co-operative Program, \$257.61; Weeks of Prayer, \$171.30; Local, \$558.56; Children's Home, value of boxes and money, \$73.05, Other Objects, \$164.36—Grand total, \$1,224.97.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Dola H. Creekmore, Chairman,
Mrs. J. C. Boatwright,
Mrs. L. F. Fore.

We, your committee, appointed by the Moderator of this Association to make a report on memorials, beg to submit the following report:

Since the 1935 meeting of this Association quite a few of our Brothers and Sisters have been ushered into eternity. Through and by the medium of Death.

May we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father in calling them from Time to Eternity. May we hold their Christian lives and deeds sacred in our memories, May we be prepared for that hour when it comes. May we be soled by His Spirit that others may be constrained to glorify God, be prepared to fall asleep in Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. Wade, Chairman,
J. H. Hughes,
Mrs. Clara Nichols.

In Memory of Our Dead

Bushnell—Mr. Roy Stinson.
Center Hill—Mr. B. F. Lee, Mrs. Mary Vaughn, Mrs. M. A. Hooten.
Coleman—N. E. Currie, deacon.
Indian Hill—Mrs. Mary Townsend.
Inverness—Mr. W. P. Baxley, Mrs. Frank Morris.
Lecanto—Mrs. Patsy Johns.
Linden—Mr. Archie Brown, Mr. Osceola Tompson, Mrs. Emma Thompson.
Oxford—Mr. E. B. O'Bryant, Mrs. Elizabeth Dias.
Wildwood—Mrs. George Caruthers, Mr. R. E. L. Caruthers.

REPORT ON BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD WORK

The purpose of the Brotherhood is to serve the church by enlisting, developing and utilizing its man-power in practical spiritual service. A primary and fundamental service is the winning of the unsaved to the Savior.

The State Convention in session in Arcadia in January went on record as favoring a functioning Brotherhood in every Baptist Church.

The following was approved at the State Convention in Arcadia: "We recommend that special effort be made through pastors and laymen and Associational Committees to secure a hearty support of the Cooperative Program on the part of those churches not now contributing to it." The Brotherhood has always supported the Cooperative Program, rather than resort to special offerings inasmuch as the Cooperative Program is all inclusive.

Since we are living in a day of reaching objectives, it seems natural that the members of the Brotherhoods should lend their cooperation in the district association. First, in getting the churches to adopt an objective that they think they can reach; and second, in having a select group of men to re-enforce the associational Promotional Committee, and lend a helping hand when any of the churches need assistance in putting on an Every Member Canvass. The Brotherhood plan of encouraging Thorough Preparation, a Thorough Canvass and a Thorough Follow-up appeals to the brethren where it has been presented. In some cases where the capable men of a brotherhood have been called on by a part-time church to assist them in making a thorough Every Member Canvass, it has proven quite profitable.

The Brotherhood is encouraging all of the members to take an active part in their associational work by getting a copy of the minutes, giving a study to the weak points as reported by his church, and endeavoring in a manly way to improve conditions.

We heartily endorse the "Prove Me" Plan, and note when successfully worked in a church that the members participating have been spiritually blessed.

As an outcome of the interest among churches in tithing, there is a growing sentiment that it would stimulate the activities of the workers to adopt as a goal a definite number of tithers to be secured in the association during the year. We are emphasizing the spiritual value of bringing the tithe into the storehouse upon the first day of the week, and putting it on the plate as an act of worship.

Members of the Brotherhood are being encouraged to prepare themselves for leadership when needed in Royal Ambassador work, as directors of B. T. U., and as officers and teachers in the Sunday School. The training they receive as they take part in Brotherhood meetings where the program material is prepared especially for their needs, is equipping them for a larger service.

It is found the where Brotherhoods use the Quarterlies published by the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, they have interesting and informing programs.

P. A. Tompkins, Chairman.

REPORT ON FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

To Alachua Association, October 15, 1936

Your committee respectfully reports the following on the Florida Baptist Children's Home at Arcadia, Florida:

There has been an average of 150 children in the Home during the past year. Some of the children are in institutions of higher learning, one in training in a hospital.

The buildings of the Home have been improved, all buildings have been recently painted. This has been a very difficult year for the ones in charge of the Home. Receipts have come in very slowly. There is a considerable deficit. The Home is more in need of help. There should be a more hearty response on the part of our people. They are our children. Every Baptist in Florida should have a special interest in the Home, remembering the great cause with our gifts and our prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. S. J. Morgan,
Rev. F. C. Kuyles,
Mrs. Edwin Curington.

Special Committee On Children's Home

Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Creekmore.....Brooksville
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. O'Dell.....Oxford
Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Fore.....Wildwood
Mrs. A. M. RolandBushnell
Mr. Paul A. TompkinsWebster
Mrs. G. W. ScofieldInverness

RESOLUTION

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Alachua Baptist Association that at least one of our churches has been threatened with serious dissention and discord through the leadership of a certain preacher that calls himself a missionary Baptist and yet who defames the work and character of the State and Southern Baptist Conventions and the agencies through which they operate, saying that our work and leaders are of the devil and who seeks by deception and misrepresentation to lead our people away from the blessed fellowship that only God and the Holy Spirit could make possible; and

Whereas, unless we take cognizance of these matters we are liable to suffer irreparable loss and the Cause of the Kingdom will be hindered.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Alachua Baptist Association that we here and now declare our faith in and loyalty to the State and the Southern Baptist Conventions in all the work which we have undertaken in obedience to our Lord's command as a denomination; and we beg our people to beware of those who come to us as wolves in sheep's clothing and who seek to undermine and shake the faith and confidence of our people in the work of our beloved denomination.

Be It Further Resolved that those groups known to us and who call themselves Landmark Baptists are not of our faith and order and therefore cannot be in fellowship with us and have no right to expect such fellowship or recognition as Brothers and Sisters of "like faith and order".

Be It Further Resolved that the Moderator and Clerk of this association furnish any group or church who may be threatened as suggested herein with copy of these resolutions and extend to them our aid and assistance in whatever way or manner that is possible.

Upon motion the foregoing resolutions were unanimously adopted on this 15th day of October, A. D. 1936.

J. C. BOATWRIGHT, Moderator.

Attest: J. H. PERRY, Clerk.

Resolution of Thanks

We your committee fail to have words to express to the Church, Pastor and Citizens of Inverness our heartfelt thanks for your hospitality and kindness shown us, the Alachua Association, during this session.

G. A. Martin,
Mrs. D. A. Tooke,
Mrs. S. E. Martin.