

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**NINETY-THIRD SESSION**  
OF THE  
**ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
HELD WITH THE  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, OXFORD, FLORIDA**  
OCTOBER 11--12, 1939

Rev. E. C. Tyner, Moderator ..... Inverness  
Rev. J. A. Sawyer, Vice-Moderator ..... Brooksville  
Rev. W. S. Wade, Clerk ..... Bushnell  
Rev. G. A. Martin, Treasurer ..... Wildwood

Preacher Of Annual Sermon  
First Day—Rev. E. C. Tyner  
Second Day—Dr. C. M. Brittain

Next Session Convenes With The First Church, Floral City, Wednesday And Thursday, After Second Sunday in October, 16--17, 1940.

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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 of 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, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, B. T. U.; Sunday School, W. M. U. Directors, and Resident Pastors of the Association, elected annually by the vote of the Messengers.
5. The executive committee shall be the above officers.
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 officer. 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 or letter, twice in succession, shall be dropped from the roll of active members and put on a list of "inactive churches."

### WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Ninety-third Session of the Alachua Association met with the Oxford Baptist church on October 11th and 12th, 1939.

Session opened by singing the Doxology, and prayer by the Moderator, Rev. E. C. Tyner.

Devotional by Rev. J. A. Sawyer—scripture Eph. 3rd chapter.

Welcome address by pastor, Rev. G. A. Martin.

Response by Rev. J. L. Hampton.

Moved and carried that members present and those who may come, constitute the Alachua Association.

Program in hand adopted as program for the present session.

Moved and carried that the Association proceed to elect officers.

Officers elected were as follows: Rev. E. C. Tyner of Inverness, re-elected Moderator; Rev. J. A. Sawyer of Brooksville, re-elected Vice-Moderator; Rev. W. S. Wade of Bushnell, re-elected Clerk; Rev. G. A. Martin of Oxford, elected Treasurer.

Church letters read by Rev. J. C. Boatwright and Col. G. W. Scofield.

Visitors recognized and welcomed.

Appointment of Committees.

Annual Sermon by Rev. E. C. Verigan of Floral City.

Adjournment for lunch.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvened at 1:30 Wednesday P. M.

Song: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Devotional by Rev. B. F. Brooks.

Report on Cooperative Program given by Col. G. W. Scofield.

This report was one that set forth the great work that is being done and can be done by and though this program, also the report clearly brought to the attention of Baptists that we give "Through" and not "To" the Cooperative Program. The report shows just how the program dollar for 1939 was divided, viz:—

State Mission Board .....	34%
Children's Home at Arcadia .....	9%
Stetson University .....	5%
Rogers Building .....	5%
Students Loan Fund .....	2%

This is a total of 55% that goes to our State Causes.

The other 45 percent goes to South-wide causes as follows, viz:—

Foreign Mission Causes .....	22.50 %
Home Missions .....	10.50 %
Relief and Annuity Board .....	3.15 %
Education Board Debts .....	1.50 %
S. B. Theological Seminary .....	1.50 %
Baptist Bible Institute .....	1.755 %
Southwestern Theological Seminary .....	2.28 %

W. M. U. Training School .....	.24 %
American Baptist Theological Seminary .....	.45 %
New Orleans Hospital .....	1.125 %

The report was spoken on by Col. Scofield and Dr. Cutts and they urged a more generous support of the cooperative program.

Report on Every Member Canvass read by Mrs. H. E. Brooks of Wildwood. This report shows a fine work has been carried on in this field, and emphasizes the importance of the work to be done to carry this work to its goal.

The report on Christian Education given by Mrs. Smoak very forcibly stressed the importance of religiously educating our boys and girls.

Report on Orphans Home at Arcadia given by Mrs. I. Tooke and discussed by Mrs. T. M. Johns of Arcadia.

Mrs. Johns gave a very impressive talk on the work they are doing among our boys and girls, stressing some of the urgent needs of the Home.

Not having a report present of the work of the Brotherhood, Rev. J. Harrison Griffin gave us a fine outline of the work in general of the Brotherhood in our State.

Meeting called to order Wednesday night by Vice-Moderator, J. A. Sawyer.

Devotional by J. C. Boatwright.

Report on S. S. given by Supt. B. T. Lamb. Bro. Lamb showed to us the progress that has been made in the past year by some of our S. S.'s. However some had not gained so much, but as a whole, the work is very encouraging.

The service was then given over to the B. T. U. work with Mrs. Julia Williamson, president in charge. The young people gave us very inspirational entertainment and at the Roll Call 59 answered present.

This was followed by a real old-fashioned heart searching message by O. K. Radford, our B. T. U. State Secretary.

Dismissal by prayer to reconvene Thursday A. M. 9:00 o'clock.

### THURSDAY A. M. SESSION

Devotional by Rev. Inman of Tavares.

Report on Home Missions by Rev. J. A. Sawyer. Adopted as read. Rev. B. F. Brooks gave a very interesting talk on the work the Home Mission Board is doing.

Report on Relief and Annuity Board by Dr. A. B. Martin was read by Bro. John Perry. The report was adopted; discussion was by Rev. Sawyer, Rev. Boatwright and Rev. Martin. The report emphasized the importance of the great need this Board fulfills and also stressed the fact that the churches everywhere should endorse and work for the Ministers Retirement Plan.

Report on Hospitals by Mrs. Clara Nichols. Our hospitals are rendering a great and needed service. Last year 12,769 patients were cared for, with free service to 567 patients. The hospital Chaplain

Sumpterville xxx 57-28-2500 Left the

SUMMARY TABLE. STATISTICS OF ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1939.

MODERATOR, REV. E. C. TYNER, P. O. INVERNESS, FLA.  
 CLERK, REV. W. S. WADE, P. O. BUSHNELL, FLORIDA

Next Annual Meeting Time: Oct. 16-17, 1940; Place, Floral City, Fla.

CHURCHES	When Constituted	City (C), Town (T), Village (V), or Country Church (O)	Regular Days of Meetings	Baptisms	Total Membership	R. V. Meetings held During Year	Observance of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving state Baptist Paper	Number of Schools	Total Enrolled	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Vacation Bible School Average Attendance	Training Union With Director and E. A. U.'s	Total Number E. Y. P. U.'s and E. A. U.'s	Number	Enrollment	Total Women and Children's Organizations	Total Women's Contributions All Purposes	Value of Church Houses and Grounds	Value of Pastors' Homes	Total Value all Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Total Local Church Expenses including Pastor's Salary and all other Expenses	Gifts to Co-Operative Program	Total for All Missions including Co-Operative Program and "Specials" or Designated Gifts to Missions, Orphans Home, etc.	How many members are Titlers	Is Church on Budget for Local Expenses and all Missions?	
1. Brooksville	1856	T	All	6	408	1	4	13	1	342	88	70	1	50	0	0	3	227.52	24,000	7,000	31,000	1,825	2,730	392	714	5	Yes	
2. Bushnell	1887	T	All	3	182	0	4	17	1	118	0	0	0	25	4	9	4	0	15,000	5,000	20,000	631	945	58	130	14	No	
3. Center Hill	1903	T	2-4	11	153	2	3	12	1	124	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	326.56	2,500	0	2,500	300	1,306	0	57	2	No	
4. Coleman	1808	T	1-4	4	127	1	4	2	1	68	0	0	0	39	0	0	1	23.39	3,000	83	3,000	338	594	6	17	15	No	
5. Hebron	1899	C	All	9	127	2	1	2	1	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No
6. Eden	1845	C	All	18	106	3	4	2	1	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	No
7. Floral City	1899	T	1-3	12	66	1	4	12	1	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	107.56	2,000	0	2,000	409	557	43	630	2	Yes	
8. Inverness	1896	T	All	18	206	1	4	50	1	118	0	0	0	64	1	0	0	57.60	6,000	4,000	10,000	1,680	2,214	84	198	11	Yes	
9. Indian Hill	1892	C	2-4	0	53	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No
10. Lecanto	1890	C	**	0	53	0	1	1	1	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	0	400	0	170	0	0	0	0	No
11. Linden	1894	V	1-3	10	65	1	0	0	1	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	7	0	0	0	0	No
12. Oxford	1889	T	2-4	12	209	1	1	26	1	166	0	0	1	28	0	0	0	0	1,000	500	1,500	253	370	0	45	0	No	
13. Pleasant Hill	1875	C	2-4	0	29	0	0	0	1	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111.00	2,500	0	2,500	351	602	56	165	12	No	
14. Wahoo	1903	C	0-2	0	57	0	4	0	1	38	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	500	0	500	30	45	0	47	0	0	
15. Webster	1892	T	1-3	1	122	2	1	0	1	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	500	0	500	20	15	6	42	0	0	
16. Wildwood	1884	T	All	13	298	1	1	15	1	216	78	58	1	86	0	0	5	93.00	5,000	2,500	4,000	104	389	0	389	0	0	

Note:—Pastors and Postoffices: Rev. J. A. Sawyer, Brooksville; Rev. W. S. Wade, Bushnell; Rev. J. T. Rawlins, Center Hill; Rev. Aubrey Martin, Coleman; Rev. Jim Bergaw, Hebron; Rev. J. L. Hampton, Eden; Rev. E. C. Verigan, Floral City; Rev. E. C. Tyner, Inverness; Rev. W. J. Bryant, Indian Hill; None Reported, Lecanto; Rev. G. A. Martin, Linden; Rev. G. A. Martin, Oxford; Rev. W. J. Bryant, Pleasant Hill; Rev. M. L. Hayes, Wahoo; Rev. J. T. Rawlins, Webster; Rev. J. C. Boatwright, Wildwood.

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is doing a splendid work among the patients.

Report on State Missions absent.

Because the Clerk was unable to obtain a copy of this report it could not be included in these minutes.

Report on Foreign Missions by G. A. Martin was read by B. F. Brooks. Adopted without discussion.

Report on Hundred Thousand Club by A. B. Jones was read by J. C. Boatwright and discussed by Mrs. Clara Nichols.

The Hundred Thousand Club is accomplishing many things, but we need to become more interested in it.

W. M. U. Report by Mrs. W. M. O'Dell was discussed by Rev. J. C. Boatwright. Our women are carrying on the Kingdom in a wonderful way.

A motion was made and carried to request the W. M. U. at their meeting in Brooksville to fix date of their annual meeting to a date prior to the meeting of the General Association.

Report on Evangelism by Rev. Boatwright adopted as read.

The report revealed that a greater interest is being taken in Evangelizing the world than ever before. Much good has been done along this line already.

Sermon by Rev. J. A. Inman of Tavares was a wonderful message on Evangelism.

Offering taken for expense of census cards amounted to \$7.15.

Adjournment for lunch.

#### THURSDAY P. M.

Devotional by Rev. J. T. Rawlins—scripture Ps. 96.

Motion carried that from now on the annual sermons be doctrinal and missionary.

Report on Witness was not presented.

Report on Layman Work not presented.

Report on Memorials by Mrs. J. S. Green. A rising vote of reverent memory was extended those who had passed on to Eternity.

Bro. B. T. Lamb gave report on nominations for officers of the S. S. Association and same was adopted.

Report on resolutions by B. F. Brooks. After the adoption of this report Mrs. Emma Terrell of Bushnell gave an inspiring address on the Kingdom Work in General. Her talk was brief but very much appreciated by all.

Treasurer's report adopted as read.

#### TREASURERS REPORT

Received for minutes last year (1938) .....	\$40.20
Paid for minutes and Clerk .....	40.00
Paid for postage .....	.20
Balance .....	00.00

A. B. JONES, Treasurer.

Report of Nominating Committee approved.

Rev. E. Lee Smith gave some very interesting facts on our work in Europe. Rev. Smith has served as a Foreign Missionary and has a wide experience.

Adjournment to meet on Wednesday and Thursday after the 2nd Sunday in October, 1940, with the First Baptist Church of Floral City.

#### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

##### Nominating Committee

Dr. A. B. Martin .....	Coleman
Mrs. R. W. Underwood .....	Wildwood
Mr. Jno. Perry .....	Oxford
Rev. G. A. Martin .....	Oxford

##### Executive Committee

Rev. E. C. Tyner .....	Inverness
Rev. J. A. Sawyer .....	Brooksville
Rev. W. S. Wade .....	Bushnell
Rev. G. A. Martin .....	Wildwood

And all Pastors in Association.

##### State Board Member

Col. G. W. Scofield .....	Inverness
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##### Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention

Rev. J. C. Boatwright .....	Wildwood
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##### Delegates to State Convention

Mr. B. T. Lamb .....	Brooksville
Mrs. W. M. O'Dell .....	Oxford

##### Church Treasurers and Postoffices

Brooksville—Mr. J. H. Allen .....	Brooksville
Bushnell—Mr. Ray Marsh .....	Bushnell
Center Hill—Mrs. Lillie B. Lee .....	Center Hill
Coleman—Mr. John Simmons .....	Coleman
Eden—Mr. J. R. Snow .....	Brooksville
Floral City—Mrs. I. L. Tooke .....	Floral City
Hebron—None reported	
Inverness—Mrs. Pearl Baxley .....	Inverness
Indian Hill—Mr. Orban Baker .....	Bushnell
Lecanto—None reported	
Linden—Mrs. G. W. Giddens .....	Linden
Oxford—Mr. Preston Caruthers .....	Oxford
Pleasant Hill—Mr. R. E. Bennett .....	Bushnell
Wahoo—Mrs. G. C. Rivenbark .....	Bushnell
Webster—Mr. P. A. Tompkins .....	Webster
Wildwood—Mr. E. S. Echols .....	Wildwood

**W. M. U. Presidents and Postoffices**

Brooksville—Mrs. A. C. Coogler ..... Brooksville  
 Bushnell—Mrs. Ray Marsh ..... Bushnell  
 Center Hill—Mrs. H. S. Cherry ..... Center Hill  
 Coleman—Mrs. W. W. Monroe ..... Coleman  
 Eden—No W. M. U.  
 Floral City—Mrs. Desso Bowen ..... Floral City  
 Hebron—No W. M. U.  
 Inverness—Mrs. S. H. Davis ..... Inverness  
 Indian Hill—No W. M. U.  
 Lecanto—No W. M. U.  
 Linden—No W. M. U.  
 Oxford—Miss Loula O'Dell ..... Oxford  
 Pleasant Hill—No W. M. U.  
 Wahoo—No W. M. U.  
 Webster—Mrs. W. D. Kirkland ..... Webster  
 Wildwood—Mrs. D. W. Stultly ..... Wildwood

**Church Clerks and Postoffices**

Brooksville—R. W. Underwood ..... Brooksville  
 Bushnell—Mrs. W. E. Crum ..... Bushnell  
 Coleman—Mrs. M. E. Crabtree ..... Coleman  
 Center Hill—Mrs. Bertie Kight ..... Center Hill  
 Eden—Mrs. C. M. Baxley ..... Istachatta  
 Floral City—Mrs. Rachel Roux ..... Floral City  
 Hebron—Mrs. Mary Shoemaker ..... Brooksville  
 Inverness—Mrs. Carey Baxley ..... Inverness  
 Indian Hill—Mrs. D. C. Knight ..... Bushnell  
 Lecanto—Mrs. Ella Barnes ..... Lecanto  
 Linden—Mrs. Louis Merritt ..... Linden  
 Oxford—Miss Loula O'Dell ..... Oxford  
 Pleasant Hill—Mr. R. E. Bennett ..... Bushnell  
 Wahoo—Mrs. Mary Hayes ..... Bushnell  
 Webster—Mr. P. A. Tompkins ..... Webster  
 Wildwood—D. H. McElrath ..... Wildwood

**S. S. Supt. and Postoffices**

Brooksville—Mr. D. O. Koon ..... Brooksville  
 Bushnell—Mr. V. Huff ..... Bushnell  
 Center Hill—Mr. A. B. Jones ..... Center Hill  
 Coleman—None reported  
 Eden—Mrs. C. M. Baxley ..... Istachatta  
 Floral City—Mr. R. A. Knight ..... Floral City  
 Hebron—Mr. W. B. Franklin ..... Brooksville  
 Inverness—Mr. G. G. Williamson ..... Inverness  
 Indian Hill—None reported  
 Lecanto—Mr. G. O. Barnes ..... Lecanto  
 Linden—Mr. L. B. Merritt ..... Linden  
 Oxford—Mr. T. P. Caruthers ..... Oxford  
 Pleasant Hill—Mr. Clark Segrest ..... Bushnell

Wahoo—Mrs. Edith Heller ..... Bushnell  
 Webster—Mr. E. T. Hall ..... Webster  
 Wildwood—Mr. O. L. Harrison ..... Wildwood

**Resolutions Committee**

Rev. B. F. Brooks ..... Brooksville  
 Mrs. Schultz ..... Wildwood  
 Rev. J. C. Boatwright ..... Wildwood

**Children's Home Committee**

Mrs. I. Tooke ..... Floral City  
 Mrs. C. M. Emmerson ..... Brooksville  
 Rev. W. S. Wade ..... Bushnell  
 Mrs. R. E. Seckenger ..... Wildwood  
 Mrs. W. W. Monroe ..... Coleman  
 Mrs. Carrie Baxley ..... Inverness  
 Mrs. W. M. O'Dell ..... Oxford  
 Mrs. Bernice Thompson ..... Wildwood  
 Mrs. A. B. Jones ..... Center Hill

**Evangelistic Committee**

Rev. J. C. Boatwright ..... Wildwood  
 Rev. J. T. Rawlins ..... Leesburg  
 Rev. J. A. Sawyer ..... Brooksville  
 Mr. L. F. Fore ..... Wildwood  
 Mr. Louis Merritt ..... Linden  
 Mr. A. Keathley ..... Brooksville  
 Mrs. D. M. Edwards ..... Center Hill

**General Directory**

**Pastors and Postoffice Addresses**

Brooksville—Rev. J. A. Sawyer ..... Brooksville  
 Bushnell—Rev. W. S. Wade ..... Bushnell  
 Center Hill—Rev. J. T. Rawlins ..... Leesburg  
 Coleman—Name and Postoffice not given  
 Eden—Rev. J. L. Hampton ..... Tampa  
 Floral City—Rev. E. Verigan ..... Floral City  
 Hebron—Rev. Jim Bercaw ..... Tampa  
 Inverness—Rev. E. C. Tynor ..... Inverness  
 Indian Hill—Rev. W. J. Bryant ..... Lacochee  
 Lecanto—None reported  
 Linden—Rev. G. A. Martin ..... Wildwood  
 Oxford—Rev. G. A. Martin ..... Wildwood  
 Pleasant Hill—Rev. W. J. Bryant ..... Lacochee  
 Wahoo—Rev. M. L. Hayes ..... Bushnell  
 Webster—Rev. J. T. Rawlins ..... Leesburg  
 Wildwood—Rev. J. C. Boatwright ..... Wildwood

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 State Fla. Asso. Alachua  
 Church Sumterville  
 Pastor \_\_\_\_\_  
 P. O. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
 P. O. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Baptisms \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church Members \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enrollment of Sunday School \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. B. Y. P. U.'s \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enrolled in All B. Y. P. U.'s \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total W. M. U. Organizations \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Gifts of W. M. U. .... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Value of Church House ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Value of Pastor's Home ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Value All Church  
 Property ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gifts for Support of Local  
 Church Work ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gifts for All Missions, Educa-  
 tion and Benevolences ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Gifts for All  
 Purposes ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_