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OUR 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 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 fraction thereof, in excess of fifty.
4. The Officers of the Association shall be the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer. Also the Presidents of the Sunday School, W.M.S., B.T.U., and Brotherhood.
5. The Executive Committee of the Association shall be the above named officers, together with all resident pastors in the Association.
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 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 record of all monies received; pay out upon the instruction of the body and make an itemized report of same to the Association at 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 at 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 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."
13. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the body in session.

DIRECTORY

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. Isom Beasley Brooksville, Fla.
 Vice-Moderator—Rev. W. M. Pinson Inverness, Fla.
 Clerk-Treasurer—G. H. Stapp Oxford, Fla.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS

Sunday School Superintendent—E. T. Hall Bushnell, Fla.
 W. M. U. President—Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlwell Brooksville, Fla.
 B. T. U. Director—M. E. Hammond Brooksville, Fla.
 Brotherhood President—T. J. K. Funderburk Nobleton, Fla.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Name	Church	Address
Isom Beasley	Brooksville	Brooksville, Fla.
W. M. Pinson	Inverness	Inverness, Fla.
G. H. Stapp	Oxford	Oxford, Fla.
E. T. Hall	Bushnell	Bushnell, Fla.
Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlwell	Brooksville	Brooksville, Fla.
M. E. Hammond	Eden	Brooksville, Fla.
T. J. K. Thunderburk	Brooksville	Nobleton, Fla.
Wm. B. Thirlwell	Brooksville	Brooksville, Fla.
Earle S. Haney	Bushnell	Bushnell, Fla.
E. C. Cowan	Center Hill	Center Hill, Fla.
Clark Segrest	Indian Hill	Bushnell, Fla.
V. V. Voelker	Oxford	Oxford, Fla.
O. G. Hall	Wildwood	Wildwood, Fla.

ASSOCIATION MISSIONARY

Rev. Theo. Farr 714 E. Fourth St., Ocala, Fla.

TRUSTEES

Florida Baptist Institute of Lakeland, Fla. Rev. O. G. Hall, Wildwood, Fla.
 Assembly Ground at Coleman, Fla.:
 Rev. Fletcher Weston Brooksville, Fla.
 Rev. V. V. Voelker Oxford, Fla.
 Rev. Isom Beasley Brooksville, Fla.
 R. E. Seckinger Wildwood, Fla.
 Rev. Theo. Farr 714 E. Fourth St., Ocala, Fla.

W. M. S. OFFICERS

President—Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlwell Brooksville, Fla.
 Vice-President—
 Secretary—Mrs. W. K. Jenkins Inverness, Fla.
 Young People's Leader—Mrs. Gus Schultz

B. T. U. OFFICERS

Director—M. E. Hammond Brooksville, Fla.
 Associate Director—Rev. W. B. Thirlwell Brooksville, Fla.
 Secretary—Myrtle Dick Brooksville, Fla.
 Chorister—Clint Kimbrough Brooksville, Fla.
 Pianist—Mrs. W. E. Crum Bushnell, Fla.
 Pastor-Adviser—Rev. O. G. Hall Wildwood, Fla.
 Director, Group 1—Rev. Fletcher Weston Brooksville, Fla.
 Director, Group 2—E. T. Hall Bushnell, Fla.
 Adult Leader—L. F. Fore Wildwood, Fla.
 Young People's Leader—Paul Smelt Brooksville, Fla.
 Intermediate Leader—Mrs. Retta Petteys Istachatta, Fla.
 Junior Leader—
 Story Hour Leader—Mrs. J. C. Walters Brooksville, Fla.

COMMITTEE

Nominating:

Dr. G. R. Creekmore, Brooksville.
 Rev. W. M. Pinson, Inverness.
 Mrs. D. L. Hedick, Brooksville.

Duties:

Moderator—Rev. Isom Beasley.
 Vice-Moderator—Rev. W. M. Pinson.
 Clerk-Treasurer—Guy Stapp.
 W. M. U. President—Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlwell.
 Sunday School Supt.—E. T. Hall.
 B. T. U. Director—Max Hammond.
 Brotherhood President—T. J. K. Funderburk.
 Trustee Florida Baptist Institute of Lakeland—Rev. O. G. Hall.
 Trustee of Assembly Ground—Rev. Fletcher Weston, Rev. V. V. Voelker,
 R. E. Seckinger, Rev. Isom Beasley, Rev. Theo. Farr.
 Regional Committee—Rev. O. G. Hall, Rev. Walter Rector, Rev. E. C. Cowan.

COMMITTEE

Time—Place—Preacher:

Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell, Brooksville.
 Mrs. John Landrum.
 Rev. J. D. Bowen.
 Time—1948 Associational Meeting, October 18-19, 1948.
 Place—Inverness Baptist Church.
 Preacher—Rev. E. S. Haney.
 Alternate—Rev. W. M. Pinson.

PROCEEDINGS

MORNING

October 27, 1947

The Alachua Baptist Association opened at Brooksville Baptist Church, in Brooksville, Florida, with a hymn and was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Isom Beasley.

Devotion was led by Rev. Walter Rector.

It was moved and carried that delegates and pastors make up the body of this Association.

Moved and carried that the program be carried out as printed, with all necessary changes.

Election of Clerk—moved and carried that Mr. G. H. Stapp be the clerk for the coming year.

Welcome address, by Rev. Thirlwell, pastor of the Brooksville Baptist Church.

Response to the welcome address, given by Rev. O. G. Hall of Wildwood.

Introduction of visitors — the State workers were introduced by the Moderator.

Report on education by Rev. E. S. Haney, pastor of Bushnell Baptist Church. Report on Stetson University, and Florida Baptist Institute in Lakeland. Moved and carried that this report be adopted.

Address on the Florida Baptist Institute by Dr. Leon Gambrell.

Report on Publications by Rev. V. V. Voelker, of Oxford Baptist Church. Reported on the Florida Baptist Witness. It was moved and carried that this report be adopted as read.

Address, on the Baptist Witness by Dr. Ed Solomon.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Time, place and preacher—Rev. Thirlwell, Chairman.

Budget—Fletcher Weston, Chairman.

Memorial—Rev. B. F. Brooks, Chairman.

Nominating Committee—Dr. G. R. Creekmore, Chairman.

Committee on Digest of Letters—Mr. G. H. Stapp and Rev. V. V. Voelker.

Additional Letters—Rev. Fletcher Weston, Chairman.

Resolution—Rev. O. G. Hall, Chairman.

Annual Sermon by Rev. Fletcher Weston.

Dismissed for lunch, with prayer by Rev. O. G. Hall.

AFTERNOON

The service opened with a hymn and devotional led by Rev. E. C. Cowan of Center Hill. Prayer, by Rev. J. S. Casteel of Sumterville.

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Report of State Missions by Mr. M. E. Hammond, of Eden Baptist Church. Moved and carried that this report be adopted as read.

Report on Home and Foreign Missions by Rev. W. M. Pinson of Inverness. Moved and carried that these reports be adopted as read.

An address on State Missions by Dr. John MaGuire.

A hymn, led by Dr. Theo. Farr.

Report on Children's Home by Mrs. Isom Beasley. Moved and carried that this report be adopted as read.

An address on the Children's Home, by Mr. T. M. Johns.

A solo by Dr. Theo. Farr, "Stand By Me."

An address on Stetson University by Dr. E. D. Solomon.

Additional letter read by Rev. Fletcher Weston, requesting admission of the Sumterville Baptist Church to the Alachua Baptist Association. Moved and carried that they be accepted into this Association. The hand of Christian fellowship was given to them.

Benediction by Rev. S. B. MaGuire.

EVENING

The service opened with a hymn led by Harold Harley of Tampa. Devotional by Rev. J. D. Bowen of Eden Baptist Church.

Training Union Hour—report given by Mr. M. E. Hammond. Moved and carried that this report be adopted as read.

Address on the Training Union, by Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Jr.

Special music by the Junior Choir of the Inverness Baptist Church of Inverness.

Rev. C. R. Murphy, city missionary from Tampa reported on Sunday School Work. Moved and carried that this report be adopted as read.

Address given on Sunday School Work, by Rev. C. R. Murphy.

Special music by the Junior Choir of the Brooksville Baptist Church.

Closing address by Rev. W. M. Pinson, of Inverness.

Benediction, by Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Jr.

October 28, 1947.

MORNING

Service opened by singing hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King."

Devotional conducted by Rev. B. F. Brooks, prayer by Rev. E. C. Cowan.

Report on Relief and Annuity by Rev. O. G. Hall of Wildwood. Moved and carried that this report be adopted as read.

Address given by Rev. O. G. Hall, on Relief and Annuity.

Report on American Bible Society, by Rev. Fletcher Weston. Moved and carried that this report be adopted as read.

Women's Missionary Society—Hymn, "Here Am I, Send Me," hymn of W. M. S. led by Mrs. D. L. Hedick of Brooksville.

A report given by Mrs. D. L. Hedick. Moved and carried that this report be adopted as read.

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Address by Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlwell of Brooksville, on the W. M. S. work.
 Special music by members of the W. M. S.
 Co-operative program and Tithing—report by Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell of Brooksville. Moved and carried that this report be adopted as read.
 Address by Rev. Thirlwell.
 Prayer and dismissal, by Rev. Fletcher Weston.
 Luncheon.

AFTERNOON

The program opened with a hymn, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee."
 Devotional by Rev. O. G. Hall of Wildwood.
 Dr. E. N. Burgerstock gave an address on "The Liquor Traffic."
 Rev. Litchlighter, representative from hospital in Plant City gave an address on the hospital.
 Treasurer's report by Mr. G. H. Stapp, clerk. Moved and carried that this report be accepted as read.
 Secretary's report was given by Mr. G. H. Stapp. Mover and carried that this report be accepted as read.
 Report of General Committee—Time, place and preacher, by Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell. Moved and carried that this report be accepted.
 Committee on Resolution by Rev. O. G. Hall. Moved and carried that this report be accepted as read.
 Memorials, by Rev. B. F. Brooks, reporting, flowers were placed in a vase in memorial to each deceased member from the Association. Memorial address by Rev. B. F. Brooks. A hymn, "Sweet By and By," by the congregation. Moved and carried that this report be adopted.
 Report of Budget Committee, by Rev. Fletcher Weston. Moved and carried that this report be adopted as read.
 Report of Nominating Committee, by Rev. G. R. Creekmore. Moved and carried that this report be adopted as read.
 Moved and carried that this Association be closed by singing "Blest Be the Tie," as benediction.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

Mrs. D. L. Hedick

At the annual W. M. U. meeting in October, 1946, our very efficient President, Mrs. Frank Tuttle, was re-elected to serve for the 46-47 associational year, districts one, two and three, at the request of our State W. M. U. executive secretary. Mrs. Tuttle arranged for our quarterly meeting in January to be used as a W. M. U. clinic instead of the usual rally. This clinic was held in Brooksville, Jan. 7, 1946. We had with us on this day, Miss Josephine Jones, our State W. M. U. secretary and Miss Mary Christian, field representative for our Southwide W. M. U. This clinic meant much to us as we re-studied the best methods of conducting our W. M. U. work. It was at this meeting on January 7, that Mrs. Tuttle

rendered her resignation because she was moving out of the territory of the Association. Our Vice-President was unable to serve due to illness in her home, so it became necessary to elect a president to serve for the remaining nine months of the year. Mrs. D. L. Hedick was elected to that office.

At this meeting, on January 7, the W. M. U. voted to sponsor a church school of missions in every church in the Association, this school of missions to be held in March and the Home Mission Study course series to be used. It was also voted to hold a Mission Study Institute in Inverness, in February for the purpose of teaching teachers how to teach the Study Books. Our very efficient mission study chairman, Mrs. Waldo Wood, arranged for this Institute and for the school of missions. Quite a number of our Churches did have this school of missions but we were not one hundred per cent.

Your W. M. U. president attended the State W. M. U. executive board meeting in Tampa and each session of the annual meeting of the State W. M. U. in March.

We failed to hold our quarterly rally in district two in April, due to the fact that our Superintendent in the district was not able to prepare the program nor to obtain a place for us to meet. However, we did have our quarterly executive meeting. At this executive meeting Mrs. Waldo Wood, rendered her resignation as Mission Study Chairman because she was moving out of the territory of the Association.

The Superintendent of district three, resigned early in the year and Miss Loula O'Dell was requested to arrange for our quarterly meeting in July. This meeting was held in Coleman Church, July 31, and was in charge of our Young People; Stewardship was stressed. The Sunbeams and G. A.'s gave a particularly inspirational program.

Eden Church has a splendid G. A. but no W. M. U. They are doing a good work under the counsel of Miss Myrtle Dick.

Our 1947 annual meeting was held with the Wildwood W. M. U. on October 2. On this day we had with us Miss Josephine Jones, State Executive Secretary and Miss Ruth Thurmond, Missionary to India. Miss Thurmond is a native Florida girl. Both she and Miss Jones brought inspirational messages. At this meeting the officers for the coming year were installed. Mrs. W. B. Thirlwell, Brooksville, is the president and Mrs. A. M. Roland, Bushnell, vice-president. Mrs. Gus Schultz, Brooksville, is our young people's leader, Mrs. W. K. Jenkins, Inverness, is our secretary. Meeting to be held first Thursday in each quarter.

As a W. M. U. we, perhaps, have not been up to par in our work, but we believe this is largely due to the fact that for a large part of the year this association was an association of almost Pastor-less Churches. We feel that our women all over the association are interested and eager to obey the Great Commission and that under the leadership of our present Pastors we will do a greater work next year.

Number of W. M. S.	10
Number of Societies reporting	8
Number of members	177, a gain of 4

Subscriptions to Royal Service Magazine	95, loss of 12
Subscriptions to The Commission	51, gain of 10
Subscriptions to Southern Baptist Home Missions	22, gain of 18
Subscriptions to Florida Baptist Witness	146, gain of 20
Number of Societies doing directed Community Mission Work	8, gain of 5
Number of tithees	146, gain of 62
Gifts to Co-operative Program	\$584.22, loss \$151.90
Gift to Home Missions	\$168.86, loss \$143.41
Gifts to Foreign Missions	\$380.95, gain \$242.95
Training School	\$ 23.00
Baptist Children's Home	120.56
Mission Study Class	25.00
Other Mission Objects	222.43

Respectfully submitted by
MRS. D. L. HEDICK.

TO THE ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

The Sumterville Missionary Baptist Church, organized in November, 1946, with twelve members, present membership, thirty one, petitions the Alachua Baptist Association for admittance into the Association.

In our organization we subscribed to and adopted the New Hampshire confession of faith.

REV. J. S. CASTEEL, Pastor
Sumterville Baptist Church

REPORT OF ALACHUA ASSOCIATIONAL BAPTIST TRAINING UNION TO THE ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, OCTOBER 27, 1947

1948 Theme: Follow Me.

Scripture: Luke 9:23 ASV. "And he said to them all, 'If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.'"

Aim for 1948: To help us to follow Christ daily in all the ways of life.
Song: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

It has been a pleasure during this past year to have the opportunity to contact the pastors and leaders of the churches of this association, and then working together at the mutual problem of a trained church membership, to have a greater love and appreciation for each one of them. Also, the associational training union officers elected last fall and those selected during the year to fill vacancies have all shown a desire and willingness to accomplish greater things for the Lord.

While we have not accomplished all that we have set out to do and certainly not all that we desire, there has been progress made in many ways. During the year training union work has been reported in fifteen of our churches. This is made up of 13 Adult, 10 Young People's, 12 Intermediate, and 8 Junior unions and 8 Story Hours, for a total of 52 units,

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seven more than during the previous year. Some of these churches have discontinued the work for various reasons that we hope can be overcome in the nearer future, so as to accomplish more for the Kingdom during the coming year than ever before. Two hundred eighty-five study course awards were requested by ten different churches. This is an increase of 17 in awards but a loss of 2 churches reporting.

In January, six of our officers attended the Associational Training Union Officers' Conferences held at Gainesville from which many new ideas were gained and all came away inspired to reach more of the people of our own association. People from several of our churches attended the Regional Training Union Convention at Bartow in April and the Florida Baptist Assembly at DeLand. At least one church sent a group to Ridgecrest. Oma Lee Graham of Istachatta was selected to represent this association in the Intermediate Sword Drill for our district.

The following is a statistical summary of the meetings held during the year:

	No. of Meetings	Average Attendance	Average No. Churches
Executive Committee	4	11	
Officers and leaders	4	34	
Association mass meetings	4	82	7
West group meetings	4		
East group meetings	8		

The Associational Training Union wishes to recommend the following officers for the coming year:

Director—M. E. Hammond	Eden
Associate Director—Rev. W. B. Thirwell	Brooksville
Secretary—Myrtle Dick	Eden
Chorister—Clint Kimbrough	Brooksville
Pianist—Mrs. W. E. Crum	Bushnell
Pastor-Adviser—Rev. O. G. Hall	Wildwood
Group Director No. 1—Rev. Fletcher Weston	Istachatta
Group Director No. 2—E. T. Hall	Bushnell
Adult Leader—L. F. Fore	Wildwood
Young People's—Paul Smelt	Brooksville
Intermediate—Mrs. Retta Pettey's	Istachatta
Junior Leader—	
Story Hour Leader—Mrs. J. C. Walters	Brooksville

These officers have been selected only after much prayer and consideration; however, it is only with the continued co-operation of all pastors and leaders that we can expect to attain much for our Master. A complete Calendar of Activities has been prepared showing dates and places of all meetings, which will be followed as closely as possible. This will be distributed to all pastors and training union directors in the future.

An Association survey is planned for November, from which we hope to secure a complete mailing list of church officers and other valuable information pertaining to their training programs. Also we want to urge

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each church to prepare a complete written calendar of activities for 1948 to be of assistance to them in carrying out a well-balanced coordinated program of preaching, teaching, praying, and training.

Respectfully submitted,
M. E. HAMMOND
Associational Director.

REPORT TO THE ALACHUA ASSOCIATION FROM THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Budget and Finance, recommend to the delegates and Churches comprising this Association, the following budget for the fiscal year:

Moderator	\$ 50.00
Clerk-Treasurer, salary \$50.00, postage and expenses \$25.00, total	75.00
W. M. U.	50.00
Sunday School	100.00
Training Union	100.00
Brotherhood	15.00
Printing of Minutes	90.00
Miscellaneous—Printing of Programs, etc.	25.00
TOTAL	\$505.00

These funds to be paid out by the Associational treasurer on the pro-rata basis, except the printing of the Minutes, which will take precedence over all other items. This Committee further recommends that these funds be raised by asking each Church to contribute 2% of their general offerings toward these funds, or whatever the Church feels right in God's sight for them, and that there be sent to the Clerk and/or Pastor of each Church quarterly a financial report designating the funds received from each Church and the disbursement of funds.

We appeal to each Church to cooperate with this Association in securing these funds and make the First LISTED Association as well as the Oldest Association in the Florida Convention A-1 in its endeavors to finance and re-imburse their elected officers for their ACTUAL EXPENSE incurred in doing the Associational work.

FLETCHER WESTON, Chairman
M. E. HAMMOND
O. G. HALL

TREASURER'S REPORT, ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1946-47

General Fund

Bank Balance Oct. 1, 1946		\$30.57
Receipts	\$291.97	
Payments	213.56	
Net Gain for the Year		78.41
Balance in General Fund Sept. 30, 1947		\$108.98

Assembly Ground Fund

Bank Balance Oct. 1, 1946		\$290.28
Receipts	\$4.39	
Payments	None	
Net Gain for the Year		4.39
Balance in Assembly Ground Fund Sept. 30, 1947		\$294.67
Bank Balance September 30, 1947		\$403.65

RESOLUTIONS

- 1st. We as New Testament Institutions have a divine commission to perform colossal tasks. To be amply qualified to carry on in mighty fashion for God, we must be undergirded with supernatural power. Therefore we would urge our people to seek the release of spiritual power at every step of the way conquering and to conquer for God and with God. We realize that nothing is christian work that can be done in the energy of the flesh alone.
- 2nd. There is an enemy in our land that is polluting, defiling, and robbing our people of virtue, character and life. It is God's enemy and man's destroyer. It has the power of hell fire and damnation stamped in it. We urge our people to stand in one solid phalanx to drive this curse from the face of the earth and from the homes of our children—The devil's powerful weapon—the liquor traffic.
- 3rd. We seriously urge all of our people to come at once to God's plan of supporting the whole Gospel to the whole world.—The tithe and offering.
- 4th. Resolved that the gratitude of the Association be expressed to the Brooksville First Church, its great pastor, Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell, the committee on entertainment, the ladies who presided over the dining room so graciously.
- 5th. Resolved that thanks be expressed by the Association for the good reports given, and for the great messages by our state workers. We wish to assure our full cooperation to them in the future.

6th. Resolved that we extend our deepest sympathy to those whose loved ones have made their departure since our last meeting.

Your committee,

O. G. HALL, Wildwood
REV. B. F. BROOKS, Brooksville
MRS. W. K. JENKINS, Inverness.

**REPORT OF THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD
of the
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

New Executive Secretary

On January 15, 1947, Dr. Thomas J. Watts, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board for the past nineteen years, retired and Dr. Walter R. Alexander, associate executive secretary, was elevated to this important position.

Officers of the Board

The twenty-ninth annual session of the Board was held in Dallas on March 26, and the following officers were elected: Dr. Wallace Bassett, president; Dr. W. Marshall Craig, chairman of the executive committee; Mr. George J. Mason, recording secretary; Dr. Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary; Dr. R. S. Jones, associate secretary; Mr. Orville Groner, treasurer—investments.

Nineteen hundred forty-six was one of the most prosperous years the Board had ever known. Many new members were enrolled in the several plans through which the Board serves our Southern Baptist constituency. A total of 2,541 new certificates were issued during the past year.

Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan

Six other states qualified for participation in the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan as of January 1, 1947, bringing the total number of states now participating in this plan to twelve. It is expected that this plan will be operating in all the states and the District of Columbia at an early date.

Relief

The high cost of living has made it necessary to heed the requests of hundreds of those on the relief roll for increased amounts. Many others should receive raises and will receive them when Southern Baptists make it possible. More than sixteen hundred look to the relief department for their livelihood. Even small amounts received by those who served before there was any Relief and Annuity Board means the difference between dire want and more or less comfort.

The calendar of denominational activities of the Southern Baptist Convention requests an offering from the churches throughout our Southern Baptist Convention during the month of April. We would urge all of our

churches to take an offering for the relief department of this Board some-time during the year that these old heroes of the cross may not suffer.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee.

Number of Florida ministers now in the plan, 312.

Number of Florida ministers now receiving annuity checks, 54.

Respectfully submitted,
O. G. HALL,
Your Committee.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The World Must Have the Bible.

1. Jesus Christ is the one hope of men and nations . . . and the Bible is the one primary source of knowledge of Christ.
2. In every missionary advance the Bible goes forward first.
3. The Bible itself is a missionary. It can go where the human missionary cannot go, stay when he must leave, and keep on working in a man's heart.

Giving the Bible to the World Is a Missionary Task.

1. Every man must have the Bible in his own native language if the message of Christ is to speak effectively to his heart.
2. Someone must translate the Bible into his language, print it, and send it to him wherever he lives. Since most people in the world are too poor to pay the cost of the books, someone must also give to help those who can pay only part of the cost and many who cannot pay at all.
3. The American Bible Society, supported by gifts, serves as that "someone." As a missionary organization, it aids in Bible translation, publishes the Scriptures without note or comment, and distributes them, without profit and usually below cost, for use in mission work throughout the world.

During 1946 the American Bible Society

- distributed at home and abroad over 11 million volumes of Scriptures;
- sent to Japan more than 1/3 million Gospels and more than 1/3 million of the 2½ million New Testaments requested by Japanese Christian leaders;
- shipped to Germany over 1 million Scripture volumes and 205 tons of materials for a self-help plan by which the German people and the German Bible Societies will do the actual printing of at least 1 million full Bibles.

Southern Baptists Can Lead In Providing ENOUGH Bibles for World Needs NOW!

1. Hungry-hearted multitudes, especially in liberated countries, Ger-

many and Japan, are eager for the Word of God. But it is a race against time. Their eagerness may not last indefinitely and opposing forces are actively at work.

2. The Bible is rationed throughout the world, as it has always been rationed in mission lands, because the supply is limited by gifts available.
3. In 1946, Southern Baptists gave \$130,550 to the American Bible Society; total church gifts were \$1,119,845. Increased gifts from Southern Baptists will help to provide **enough Bibles now** and will multiply their value by inspiring others to give more. Please send gifts to the Baptist state headquarters office, marked "for the American Bible Society."
4. A worldwide missionary advance, through increased Scripture distribution, waits! . . . Waits only for needed funds!

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

When we think of Christian Education we should think of it as a part of the process by which we grow into all one can and ought to be, as a Christian.

In using the term "Christian Education" we should include all phases of Christian life, such as the home, the church, the school; however, the Christian education we have outside of the home and church is a more specialized and limited field.

Our state is fortunate in having the Baptist schools that can meet the need and the challenge of this day.

Stetson University, DeLand, Florida

In Stetson University we have an institution that has as its main purpose the training of men and women who will not only give Christian leadership in business and in politics, but that they who have been schooled in this great University may exert a Christian influence in the home, the church and in the community where they may choose to live.

The need for trained workers in our churches is perhaps greater today than ever before. Stetson University is seeking to fill that need by offering courses for those who would become ministers, directors of religious education or church secretaries.

Stetson has now entered upon its greatest year, with an enrollment that will reach approximately 2300, an increase over last year of about 600 students. Thus in the words of Dr. Allen, President Emeritus, "Thus Stetson continues forward."

Florida Baptist Institute, Lakeland, Florida

On Sept. 7, 1943 the first session of the Florida Baptist Institute was held in the First Baptist Church of Lakeland. Soon after beginning its third year the school moved to its own campus in Southwest Lakeland on Cornelia Avenue and Walnut Street.

The primary purpose of the Florida Baptist Institute is to teach the Bible and related subjects which are designed to meet the needs of

ministers and other christian workers who have not had the desired educational advantages.

The school, whose motto is "Help for those who want help," has grown to the place where they now have 85 students enrolled from seven different states. So the Institute goes forward with its training of "workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."

Your committee then recommends that each one of our churches, by Prayer, Teaching and Giving, maintain a greater interest in our educational institutions and see to it that as far as possible, our sons and daughters attend schools and colleges that are Christian Institutions.

Respectfully submitted,
EARLE S. HANEY.

REPORT ON THE FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS

The FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS belongs to Florida Baptists. It is edited, printed, and mailed in Jacksonville, Florida, Wednesday of each week in the year. It is a sixteen page paper. The price of this paper is \$2.00 per year, paid in advance.

In the Budget plan it is \$1.00 per year. That is when the church buys the paper like they buy their Sunday school literature, except the FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS is mailed to each name and address sent to the Jacksonville office. Make a list of the families in your church. Put the paper into each home. Why leave out any? You may pay for this monthly, quarterly, or annually in advance. \$5.00 per month pays for sixty papers to sixty families.

Is there a minimum number by which you can get the paper for \$1.00 per year? Yes, to churches having one Sunday or two Sunday's preaching a month the minimum is twelve (12). Twelve papers are mailed to twelve homes for \$12.00. For churches having preaching every Sunday the minimum is the number equal to the unnumber of the official families: deacons, teachers, and officers of Sunday school, W. M. U. and B. T. U. officers. This usually amounts to 10% of the enrolled membership of the church. But why limit the number? Send the paper to every family. Get the list of every family right away. This is the cheapest and best enlistment of all your members. How many members do you have who are not worth two cents per week to enlist their interest to Christ's cause? It is the churches' business to inform, inspire and enlist all of their members. Many Sunday schools buy the Florida Baptist Witness for the homes of their church. Buy it like you do your literature. It has the Sunday School lesson every week.

REV. V. V. VOELKER

STATE MISSIONS

We are told the greatest hindrance to our State Mission work is the fact that our people do not understand the plan and program of our State Mission Board. It is then of prime importance that we keep explaining

these to our people. The Co-operative Program is our south-wide plan by which we finance our mission work. It is also the state program. Our office in Jacksonville receives all that is contributed through the Co-operative Program. It is then divided between the state mission program and the South-wide program of missions. The State keeps 55% for work done in our state and the other 45% goes to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to be divided by them to the various causes fostered by Baptists around the world.

During the past year October 1, 1946 to September 30, 1947, the various churches sent through the Jacksonville office more than \$500,000 for the Co-operative Program.

This year, only one special offering is advocated by our great Convention, that of "State Missions." The offering is jointly fostered by the W. M. U. and the Florida Baptist Convention. The women will observe the period September 22-24. The churches, through their Sunday Schools will observe the day of October 26th. It is sincerely hoped that every church will observe this day and display prominently the wall chart explaining what the offering is to be used for.

Our state mission program is so large and so all-inclusive of the needs of our churches that it is essential that we have many departments under the direct leadership of a competent secretary. Dr. Jno. Maguire is the Executive Secretary and supervises all the departments, and he is the Treasurer of our State Mission Board. There are seven departments under which our mission work is done, namely: Sunday School, Training Union, Music and Brotherhood, Missions, Evangelism and Stewardship, B. S. U. Administration and Christian Education. Each of these departments is separate and distinct in its purpose and work and maintains its own director and workers, totalling 35 missionaries, all doing State Mission work.

Besides these, there is the W. M. U. with its vast work of mission endeavor, the Florida Baptist Witness that reaches every corner of the State with its enlightenment and encouragement; John B. Stetson University, our own Baptist College, which is preparing hundreds for the evangelization of this state and the world and finally our great and merciful work, our Baptist Children's Home. A careful analysis of our state mission work will convince anyone that we are well organized and the progress of our denomination in Florida has justified this vast organization.

We beg you to pray daily for your 35 state missionaries.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. MAGUIRE

Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

HOME MISSIONS IN 1946

The annual report of the Home Mission Board for 1946 shows that 44,873 new members were added to the churches as a result of the ministry of the 720 full-time missionaries of the Board and the 200 summer workers from colleges and seminaries who served for ten weeks on the various fields. Of the number, 27,474 were reported as conversions.

To make the grand total of 920 missionaries (including 203 summer workers) 87 new missionaries were added during the past year. There was some turn-over in personnel, but the net gain in the number of missionaries was 69. These workers delivered 94,145 sermons and addresses, and made 222,281 religious visits, and did personal work with 166,701 individuals.

Literature played an important part in the ministry of home missions. of tracts. The magazine, **Southern Baptist Home Missions**, reached a peak circulation of 121,800, four issues carried 24 pages and the other eight, sixteen. This would add 26,880,000 more pages to the amount of literature distributed. At the same time, more than 73,000 books placed 8,000,000 other pages of home mission literature in the hands of the people.

Besides the 7,317 revivals conducted by home missionaries, there were 12,841 mission classes taught, 361 missions opened, 131 new churches organized, 36 kindergartens maintained, and 1,815 Vacation Bible schools conducted in mission situations.

Building operations were rather extensive. The Home Mission Board built or improved 74 churches and chapels and 16 pastor's homes.

Note: In the first five months of 1947 over 80,000 home mission books have been sold by Baptist book stores.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. PINSON.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in its one-hundred-and-second year, faces the most significant opportunities of its history. Appalling world needs, material and spiritual, constitute a tremendous challenge to Southern Baptists.

In the order of occupation, Southern Baptists have entered China, Nigeria, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, Japan, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Palestine-Syria, Spain, Romania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Manchuria, Hawaii, Colombia, Paraguay, and, early this year, the Gold Coast, West Africa. They have also arranged to enter Guatemala and Honduras, which for the time will be regarded as part of our Mexico work, directed by national Baptist leaders.

The Foreign Mission Board has already designated the Hadhramaut in South Arabia as a field to be occupied when a medical missionary couple can be secured. There are vast possibilities in that area, especially in the field of medical missions.

We have 624 missionaries in active service. Of this number 56 were appointed at the April semi-annual meeting of the Board and two more in May. Sixty missionaries were appointed last year. Even with these additional recruits, we have only one foreign missionary to approximately 10,000 Southern Baptists.

An encouraging feature of missionary effort is the development of national leadership in practically all mission fields. Messages have been received in recent weeks concerning bountiful evangelistic harvests. In

Romania. for instance, hundreds are confessing Christ and following Him in baptism and Baptists in that land have more freedom in worship and in propagating their faith than was ever accorded them before the recognition of Baptists as a historic cult.

From **Spain** Missionary **John Hughey** writes that evangelical Christians are manifesting unusual interest and enthusiasm. From all of our mission fields come gratifying reports of evangelistic zeal, although our comrades in service in those lands are beset on every side by adversaries. Within recent days the way has been opened for the representatives of our Board to re-enter Japan.

The **appropriations** of the Foreign Board for current missionary work this year total **\$2,276,000**, an increase of approximately **\$600,000** over last year. This increase was due largely to **inflation** in most areas of the Board's work. We must not overlook the fact, too, that with a net increase of approximately **62 missionaries**, long-range provision must be made not only for their salaries year by year, but for hospitals and equipment, training schools, and missionary residences.

For this reason the Board is to be commended for its wisdom in providing the **reserve fund** with which to stabilize our work and maintain missionary personnel in any time of financial recessions. We must not repeat our experiences in the dark days of the depression of the early '30's when missionaries were recalled, missionary volunteers equipped for service were kept at home, and the terribly embarrassing debt amounting at one time to \$1,800,000 was jeopardizing the existence of the Board.

Because of the action of the Convention in providing large amounts of capital **funds for other** Southwide agencies, especially our seminaries which are indispensable in preparing missionaries for effective service, the two general mission boards will face a possible **reduction** for 1948 in operating budgets made available **by the Co-operative Program**. For this reason the Foreign Mission Board is considering a **10 per cent reduction in current appropriations** to all foreign mission fields in 1948.

There are **two ways** by which this calamity in our time of greatest opportunity may be averted. The first is by enlisting Southern Baptists in tithing with a minimum goal of (1) **1,000,000 tithers**, with a larger percentage of increased local church gifts being made available for Southwide purposes. The second way is through the (2) **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**, which is increasing year by year at a gratifying rate. For years this offering has provided the funds for practically all buildings and equipment of our Board in all of our mission fields. Homes for missionaries, school plants, seminary and training school buildings, hospitals and their equipment have been made available largely by the Christmas offering. As of May 1 this year, the 1946 Lottie Moon Offering received by the Foreign Mission Board had reached the high mark of **\$1,381,098.76**.

Undesignated receipts for foreign missions last year through the Co-operative Program amounted to **\$2,033,872**. For the **first four months this year** Co-operative Program receipts were **\$778,194.95**, an increase of **\$54,091.35** over the corresponding period last year.

What are we doing for foreign missions? Here are some startling

figures. Last year Southern Baptists gave for all purposes **\$115,226,949** both state and Southwide. Of this amount **less than one fourth \$27,240,704 was given for missions and benevolences**. For foreign missions the Board received last year, not counting relief and rehabilitation funds, **\$3,884,991.41**, an average of **64 cents per capita**.

We gave **\$14.47 for local purposes and 64 cents for foreign missions!** For every 22½ cents spent on ourselves, we gave only one cent to world missions outside of our own country. **In 1945, of twenty evangelical denominations, Southern Baptists ranked eighteenth**, toward the bottom of the list, in gifts to foreign missions. For example, the per-capita gift for foreign missions that year for Southern Baptists was **60 cents**; for the Reformed Church in America **\$2.50**; Nazarenes **\$4.50**; Presbyterian U. S. A. **\$1.38**; Presbyterian U. S., (Southern) **\$2.19**; Methodists **\$1.72**.

Here are **other startling facts**. It is estimated that last year American people spent **\$8,000,000,000** for alcoholic drinks, **\$3,500,000,000** for tobacco, **\$3,000,000,000** in gambling, **\$2,500,000,000** for schools and **\$1,000,000,000** for churches. It has been estimated that the annual overall cost of crime is **\$18,000,000,000**.

Isn't it time that we were getting a conscience on spiritual stewardship and measure our giving in terms of God's world purposes and program and not in terms of selfish desire and personal comfort?

Our people responded last year in a gratifying way to the appeal of relief and **rehabilitation**. The goal was **\$3,500,000**; the cash receipts totaled almost **\$4,000,000**. From every mission field devastated by war have come messages of grateful appreciation. Thousands of lives have already been saved and our mission work set forward in a great way. Chinese Baptist leaders tell us that their churches and missions have been strengthened immeasurably by the aid received from Southern Baptists.

It is heartening to know that **during the war not one church**, so far as we have learned, discontinued its work and worship even though church buildings were destroyed. Relief must be continued as multitudes in war-devastated lands will die this year of starvation unless relief is sent continually. Government relief appropriations must be supplemented by the gifts of God's people who follow the New Testament pattern of ministry to the needy.

The Commission, the world mission journal published by the Foreign Mission Board, continues to grow in circulation. Already the 90,000 mark has been reached, with every indication that the goal of 100,000 will be attained within the year. Every Baptist home should have first the Baptist state paper, and after that, the two Southwide missionary periodicals, **The Commission** and **Southern Baptist Home Missions**.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. PINSON.

REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

People of many races and nations welcome the printed Word of God today as never before. Multitudes, especially in the liberated countries and in Germany and Japan, beg for the Scriptures.

Doors now open to the Bible present an outstanding opportunity for Christian missions because Scripture distribution is at the center of all missionary work.

Every man must have a Bible in his own native tongue if the Word of God is to speak to his heart. Someone must translate it into his language, publish it and send it to him, wherever he may live.

The Regular Work of the American Bible Society includes all those essential missionary tasks. It aids in translation, publishes the Scriptures without note or comment, supplies them at cost or less, and encourages their use. It provides the Scriptures on foreign fields at less than cost because the income level of the people is so low that they can pay only a fraction of the cost of printing the books. In cases of special need, at home and abroad, the Scriptures are given without charge.

The World Emergency Work provides without charge:

1. New Testaments and other Scriptures for our Armed Forces yet on duty throughout the world and for the thousands of wounded in government hospitals.
2. Scriptures for persons still held as War Prisoners.
3. Scriptures in many languages for needy people in liberated areas and in Germany and Japan.

Southern Baptists recognize the American Bible Society as an essential part of their own program of world-wide missions. Resolutions have been adopted by state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention, commending the work of the Society and requesting the churches to contribute to its support. The Society is grateful for increasing gifts from Baptist churches throughout the South.

	Regular Work	World Emergency Work	Total
1942	\$ 3,694	\$22,000	\$25,694
1943	18,578	34,829	53,407
1944	33,509	27,748	61,257
1945	44,952	63,135	108,087
1946	57,799	72,751	130,550

The end of the war opened doors in Europe and Asia where entire nations were cut off from the Bible. Emergency supplies of Scriptures in many languages, printed in advance for this need, were promptly sent. Millions of volumes must still be supplied to tragic and bewildered people who are eager to read the Word of God.

Japanese Christian leaders have requested 2,500,000 Japanese New Testaments. Since Japan has only 500,000 Christians, this indicates a widespread interest and an outstanding missionary opportunity. For Germany an even greater number of Testaments and Bibles are needed. We must take these opportunities while they are here.

Regular mission fields call for more Scriptures, especially in lands blacked-out by illiteracy where millions each year are being taught to read. These multitudes with eager minds and hungry hearts must have the Bible.

Only one-tenth of the world's people now possess the printed Word of God. Eight-tenths more could have it now. The Bible, or some part of it, is published in 1,068 languages spoken by nine-tenths of the human race. A world-wide missionary advance through increased Scripture distribution waits only for needed funds.

Gifts from Southern Baptist churches have shown their love for the Bible. Many churches include the Society in their budgets; others make special offerings.

When millions of people have now opened their doors to the Bible, but cannot have it without help, Southern Baptists will want to give even more generously.

Please send the contributions from your church to your Baptist state headquarters office, marked "for The American Bible Society."

REPORT ON THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM AND TITHING

Southern Baptists in recent years have had three major financial objectives; (1) to get rid of the old debts upon our boards and institutions (2) to promote the Co-operative Program for the equitable support of all our work, and (3) to enlist tithers to provide a permanent, dependable, systematic support for all our causes, local, state and worldwide.

Thanks to God and our people, we became "Debt-free in '43," we now hope we can remain debt free and carry on but owe no man anything save love.

Our Co-operative Program continues to grow in favor. All our state organizations and agencies approve of it, and 75 percent of our churches contributed through it in 1946.

But our Co-operative Program receipts are not sufficient to meet the imperative immediate needs of our causes. All our institutions are full and running over. Our colleges and seminaries turned away hundreds last year for lack of room. Then the property of our Foreign Mission Board calls for \$5,000,000 to put it back as it was before the war. Other millions are needed to care for pathetic calls and unprecedented opportunities.

To help meet these enlarged needs a special tithing campaign has been launched. All our conventions and agencies are co-operating in its promotion. Each state has adopted a tithing goal for 1947. Our state tithing goal is 50,000.

Recommendations

We urgently and prayerfully recommend:

1. That every church enter full-length and full-strength into the special tithing effort seeking; (1) to enlist at least one fourth of its members as tithers, and (2) to get all its members to bring their whole tithe into the Lord's house for **at least three months**, October, November and December.

2. That October 5, or nearest convenient Sunday, be observed as Tithers' Enlistment Day in all departments and at all services of our churches.

3. That where possible all or a major part of the tithing receipts in October, November, and December be given to the Co-operative Program causes to help meet the dire needs of our denominational agencies.

4. That the Every-Member Canvass be put on faithfully in every church and that every effort be made to maintain and enlarge the number of tithers.

5. That the plans and suggestions of our state organization and the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention be used in seeking to enroll

A MILLION SOUTHERN BAPTIST TITHERS FOR CHRIST.

Wm. B. THIRLWELL.

REPORT ON FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Our Children's Home continues to put forth every effort to assist the unfortunate children of the state. It has not been able to assist more than a mere fraction of the children who have applied for help in the past year. The number of half-orphans is increasing rapidly. Divorce and desertion are wrecking thousands of homes in our state. The need for help among children who have one or both parents living has exceeded that of any year in the past fifteen. Desertion leads the field in causes of dependency and divorce is second. Desertion is a parent of divorce. It precedes a great number of divorces and is one of the chief evils of our home life today. We deplore the rapid disintegration of so many of our homes. It creates numerous problems in our church and community life and brings untold damage, suffering and hardship to thousands of innocent children.

The management of the Home tries in every way it can to help as many of these children as possible, but there are more than they can possibly assist. They plan to employ a social worker within the next associational year and possibly another one will be added later. It will be the duty of these workers to investigate each case asking for help of the Home and to use every means at their command to assist those who apply for assistance.

They have started the new Home in Lakeland. Three buildings are being erected, with a fourth to be started within a few weeks. Baptists of Florida own 51 acres of land in the city of Lakeland, and they own approximately 80 acres adjoining which lies outside the city limits. They have room for pasture and truck farm and about thirty acres for a building site. The property borders Lake Hunter Drive. The city owns the narrow strip of ground between the street and the lake but it is understood that the children can use the lake for fishing and boating.

When the dormitories are finished, we shall have one of the most modern and up-to-date institutions in the entire South, if not in the nation. Each building for intermediates and seniors will be two stories

high and will house twenty children, two children to a room. The two dormitories for the juniors will accommodate twenty children, four children to a room, and the nursery will house sixteen children, four to a room. Each building will have its own dining room. They will follow the cottage plan throughout.

The finances of the Institution have held up remarkably well. The gifts have been sufficient to meet all expenses for the year.

Our children attend church, Sunday School, and Training Union at the First Baptist Church in Arcadia. We recognize that our efforts would have been in vain and Baptist money spent for charity only if we neglected the religious training of our children. Their health, happiness, and success in life many times depends on their relationship to God. The greatest benefit that any child can have is the knowledge of God and an environment in which kind ideals and Christian living can develop and grow stronger through the years.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ISOM BEASLEY.

ASSOCIATION MISSIONARY THEO. FARR'S ANNUAL REPORT TO ALACHUA ASSOCIATION

Days spent on field	335
Miles traveled	13,356
Churches visited	76
Mission points visited	6
Other service visits	57
Home visits	91
Conferences	46
Professions of faith	56
Addition by Baptism	39
Addition by letter	18
Sermons	132
Stewardship Revivals	2
Committee meetings	14
Community surveyed	4
Dead Church Revitalized	2
New Church Organized	2
Mission S. S. organized	1
Church building and improvement	9
Study Course	1
Evangelistic Revival	1
Church financial program planned	8

THEO. FARR.

Alachua Association, State of Florida

For Year Ending, September 30, 1947

Moderator, Isom Beasley, Brooksville, Fla.

Clerk, G. H. Stapp, Oxford, Fla.

Year Orgd.	Churches	Services: Q, H, T, Q, F	Pastors and Addresses	Baptisms	Other Additions	Members		S.S.	T. U.	W.M.U.	Bro.	Prop.	Church Finance			Missions			
						Total Present Membership (Including non-residents)	No. Revivals Held During Year						Total Enrolled (Including Mis- sion Students)	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Total Enrolled in all Unions and Story Hours	Total W. M. U. Enrollment	Enrollment of Brotherhoods	Total Value of Church Prop- erty (including house and grounds and Pastor's home)	Total, Building and Reserve Funds on Hand at End of Year
1946	Adamsville	F	L. W. Harris, Homosassa, Fla.	7	11	32	2	60	0	0	0	0	230	0	576	865	15	20	
1852	Brooksville	F	Wm. B. Thirlwell, Brooksville, Fla.	7	23	475	0	251	95	68	111	0	31000	0	2600	6216	966	1392	
1887	Bushnell	F	E. S. Haney, Bushnell, Fla.	6	21	239	0	108	0	44	37	0	15000	0	3120	4589	360	552	
1856	Center Hill	F	E. C. Cowan, Center Hill, Fla.	1	0	130	1	64	0	0	15	0	6000	0	1885	2227	120	120	
1908	Coleman	F	W. S. Wade, Bushnell, Fla.	0	2	171	1	50	0	10	15	0	6000	0	885	1285	0	0	
1845	Eden	F	J. D. Bowen, c/o Fla. Baptist Inst., Lakeland, Fla.	1	7	143	1	69	0	44	17	0	5150	364	1278	1976	140	269	
1899	Floral City	H	Walter Rector, Brooksville, Fla.	5	16	87	1	47	0	0	0	0	2500	9	450	548	0	5	
1895	Hebron	F	Pulpit Filled by Supply Pastors	0	0	92	0	38	0	25	8	0	2500	206	706	999	7	14	
1946	Homosassa	H	Walter Rector, Brooksville, Fla.	20	5	47	1	45	0	55	0	0	1000	0	317	2195	5	5	
1892	Indian Hill	H	Clark Segrest, Bushnell, Fla.	1	4	42	1	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	300	312	5	10	
1917	Inverness	F	W. M. Pinson, Inverness, Fla.	9	13	142	1	147	78	49	77	0	12585	500	3075	5299	308	802	
1945	Istachatta	F	Fletcher Weston, Brooksville, Fla.	14	0	50	2	37	32	23	0	0	4000	2655	914	4193	126	190	
1890	Lacanto	H	Roger Weaver, Inverness, Fla.	2	0	64	1	40	50	0	10	0	1050	0	180	358	11	47	
1894	Linden	F	Pulpit Filled by Supply Pastors	0	3	102	2	69	50	41	20	0	3500	0	547	1190	74	115	
1889	Oxford	F	V. V. Voelker, Oxford, Fla.	1	14	234	0	140	38	53	23	0	9000	2400	1629	3813	625	912	
1879	Pleasant Hill	H	L. B. Merritt, Mascotte, Fla.	5	6	62	1	34	0	28	0	0	1500	149	250	565	28	67	
	Wahoo		No Report																
1892	Webster	F	Pulpit Filled by Supply Pastors	6	8	190	1	75	0	0	0	0	8000	0	1410	1872	0	85	
1867	Wildwood	F	O. G. Hall, Wildwood, Fla.	10	23	389	1	317	68	75	71	0	35000	1796	1150	6398	590	1216	
TOTALS				95	156	2691	17	1591	411	515	384	0	144515	8079	21272	44900	3380	5821	

OUR DEAD

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