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ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator	Dr. Leon M. Gambrell, Box 585, Brooksville
Vice-Moderator	E. S. Anderson, Wildwood
Clerk	Charles H. Lawhon, Box 445, Floral City
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DEPARTMENT HEADS

S.S. Superintendent	W. K. Jenkins, Inverness
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W.M.U. President	Mrs. F. P. Newell, Brooksville
Brotherhood President	George W. Scofield, Inverness
Music Director	E. S. Anderson, Wildwood
Historian	Mrs. Fannie Scofield, Inverness

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee consists of all general officers, department heads, all pastors holding membership within the Association, and one member from each co-operating Church.

TRUSTEES, ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSEMBLY GROUNDS

Chairman—George W. Scofield, Inverness; Charles Lawhon, Floral City; L. Glenn Stephens, Webster; E. S. Anderson, Wildwood; L. F. Fore, Wildwood.

REGIONAL MISSIONARY

H. Clyde Harless 934 Hill St., Ocala

REPRESENTATIVE ON STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS

W. K. Jenkins Inverness

ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

General Supt.	W. K. Jenkins, Inverness
Secretary	Mrs. E. W. Gideons, Indian Hill
Evangelism Supt.	Perry Edwards, Oxford
Training Supt.	Earl Clay, Inverness
Vacation Bible School	L. Glenn Stephens, Webster
Cradle Roll	Mrs. Lee Young, Floral City
Nursery	Mrs. Earl Word, Oxford
Beginner	Mrs. James Martin, Brooksville
Primary	Mrs. Tony Black, Brooksville
Junior	Mrs. Will O'Dell, Oxford
Intermediate	Mrs. Egan Jones, Wildwood
Young People	E. S. Anderson, Wildwood
Adult	V. F. Holifield, Inverness
Extension	Mrs. Perry Edwards, Oxford
Citrus Group Supt.	T. W. Harrison, Jr., Floral City
Hernando Group Supt.	Jimmy Murphy, Rt. 2, Brooksville
North Sumter Group Supt.	R. E. Seckinger, Wildwood
South Sumter Group Supt.	P. E. Devall, Webster

ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION

Director	James Pittman Jernigan, Rt. 2, Brooksville
Associate Director	L. Glenn Stephens, Webster
Secretary-Treasurer	Miss Marie Hayes, Istachatta
Pastor-Advisor	S. M. Gaston, Coleman
Chorister	P. E. Devall, Webster
Pianist	Mrs. Egan Jones, Wildwood

GROUP DIRECTORS

Hernando	Bill Buford, Rt. 2, Brooksville
Citrus	W. F. Holifield, Inverness
North Sumter	E. S. Anderson, Wildwood
South Sumter	

DEPARTMENT LEADERS

Adult	Mrs. George W. Scofield, Inverness
Young People	J. P. McLendon, Rt. 2, Brooksville
Intermediate	Mrs. G. V. Harwood, Wildwood
Junior	Mrs. Charles H. Lawhon, Floral City
Primary	
Nursery-Beginner	

ASSOCIATIONAL W.M.U.

President	Mrs. F. P. Newell, Brooksville
Vice President	Mrs. Paul Whittenbeck, Inverness
Young People's Leader	Mrs. Egan Jones, Wildwood
Secretary-Treasurer	Mrs. E. W. Gideons, Indian Hill
Children's Home Chairman	Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Bushnell
Training School	Mrs. Leon M. Gambrell, Brooksville
Community Missions	Mrs. Stillman Smith, Center Hill
Stewardship	Mrs. L. Glenn Stephens, Webster
Mission Study	Mrs. W. K. Jenkins, Inverness
Publicity	Mrs. Congler, Brooksville
District Superintendents	
District 1	Mrs. J. C. Graham, Istachatta
District 2	Mrs. W. T. Lamb, Sr., Center Hill
District 3	Miss Lula O'Dell, Oxford
Members-at-Large	Mrs. W. M. O'Dell, Oxford; Mrs. J. P. McLendon, Brooksville

ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD

President	George W. Scofield, Inverness
Program Vice-President	S. M. Gaston, Coleman
Attendance Vice-President	James Weston, Sr., Rt. 2, Brooksville
Promotion Vice-President	J. A. Dyess, Wildwood
Secretary-Treasurer	V. F. Holifield, Inverness
Chorister	W. E. Crum, Bushnell
Pianist	L. Glenn Stephens, Webster
Assistant Pianist	Clint Shultz, Brooksville

COMMITTEES

1. **Budget**—E. S. Anderson, L. Glenn Stephens, Richard Parker.
2. **Nominations**—Perry Edwards, Richard Parker, C. A. Crosby.
3. **Time, Place, and Preacher**—Richard Parker, Fred Stephens, C. K. Byerley.
4. **New Churches**—S. M. Gaston, H. O. Reynolds, L. Glenn Stephens.
5. **Obituaries**—A. L. Flury, Robert Haines, Dwight Rushing.

6. **Resolutions**—Wayne W. Oeffler, R. L. Craft, J. H. Palmer.
7. **Missions**—J. P. McLendon, Charles Lawhon, Perry Edwards.
8. **Calendar of Activities**—Leon M. Gambrell, Charles H. Lawhon, E. S. Anderson, W. K. Jenkins, George W. Scofield.
9. **Chairman of Evangelism**—J. P. McLendon.
10. **Preacher of Annual Sermons**—Missionary, Perry Edwards; Alternate, S. M. Gaston. Doctrinal, Richard Parker; Alternate, Wayne Oeffler.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH	CLASSIFICATION
ANDERSON, E. S.	Wildwood	Wildwood	P
BERCAW, JAMES	Tampa	Hebron	P
BROOKS, B. F.	Rt. 2, Brooksville	Eden	R
BYERLEY, C. K.	Center Hill	Center Hill	P
CRAFT, R. L.	Coleman	Adamsville	P
CROSBY, C. A.	Linden	Linden	P
EDWARDS, PERRY	Oxford	Oxford	P
FLURY, A. L.	RFD, Inverness	Lecanto	P
GAMBRELL, LEON M.	Box 585, Brooksville	Brooksville, First	P
GASTON, S. M.	Coleman	Coleman	P
HAINES, ROBERT	Altoona	Istachatta	P
HARRIS, L. W.	Homosassa	Homosassa, First	I
HAYES, MARTIN L.	Rt. 1, Bushnell	Pleasant Hill	
LAWHON, CHARLES H.	Box 445, Floral City	Floral City, First	P
MCLENDON, J. PARKER	Rt. 2, Brooksville	Eden	P
O'BERRY, J. MARVIN	Homosassa Springs	Citronelle	
OEFFLER, WAYNE W.	Inverness	Inverness, Fla.	P
PARKER, RICHARD	Brooksville	Gulf Ridge Park	P
REYNOLDS, H. O.	Rt. 3, Box 149	Homosassa, First	P
	Lakeland		
RUSHING, DWIGHT	Floral City	Wahoo	P
SEGREST, CLARK	Bushnell	Indian Hill	
STEPHENS, JAMES F.	Rt. 2, Brooksville	Hebron	P
STEPHENS, L. GLENN	Webster	Webster	P
WADE, W. S.	Sumterville	Pleasant Hill	
WEAVER, ROGER	Inverness	Inverness, First	

MINISTERS LICENSED THIS YEAR

- BROOKSVILLE**—Clinton Schultz, Stetson University, Deland; C. B. Burns, Rt. 2, Box 181
- COLEMAN**—E. C. Hunter, Coleman; Edward Thobodeau, Coleman.
- GULF RIDGE PARK**—Ray Jennings, Rt. 2, Box 117-B, Brooksville.
- OXFORD**—B. L. Cochran, Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville.

MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR

- BROOKSVILLE**—B. Lazelle Owens, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, New Orleans.

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY

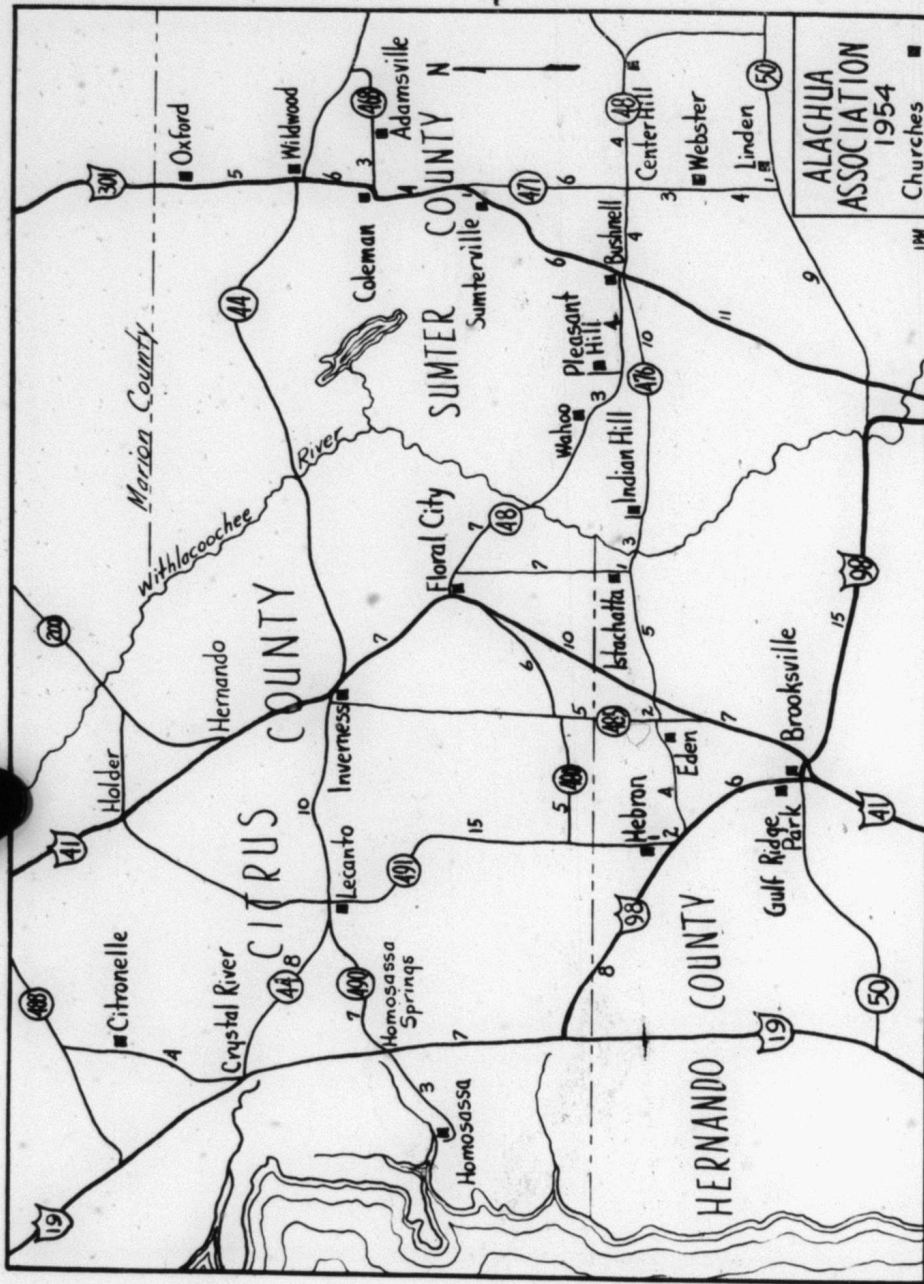
- BROOKSVILLE**—Clinton Schultz, Stetson University, Deland; Clint Kimbrough, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.
- GULF RIDGE PARK**—Ray Jennings, Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Body shall be known as the Alachua Baptist Association of Florida.
2. It shall be composed of Southern Baptist Churches of the same faith and gospel order, voluntarily banded together for missionary, educational and benevolent service.
3. Its officers shall be a Moderator, who shall also be Chairman of the Executive Committee; a Vice-Moderator, who shall be Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee; a Clerk and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually. The Moderator shall be ineligible to serve in this capacity, more than two consecutive years. The Association, in annual session, shall elect or approve all departmental heads for the ensuing year.
4. Each Church shall be entitled to two messengers, and shall be entitled to one additional messenger for every twenty-five additional members over the first fifty, provided no Church may have more than ten messengers. These duly elected messengers who are present shall constitute the Association in annual session.
5. The Executive Committee of this Association shall be composed of the following: the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Superintendent of the Associational Sunday School; Director of the Associational Training Union, President of the Associational Woman's Missionary Union, President of the Associational Brotherhood, Director of the Associational Music Department, together with all pastors who hold membership within the Association and one other member from each cooperating Church.
6. This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body. When necessary, the time and/or place of any meeting may be set or changed by the Executive Committee.
7. The Association shall recognize the independence of Churches, and shall not in any wise seek to exercise jurisdiction over them, yet shall have power to drop from its connection any Church found to be unorthodox in faith or practice.
8. Churches may be admitted into this Body, by petitionary letter, provided they shall have been found orthodox and of a cooperative spirit. Each Church, before being admitted, must make application through the Moderator or the Executive Committee at least three months before the annual Associational meeting, provided however, that the Association may waive the three months period by unanimous vote of the members present. The Church making petition shall set forth in writing their doctrinal belief and willingness to conform to the rules and regulations by which the Association is governed. Upon reception, the Moderator shall, for the Association, extend to the messengers the hand of fellowship.
9. Any Church shall be at liberty to discontinue its connection with the Association if desired, by giving proper notice of such intention. If any Church fails to be represented in annual meetings for three years in succession, it may be dropped from active membership.
10. The Association in annual session, may alter or amend this constitution by a three-fourths vote of members present and voting.

BY-LAWS

1. All sessions of this Body shall be opened and closed reverently in duly approved form.
2. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of this Association, keep order, present for discussion and vote all motions properly ordered, and perform all other duties usually appertaining to this office. He shall not vote except in case of a tie. The Vice-Moderator shall preside in the absence of the Moderator or when asked by the Moderator to preside.
3. Robert's Rules of Order shall be recognized as authority in all matters of parliamentary procedure.
4. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a fair and correct record of the proceedings, prepare the manuscript for the press, have minutes printed, and distribute them to the churches as early as possible after the annual meetings and shall keep a complete file of minutes for the use of the Association.
5. The Treasurer, who also may be Clerk, shall keep an accurate record of all moneys received and disbursed, shall pay out money only upon instruction from the Body and shall make an itemized report of all receipts and disbursements to the Association in annual session. If requested, the Treasurer shall make a quarterly statement to the Executive Committee.
6. The Executive Committee, which is the Association ad interim, shall have general supervision of all work initiated and fostered by the Association. It shall meet at least quarterly to plan for the promotion of all phases of the work, the time and place of meeting to be set by the Executive Committee. It shall use its best efforts to stimulate the spirituality and activities of the Churches and shall report its work to the Association in annual session.
7. These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the Body in annual session.



MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

ADAMSVILLE—H. N. Mizell, C. D. Cole, Mrs. R. L. Craft.

BROOKSVILLE—Leon M. Gambrell, Mrs. Leon M. Gambrell, C. B. Burns, Mrs. F. P. Newell, Mrs. D. W. Royal, Mrs. H. F. Dobson, Mrs. B. Cooper, Mrs. John Weeks, Sr., Mrs. H. W. Truett, Cony Black.

BUSHNELL—Mrs. Elva Stover, Mrs. Blanche Crum, Mrs. Faye Hunt, Wilbur Crum, Mrs. Sam Mickler.

CENTER HILL—C. K. Byerley, Mrs. C. K. Byerley, Mrs. A. B. Jones, Mrs. Stillman Smith, Mrs. W. T. Lamb.

CITRONELLE—Dennis W. Hamilton, Pauline Hamilton, Willis Hamilton, Rosa Lee Roddenberry, H. E. Goodman.

COLEMAN—Mrs. Mae Remington, Mrs. James Williams, Mrs. Duvie Remington, Mrs. H. Martin, Mrs. Harold Sjoblem.

EDEN—J. Parker McLendon, Mrs. J. Parker McLendon, Mrs. Virginia Jones, J. H. Priest, Mrs. Ury Priest.

FLORAL CITY—Mrs. Fannie Scofield, John Beverly, Charles H. Lawhon.

GULF RIDGE PARK—Richard Parker, Doris Parker, Mrs. Ida Steed, Mrs. Horace Crosby.

HEBRON—James F. Stephens, Mrs. James F. Stephens, Mrs. Mae Strickland, Mrs. Martha Miley, Mrs. Theresa Rogers.

HOMOSASSA—R. Goodman, Jewell Bishop, H. O. Reynolds, Mrs. H. O. Reynolds.

INDIAN HILL—Mrs. Clara Hayes, Mrs. Lillie Mae Wade, E. W. Gideons, Clark Segrest.

INVERNESS—Wayne Oeffler, Mrs. Wayne Oeffler, Mrs. Earl Clay, Mrs. Annie C. Warnock, Mrs. Fred Yoder, C. Q. Webb, Mrs. Harold Martin, Mrs. W. K. Jenkins, Mrs. Pearl Baxley, W. B. Davis.

ISTACHATTA—Robert Haines, Mrs. Carrie M. Baxley, Mrs. May Smith, Mrs. J. C. Graham.

LECANTO—Mrs. Myrtle Pendleton, Mrs. Margaret Allen, Mrs. Annie Langley, Mrs. M. J. Harden, Mrs. Pernie Glisson.

LINDEN—Mrs. Irene Akins, Pete Parrish, Mrs. Nellie Mae Wade, Mrs. Nancy Dias.

OXFORD—Dan Hooker, Mrs. Dan Hooker, Perry Edwards, Mrs. Perry Edwards, Mrs. W. M. O'Dell, Sr., R. E. Word.

PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Fannie Smith, Mrs. Nell Woodard, Mrs. Ellen Knight, Mrs. Grace Marsh, Mrs. Minnie Lu Peterson.

SUMTERVILLE—Mrs. Charles Veal, Mrs. Herman Sparks, H. M. Byrd, Ed. Abney.

WAHOO—Dwight Rushing, Mrs. Dwight Rushing, Mrs. Clara Goodge, Mrs. Kenneth Lovett.

WEBSTER—Mrs. J. F. Hayes, Mrs. J. C. Hall, L. Glenn Stephens, Mrs. L. Glenn Stephens, Stanton Gideons, Mrs. Stanton Gideons, Mrs. Ida Parrish, Mrs. C. Beville.

WILDWOOD—E. S. Anderson, Mrs. A. H. Toole.

PROCEEDINGS
— OF THE —
ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 19 - 20, 1954

1. The One Hundred Eighth Annual Session of the Alachua Baptist Association was called to order by the Moderator, Dr. Leon M. Gambrell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Brooksville. The Association sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," with Mrs. J. T. O'Neal accompanying. Dwight Rushing read the devotional scripture, Psalm 1, and led in prayer.

2. On motion of Charles H. Lawhon, the Association was organized with the messengers whose names appear on the letters from the churches.

3. On motion of A. L. Flury the printed program was adopted subject to change as needful.

4. Wayne W. Oeffler, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Inverness, welcomed the Association.

5. The Association sang "To the Work."

6. Dr. Leon M. Gambrell, Moderator, introduced the new pastors in the Association: H. E. Goodman, Citronelle; S. M. Gaston, Coleman; Richard L. Parker, Gulf Ridge Park; Fred Stephens, Hebron; Fletcher Weston, Hernando; Wayne W. Oeffler, Inverness; Robert Haines, Istachatta; Dwight Rushing, Wahoo. E. S. Anderson, Vice-Moderator, led in prayer for the new pastors.

7. The Moderator presented the visitors and special guests which included: Dr. W. G. Stracener, Florida Baptist Witness; Dr. G. A. Lechlitter, Florida Baptist Foundation; Rev. H. Clyde Harless, Regional Missionary; Heard Burnett, Children's Home; Rev. C. B. Burns, Brooksville.

8. The Moderator named the following committees: Budget, E. S. Anderson, L. Glenn Stephens, Richard Parker; Nominations, Perry Edwards, Richard Parker, C. A. Crosby; Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher, Richard Parker, Fred Stephens, C. K. Byerley; New Churches, S. M. Gaston, H. O. Reynolds, L. Glenn Stephens; Obituaries, A. L. Flury, Robert Haines, Dwight Rushing; Resolutions, Wayne W. Oeffler, R. L. Craft, J. H. Palmer.

9. C. K. Byerley read the report on Christian Literature, and Dr. W. G. Stracener spoke to the report. On motion the report was adopted.

10. The Association sang, "Bringing in the Sheaves."

11. Fletcher Weston read the report on the Baptist Foundation, and Dr. G. A. Lechlitter spoke to the report. On motion the report was adopted.

11. The Association was led in worship by Charles H. Lawhon. After the singing of "My Jesus I Love Thee," Richard Parker read Ephesians 5:14-20. Mrs. Leon Gambrell sang, "Near to the Heart of God," accompanied by Mrs. Bracy. Rev. Lawhon delivered the annual sermon on "Awake Thou That sleepest." Following prayer the Association sang, "The Church's One Foundation." The morning session closed with prayer of thanksgiving, and lunch was served by the Inverness Church.

13. The Tuesday afternoon session was opened with a song service. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Fred Stephens read Philippians 4:4-8 and led in prayer.

14. Perry Edwards read the report on State Missions. On motion the report was adopted.

15. The report on Home Missions was read by Clark Segrest. On motion the report was adopted.

16. S. M. Gaston read the report on Foreign Missions. On motion the report was adopted.

17. H. Clyde Harless, our new Regional Missionary spoke on the Cooperative Program.

18. The Committee on New Churches brought a report and recommendation that the First Baptist Church of Hernando be accepted into the Association. On motion by Richard Parker Part Eight of the Constitution was suspended in order to allow the admission of this church. Upon motion of H. O. Reynolds, the First Baptist Church of Hernando was accepted into the Association.

19. The Children's Home Report was read by Robert Haines. Heard Burnett spoke to the report. On motion the report was adopted.

20. On motion the report on Christian Education read by L. Glenn Stephens was adopted. Dr. G. A. Lechlitter spoke to the report. The session was closed with prayer led by Dr. Lechlitter.

21. THE TUESDAY EVENING SESSION was called to order with the singing of "Higher Ground," and "I Am Thine O Lord." Wayne W. Oeffler read Romans 10:1-15 and led in prayer. The Association sang "The Lily of the Valley."

22. On motion the report of the Sunday School read by Wayne W. Oeffler was adopted.

23. The Woman's Missionary Union report read by Mrs. Egan Jones was adopted. Mrs. Jones spoke to the report.

24. On motion the Brotherhood report read by George W. Scofield was adopted.

25. On motion the Church Music Department report read by T. J. K. Funderburk was adopted.

26. The Brooksville Choir sang "The Cross," "I'd Rather Have Jesus," and "Close to Thee."

27. Following the singing of "The Lord Is My Shepherd," E. S. Anderson preached the Evangelistic sermon from Leviticus 17:11 on the subject "The Atonement."

28. The singing of "Amazing Grace" closed the evening session.

29. THE WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION in the Linden Baptist Church was called to order with the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers." H. O. Reynolds read Psalm 24 and led in prayer.

30. C. A. Crosby, pastor of the Linden Church welcomed the Association.

31. On motion the Executive Committee report read by Dr. Gambrell was adopted.

32. On motion the report of the Historian, Mrs. Fannie Scofield, on the History of the Association was adopted.

33. On motion the report of the Budget Committee read by E. S. Anderson was adopted.

34. The report of the Associational Treasurer was read and adopted.

35. On motion the report of Mission Committee read by Fletcher Weston was adopted.

36. On motion the report of the Training Union read by L. Glenn Stephens was adopted. Warren Cappell spoke to the report on the subject, "Creative Living or Aimless Drifting."

37. On motion the Evangelism report read by J. Parker McLendon was adopted. The following committees for the Evangelistic Crusade in March 1955 were selected: Chairman, J. Parker McLendon; Enlistment, H. Clyde Harless; Finance, W. E. Crum; Publicity, E. S. Anderson; Fellowship, Wayne W. Oeffler; Extension, Richard Parker; Census, W. K. Jenkins; Rally, Pittman Jernigan; Brotherhood Rally, George W. Scofield; W.M.U. Rally, Mrs. F. P. Newell; Prayer, Perry Edwards; The publicity, fellowship, extension, and prayer chairmen made reports.

38. On motion the American Bible Society report read by Wayne W. Oeffler was adopted.

39. On motion the Baptist Bible Institute report read by Richard Parker was adopted. Dr. Gambrell spoke to the report.

40. The morning session was closed with prayer.

41. THE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION was opened with the singing of "Stand Up for Jesus." Perry Edwards read Romans 8:17 and led in prayer.

42. E. S. Anderson read the report on Assembly Grounds. On motion by E. S. Anderson the report was adopted.

43. On motion the Relief and Annuity report read by Dr. Gambrell was adopted.

44. In memory of our Honored Dead, E. S. Anderson sang "Rock of Ages." A. L. Flury read the names of the departed dead and led in prayer.

45. On motion the Digest of Church Letters read by Charles H. Lawhon was approved.

46. The report of the committee on Time, Place, and Preacher was adopted. Place, Webster Baptist Church and Gulf Ridge Park Baptist Church. Time, Tuesday, October 18 and Wednesday, October 19, 1955. Preacher, Perry Edwards, Missionary Sermon; S. M. Gaston, Alternate; Richard Parker, Doctrinal Sermon; Wayne W. Oeffler, Alternate. On motion of Richard Parker the Missionary Sermon will be preached on the morning of the first day, and the Doctrinal Sermon on the afternoon of the second day.

47. On motion the report of the resolutions committee read by Wayne W. Oeffler was adopted.

48. On motion of Wayne W. Oeffler the Moderator was authorized to appoint a committee to report to the Executive Committee a new plan for preparing meals for the Associational Meetings.

49. Report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted.

50. The final session was adjourned with prayer led by S. M. Gaston and the Association singing "Blest Be the Tie."

Respectfully, submitted,

LEON M. GAMBRELL, Moderator
CHARLES H. LAWHON, Clerk.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

By CLARK SEGREST

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST IN '54

Climaxing the Five-Year Crusade of the Home Mission Board, the emphasis this year is on witnessing for Christ. The objective is to lead every individual Christian to a more effective witnessing to the minority groups, the neglected and the underprivileged.

During 1953 the Home Mission Board had 937 regular missionaries and employed 366 in the Student Summer Mission Program, making a total of 1,303 missionaries.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence finished his tenure as executive secretary-treasurer and was succeeded by Dr. Courts Redford.

In the meetings and regular work of the missionaries 31,849 conversions were reported, 17,912 reported by Baptist Chaplains; 6,140 by the Evangelistic Staff, making a total of 55,901 conversions.

There were 284 new churches constituted and 706 new missions opened. The missionaries entered into the "Million More in '54" program and organized many new classes and mission Sunday schools.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

By S. M. GASTON

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 70 missionaries during 1953; 37 have been appointed during the first 5 months in 1954.

During the 1 year and 5 months 53 missionaries were lost from active service through death, resignation, and retirement, giving an increase of 54 for active service. As of June 1st, 1954 the Board had 931 active missionaries.

Missionaries are located in 170 stations in 35 countries and territories and indirectly Southern Baptist missions extend to many other countries through funds used in aiding those who are beyond their borders.

The 2,201 churches affiliated with Southern Baptist Missions reported 20,326 baptisms during 1953.

Among the Mission high lights were: The re-entry of Missionaries into Spain after an absence of over a year; the reopening of the Bible School in Italy; new Seminary buildings in Mexico; opening the first Bible Institute in the Bahamas; and many other works of vast importance.

Southern Baptist gave for Foreign Missions during 1953 a total of \$8,759,948.87 through the Cooperative Program, Lottie Moon offering and special designated gifts.

Permission has been granted Southern Baptist to open and develop Medical work in Kediri (eastern part of the Island of Java) Indonesia. Persistent and insistent calls for more Missionaries come from virtually every Southern Baptist Mission overseas.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

By PERRY B. EDWARDS

The Florida Baptist State Convention will celebrate its 100th Anniversary come November 20th, 1954, at Daytona Beach, Fla.

The F.B.S.C. was organized in the home of R. J. Mays, in Madison County, Florida, November 20th, 1854. In one century the F.B.S.C. has grown from one church to 1,006 cooperating S.B. Missionary Churches.

Florida is a fertile Mission field for Baptists. Florida receives 150,000 new

permanent residents every 12 months, an average of 12,500 people per month, and approximately 1,500,000 in ten years. Now with the present population of Florida at 3,000,000 plus 1,500,000 our population will be 4,500,000 in 1964.

What a challenge. The Lord is sending them to us—are we going to meet the challenge? If we do, and I feel sure we will, we need at least 400 new S.B. Churches. This is the minimum. Now, 503 would be concurrent with our present situation, which I feel is inadequate. Now what about our increase? And what about our Negro population and our language groups?

REPORT OF THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

By FLETCHER WESTON

During the past year the committee has cooperated with the regional superintendent of missions, Rev. O. G. Hall, in carrying out his work in our associations. As a part of this work, the committee published five copies of the Alachua Mission Digest, in which was found a report of the progress of the churches of the association, the associational calendar of activities, promotional material from the associational officers, and a personal message from the superintendent of missions.

We regret that Brother Hall was unable to continue in his service as superintendent of missions. Our prayers go with him into his new labor as pastor of a church. However, we do rejoice that God has led us to a man to serve our association, together with Marion and Pasco associations as superintendent of missions. Rev. H. Clyde Harless will assume his duties in this capacity as of November 1, 1954.

In consideration of the great need for missionary effort within the bounds of our association, and feeling that God will abundantly bless us when we do our best, we wish to submit the following recommendations:

1. That the Alachua Baptist Association approve the plan to have an associational missionary for our own association, and
2. That the Missions Committee for the ensuing year be instructed to make plans for securing such a missionary to be employed by our association as of October 1, 1955, and
3. That all of our churches be encouraged to give generously to our associational work to meet the needs of this expanded effort.

REPORT ON BAPTIST LITERATURE

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THE FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS

By C. K. BYERLEY

Slowly but surely we believe it is beginning to dawn upon right thinking Christian citizens that people do what they read.

On the one hand we have, for example, the recent statement of the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges in an adopted resolution which said in part, "Comic books and horror magazines depicting crime, sadism, vulgar sex and horror scenes, contribute toward the moral break down of our children today. On the other hand, we hear testimonies of people whose homes have been strengthened and families blessed by the reading of Christian publications.

The publications of the various agencies and auxiliaries of the Southern Baptist Convention have a total circulation of more than 800,000 copies per issue. At this years convention the 22 Baptist State papers reported their total circulation as 1,117,462. Our own Florida Baptist Witness is reaching 34,717 subscribers.

MUSIC REPORT

By T. J. K. FUNDERBURK

The Church Music Department of the Florida Baptist Convention was one of the first to be set up following the southwide organization of the Department of Church Music of the Sunday School Board in 1945.

Though the Church Music Department is the youngest of the educational phases of our convention, it has been almost phenomenal in its growth. We have today a Music Secretary in almost every southern state. Many of the associations have directors and a functioning organization. We had three Hymn Sings this year.

A Standard of Excellence has been formed to aid the churches in setting up a fully graded music program; one also for the Associations to help promote and guide the churches in a cooperative effort in the development of the Church Music Program.

THE FLORIDA BAPTIST FOUNDATION

By FLETCHER WESTON

The Florida Baptist Foundation is a permanent trust established by the Florida Baptist Convention and under its direction, chartered to serve any person who wishes to contribute to any Baptist institution or agency by gift, bequest, gift annuity, or otherwise.

It manages the funds entrusted to it according to sound business practice, and under the direction of experienced businessmen. It is independent of the institution and agencies it serves but committed to their best interests.

The Florida Baptist Foundation is a flexible agency. A gift may be directed through it to any institution or agency with such controlling conditions as may be desired. All instructions must be carefully observed.

CHARTER REVISIONS

At the Convention sessions held in Tampa, Nov. 11-12, 1953, the Foundation was empowered to seek revision of its Charter so that its scope of operation might be broadened to include certain institutions not falling within the classification of those directly "fostered by" the Florida Baptist Convention. This Charter revision is in process and in due course the legal aspects of the same will be completed.

Specifically, this will bring within the scope of Foundation service such institutions as the Baptist Bible Institute at Graceville, and we trust that our people will make large use of the Foundation on behalf of the Institute.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By L. G. STEPHENS

This year there has been an increase of 6% in the total enrollment of regular students in Southern Baptist educational institutions. The increase was greatest (14%) in the seminaries, during a period when enrollments of seminaries throughout the U.S. decreased by 10.8%, according to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The total of ministerial students in Southern Baptist seminaries, colleges and academies and Bible schools reached an all time high of 10,007, with nearly 6,000 in the colleges alone.

Cooperative Program support of these institutions increased by 6.3%.

The first annual S.B.C.—wide emphasis on Christian Education came last April when more than 700,000 pieces of special literature was distributed to more than

17,000 churches in 19 states and the D.C.

Southern Baptist now own and control 6 seminaries and 1 training school, including the American Baptist Theological Seminary, which is colored; 29 Senior Colleges and Universities; 22 Junior Colleges; 8 Academies; 3 Bible Institutes. Not all of these schools are owned by the denomination, but are controlled by smaller and larger groups of Baptists cooperating with the Southern convention. Many states have complete control of their schools.

RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

The Relief and Annuity Board of the S.B.C. set up by our Convention to provide old age annuities for ministers retiring after reaching 65 years of age, is a God-send. And the year 1954 will go down in history as a most important one. This year, the old plan was liberalized resulting in the inauguration of the Ministers Security Plan and other features. Benefits paid last year were \$1,653,372.70 with more than a million dollars in new investments for the Board.

Several benefits come through the Ministers Security Plan: (1) Annual disability raised from \$500 to \$900 a year. (2) Possible retirement after 60 years of age on a commuted income. (3) Protection for a minister's wife after retirement. (4) Eligibility beginning at age 25 or date of first denominational position after age 25.

Also, beginning January 1, 1955, pastors may enter the Social Security of the U.S. on a Self-Employment basis. The church does not enter into the plan, but the minister by paying into it may draw full social security after age 65, in addition to regular Ministers Security.

Pastors who have had the old Ministers Retirement Plan have opportunity to continue that if preferred. All pastors entering the retirement program after July 1, 1954 must come into the new Southern Baptist Protection Plan and on a 5%-5%-5% basis. Five percent will be paid by the member, five percent by his church, and five percent by his denomination. Credit, now, toward an annuity will be 1 1/2% of the salary basis for each year of participation in the plan.

REPORT OF THE ALACHUA BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

By W. K. JENKINS

The Alachua Association of Baptist Sunday Schools met in 12 regular sessions in 12 churches during the associational year 1953-54. The association lacked one point being a standard association again this year and this one point kept us from being standard last year that of reaching the required number of Standard Sunday Schools in the Association. We held the necessary meeting promoted the one Simultaneous enlargement effort had all officers as required by the Standard.

All meetings were well attended and with the exception of two or three churches we have had 100 percent co-operation. We have had training in all churches except five.

In starting the new year we have made plans for Group Schools, all four groups taking part in this effort having two nights in each group teaching the departmental teaching book in each of the departments in each school. If all churches co-operate in this effort we will have training in all churches before the close of the month of October a goal we have never reached in this association.

Our reports indicate that we have had 18 vacation Bible Schools this year. It is hoped that we will be able to have a VBS in each church in the Association this year.

ALACHUA BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT

October 1953 - September 1954

By L. G. STEPHENS

1954 Theme: KEEPING THE FAITH, II Timothy 4:7.

1955 Theme: BE STRONG IN THE LORD, Ephesians 6:10.

Our Associational Training Union seeks to create a spirit in favor of Training Union work; it seeks to enlist churches which do not have Training Union; it provides opportunity for Training Union workers to meet and share experiences with other workers, it promotes and conducts training schools and enlargement campaigns; and it stresses efficiency, as well as, the drawing together of the work in the local church with that of the denominational program.

We are happy to report a Standard Associational Training Union for the year 1954, which does not imply that we have attained our goal, but simply means that we now "stand hitched," ready to work more efficiently to build and promote the Training Union work among the churches.

This year we have held four mass meetings; three officers and leaders council meetings, and five executive committee meetings. We have had a fine staff of faithful workers, and although we have been forced to search out replacements for workers leaving or otherwise hindered from serving, we begin the coming year with a staff of new workers and old workers which we know will "Be Strong in the Lord" and the work.

REPORT OF THE
ALACHUA BROTHERHOOD ASSOCIATION

By GEORGE W. SCOFIELD

The Brotherhood has held four regular meetings during the year, as follows: On Friday, January 1, 1954 with Webster Baptist Church, Webster, Fla.; Friday, April 2, 1954 with Eden Baptist Church; Friday, July 2, 1954 with Bushnell Baptist Church; and on October 1, 1954 with Wildwood Baptist Church. In addition to these regular scheduled meetings we have held two or three informal meetings to promote the Brotherhood Program.

We have twelve Brotherhood organizations, and most of them are active. It is the desire of your officers to see a Brotherhood in each Baptist Church, and this will be our goal for the year.

REPORT OF THE
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

By MRS. EGAN JONES

The Woman's Missionary Union of Alachua met in their annual session in Coleman Church, the second Thursday in October 1953. Rev. E. S. Anderson, Pastor of Wildwood Church, and Vice Moderator of Alachua installed the officers for the ensuing year.

All sixteen societies reported having observed the Foreign Missions Season of Prayer in December.

The Executive Committee met one week prior to each quarterly general meeting in Bushnell Church.

The winter meeting was held in Brooksville Church. Miss Elizabeth Province was our guest speaker.

In January W.M.U. Focus Week was observed.

In March our societies observed the Home Missions Season of Prayer and Propaganda.

In April we gathered in Webster Church. Miss Josephine Jones, Executive Secretary of Florida W.M.U. reported on her tour abroad. She also led in Presidents Conference. The theme for the days program—"What Now."

The state sent us Miss Elaine Crotwell of the Philippines. This meeting was our annual Young People's Rally. Miss Crotwell spoke to us of the need for Christianity in the hearts of men and women, girls and boys in the Philippines.

The high light of the local Associational talent came from Inverness Church in the way of choir specials and a skit. Mrs. Paul Whittenbeck, who is vice president of Alachua W.M.U. and Young People's Director for the local W.M.U. was largely responsible for these. This meeting was held in Hebron Church.

The societies observed State Mission Season of Prayer in September.

REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON ASSEMBLY GROUNDS

By GEORGE W. SCOFIELD

We, your committee on assembly grounds beg to report that we have carefully considered a tract of land consisting of forty acres situated about a mile and a half east and north of Coleman, Florida, on which there is a small spring located. Pursuant to authority vested in the committee, we sold the timber on this tract of land about nine months ago for \$2,000.00. This money was turned over to the Moderator and Treasurer of the Association and as we understand has been deposited in the Barnett Bank at Bushnell, Florida in the savings account and is drawing 2 1/2 % interest.

We have thoroughly considered the advisability of developing the property to be used as a recreation and youth center and it is our opinion that due to the location of the property its inaccessibility and the fact that it is almost completely surrounded by large pastures, that the cost of getting a road constructed to it and developing the property would not be feasible and that perhaps another location situated somewhere in the Association on a lake or stream would be much more desirable and could be developed and used to a greater advantage. We therefore recommend that the property be sold to the highest bidder, with the privilege of rejecting any or all bids submitted, and in the event of such sale that the committee together with Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of the Association be authorized to make, execute and deliver a deed conveying the fee title to the purchaser and that the proceeds of such sale be deposited in a bank located in the Association at the highest rate of interest available, such funds and the funds now on hand to be used for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing a more suitable and strategically located camp grounds for the purpose contemplated. We further recommend that a continuing committee be appointed for the purpose of carrying out the object and purpose of this report.

TREASURER'S REPORT SINCE AUDIT OF MARCH 4, 1954 WHEN BOOKS WERE TRANSFERRED TO W. E. CRUM AS OF MARCH 1, 1954

CURRENT FUND:

Balance in Florida Bank at Bushnell March 4, 1954 \$414.27

RECEIPTS from churches beginning March 1st, 1954 to October 20, 1954:

Adamsville	\$ 5.00	Webster	\$ 18.65
Brooksville	70.00	Wildwood	95.00
Bushnell	66.98	Center Hill	20.00
Citronelle	5.00	Hebron	5.00
Eden	64.00	Homosassa	10.00
Floral City	15.00	Lecanto	5.00
Indian Hill	3.00	Wahoo B.T.U.	10.00
Istachatta	5.81	Special Offering ..	25.44
Linden	12.50	TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED	\$481.38
Oxford	35.00		
Pleasant Hill	5.00		
Sumterville	5.00	TOTAL ALL CURRENT FUNDS	\$895.65

EXPENDITURES:

Sunday School	\$ 102.56	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 280.34
Miscellaneous	8.57		
Minutes and Program	22.50	BALANCE ON HAND IN CURRENT FUND	615.31
Brotherhood	50.00	BALANCE RESERVE FUND	2,319.67
Training Union	83.61		
Moderator	13.10	TOTAL	\$2,934.98

W. E. CRUM, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Moderator	\$ 75.00
Clerk	125.00
Sunday School	150.00
Training Union	150.00
W. M. U.	75.00
Brotherhood	50.00
Music Department	50.00
Minutes and Programs	225.00
District Missionary	75.00
Evangelistic Crusade	100.00
Miscellaneous	125.00
TOTAL	\$1,200.00

Since the budget this year is larger than those of past years we recommend that every church send in a little more money to this cause this year. Our work is growing rapidly and this calls for an enlarged budget. May God help us to do our best for the Master.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

By WAYNE OEFFLER

RESOLVED:

1. That we commend the fine work of our Associational leadership, and pledge our whole hearted spiritual and financial support of our incoming Regional Missionary, H. Clyde Harless.
2. That each member of the Alachua Baptist Association promote the habit of daily Bible study and prayer and allow the Holy Spirit to indwell, guide, and lead them in daily living, as a fundamental means of strengthening our faith, and combating the power of evil in the world.
3. That we use every possible means of publicity to promote the Kingdom of God.
4. That this Association authorize its moderator to appoint a representative committee to study ways and means by which the rank and file of our churches and members be aroused to action in increasing their support of all denomination agencies and more particular world evangelism and missions.
5. That the moderator appoint a committee to study and report on or before the next annual meeting the possibility of writing an Associational History.
6. That we express appreciation to the Inverness and Linden Baptist Churches for their generous hospitality.

REPORT OF BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

By RICHARD PARKER

Now in its new location at Graceville, Florida, with an extension in Lakeland, Baptist Bible Institute has this year enrolled 118 students, of which number there are 38 in Lakeland. The number is limited because of facilities.

Buildings on the new campus consist of the Homer G. Ray Memorial Classroom Building, three apartment buildings housing 21 families, temporary administration buildings, seven houses in Graceville leased or purchased for temporary dormitory units, and one trailer court for four trailers. Two income producing properties are now in operation—the Poultry Research Project and the Hatchery. These provide student employment.

Over half of the students have been called to rural churches in the tri-state area, and heavy calls for preacher supplies provide preaching opportunities for nearly every student every Sunday.

The Robert G. Lee Chapel Fund continues to grow with indication that the Chapel may be started next spring.

The current outstanding need is for a boys' dormitory, dining room and music building.

The Lakeland Division continues to operate under Dean L. B. Johnson, assisted by Dr. J. T. Williams and four local pastors giving part time services.

At Graceville Dr. Virgil Davis is serving as Acting Dean and in connection with the Home Mission Board, Dr. John D. Freeman heads the Rural Life Department.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

DR. LEON M. GAMBRELL

Primary task of an association is work within its own boundaries. It does not stop there but reaches to the uttermost part of earth, to the last creature. Because this is our own interest and responsibility, I am giving a summary of activities during the year just closing.

Mr. Guy Stapp, who had served the association for several years, died suddenly at the beginning of the associational year necessitating the election of a new clerk-treasurer to publish the minutes and handle the associational finances. We appreciate Brother Stapp's service to his association. Rev. Loys Frink was elected and served until February 15, 1954 when Rev. Charles Lawhon was elected clerk and Mr. W. E. Crum, treasurer. Brother Frink did remarkable service filling in the breach and guiding in the two offices for the three months covered.

The Executive Committee voted to meet regularly each quarter at Floral City, with extra meetings called when necessary. In these regular meetings, the department heads, Sunday School, Training Union, W.M.U., Brotherhood, and Music, were asked to report progress and announcements. It was also voted to ask the Treasurer to make quarterly reports. He has made them monthly.

At the January 18th meeting the following resolutions were adopted: 1. That the treasurer give a report at each meeting of the Executive Committee and have records and bank statements available for examination. 2. That, when it is possible, all bills be approved by the Executive Committee before payment. 3. That all budget accounts be closed before the end of the fiscal year. 4. That a finance committee be appointed to provide for essential items not included in the present budget and to recommend a plan for caring for budgets already overspent. 5. That all official documents and valuable papers be kept in a safe place.

It was also voted to have the books audited each year and whenever there is a change of treasurers. The associational treasurer was made treasurer also for The Assembly Grounds account.

THE ASSEMBLY GROUNDS: Trustees of the assembly grounds sold the timber on the land for \$2,000 cash and deposited the money in an assembly grounds account with the money already in that fund. Trustees have tried to work out plans for developing an assembly in the association territory and will have a report at this session.

Early in the year, the First Baptist Church of Inverness established a mission at Hernando. That mission made steady progress and was constituted into The First Baptist Church of Hernando, on October 5th, 1954, with Rev. Fletcher Weston as Pastor.

All of us appreciated the services of Rev. O. G. Hall, district superintendent of three associations, including Alachua. At the July 23rd meeting, Brother Hall having resigned to accept a pastorate in Jacksonville, the Missions Committee was instructed to investigate the possibility of having a missionary to give his full time to the Alachua Association. In subsequent meetings the plan was approved unanimously to call an associational missionary. Because the agreement was reached too late to secure the State Board's assistance in paying his salary the coming year, the Committee approved continued cooperation in the present plan of having a district superintendent for this and two other associations during the year 1954-55, looking forward to having a full time missionary beginning in October 1955. We are happy in anticipation of the coming of Rev. Clyde Harless as District Superintendent beginning November 1, 1954. Brother Harless comes from a very successful pastorate in Jacksonville and we believe he is especially fitted for work with these associations.

We are happy to report that all of our churches gave to World Missions through the Co-operative Program this year.

The Executive Committee voted full cooperation in the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade with meetings in churches of Alachua Association in March 1955. Rev. J. Parker McLendon was asked to serve as Chairman of Evangelism for the rest of the associational year, to help organize for the crusade. He will report during this association session. "We must evangelize or fossilize." "Evangelism has made us what we are and evangelism must sustain us."

REPORT ON THE
FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

By REV. ROBERT HAINES

Florida Baptists closed fifty years of service to children in February of this year. The first child admitted according to the records came to the Home in February 1904. Since the admission of this child there has been a constant stream of children entering and leaving the Home but it is estimated that Florida Baptists in the past fifty years have given aid to more than 2,500 children, enough to make a sizable town. These are living in every section of our country and some are on foreign soil, each thankful for the help given him and the training he received. Two hundred thirty-five children have been helped by the Home during the current year.

Preachers, teachers, nurses, and many other areas of service are numbered among those who have lived there. The most important thing the Home has done for its children is to help them grow up as useful christian citizens. It has assisted them in finding the Saviour and thereby have a sense of security and happiness that otherwise would be impossible.

Two cottages, one for junior boys and one for junior girls, were erected on the campus this summer. These cottages will add 35 to 40 to the enrollment. This means that the Home must have more funds for operating expenses. The Thanksgiving Offering is the major source they must depend on to meet the 57% balance of their needs for operating expenses.

REPORT ON FLORIDA BAPTIST HISTORY

By MRS. FANNIE SCOFIELD

Rev. Wilson Connor was credited with being the first Baptist Preacher to do work in Florida. Rev. Fleming Bates was the second Baptist Minister to work in Florida and for a time the only Baptist Minister in Florida.

Pigeon Creek Church was the first church organized January 7, 1821. Rev. Bates was the first pastor of that church; also he was the first pastor of New Zion Church. Rev. Bates and Rev. John Tucker organized several Baptist Churches in Alachua County. After Rev. Bates death, Rev. Tucker was the only Baptist Minister working in Florida for a time.

Eminent early Baptist Ministers who worked in Florida were—Rev. Joshua Mercer, Rev. James McDonald, Rev. W. B. Cooper, Rev. D. P. Everett and Rev. R. J. Mays.

The Alachua Association is the fourth oldest association to be organized in Florida. It held its first session in 1847. 13 churches were members of the Association in 1848, including Eden Baptist Church.

The membership of these thirteen churches in 1848 was 479. Bethel was the largest with 156 members. The smallest church had ten members.

In 1856 there were twenty-eight churches in the Alachua Association, four of them in Alachua County, five in Columbia, two in Duval, two in Nassau, two in Hernando, seven in Marion, and one each in Orange, Levy, Putnam and Sumter counties. This distribution reveals the fact that the Association covered all of north central Florida west of the Suwannee River and extended on down the State as far as there were Baptist churches.

Messengers from the West Florida Association and the Alachua Association took the initial step in 1853 to form the Florida State Baptist Convention in 1854.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

By J. PARKER McLENDON

In the Alachua Baptist Association, our records for the year 1953-54 indicate the following facts:

- 22 churches with 4085 membership
- 18 churches held 28 revivals
- 20 churches reported 202 baptisms
- 2 churches reported no baptisms
- 22 churches reported 486 total additions
- 16 churches reported a net gain in Sunday School
- 12 of these reached their goal of a 20 % net increase toward "A Million More in '54"
- 22 churches gave to world missions through the Cooperative Program

When we consider the startling fact that in our churches, it took 20 people a year to win each person to Christ, that in the Southern Baptist Convention over 5,000 churches went a whole year without one baptism, we must pause to consider the question, "Is it not possible that we have misplaced the New Testament emphasis on winning people to Christ?" Certainly, we see the pressing and urgent need to return to the New Testament imperative to all Christians to GO.

As we face the new year we consider the challenge of a more effective labor for our Lord. How can we accomplish this?

1. By carrying out in each church a planned program of evangelism under the direction of a Church Council of Evangelism.
2. By enlisting and training soul-winners among the lay members of the churches.
3. By having two revival meetings in every church, one of these to be conducted in cooperation with our nation-wide evangelistic crusade March 6-20, 1955.
4. By carrying out in each church a planned program of conservation for those who are won to Christ.
5. By promoting through the association a vital program of New Testament evangelism under the direction of the Chairman of Evangelism.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

ADAMSVILLE—Taddy McCullough

BROOKSVILLE—Mrs. M. J. Okerlund, Mrs. Margaret Finney.

BUSHNELL—Mrs. Z. A. Owens; J. L. Johnson, Mrs. Annie Collins.

CENTER HILL—J. Lonnie Jones.

CITRONELLE—Grant Harris, Sr.

EDEN—W. R. Ayers, G. C. Mason, Mrs. Fannie Smith.

INVERNESS—Mrs. L. M. White, Frank Morris, Deacon; G. G. Williamson, Deacon.

ISTACHATTA—Mrs. Lino Garriz.

LECANTO—Dempis Riggs.

LINDEN—Murd Wall.

OXFORD—G. H. Stapp, Deacon; John Lucas, Mrs. Florence Martin, Lum Swearingen, O. L. Bogue.

PLEASANT HILL—Charlie Norman.

WAHOO—S. H. Brantley, Murle Swain.

WEBSTER—Mrs. J. A. Ramsey, L. Fender.

WILDWOOD—Mrs. J. H. Folt, Mrs. Alma Jones, J. E. Shaw, Luther Worrell, J. Howard Martin, Mrs. M. F. Arnold.

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

STATE OF FLORIDA

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1954

Assoc. Director: L. GLENN STEPHENS, Webster, Florida

CHURCHES	Training Union Directors and Addresses	Training Union Enrollment							Average Attendance
		Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	
Adamsville	No Training Union								
Brooksville	Mrs. P. K. Knepp, Rt. 3, Box 82, Brooksville, Fla.	0	0	1	42	26	9	23	110
Bushnell	Earl Crawford, Bushnell, Florida	0	3	0	12	7	7	14	45
Center Hill	C. K. Byerley, Center Hill, Fla.	0	0	0	12	0	16	6	38
Catonville	No Training Union								
Coleman	J. A. Stafford, Coleman, Fla.	0	0	0	5	3	0	8	16
Eden	C. E. Glatton, Rt. 2, Brooksville, Fla.	5	12	0	18	7	13	23	83
Floral City	Wilbur Langley, Floral City, Fla.	0	0	0	17	10	0	16	59
Golf Ridge Park	James H. Martin, Rt. 2, Box 120, Brooksville, Fla.	5	4	9	18	15	8	16	78
Hebron	H. D. Harp, Rt. 2, Brooksville, Fla.	0	5	7	9	8	0	7	42
Homosassa	No Training Union								
Indian Hill	Bobby Joe Kight, Bushnell, Fla.	0	0	0	10	0	18	20	39
Inverness	George W. Seefeldt, Inverness, Fla.	0	0	0	7	24	11	0	57
Isachatta	Mrs. I. C. Graham, P. O. Box 24, Isachatta, Fla.	0	0	2	4	0	0	6	16
Lecanto	Mrs. Raymond Riggs, Lecanto, Fla.	0	0	0	4	12	3	9	30
Linden	F. W. Outlaw, R. F. D., Center Hill, Fla.	0	4	0	10	0	8	15	40
Oxford	M. A. Dugger, Oxford, Fla.	0	0	11	4	3	0	25	54
Pleasant Hill	Mitchell Marsh, Bushnell, Fla.	0	0	6	5	0	16	18	52
Sumterville	No Training Union								
Webster	Mrs. Ida Lovett, Rt. 1, Bushnell, Fla.	12	4	6	8	9	9	15	60
Wildwood	P. E. Devall, Webster, Fla.	4	2	4	10	12	0	16	50
	L. A. Dyer, R. F. D., Wildwood, Fla.	12	10	99	62	46	9	65	227
TOTALS		58	53	8	274	169	113	314	1118

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

STATE OF FLORIDA

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1954

Assoc. President: MRS. EGAN JONES, Wildwood, Florida

CHURCHES	Presidents of W. M. S. and Addresses	Total Tithers All Organizations									
		Total Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	W. M. S. Enrolled	Total Units	Sunbeam Units	R. A. Units	G. A. Units
Adamsville	No W. M. S.										
Brooksville	Mrs. W. B. Austin, Rt. 2, Box 126, Brooksville, Fla.	1	1	0	1	0	3	60	0	0	0
Bushnell	Mrs. C. F. Venable, Center Hill, Fla.	2	0	1	0	1	4	19	0	10	0
Center Hill	No W. M. S.	1	0	1	0	1	3	17	0	10	0
Catonville	Mrs. James Williams, P. O. Box 141, Coleman, Fla.	1	0	1	1	0	3	17	0	10	0
Coleman	Mrs. I. P. McLenon, Rt. 2, Brooksville, Fla.	1	0	1	1	1	4	21	0	8	9
Eden	Mrs. George Kreckman, Floral City, Fla.	1	0	2	2	2	5	24	0	8	0
Floral City	Mrs. James Martin, Rt. 2, Box 120, Brooksville, Fla.	1	0	2	2	2	6	16	0	11	16
Golf Ridge Park	Mrs. Earnest Strickland, Rt. 1, Box 243, Inverness, Fla.	1	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	0	0
Hebron	No W. M. S.										
Homosassa	No W. M. S.										
Indian Hill	Mrs. I. C. Graham, Box 24, Isachatta, Fla.	4	0	1	0	1	6	69	0	18	0
Inverness	Mrs. Ella Barnes, Lecanto, Fla.	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0
Isachatta	Mrs. F. W. Akins, Sr., Linden, Fla.	1	0	0	0	0	1	17	0	0	0
Lecanto	Mrs. Naomi Hallauer, Oxford, Fla.	1	0	0	0	0	1	30	0	0	0
Linden	No W. M. S.										
Oxford	No W. M. S.										
Pleasant Hill	No W. M. S.										
Sumterville	Mrs. Dought Rushing, Floral City, Fla.	1	0	1	1	1	4	9	0	5	5
Webster	Mrs. John F. Hayes, Webster, Fla.	5	0	1	2	1	6	17	0	8	24
Wildwood	Mrs. G. V. Harwood, Box 996, Wildwood, Fla.	3	1	2	2	1	9	81	12	29	13
TOTALS		24	1	15	9	13	62	432	12	136	67

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TABLE F—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Grand Total Local Expense

Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)

Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)

Other Local Expenses

Payment on Church Debt

Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply

Local Missions and Benevolences

Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.

New Buildings and Equipment

Maintenance, Insurance

Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)

All Receipts Through All Organizations for Year

CHURCHES		Treasurers and Addresses																
		\$	1,971	\$	600	\$	25	\$	14	\$	203	\$	0	\$	842	\$	1,822	
Adamsville	C. D. Caley, Rt. 1, Wildwood, Fla.																	
Bushnell	Murray-Miller, 39 Oak St., Brooksville, Fla.	3,352	172	658	172	1,167	40	764	40	764	40	764	0	1,614	7,770	9,800	1,822	
	W. E. Crum, Bushnell, Fla.	2,061	216	900	216	482	237	20	482	237	20	482	0	358	2,385	2,085	4,340	
Center Hill	Mrs. C. K. Beerley, Center Hill, Fla.	5,175	127	1,256	0	182	33	0	182	33	0	182	0	28	1,711	2,555	3,967	
Cirsonelle	W. D. Hamilton, Rt. 2, Box 17, Crystal River, Fla.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	310	226	85	310	
Coleman	Mrs. Duvine Remington, Coleman, Fla.	3,182	120	15	0	169	39	412	39	412	39	412	0	210	964	2,320	2,584	
Edan	I. R. Snow, Rt. 2, Brooksville, Fla.	6,798	36	48	48	984	562	133	137	137	137	137	0	994	2,875	2,968	5,843	
Floral City	Mrs. Frank Thompson, Floral City, Fla.	5,517	60	51	51	2,765	466	60	500	60	500	60	0	221	1,515	935	4,270	
Gulf Ridge Park	F. W. Stead, Rt. 2, Box 9K, Brooksville, Fla.	5,406	0	272	272	996	382	20	105	20	105	20	456	415	3,090	2,030	5,110	
Hefron	Mrs. Faye Whitley, Rt. 2, Box 1146, Brooksville, Fla.	2,875	86	61	61	909	185	247	220	247	220	247	0	158	348	1,358	2,256	
Holmossa	Mrs. A. W. W. P. O. Box 994, Crystal River, Fla.	11,323	0	46	46	0	102	20	0	102	20	0	0	132	770	738	1,870	
Indian Hill	Mrs. W. B. Bushnell, Fla.	1,653	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Inverness	Carry Bailey, Box 6, Inverness, Fla.	13,068	0	178	178	439	377	0	335	0	335	0	1,658	3,187	4,004	7,192	1,890	
Irachhatta	Mrs. C. G. Smith, P. O. Box 34, Irachhatta, Fla.	5,547	0	0	0	400	69	47	82	47	82	47	0	114	400	985	1,425	
Levant	Mrs. Myrtle Pendleton, Levant, Fla.	0	3	28	28	1,548	180	69	62	69	62	69	0	68	2,018	1,560	3,578	
Linden	F. W. Akims, Sr., Linden, Fla.	4,195	0	81	81	827	168	199	135	100	298	1,800	2,210	2,210	4,010	6,987	10,800	
Oxford	Mrs. Lucy Belov, Oxford, Fla.	7,818	398	551	551	689	476	0	553	1,332	802	4,362	2,625	6,987	2,625	6,987	10,800	
Persant Hill	Mrs. Annie Lee Peterson, Rt. 1, Bushnell, Fla.	1,718	0	0	0	2,534	216	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,530	811	5,361	8,190	
Sumterville	I. B. Hogan, Sumterville, Fla. II, Bushnell, Fla.	2,896	0	58	58	247	97	27	212	0	160	1,685	1,290	2,375	2,375	4,750	7,120	
Wahoo	Mrs. Ida Lovett, Rt. W. Bushnell, Fla.	2,263	110	0	0	225	35	131	100	0	93	895	1,331	2,340	2,340	4,680	7,020	
Wesley	Mrs. Grace Giddens, W. Center, Fla.	2,263	108	378	378	214	913	209	227	0	473	5,021	2,340	7,361	2,340	4,680	7,020	
Wildwood	Mrs. G. G. Brooks, Box 422, Wildwood, Fla.	27,699	1,057	674	674	8,347	1,719	182	963	0	1,494	14,617	4,794	108,881	18,817	18,817	37,634	

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