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ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. E. S. Anderson, Wildwood
Vice-Moderator	Rev. J. Parker McLendon, Brooksville
Clerk	Mr. Richard Kaufman, Inverness
Treasurer	Mr. W. E. Crum, Bushnell

DEPARTMENT HEADS

S. S. Superintendent	Rev. Howard Long, Center Hill
Training Union Director	Mr. Ray Jennings, Rt. 2, Brooksville
W. M. U. President	Mrs. F. P. Newell, Brooksville
Brotherhood President	Mr. Earl Clay, Inverness
Music Director	Mr. James Keating, Bushnell
Historian	Mrs. Fannie Scofield, Inverness
Evangelism	Rev. J. Parker McLendon, Brooksville

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

TRUSTEES, ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSEMBLY GROUNDS

L. Glen Stevens, Webster; D. D. Townsend, Bushnell; George Scofield, Inverness; L. F. Fore, Wildwood; H. M. Leininger, Brooksville.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Wayne W. Oeffler, Inverness; Perry B. Edwards, Oxford; W. C. Townsend, Linden; D. D. Townsend, Bushnell. E. S. Anderson, Wildwood.

REGIONAL MISSIONARY

H. Clyde Harless - 934 Hill Street, Ocala, Fla.

REPRESENTATIVE ON STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS

W. K. Jenkins - Inverness, Florida

OFFICERS 1955-1956

ALACHUA ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS

General Superintendent	Rev. H. L. Long, Center Hill
Secretary	Mrs. E. W. Gideons, Nobleton
Evangelism Superintendent	Rev. Parker McLendon, Brooksville
Training Superintendent	Earl Clay, Inverness
Vacation Bible School	Rev. Glenn Stephens, Webster
Cradle Roll Superintendent	Mrs. Lee Young, Floral City

Nursery	Mrs. Murray Grubbs, Brooksville
Beginner	Mrs. James Martin, Brooksville
Primary	Mrs. Perry Edwards, Oxford
Junior	Mrs. Will O'Dell, Oxford
Intermediate	
Young People	Rev. E. S. Anderson, Wildwood
Adult	Mr. V. F. Holifield, Inverness
Extension	Mrs. W. B. Davis, Inverness
Group Superintendents:	
Citrus Group	T. W. Harrison, Jr., Floral City
Hernando Group	Jimmy Murphy, Rt. 2, Brooksville
North Sumter Group	R. E. Seckinger, Wildwood
South Sumter Group	P. E. DeVall, Webster

ALACHUA ASSOCIATION TRAINING UNION OFFICERS

Director	Mr. Ray Jennings, Brooksville, Fla.
Asso. Director	Mr. Johnnie Dyess, Wildwood, Fla.
Secty. and Treas.	Miss Marie Hayes, Istachatta, Fla.
Intermediate Leader	Mrs. E. W. Gideons, Nobleton, Fla.
Junior Leader	Mrs. Shirley Jernigan, Rt. 2, Brooksville, Fla.
Primary Leader	Mrs. Cobb, Webster, Fla.
Beginner Leader	Mrs. J. C. Graham, Istachatta, Fla.
Hernando Group Leader	Mr. Pittman Jernigan, Rt. 2, Brooksville, Fla.

ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U.

President	Mrs. F. P. Newell, Brooksville
Vice-President	Mrs. W. P. Whittenbeck, Inverness
Y. P. Leader	Mrs. G. V. Harwood, Coleman
Secretary-Treasurer	Mrs. E. W. Gideons, Istachatta
Children's Home Chairman	Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Bushnell
Community Missions	Mrs. Stillman Smith, Center Hill
Mission Study	Mrs. John Simmons, Brooksville
Publicity	Mrs. Ernest Steed, Brooksville
Stewardship	Mrs. A. B. Jones, Center Hill
Training School	

District Superintendents:

District 1	Mrs. J. C. Graham, Istachatta
District 2	Mrs. W. T. Lamb, Sr., Center Hill
District 3	Mrs. Lula O'Dell, Oxford

Members-at-Large:

Mrs. W. E. Crum, Bushnell; Mrs. J. P. McLendon, Eden; Mrs. Egan Jones, Wildwood.

ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD

President	Mr. Earl Clay, Inverness
Program Vice-President	Richard Parker, Gulf Ridge Park
Attendance Vice-President	James C. Weston, Sr., Eden
Promotion	W. A. Buford, Eden
Secretary	V. F. Holifield, Inverness
Choirster	W. E. Crum, Bushnell
Pianist	Rev. Glenn Stephens, Webster
Advisory Counsel	Rev. E. S. Anderson, Wildwood; Rev. J. P. McLendon, Eden; Rev. Richard Parker, Brooksville

COMMITTEES

- Budget: Wayne W. Oeffler, Perry Edwards, S. M. Gaston
- Christian Education: Roger Weaver, Richard Parker, Perry Edwards
- Children's Home: Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Mrs. F. P. Newell, Mrs. Mae Townsend
- Christian Literature: James D. Johnston, L. Glenn Stephens
- Missions: Wayne W. Oeffler, Perry B. Edwards, W. C. Townsend, D. D. Townsend, E. S. Anderson
- Nominations: J. Parker McLendon, D. D. Townsend, Dwight Rushing
- Obituaries: E. S. Anderson, Dwight Rushing, Mrs. Fannie Scofield, Mrs. Stillman Smith
- Time, Place, Preacher: Glenn Stephens, James Johnston, H. R. Lenhart
- Resolutions: A. L. Flury, S. M. Gaston, W. C. Townsend, Perry Edwards

MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR

C. B. Burns - Brooksville

MINISTERS LICENSED THIS YEAR

Charles Rossel - Wildwood

STUDENTS PREPARING FOR MINISTRY

Charles Rossel - Wildwood - Stetson University
Clinton Shultz - Brooksville - Stetson University

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Name	Address	Church	Classification
Gene Alderman	Istachatta	Istachatta	P
E. S. Anderson	Wildwood	Wildwood	P
James Bercaw	Tampa	Hebron	
B. F. Brooks	Rt. 2, Brooksville	Eden	R
C. B. Burns	Brooksville	Brooksville	
Perry Edwards	Oxford	Oxford	P
A. L. Flury	Inverness	Lecanto	P
Leon M. Gambrell	Brooksville	Brooksville	P
Sam Gaston	Coleman	Coleman	P
H. E. Goodman	Homosassa Springs	Citronelle	P
Martin Hayes	Rt. 1, Bushnell	Pleasant Hill	
J. J. Houtsma	Crystal River	Citronelle	
James D. Johnston	Floral City	Floral City	P
H. R. Lenhart	Sumterville	Sumterville	P
Howard Long	Center Hill	Center Hill	P
J. Parker McLendon	Rt. 2, Brooksville	Eden	P
L. J. Norman	Sumterville	Sumterville	R
J. Marvin O'Berry	Homosassa Springs	Citronelle	
Wm. J. Ockeenbein	Rt. 2, Brooksville	Hebron	
Wayne W. Oeffler	Inverness	Inverness	P
J. H. Palmer	Aripeka	Pleasant Hill	P
Richard Parker	Brooksville	Gulf Ridge Park	P
S. V. Proctor	Sumterville	Sumterville	P
Hugh Rudder	Homosassa	Homosassa	
Dwight Rushing	Floral City	Wahoo	P
L. Glenn Stephens	Webster	Webtser	P
D. D. Townsend	Bushnell	Bushnell	P
W. C. Townsend	Webster	Linden	P
W. S. Wade	Bushnell	Indian Hill	P
Roger Weaver	Inverness	Inverness	

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 the case of a tie. The Vice-Moderator shall preside in the absence of the Moderator or when asked by the Moderator to preside.

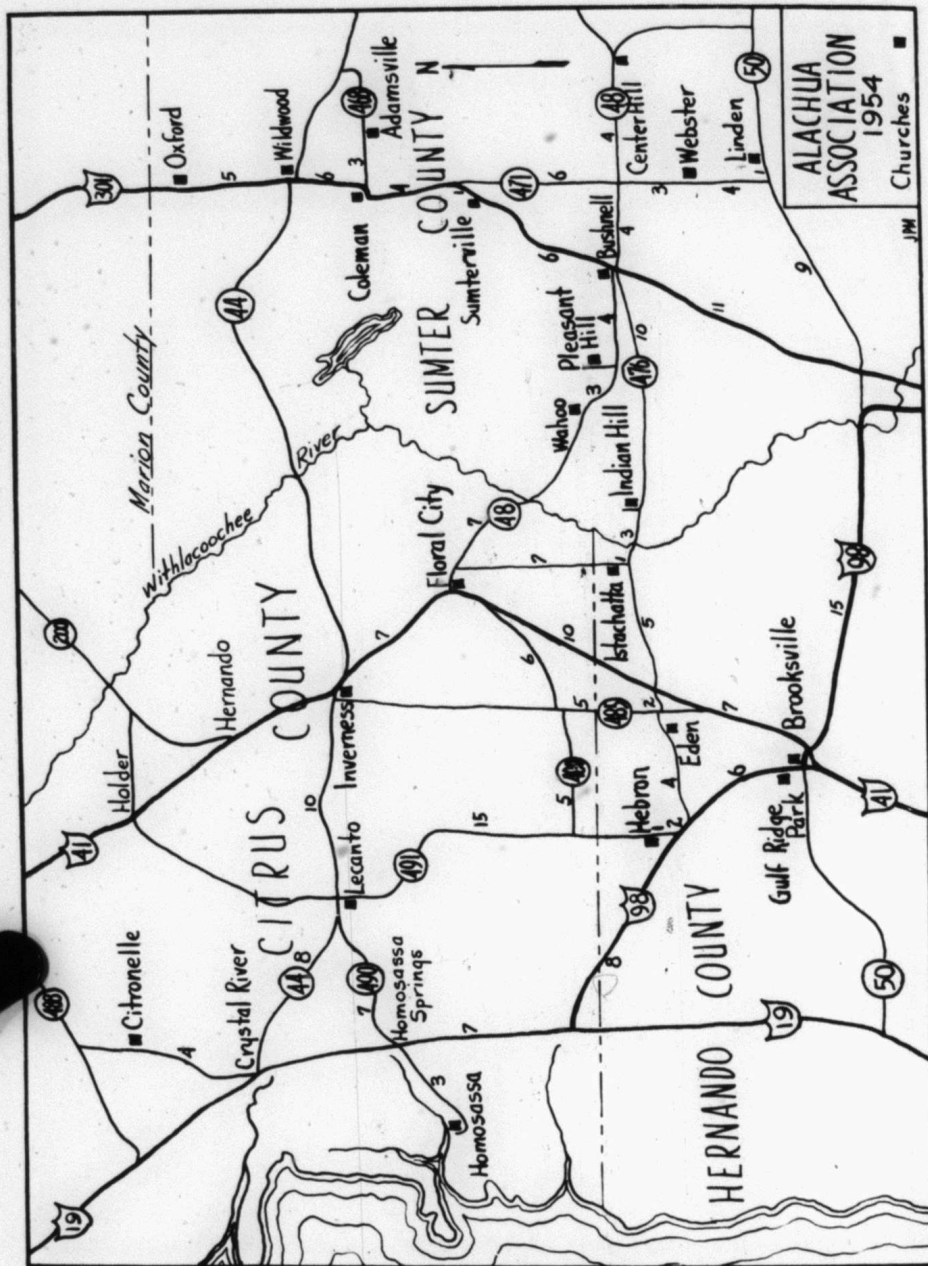
3. Robert's Rules of Order shall be recognized as authority in all matters of parliamentary procedure.

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 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—Rev. S. V. Proctor, Mrs. S. V. Proctor, Mr. C. D. Cole, Mr. H. N. Mizell.
- BROOKSVILLE—Rev. Leon M. Gambrell, Mrs. Leon M. Gambrell, Mrs. F. P. Newell, Mrs. H. E. Bracey, Mrs. W. B. Austin.
- BUSHNELL—Rev. D. D. Townsend, Mrs. D. D. Townsend, Mr. W. E. Crum, Mrs. W. E. Crum, Mrs. Beatrice Hughes, Mrs. Faye Hunt, Mrs. Elva Stover.
- CENTER HILL—Mrs. W. T. Lamb, Sr., Mrs. Stillman Smith, Mr. R. G. Outler, Mrs. A. B. Jones, Reba M. Brown, A. A. Kight.
- CITRONELLE—Rev. H. E. Goodman, C. L. Hamilton, Pauline Hamilton, Hazel Cross, Edggr. Hamilton.
- COLEMAN—Mrs. Duvie Remington, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Mae Remington, Mrs. S. M. Gaston, Mrs. James Williams, Mrs. Herman Martin.
- EDEN—Rev. J. Parker McLendon, Mr. J. H. Priest, Mrs. J. H. Priest, Mrs. James P. Claville, Mrs. Virginia Jones, Mrs. Mary J. Jones.
- FLORAL CITY—Rev. James D. Johnston, Mrs. James D. Johnston, Mrs. Fannie Scofield, Mrs. Mae Harrison.
- GULF RIDGE PARK—Rev. Richard Parker, Doris Parker, Evelyn Crosby, Adie Ruth Crosby, Ada Steed, Evelyn Kilgore.
- HEBRON—Mrs. Martha Mily, Mrs. Bertha Rogers, Mrs. H. D. Harpin.
- HERNANDO—
- HOMOSASSA—Mr. R. Goodman, Mrs. Della May Burden, Mr. W. H. Sanders, Mrs. W. H. Sanders.
- INDIAN HILL—Mrs. Lillie Mae Wade, E. W. Gideons, Mrs. Pauline Gideons.
- INVERNESS—Rev. Wayne W. Oeffler, Mrs. Wayne W. Oeffler, Mrs. W. A. Weed, Mrs. Fred C. Payne, Mrs. S. L. Lloyd, Mr. W. B. Davis, Mr. George Scofield, Mr. Richard Kaufman, Mrs. Annie C. Warnock, Mrs. W. B. Davis.
- ISTACHATTA—Mrs. J. C. Graham, Mrs. Carrie M. Baxley, Mrs. D. F. Downs, Mrs. May Smith.
- LECANTO—W. G. Glisson, Mrs. W. G. Glisson, Mrs. Margaret Allen, Mrs. Annie Langley, Mrs. Inez Riggs, Mrs. Ella Barnes.
- LINDEN—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gideons, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Crosby, Mrs. Nancy Dias, Mrs. Lucy Merritt.
- OXFORD—Rev. Perry Edwards, Mrs. Perry Edwards, R. E. Word, Mrs. W. M. O'Dell, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Perry.
- PLEASANT HILL—Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Peterson, Mrs. Mary Seggrest, Mrs. Grace Marsh.
- SUMTERVILLE—Mrs. Herman Sparkes, Mrs. Leslie Upthegrove, Mrs. Mary Tompkins.
- WAHOO—Mrs. Dwight Rushing, Mr. Harvey Lovett, Mrs. Maude Rivenback.
- WEBSTER—Rev. Glenn Stephens, Mrs. Glenn Stephens, Mrs. John Hayes, Mrs. John Sally, Mrs. Ida Parrish, Mr. L. V. Prevatt, Mr. P. A. Tompkins.
- WILDWOOD—Rev. E. S. Anderson, Mrs. E. S. Anderson, Mrs. M. C. Watson, Mrs. A. H. Toole, Mrs. J. E. Jones.

P R O C E E D I N G S
— OF THE —
ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 19 - 20, 1955

1. The One Hundred Ninth Annual Session of the Alachua Baptist Association was called to order by the Moderator, Leon M. Gambrell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Brooksville. The Association sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," led by E. S. Anderson, accompanied by Mrs. E. S. Anderson.

2. S. V. Proctor, Summerfield, read the 46th Psalm, and led in prayer.

3. On Motion of Wayne W. Oeffler, clerk, the Alachua Association was organized with messengers as listed on letters from the churches.

4. On motion of J. Parker McLendon the program was adopted as printed, subject to changes necessary.

5. The Moderator named the following committees: Budget: Wayne W. Oeffler, Chairman, Perry Edwards, Sam Gaston; Christian Education: Roger Weaver, Chairman, Richard Parker, Perry Edwards; Children's Home: Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Chairman, Mrs. F. P. Newell, Mrs. Mae Townsend; Christian Literature: James Johnston, Chairman, L. Glenn Stephens; Nominations: J. Parker McLendon, Chairman, D. D. Townsend, Dwight Rushing; Obituaries: E. S. Anderson, Chairman, Dwight Rushing, Mrs. Fannie Scofield, Mrs. Stillman Smith; Resolutions: Perry Edwards, Chairman, S. M. Gaston, W. C. Townsend.

6. Rev. E. C. Tyner, Pastor First Baptist Church, Dade City, brought the morning Bible Study on "The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit." John 14: 16-23.

7. A warm welcome was extended to the Association by L. Glenn Stephens, Pastor Webster Baptist Church. W. E. Crum responded to his welcome.

8. New Pastors in the Association were presented by the Moderator: D. D. Townsend, Bushnell; S. V. Proctor, Adamsville; H. R. Linhart, Sumterville; James Johnston, Floral City; W. C. Townsend, Linden; Howard Long, Center Hill.

9. The following visitors were recognized: Dr. John Maguire, State Executive Secretary; Rev. T. M. Johns, Superintendent Florida Baptist Children's Home; Rev. Don Miley, Plant City, representing the Florida Baptist Foundation; Rev. E. C. Tyner, Dade City; Rev. Vernon Clyatt, Oklawaha Baptist Church; Rev. Cumbley.

10. James D. Johnston moved that the report on Christian Literature as printed in the Summary of reports (see page 18) be adopted. Dr. John Maguire spoke to the report.

11. E. S. Anderson led the Association in singing "Come Thou Almighty King," accompanied by Mrs. Anderson.

12. W. E. Crum read the Treasurer's report (see page 28). Motion prevailed that report and recommendations as follows be adopted: (1) that all bills be approved by department heads before being paid by the Treasurer, (2) that the year of business for the Association close on September 30.

13. Report of Auditing Committee was given by E. S. Anderson (see page 29). Motion prevailed that report be adopted.

14. On motion by Perry Edwards the report of Budget Committee (see page 29) and recommendations as follows were adopted: (1) that Moderator call a meeting of the Executive Committee and they appoint a Publicity Committee who will represent all units of Association and will publish a monthly NEWSLETTER. (2) that the amount of \$75.00 be paid to the Moderator for his services, and that \$75.00 of the amount in the Budget for the Clerk be paid for his services and \$50.00 for expenses. Amendment to this motion prevailed that Clerk be authorized to draw on miscellaneous fund for Program and minutes.

15. On motion, report on American Bible Society given by Glenn Stephens was adopted.

16. J. Parker McLendon moved that report on Evangelism as printed in Summary of reports (see page 25) be adopted. Brother McLendon spoke to the report.

17. Motion carried, by J. Parker McLendon, that Rev. Clyde Harless be given time for Missions report since program is ahead of schedule.

18. Clyde Harless gave report on Missions. Report was adopted.

19. Motion by B. F. Brooks adopted that Association appoint Pastors of Hernando County as Committee of one to look into feasibility of starting Mission in Masaryktown and report to Association in one year.

20. E. S. Anderson led Association in singing "Glory To His Name," accompanied by Mrs. Anderson.

21. Motion by D. D. Townsend carried that report on Baptist Foundation as found in Summary of reports (see page 18) be adopted.

22. Rev. Don Miley gave an informative address on the Baptist Foundation.

23. Closing prayer and blessing was given by T. M. Johns before adjourning to dinner.

24. THE AFTERNOON SESSION was opened by singing "Holy, Holy, Holy," led by L. Glenn Stephens, accompanied by Mrs. Grace Gideons.

25. D. D. Townsend read the Scripture and led in prayer.

26. E. C. Tyner brought the afternoon Bible Study on "The Holy Spirit's Conviction of Sin."

27. The Moderator appointed the Committee on Time, Place, Preacher: Glenn Stephens, H. R. Linhart, James Johnston.

28. Mrs. Hughes made motion that carried that time allotted in program for Children's Home report be given to speaker, and that report be incorporated in the minutes.

29. The Moderator called for the Training Union report. No report.

30. Motion by George Scofield carried that Brotherhood report be accepted as given in Summary of reports (see page 20). He spoke to the report.

31. Motion by George Scofield that Assembly Grounds report be adopted. The Associational Clerk read a recommendation from the Executive Committee of the Association that the Association rescind the action taken at last meeting, i. e., that the grounds not be sold at this time. D. D. Townsend made a substitute motion that this body accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Carried.

32. Motion by J. Parker McLendon carried that the Moderator and Vice-Moderator of the Alachua Association be nominated from the floor in this annual meeting.

33. Motion by J. P. McLendon that Moderator appoint a committee of three (3) to report back to the next annual meeting of the Association with a stated procedure for the election and duties of all Associational officers, such procedure to become an amendment to the by-laws of the Association. Motion carried.

34. Motion prevailed that Church Music report be adopted. Mrs. Wayne Oeffler sang "Try Jesus, Man of Galilee," accompanied by Mrs. Clyde Harless.

35. Motion by Perry Edwards carried that report on Christian Education be adopted as given in Summary of Reports (see page 23). Dr. Jimmy Parrish, Riverside Baptist Church, Miami, addressed the report. Leon M. Gambrell spoke on Baptist Bible Institute.

36. The afternoon session was closed with prayer by Dr. John Maguire, and the Association adjourned to meet at the Eden Baptist Church for a barbecue supper prepared for the Association by the Brotherhood of the Eden Church.

37. E. S. Anderson, Vice-Moderator, called the TUESDAY EVENING SESSION of the 109th Alachua Association meeting to order. The Association sang "Praise Him, Praise Him," led by W. E. Crum, accompanied by Mrs. E. S. Anderson.

38. Glenn Stephens read Philippians 2: 1-11. Dr. John Maguire led in prayer.

39. The evening Bible Study was given by T. M. Johns, Superintendent of Florida Baptist Children's Home.

40. Welcome address given by J. Parker McLendon, pastor of Eden Church, where in November, 1847, the Alachua Association was organized. Response by Leon M. Gambrell.

41. Motion by Wayne W. Oeffler that report on Missions be adopted as published in Summary of Reports (see pages 17 and 18). Dr. Maguire addressed the Association on "Our Baptist Program of Missions."

42. The Association saw the Mission film "Together We Build," which was followed by singing the hymn "Jesus Saves," led by E. S. Anderson, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson.

43. The Annual Mission Message was brought to the Association by Bro. Perry Edwards, Pastor Oxford Baptist Church, "Moving the Message of the Master to the Multitudes," Isaiah 49: 6.

44. The session was closed by the Wildwood choir singing the music-prayer "Forgive Me," led by E. S. Anderson, accompanied by Mrs. Egan Jones.

45. Leon M. Gambrell called the WEDNESDAY MORNING MEETING of the 109th Annual Session of the Alachua Baptist Association to order. The Association sang "Blessed Assurance," led by Bill Stroup, State Music Secretary, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson.

46. Bro. B. F. Brooks, retired minister, read Ephesians 6: 10-24, and led in prayer.

47. Rev. E. C. Tyner brought the morning Bible Study on "The Regenerating Work of the Holy Spirit." John 3: 1-6.

48. Motion by J. Parker McLendon that Sunday School report be adopted as found in Summary of Reports (see page 20). Motion carried. He then spoke to the report. Leon Gambrell read a letter of congratulations from Stanley Williamson, Sunday School Board, Nashville, to the Association for being one of the 11 Associations in the Convention with a Standard Sunday School.

49. Motion by Mrs. F. P. Newell carried that W. M. U. report found in Summary of Reports be adopted (see page 21). She then spoke to the report.

50. The Association was ahead of schedule and the Moderator called for a report on Music from Bro. Bill Stroup, Secretary of Church Music, Florida Baptist Convention. He concluded his report by singing "He's the Lily of the Valley," accompanied by Mrs. Anderson.

51. The Moderator appointed Perry Edwards as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee to replace A. L. Flury.

52. Motion by L. Glenn Stephens carried that report on Radio and Television be adopted as given in Summary of Reports (see page 19). Brother Stephens then spoke to the report.

53. On the motion by Wayne W. Oeffler the report on Hospitals given in the pamphlet distributed to messengers to the Association was adopted. Mrs. Dot Conerly from the South Florida Hospital in Plant City spoke to the report.

54. With Rev. E. S. Anderson, the Vice-Moderator, presiding, Rev. Gambrell made the motion that the report of the Executive Committee be adopted as given in the Summary of Reports. Motion carried. Rev. Gambrell then spoke to the report. The Association stood in appreciation of the retiring Moderator, Rev. Leon M. Gambrell, and Rev. Clyde Harless led in prayer.

55. The time having come for the election of officers Leon M. Gambrell, the Moderator, declared the floor open for nominations for Moderator and Vice-Moderator. Brother Jernigan of Eden Baptist Church nominated E. S. Anderson for Moderator. L. Glenn Stephens made the motion that the nominations cease and that the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Brother Anderson. Motion carried, and Wayne W. Oeffler, Clerk, cast unanimous ballot for E. S. Anderson to serve as Moderator of the 110th year

Alachua Baptist Association. Rev. Anderson spoke to the Association expressing his appreciation in the honor placed upon him.

56. Richard Parker nominated D. D. Townsend of Bushnell and Brother Jernigan nominated J. Parker McLendon of Eden for Vice-Moderator. J. Parker McLendon was elected as Vice-Moderator.

57. J. Parker McLendon, Chairman of the Nominating Committee read the report of the committee, and made the motion that these be elected. Carried.

Glenn Stephens made a substitute motion that his name be removed from the list as read and that Ralph Outler be elected Associational Sunday School Superintendent. This motion was tabled with the request that the Association approve in advance the election of the Associational Sunday School Superintendent by the Alachua Sunday School Association.

58. Mrs. Murray Grubbs of Brooksville sang "Sunrise," accompanied by Mrs. H. E. Bracy.

59. The Association Worship in Doctrine was given by Richard Parker, who spoke on "Changeless Christ for a Changing World." Parker McLendon led in a prayer of thanksgiving and benediction. The Association adjourned to dinner.

60. THE AFTERNOON SESSION was opened as the Association sang "O Happy Day," led by E. S. Anderson, accompanied by Mrs. James Johnston.

61. L. Glenn Stephens read from Galatians 2 and led in prayer.

62. The Afternoon Bible Study was led by Rev. E. C. Tyner on "Holy Spirit Is Indispensable." Zechariah 4: 6; Acts 1: 8.

63. Motion by H. R. Lenhart carried that report on United Christian Action be adopted as printed in Summary of Reports (see page 22). He spoke to report.

64. The Moderator called for a report from Historian. No report.

65. The Association sang "Amazing Grace," led by E. S. Anderson, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson.

66. Motion by D. D. Townsend carried that report on Relief and Annuity Board be adopted as given in Summary of Reports (see page 24). He spoke to report.

67. "In Memorium" of our beloved dead was led by Dwight Rushing. E. S. Anderson sang "Rock of Ages." Bro. Rushing led in prayer.

68. The Moderator called for the Training Union report. No report. Motion by Wayne Oeffler carried that report be prepared to be published in minutes.

69. Digest of Letters given by Wayne Oeffler. Motion carried that report be accepted as given. (See table in index).

70. The report of the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher given by James Johnston was adopted. Time: Tuesday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 17, 1956. Place: Tuesday - Coleman; Wednesday - Pleasant Hill. Preacher: Doctrinal - Dwight Rushing, alternate - J. H. Palmer; Missionary - D. D. Townsend, alternate - Wayne Oeffler.

71. The report of the Resolutions Committee given by Perry Edwards was adopted. (See page 29).

72. The Clerk asked to be authorized to obtain a tax exemption number for the Association. Motion by E. S. Anderson carried that Clerk be authorized to obtain same.

73. Motion by J. P. McLendon carried that the incoming Moderator and heads of departments serve to draw up a calendar of activities in time to get in printed minutes.

74. Motion by D. D. Townsend carried that Clerk or Moderator be authorized to secure funds from budget to cover expense of mimeographing reports for next year.

75. The Clerk reported 255 registered messengers for the Alachua Associational meeting.

76. The retiring Moderator, Leon M. Gambrell, presented the gavel to the incoming Moderator, E. S. Anderson.

78. Clyde Harless installed the officers for the ensuing year. He read Ephesians 6: 10-24, Hebrews 12: 1-2. The Association stood as he led in prayer of dedication.

79. The Association adjourned with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie."

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

During the thirty years the Cooperative Program has been in operation Southern Baptists have contributed \$266,000,000.00. With the dollars you give through the Cooperative Program you literally "go into all the world." You preach, teach, minister to the sick and needy, train church leaders and missionaries, and give the gospel to all races in our country and around the world.

Statistics reveal that Southern Baptists are growing in their stewardship more rapidly than any other major denomination in America. However at the present time the gifts of Southern Baptists through their churches are less than 3% of their estimated income.

There is increasing gratitude for the scriptural methods, the insignificant cost and the remarkably efficient results of the Cooperative Program. Thirty years experience has proved that the Cooperative Program is by far the best way for Southern Baptists to support all the work in all the world. No other method has produced such results.

STATE MISSIONS

With appropriate celebration and with a history making pageant clearly outlining the First Century growth, the Florida Baptist State Convention last November, closed the Convention's first hundred years and launched a second Century of mission work in this great and challenging state of Florida. The Second Century began with 1,038 cooperating missionary Baptist Churches.

One of the most far-reaching and wise steps ever taken by Florida Baptists was the adoption of the New Work Revolving Fund.

The field of State Missions is not being overlooked at the expense of any other phase of work. Florida has a balanced program of activity. It begins at the home and extends to the ends of the earth. What we need is full cooperation from every member of our churches and from every church in our Convention in a great program of world missions, beginning here in favored Florida. What we are asking is that every church and every individual in every church be given an opportunity to understand our mission program and urged to have a part with us in reaching our own state. The future of Florida is as bright as the promise of God. What we need is more laborers, better cooperation, more faith, and greater vision. Let's move together, for Baptists go forward when they go together.

HOME MISSIONS

A summary of the work done by missionaries of the Home Mission Board during 1954 indicated a total of 1,324 missionaries, 370 of whom were summer student missionaries serving 10 weeks, or 954 regular missionaries. There was a gain of 21 missionaries during the year. Conversions reported by missionaries numbered 35,843 and the number added to churches was 31,527. Missionaries assisted in the constitution of

359 churches and opened 401 new missions.

In 1954 the Board consummated its Five-Year Crusade, reporting for the period 167,247 professions of faith, 1,440 new churches, 2,974 missions and 131,524 additions.

Church building loan funds have been very active in helping churches to build. The Board was authorized to borrow \$3,000,000 to lend to churches.

In preparation for the Southern Baptist Convention sesquicentennial celebration in 1959, the Home Mission Board has inaugurated its Four-Year Conquest for Christ with emphasis in 1955 on evangelism and conservation; in 1956 on church extension and revitalization; in 1957 on reaching the minority groups, language groups, and underprivileged; and in 1958 on rural work, city missions, and missionary education.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

For the first time in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention, the number of missionaries on foreign fields has reached the one-thousand mark. Since January 1, 1954 a net gain of 93 missionaries has been reported. During the seven years of the Advance Program for Foreign Missions a total increase of 377 was reported.

Mr. Bill B. Cody was elected to the staff of the Department of Missionary Personnel as assistant secretary, student representative. He will visit all colleges and other schools throughout the Convention territory to work with young people who feel called to dedicate their lives to foreign missions.

Of the \$10,739,123 contributed through the Cooperative Program last year, \$4,772,123 went to Foreign Missions. In addition Southern Baptists contributed \$1,539,230 in designated gifts and \$3,600,765 through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

In April of last year Dr. Everett Gill, Jr. passed on to his eternal home. Dr. Frank Means of the Department of Education and Promotion was elected to succeed him.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

The Southern Baptist Convention is noted among Protestants for the literature that it produces. We should take greater advantage of this fine material.

The Sunday School Board published and distributed a total of 54,145,087 copies of its various periodicals last year. The Broadman Press produced 3,914,880 books while our foreign mission magazine, The Commission, went to 86,535 subscribers and Home Missions Magazine to 119,790.

Our State paper, The Florida Baptist Witness goes into 40,119 homes. Each home in each Church should have the opportunity to decide whether they desire this wonderful paper.

BAPTIST FOUNDATION

The Florida Baptist Foundation was established in 1947 and is serving the interest of our people in a splendid way in handling the funds entrusted to it for the benefit of our various Institutions. Florida is one of nineteen States in the Southern Baptist Convention having a Foundation. These were created for the purpose of assisting our people in

their long-range stewardship plans and thereby support, strengthen, and undergird every Baptist cause in the Southland and around the world. Upwards of a million dollars have been received during these years the Florida Foundation has been in operation.

It should be said that the Foundation not only assists in Will making but receives bequests of other type for investment in trust. For instance, should a Bible Class or smaller group in any of our Churches want to establish a fund to which they could periodically add other amounts for the assistance of students or missionaries, the Foundation, is prepared to assist in such projects.

THE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION

The Baptist Hour has proved itself over and over again. It stands as a bulwark of evangelical strength in the airways of America when other aims and less worthy programs threaten Christian principles. The Baptist Hour is now broadcast by 380 radio stations all over the nation.

The pilot film for the TV series was released in October of this year. The response was immediate and enthusiastic. However, due to lack of finances this program is slow in its beginning.

The Radio and Television Commission has moved during the year to Fort Worth, Texas, where it can carry on all current phases of the work more effectively.

MUSIC REPORT

When the Music Department of the Sunday School Board was set up in 1945 Florida was one of the first five states to establish a Church Music Department. During the intervening years, Florida has kept pace with the other states of the Convention. This development has been brought about by the promotion of Hymn-Sings in each association, Festivals on association and state levels, Schools of Music in associations and local churches, Leadership Schools, Harmony Bay Youth Music Camp and attendance at the Church Music Conference at Ridgecrest by hundreds from Florida each year. During the past ten years a complete Music Training Course has been set up with appropriate awards for the completion of each book. There were 902 awards received during the first 10 months of the church year. The goals for the church year 1954-55 were 3000 awards, 250 churches reporting and 39 associations reporting. These will also be the 1955-56 goals.

The Church Music Festival program is designed to reach every church whether large or small. Due to increase in the number of participants and the number of churches entering individuals and groups in the festivals, six festivals on the state level are being planned for 1956. The Alachua Association will meet on February 25 at the First Baptist Church of Sanford.

Every church whether large or small may be eligible to enter the State Festival but in order to do so a rating of A or B must be obtained in the Associational Festival. Our Associational Festival will be held January 29th at Brooksville.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Alachua Association of Baptist Sunday Schools met in twelve regular sessions in eleven different churches, and in the Brooksville School Cafeterium for the December Banquet meeting. This was the seventh annual banquet to be held, at which time it was announced that the eighth banquet would be held at the same place on Nov. 28.

The VBS clinic was held in the Brooksville Church which was well attended. So far we have not received a report from all of the churches, but it is hoped that we will have had a Vacation Bible School in each church.

During the year we averaged reaching fifty percent of the churches in each of the monthly meetings. Some of these meetings were attended by 15 or 16 churches, however, we were unable to reach the remaining churches with any degree of regularity.

Group schools were held in October 1954 and the same is now scheduled for this year. We reached every church in the association for training during the year for the first time in history. We have a goal of 1725 awards for this new year. With the Group Schools and the Simultaneous Enlargement Campaign in April we hope to reach this goal. Another first realized this year was the reaching of the goal in becoming a Standard Association. Alachua Association became the eleventh Standard Association in the Southern Baptist Convention for this year.

In closing please accept my sincere thanks for all of the help given during the eight years as your Sunday School Associational Superintendent. It has been a pleasure to serve, praying the Lord's richest blessings upon the work.—W. K. Jenkins.

BROTHERHOOD REPORT

We have 23 Churches in the Association and report that we have 14 Brotherhoods, which leaves nine of our churches without a Brotherhood. From the present figures available to us there are 210 members in the 14 Brotherhoods. During the year we had two Brotherhoods organized: one at Floral City, and the other at Wahoo, whose address is RFD, Bushnell. We have held our regular meetings during the year as follows: First Church, Brooksville, February 14th, 1955. Primary object of this meeting was to sponsor our crusade and we had approximately 100 present. This was a great spiritual meeting and we feel much good resulted therefrom. The next meeting was held with Gulf Ridge Baptist Church at Brooksville on April 24th, 1955, with approximately 30 members present. The third meeting was with Wildwood Baptist Church on July 1st, 1955 with approximately 32 members present. The fourth and last meeting is being held with Eden Baptist Church on October 18th as a part of our Associational Program.

We feel much good has been accomplished notwithstanding the fact that we have not reached our goal. We again urge that each Church organize a Brotherhood, as we consider it one of the best solutions to many of our problems. The primary object and purpose of the Brotherhood is to develop talents of our men and underwrite the entire program of the local church.

The following officers have been nominated by the Brotherhood and recommended to the Association for election: President, Earl F. Clay, First Baptist Church, Inverness; Program Vice-President, Richard Parker, Gulf Ridge Baptist Church, Brooksville; Attendance Vice-President, James C. Weston, Sr., Eden Baptist Church, RFD, Brooksville; Promotion Vice-President, W. A. Buford, Eden Baptist Church, Brooksville; Secretary, V.

F. Holifield, First Baptist Church, Inverness; Chorister, W. E. Crum Bushnell Baptist Church; Pianist, Rev. Glenn L. Stephens, Webster Baptist Church; Advisory Counsel, Rev. E. S. Anderson, Wildwood Baptist Church; J. P. McLendon, Eden Baptist Church, Brooksville; and Richard Parker, Gulf Ridge Baptist Church, Brooksville.

In retiring as your President I want to thank each of the Associational officers as well as the officers of the local Brotherhoods for their co-operation and assistance. To the new officers I extend my co-operation and assistance and trust that they will each be active and continue our goal until a Brotherhood is organized in the remaining nine churches of our Association. May God's richest blessings be bestowed upon you and your days be lengthened and strengthened.—Geo. W. Scofield.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union of Alachua Association, acting on suggestion from the state office, omitted the October quarterly meeting in an effort to have more of the members attend the Institutes held in Ocala and Tampa. Our sixteen societies were well represented at these meetings.

Officers for the year were installed by our Associational Moderator, Dr. Leon M. Gambrell at the executive meeting held in the Brooksville Church.

The Executive Committee met each quarter one week prior to the regular quarterly meetings in the Bushnell Church.

Mrs. J. P. McLendon taught the Foreign Mission book "Pilgrimage to Brazil" in November. The Churches of the Association were well represented in this all day study, in the Wildwood Church.

The January meeting was held in the Gulf Ridge Park Church. Miss Elizabeth Province was our guest speaker.

The April meeting was held in the Coleman Church where an interesting program was presented by Mrs. W. T. Lamb, Sr.

Our Annual Young People's Rally was held in the Bushnell Church. Mrs. Egan Jones, Young People's Leader, was in charge of the program and presented a fine program with the young people of the Association. The climax of the program was the message by Marshal Ku, Chinese student from Baylor University, stressing the need for missionaries in China where he plans to go when he completes his education.

Our societies observed the three seasons of prayer: Foreign Missions in December, Home Missions in March and State Missions in September.

Two new societies have been organized this year, leaving only five of the twenty three churches in our Association without a W. M. U. organization. The final meeting of the year was held in the Eden Church. Rev. McLendon installed the officers for the coming year. The highlight of this meeting was a report by Mrs. J. H. Hughes of her trip to the Baptist World Alliance.

ANNUAL REPORT UNITED CHRISTIAN ACTION, Inc.

Formerly THE UNITED FLORIDA DRY'S, Inc.

WE ARE AT WAR WITH THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC. We as Baptists will not compromise or submit ourselves to an armistice that will degrade and destroy spiritual principalities, dethrone reasoning and lower aims and intentions.

It is certainly a detriment to our youth regardless of what viewpoint you might take concerning it. For instance: IT ALWAYS TAKES—never gives; It always HURTS MAN'S USEFULNESS TO CHRIST; It SEPARATES friends and families AND instigates murders. It makes the beauty of nature become unbearingly ugly.

WHAT IS BEING DONE TO RELIEVE THIS GHASTLY LIFE DEGRADING SITUATION? In 1954 Florida recorded sales in excess of:

- 50 Million Gallons of BEER
- 5 Million Gallons of LEGAL WHISKEY
- 2 Million Gallons of WINE

This is an average of 21 Gallons for every Man, Woman and Child in our State. It is a total of 57 Million gallons at an astonishing sum of \$206 Million Dollars for degrading purposes. The tax derived from this amount is a total of \$29 Million, which will not begin to cover the damage brought about by Liquor Traffic.

Our plan of attack is a three fold program:

- EDUCATION: A plan to teach and show for the danger of intoxication.
- LEGISLATION: Use every means to push enactment of bans on beer advertisements. Help bring about legislation for teaching the danger of alcohol and its results in public schools. Press for definite legislation to declare Beer an intoxicant.
- RECLAMATION: Help those that are in need of assistance to get a new hold on life after falling into intoxicants.

This is the plan which is being used and is showing much progress. In 1955 God's concerned people claim a great victory. Three elections were won by the Dry forces. This can continue to happen to the remainder of the state if we, as God's people, are willing. There are still 15,000 places where intoxicants are sold. Are we going to submit to defeat—or fight on?

The only limit we have in our fight for freedom is that which you impose upon us by not appropriating sufficient funds to carry on a fight to victory. The average gift of Baptist folks the past year was two (2) pennies per Baptist. Will you answer the call for help as we plead with everyone to save our Youth?

THE CHRIST LIFE WAY IS THE ONLY WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EDUCATION IS POWER—power to do evil—power to do good—power that is selfish, cruel, greedy, materialistic, power that is unselfish, beneficent, humanitarian—power to dominate, exploit and enslave, power to break the chains of bondage, of ignorance, of vice, of thought-control. The character of education determines the nature of the power it produces. That is why Christian Education is so important. It is education infused with and motivated by Christian aims and ideals. It seeks to develop vital Christian character and to promote and maintain a dynamic and efficient Christian order in the world. The contribution that Christian Education has made in the past and is making today to the welfare of America and its hope for the future is immeasurable.

Belief in the essential importance of Christian Education in the world is a growing conviction among Southern Baptists. Proof of this is to be seen in the fact that they have greatly increased their support of their seminaries and other educational institutions in this country and on mission fields. What they are doing now compares favorably with what other denominations are doing in their support of Christian Education.

Great strides in advancing the cause of Christian Education are being made in some of our southern states. In North Carolina, Wake Forest College is getting ready to move to a beautiful new campus of splendidly new buildings at Winston-Salem. In South Carolina, Furman University has been provided with a similar situation. In Alabama Howard College is also moving to a new campus provided by the Baptists of the State. Advances, not as striking perhaps, are being made in other states in the South.

Florida Baptists, in recent years, have greatly increased their support of Christian Education, but they still lag far behind all other southern states in this respect. There is critical need at Stetson University for new buildings—a new fireproof library building, a new Fine Arts building, a new science building, a new auditorium and Chapel, new classrooms and new equipment. There are other vital needs, which must be met if the University is to maintain its high standing among educational institutions. Denominational colleges and universities must meet required educational standards if they expect to survive. Failure in this matter is a way of committing institutional suicide with all denominational loss involved. Considering the vital importance of Christian Education in the kind of world in which we live and the needs of our Baptist Colleges, and Stetson University, the future depends to a large extent on what the churches do now for these institutions.

BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE of Graceville and Lakeland, Florida opened the 1955 session with indications of its best year. Plans have been made to continue the Lakeland division just as originally announced. The 1955 enrollment was up. Extensions are operating in Miami and Live Oak. Other extensions will be started.

Property at Graceville consists of 160 acre campus, 11 buildings, two endowment building projects—namely, Hatchery and a Poultry Research project. Total Baptist Bible Institute assets now exceed \$200,000. Sincere appreciation is expressed to those churches that make possible this vital ministry by supporting the Institute through designated gifts. Baptist Bible Institute is dedicated to preparing young men for the ministry who cannot attend college or seminary.

Immediate building needs of Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, include an office wing on the administration building to accommodate a growing faculty, an adequate library, and a women's dormitory. Forty mission Sunday schools and churches have been established in the

past two years. Sixty-three students were registered from Florida during the year, forty-two of whom were graduates of Stetson University. Four new faculty members were added to the staff during the year.

Expansion is the order of the day at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, as evidenced by an enlarged faculty and student body, a \$5,000,000 building program, and renewed emphasis on an endowment program. Eight new faculty members were added to the staff during the year. Acute needs of Southwestern are additions to the faculty, teaching facilities, a student union building, erection of a nursery, and a small clinic for first aid. Mission volunteers numbered 402 this year.

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, in New Orleans, Louisiana, seems to be under unusual favor of God and men. The second session on the new seventy-five acre campus has been completed. The training of ordained or licensed ministers is the chief task of the Seminary. The School of Religious Education entered a new building in 1955, and is now ready for the finest training possibilities.

There are a total of twelve graduates under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board and sixteen by the Home Mission Board from Golden Gate Seminary in Berkeley, California. Under the Practical Activities program, six missions were started, 17 new churches were organized, and 378 rescue mission and street services were held. Construction of buildings on the new campus site will begin in 1957. The Seminary now has seventeen faculty members.

Wake Forest College has set June 1956 for its removal date. Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina will then have all the campus facilities and will begin immediately to renovate and remodel. By September 1956, it is hoped that all qualified students who apply will be accepted. The needs are for student aid and books for the library. Twenty students from Florida were enrolled for the year. The Cooperative Program is the Seminary's strength and hope.

RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

The Relief and Annuity Board sustained two great losses in the year 1954. Orville Groner, Treasurer for over 30 years, and Dr. Walter R. Alexander, Executive Secretary, both died. Even with this great loss it was a year of great change also in expansion in all departments of our work. New men elected were: Dr. R. S. Jones, Associate Secretary, to Supervisor of Investments; Mr. Owen Henley, Assistant to Dr. Jones; Mr. Fred W. Noe, Treasurer.

The Ministers Retirement Plan was closed to new members and Ministers Security Plan inaugurated in all states except N. C. as of July 1. The new Southern Baptist Protection Plan was inaugurated in all states except N. C., and the Baptist Board's Security Plan was prompted.

The Relief Department did not receive enough to meet its expenditures. If this continues the Board is going to be forced to curtail relief payments in the states where relief offerings are not sufficient to care for the needs.

Probably the best news to the younger ministers is the operation of the Southern Baptist Protection Plan. The benefits are similar to, and the payments are the same as the Ministers Security Plan. However, there is no ceiling on the annuity the pastor may earn, or on the annuity his widow may draw, whether he dies before or after retirement. His annuity is based on 1 1/2% credit for each year of participation, the widow's a percentage of this. The plan also has a lump sum death benefit.

The member may pay on a reduced salary basis should unforeseen difficulties arise. This means that he may pay dues on a much smaller salary than he actually receives.

We have a great Convention of Churches, 29,000 in all with 26,000 active pastors. Though the Relief and Annuity Board may seem to many a wealthy agency, when we think of it in relation to the size of our Convention, persons involved, money invested, and the annuity funds of other denominations, we realize that the opportunities to grow are so vast that we are only in the beginnings.

The goal of the Board is to enlist new members and enroll all Southern Baptist Churches, to keep its present membership active, to enlist understanding among our seminary students, and lead all concerned to realize the importance of the denominational retirement program.

Our goal should be to enlist every church and pastor in some one of the denominational plans so they can benefit in the days when the pastors can no longer serve the churches profitably.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

In the Alachua Baptist Association, our records indicate the following facts:

- 23 churches with a total membership of 4,248.
- 22 churches with a total of 37 revivals.
- 22 churches with a total of 229 baptisms.
- 1 church with no baptisms.
- 22 churches with 501 total additions for the year.

In March we cooperated with the entire Southern Baptist Convention in conducting the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade. The following is a report of that crusade in our Association:

- 17 churches participated (6 churches with one week, 11 churches with two week's meetings)
- 10 churches reported 105 baptisms
- 8 churches reported 49 additions by letter
- 3 churches reported 7 additions by statement
- 13 churches reported 285 rededications
- 13 churches reported a total of 446 decisions during the crusade.

The executive committee voted to promote a simultaneous crusade for our Association next March 18 - April 1. It is our hope that every church in the Association will cooperate in this effort.

It is the conviction of your chairman of evangelism that within our churches we must recapture the meaning of New Testament Evangelism with its imperative to go. To that end I wish to make the following suggestions:

1. That our pulpits be characterized by warm-hearted messages to tell people of the power of God to save.
2. That we conduct in our churches a planned program by which we can conserve the results of our soul winning efforts, i. e., that we make an earnest effort to train and enlist the new Christians in the total program of the church.
3. That we recognize the value of our laymen as soul-winners and therefore conscientiously seek to enlist and train the men of churches to win souls for Christ.
4. That we recognize the magnitude of our non-resident church membership problem and strive to claim the lives of these people for the service of God through our churches.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. PARKER McLENDON,
Chairman of Evangelism.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

To the Executive Committee
Alachua Baptist Association

The Missions Committee has been working to reach the directive of the Association as contained in the report of the missions committee to the Association (page 15, 1954 minutes) that we work toward hiring of an associational missionary on October 1, 1955. Your committee met in Webster, Florida, on May 10, 1955, at which time the chairman was instructed to send to all pastors of the Association a letter requesting an estimate as to how much each church would be able to give toward the expenses of this increased budget. These letters were mailed to each of the pastors on May 27, 1955. At the present time, a response has come from 7 churches. The combined estimate of the 7 churches would be approximately \$590.00 toward a necessary budget of \$2500 to \$3000.

On the basis of this enquiry, it is the unanimous opinion of your missions committee that it would be unwise to attempt to secure an associational missionary at this time. We therefore recommend that the Executive Committee free the Missions Committee from the directive to secure a missionary to assume his duties as of October 1, 1955.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERRY B. EDWARDS
L. GLENN STEPHENS
J. PARKER McLENDON, Chairman
Missions Committee

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION HOSPITALS**Baptist Memorial Hospital - Jacksonville**

The new Baptist Hospital in Jacksonville opened September 13 to receive patients. This Hospital is operated by the Hospital Board of the Southern Baptist Convention with Dr. Frank Tripp as Executive Secretary.

This new hospital when completed will be a modern 310 bed general hospital completely air-conditioned, with individual controls in each patient's room. Among the most modern features are that oxygen is piped to each room, as well as inter-communication systems installed between the patient and nurses' stations. Ten operating rooms and two cystoscopic rooms are provided which will help to bring relief to the Jacksonville hospitals' crisis. The estimated value of the Hospital is reported at \$4,250,000.

Southern Baptist Hospital - New Orleans

During the year 1954, a total of 37,585 people were admitted for all types of care. Of these 23,960 were bed patients, 13,625 were out patients, and 3,987 were newborn infants. The hospital employs 889 people to care for these patients, and Student Nurses are not included in this total.

The hospital rendered \$106,957.35 in free service to the deserving poor. Large sums of money have been spent on modernizing the original buildings of the hospital. \$120,000 was received from the Cooperative Program for Capital Improvements and \$40,113.30 was received from cooperative funds and applied on free service rendered to the poor.

The Hospital's School of Nursing had a total of 188 students in 1954. They have a full-time director of Student Activities who works closely with an excellent faculty to assure a well-rounded program of educational and recreational opportunities.

FLORIDA BAPTIST REGIONAL HOSPITALS

The Florida Baptist Regional Hospitals are nonprofit Baptist Corporations. The Corporation Charters provide the Hospital Corporation shall be a benevolent and charitable association, and that each member of the Corporation shall be a member of a Missionary Baptist Church, in Florida affiliated with the Florida Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. They are owned and operated by these local Baptist organizations as provided in the Hospital Policy passed by the State Mission Board on June 7, 1946. As instructed by the State Convention and recorded on page 36 of the 1946 annual. The Officers and Board members serve without compensation. They serve as a faithful steward of God in Healing Ministry.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Your missions committee has worked through the year under the direction of the executive committee in an effort to bring about the will of the Association concerning our associational missions program. We were under instructions from the Association of last year to work toward the securing of an associational missionary for our Association who would assume his duties October 1, 1955. Realizing this plan would necessitate a substantial increase in our associational budget, we made enquiry of the churches to find if we would be able to undertake the increased financial responsibility. The response indicated that the churches were not able or not willing to assume the added responsibility. We reported our findings to the executive committee, and the committee then voted to free the missions committee from the directive.

We regret to report, therefore, that we have not been able to carry out the instructions of the Association of last year. However, we have enjoyed a year of good relations with our regional missions superintendent, Rev. H. Clyde Harless, who has worked under the direction of the Cooperative Missions Department of the state convention in the Marion, Alachua, and Pasco Associations. We include a report of his activities for the year. He has been on the job for eleven months (November 1, 1954 through September 30, 1955):

334 days spent in the field; 19,727 miles traveled; 122 visits made to churches; 18 visits made to missions; 210 conferences with pastors; 16 associational meetings attended; 4 state meetings attended; 2 regional conferences attended; 1 south-wide conference attended; 21 committee meetings attended; 60 prayer services attended; 17 training classes taught; 6 revivals conducted; 16,000 tracts distributed; 146 sermons preached; 12 addresses delivered; 1 group training school taught; 22 additions by baptism; 27 additions by letter.

We commend Brother Harless to the churches as a servant of our Lord who can be of great assistance in the work of the church.

We look forward with faith and hope that the coming year will record a much greater effort on our part toward the work of missions in our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. PARKER McLENDON, Chairman

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

October 20, 1954 to October 18, 1955

W. E. Crum, Treasurer

CURRENT FUND:

Balance in Florida Bank at Bushnell, October 20, 1954 - - \$615.31

RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES:

Brooksville - - - -	\$120.00
Bushnell - - - -	90.00
Coleman - - - -	10.00
Eden - - - -	104.00
Floral City - - - -	24.00
Gulf Ridge Park - - - -	15.00
Inverness - - - -	60.00
Istachatta - - - -	10.00
Oxford - - - -	50.00
Sumterville - - - -	20.00
Webster - - - -	60.00
Wildwood - - - -	180.00
W. E. Crum - - - -	15.00
West Side Leadership School - - - -	29.50
Total Receipts - - - -	<u>\$787.50</u>

Total Current Funds - - - - - \$1402.81

EXPENDITURES

Sunday School - - - -	\$174.72
Training Union - - - -	121.80
W. M. U. - - - -	75.00
Brotherhood - - - -	9.31
Minutes and Programs - - - -	272.79
Moderator - - - -	39.55
Clerk - - - -	75.00
Music Dept. - - - -	25.22
Evangelistic Crusade - - - -	20.95
Miscellaneous - - - -	46.44
Total Expenditures - - - -	<u>\$919.88</u>

Balance on Hand - - - - - \$482.93

Total Reserve Fund, October 20, 1954 - - - - - 2319.67

Interest to June 30, 1955 - - - - - 88.05

Balance Reserve Fund - - - - - \$2407.72

Grand Total All Funds - - - - - \$2890.65

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the auditing committee, were appointed by the associational moderator to examine the treasurer's books. We therefore report that we find the books of the Alachua Baptist Association to be correct and in good order as of October 20, 1954.

E. S. ANDERSON
PERRY EDWARDS
SAM GASTON

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

Moderator - - - -	\$ 75.00		
Clerk - - - -	125.00	District Missionary - - - -	75.00
Sunday School - - - -	150.00	Evangelistic Crusade - - - -	100.00
Training Union - - - -	150.00	Clerk and Moderators Conference - - - -	50.00
W. M. U. - - - -	75.00	Miscellaneous - - - -	100.00
Brotherhood - - - -	50.00		
Music Department - - - -	50.00		
Minutes and Programs - - - -	300.00	Total - - - -	<u>\$1300.00</u>

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. We recommend that the Moderator call a meeting of the Executive Committee and they appoint a Publicity Committee who will represent all units of the Association and they will publish a monthly newsletter.
2. We recommend that the amount of \$75.00 be paid the Moderator for his services, and that \$75.00 of the amount in the Budget for the Clerk be paid for his services, and that the remaining \$50.00 be used for his expenses.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. That we commend the fine work of our Associational leadership in the past year, and that we covet to pray for those we have elected to serve us this year.
2. That we continue the emphasis on Daily Bible Reading and Prayer in the lives of the members of our Association. That we be submissive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the work of our Churches.
3. That we express appreciation to those who planned the program, and in particular to the foresight in having a time of Bible Study. Be it further resolved that we continue this practice in future meetings.
4. That we send a letter of appreciation to the host Churches, namely, Webster, Eden and Gulf Ridge Park.
5. That we in some tangible way express to Brother E. C. Tyner our deepest appreciation for his series of studies on the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit.
6. That we express our appreciation to our State leadership for the wonderful work they have done for our Churches and Programs.
7. That the evening session of our Annual Meeting be dedicated to the emphasizing of Missions.

Associational Calendar of Activities

1955-1956

- October 16 - Associational Sunday School Meeting - Pleasant Hill
 18 - Associational Annual Meeting - Webster
 18 - Associational Annual Meeting - Eden
 19 - Associational Annual Meeting - Gulf Ridge Park
- November 20 - Associational Sunday School Meeting - Hernando
 28 - W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
- December 5 - Training Union M Night - Brooksville
 12 - Associational Executive Committee - 7:30 P. M. - Floral City
 28 - W. M. U. Executive Committee Meeting - Bushnell
- January 5 - Associational Brotherhood Meeting - Floral City
 13 - T. U. Quarterly Executive - Indian Hill
 2-6 - January Bible Study Week - Book Teachings of Jesus
 6 - Associational W. M. U. Quarterly Meeting - Gulf Ridge Park.
 Miss Josephine Jones, Speaker
 7-20 - Convention Wide Sunday School Clinic - Birmingham.
 Alabama
 15 - Associational Sunday School Meeting - Hebron
- February 6-8 - State Wide Sunday School Convention - Pompano Beach
 17 - T. U. Quarterly Officers - Hebron
 19 - Associational Sunday School Meeting - Sumterville
 27 - Associational Executive Committee Meeting - Floral City -
 7:30 P. M.
- March 5-9 - Home Mission Week of Prayer
 16 - Quarterly Mass Meeting - Gulf Ridge Park
 18 - Associational Sunday School Meeting - Eden
 28 - Vacation Bible School Clinic
 28 - W. M. U. Executive Committee Meeting - Bushnell
- April 4 - Associational W. M. U. Quarterly Meeting - Wildwood
 5 - Associational Brotherhood Meeting
 13 - T. U. Quarterly Executive - Istachatta
 15 - Associational Sunday School Meeting - Wahoo
 24-25 - State W. M. U. Annual Meeting - Lakeland

- May 7-13 - Christian Home Week
 18 - T. U. Quarterly Officers and Council - Pleasant Hill
 20 - Associational Sunday School Meeting - Center Hill
- June 4 - Associational Executive Committee - Floral City - 8:00 P. M.
 7-14 - DeLand Assembly
 15 - Quarterly Mass Meeting - Brooksville
 17 - Associational Sunday School - Lecanto
 21-27 - First Sunday School Week - Ridgecrest
 26 - Florida Baptist Assembly - Fort Pierce
 26 - Second Sunday School Week - Ridgecrest
- July 5 - Brotherhood Associational Meeting
 3 - W. M. U. Executive Committee Meeting - Bushnell
 5-11 - Third Sunday School Week - Ridgecrest
 13 - T. U. Quarterly Executive - Indian Hill
 15 - Associational Sunday School Meeting - Gulf Ridge Park
 10 - Young People Rally - W. M. U. Quarterly Meeting - Center Hill
 16-24 - Florida Baptist Assembly - Panama City
 25 - Harmony Bay Music Assembly - Panama City
- August 17 - T. U. Quarterly Officers and Council - Wahoo
 19 - Sunday School Meeting - Homosassa
- September 2-8 - Intermediate Emphasis Week
 11-12 - State Missions Week of Prayer
 14 - Quarterly Mass Meeting - Hernando
 16 - Associational Sunday School Meeting - Bushnell
 17-23 - Preparation Week for Promotion
 24 - Associational Executive Committee Meeting - Floral City -
 8:00 P. M.
 26 - W. M. U. Executive Committee Meeting - Brooksville

In Memoriam

BROOKSVILLE—Mrs. F. B. Coogler, Mrs. D. H. Hardy, Mrs. M. E. Kimbrough, Mrs. Fanny Black, Mr. Pedro Gonzalez, Jr.

BUSHNELL—Mrs. Emma Brogli, Mr. Henry Thomas

CENTER HILL—Mr. D. M. Edwards (Deacon)

COLEMAN—Mrs. Celeia Key Johnson

EDEN—Mr. George Younge

FLORAL CITY—Mr. L. R. Gage (Deacon), Miss Virginia M. Kabrich

HEBRON—Mrs. Alice Tillman

HERNANDO—Mr. R. S. Jeffords

HOMOSASSA—Mr. E. W. Harris, Mr. John W. O'Berry, Mrs. Bertie May O'Berry

INDIAN HILL—Rev. Lewis B. Merritt (Pastor)

INVERNESS—Mr. Carl Bellamy, Mr. Ira Overstreet, Mr. Fred Yoder

ISTACHATTA—Mr. Lino Garriz

LECANTO—Mr. W. T. Langley

OXFORD—Mrs. Susie Haygood, Mrs. Annie Farmer, Mr. Eugene Thomas, Master Larry York

WAHOO—Mr. Vernon Howell, Mrs. Martha Jane Lance

WEBSTER—Mrs. Arthur Capanes, Mrs. J. S. Kellam, Mrs. Sally Spear

WILDWOOD—Mrs. Ray Beaumont, Mrs. B. H. Beville, Mr. D. C. Carpenter, Mr. C. C. Clayton, Mr. J. T. Hardee, Mr. Earl Neuner

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Loc.	Org.	Mt.	Pastors and Addresses	Gains		Loss		Total		Special Information					
					Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Grand Total Present Members	Total Non-resident Members	Total Resident Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Jews Baptized	Number Tithers	Every Member Canvass	State Paper in Budget	No. Missions Supported by Church
Adamsville	R	1946	4	S. V. Proctor, Summerfield	3	5	2	1	58	1	1	No	No	No	No	1,040
Brooksville	T	1852	4	Leon M. Gambrell, P. O. Box 585, Brooksville, Fla.	12	35	4	1	212	687	2	No	No	No	3,800	
Bushnell	T	1887	4	D. D. Townsend, Bushnell	8	10	13	166	118	284	2	No	No	No	3,640	
Center Hill	T	1856	4	Howard Long, Center Hill	3	0	1	96	43	141	1	No	No	No	2,400	
Citronelle	R	1932	4	H. E. Goodman, Homosassa Springs, Fla.	9	6	12	15	33	50	1	No	No	No	2,600	
Coleman	T	1908	4	S. M. Gaston, Coleman, Fla.	2	8	3	107	73	180	1	No	No	No	2,600	
Eden	R	1845	4	I. Parker McLendon, Rt. 2, Brooksville, Fla.	23	17	25	196	70	266	2	No	No	No	2,912	
Floral City	R	1888	4	James D. Johnston, Floral City	1	8	9	73	31	104	1	No	No	No	2,340	
Gulf Ridge Park	R	1950	4	Richard L. Parker, Route 4, Brooksville, Fla.	15	32	5	150	31	171	3	No	No	No	2,855	
Hebron	R	1895	4	No Pastor	19	3	6	83	34	117	1	No	No	No	1,560	
Hernando	R	1954	4	No Pastor	6	11	6	31	11	42	1	No	No	No	1,300	
Homosassa	V	1946	4	W. S. Wadl, Bushnell	3	13	10	59	15	75	1	No	No	No	611	
Indian Hill	R	1892	4	Wayne W. Oeffler, P. O. Box 205, Inverness, Fla.	44	59	62	267	44	361	1	No	No	No	3,600	
Inverness	T	1907	4	Gene Alderman, Istachatta	8	0	4	29	3	61	1	No	No	No	765	
Istachatta	V	1945	4	Gene Alderman, Istachatta	0	0	3	33	28	61	3	No	No	No	1,560	
Lecanto	R	1893	4	A. L. Flury, Inverness, Fla.	6	2	0	102	20	122	1	No	No	No	1,758	
Lundon	R	1894	4	W. C. Townsend, Webster	6	2	13	186	72	258	2	No	No	No	2,600	
Oxford	T	1889	4	Perry Edwards, Oxford, Fla.	2	5	9	70	15	85	7	No	No	No	995	
Pleasant Hill	R	1873	4	L. H. Palmer, Arpska	4	5	9	70	15	85	2	No	No	No	1,560	
Sumterville	V	1946	4	H. R. Lenhart, Sumterville	10	11	4	61	6	67	1	No	No	No	1,560	
Wahoo	R	1905	4	Dwight Rushing, Floral City, Fla.	2	0	7	76	59	135	1	No	No	No	1,174	
Webster	T	1892	4	L. Glenn Stephens, Webster, Fla.	12	13	11	174	56	230	3	No	No	No	2,600	
Wildwood	C	1897	4	E. S. Anderson, Wildwood, Fla.	34	44	65	472	166	638	3	No	No	No	4,500	
TOTALS					229	272	324	2982	1270	4252	0	37	654	0	47,170	

ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
STATE OF FLORIDA

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1955

Clerk REV. WAYNE W. OEFFLER, P. O. Box 203, Inverness, Florida
Moderator REV. LEON M. GAMBRELL, Brooksville, Florida

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

**ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
STATE OF FLORIDA
YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1955**
Assoc. Superintendent: W. K. JENKINS, Inverness, Florida

CHURCHES	Sunday School Enrollment													Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departs.	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Average Attendance V.B.S.	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools
	28	30	32	7	10	9	14	19	23	113	47	4	59																
Adamsville	H. N. Mizell, Coleman, Florida	28	30	32	7	10	9	14	19	23	113	47	4	59	37	74	43	No	2										
Brooksville	Ira E. Clark, 437 Lemon St., Brooksville		4	9	16	28	20	11	43		4	135	95	89	75	Yes	5												
Bushnell	Curtis Beville, Bushnell																	Yes	2										
Center Hill	Ralph Outler, Center Hill	10	6	13	11	8	12	36		9	105	57					Yes	1											
Citronelle	Charles L. Hamilton, Rt. 2, Crystal River	11	4	5	8	8	34			3	70	35					No	2											
Coleman	Frank Wade, Coleman																Yes	2											
Eden	W. A. Holloway, Rt. 2, Brooksville	8	30	18	23	25	22	24	73	21	6	248	92	96	82	Yes	5												
Floral City	T. W. Harrison, Jr., Floral City, Fla.	12	7	7	11	13	19	3	39	9	2	122	75	65	59	Yes	5												
Gulf Ridge Park	Ray Jennings, Rt. 2, Brooksville	30	12	16	22	30	20	19	41	5	5	220	100	98	68	Yes	1												
Hebron	Harry Brittle, Rt. 2, Brooksville			13	18	13	12	4	24	10		94	10			No	1												
Hernando	George C. May, Box 151, Hernando			8	13	6	3	7	16		3	36	28	13	11	No	1												
Homosassa	Wallace Goodman, Box 994, Crystal River										5	53	36			Yes	2												
Indian Hill	Lee Wade, Bushnell			3	2	3	7	10	17		3	45	27	57	41	Yes	3												
Inverness	Earl F. Clay, Inverness	7	26	11	26	35	31	8	105	29	4	282	140	127	85	Yes	5												
Isachatta	Mrs. Carrie Bakley, Box 52, Isachatta		1	3	3	6	2					29	17			Yes	1												
Lecanto	Raymon Riggs, Lecanto	4	8	6	4	9	13	6	16	13	2	64	40	63	45	Yes	1												
Linden	F. W. Akins, Center Hill			18	15	13	12	17	25	2	98	49		186	95	69	51	Yes	2										
Oxford	Earl Wood, Oxford, Fla.	1	16	12	27	20	15	8	76	9	3	58	44	28	25	Yes	1												
Pleasant Hill	Hugh Peterson, Rt. 1, Bushnell			5	9	8																							
Sumterville	Rev. L. I. Norman, Sumterville	4	14	8	6	10	6	10	12		4	48	36	87	74	No	2												
Wahoo	Clifford Hayes, Box 511, Bushnell, Fla.	19	19	10	29	42	20	11	48	28	4	254	104	93	68	No	2												
Webster	Marvin Fussell, Webster, Fla.	24	42	66	57	93	85	24	167	19	6	583	288	178	160	Yes	7												
Wildwood	R. E. Sckinger, Wildwood, Fla.																												
TOTALS		143	230	270	398	479	403	244	995	204	88	3467	1751	1222	950		44												

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

**ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
STATE OF FLORIDA
YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1955**
Assoc. Director: MR. PITTMAN JERNIGAN, Rt. 2, Brooksville

CHURCHES	Training Union Enrollment													Average Attendance	
	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled						
Adamsville	No Training Union														46
Brooksville	Mrs. F. P. Newell, Rt. 1, Brooksville		4	11	15	35	36	9	14	20		3	92		50
Bushnell	Mrs. Elva Sawyer, Bushnell														67
Center Hill	No Training Union														
Citronelle	J. A. Stafford, Coleman														
Coleman	No Training Union														
Eden	C. E. Cagation, Rt. 2, Brooksville	8	7	10	22	17	13	36				4	117	60	
Floral City	Wilbur H. Lanley, Floral City	5	8	5	14	14	20	7	56	22		2	56	22	
Gulf Ridge Park	Jam. s. H. Martin, Rt. 2, Brooksville, Fla.	5	5	12	18	14	15	18	4	91	52		91	52	
Hebron	Albert Troncell, Rt. 2, Brooksville		11	8	9	5	3	9	8	10	54		54		
Hernando	Mrs. Viola Hensley, Hernando				6	7	20	3	9	25		2	25		
Homosassa	Eric s. X. Bibson, Box 145, Homosassa Springs				10	6	6	38	20	20		3	36	25	
Indian Hill	Harold Broadrick, Bushnell		3	8	18	33	7	41	13	3	119	69	3	119	69
Inverness	J. Fred Hair, Inverness														
Isachatta	Mrs. J. C. Graham, Isachatta				2	6	3	5	4	20	16		20	16	
Lecanto	Mrs. William L. Aiken, Lecanto					8	8	11	15	3	21		21	10	
Linden	Cyril E. Parrish, Webster				6	4	4	13	18	3	47		47	35	
Oxford	M. A. Dugger, Oxford, Fla.				9	5	20	3	52	35			52	35	
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Royce Knight, Bushnell				6	7	10	12	5	40	30		40	30	
Sumterville	Mrs. Nina Proctor, Sumterville				9	4	4	6	11	3	24		24	16	
Wahoo	Clyde Lovett, Bushnell		9	4	5	7	7	6	13	6	57		57	40	
Webster	Preston D. Vall, Webster		5	6	7	15	16	16	23	4	76		76	50	
Wildwood	W. A. Dancl, Wildwood		14	15	66	58	13	48	4	218	100		218	100	
TOTALS		53	72	101	268	242	128	334	68	1263	698		1263	698	

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
STATE OF FLORIDA
YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1955
Assoc. President: MRS. F. P. Newell, Brooksville

CHURCHES	Presidents of W. M. S. and Addresses	Total Tithers All Organizations	Total Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	W. M. S. Enrolled	Total Units	Sunbeam Units	G. A. Units	Y. W. A. Units	W. M. S. Units
Adamsville	No W. M. U.											
Brooksville	Mrs. W. B. Austin, Rt. 2, Brooksville, Fla.	1	1	1	55	7	17	3	1	1	1	1
Bushnell	Mrs. Faye Hunt, Bushnell	1	1	1	20	15	15	3	1	1	1	1
Center Hill	Mrs. W. T. Lamb, Sr., Center Hill	1	1	1	14	10	14	3	1	1	1	1
Citronelle	Mrs. W. M. U.	1	1	1	22	11	15	4	1	1	1	1
Coleman	Mrs. Janice Williams, Coleman	1	1	1	27	13	7	2	1	1	1	1
Eden	Mrs. Mary Holloway, Rt. 2, Brooksville	1	2	1	23	7	26	1	1	1	1	1
Floral City	Mrs. J. W. Harrison, Jr., Floral City	1	1	1	14	9	20	1	1	1	1	1
Gulf Ridge Park	Mrs. Evelyn Kliger, Rt. 2, Brooksville	1	1	1	14	9	9	4	1	1	1	1
Hebron	No W. M. U.											
Hernando	No W. M. U.											
Homosassa	No W. M. U.											
Indian Hill	Mrs. Clara Hayes, Bushnell	1	1	1	83	14	14	1	1	1	1	1
Inverness	Mrs. S. L. Lloyd, Inverness	5	1	1	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1
Istachatta	Mrs. J. C. Graham, Istachatta, Fla.	1	1	1	14	14	14	1	1	1	1	1
Lecanto	Mrs. Ella M. Barnes, Lecanto	1	1	1	21	9	21	1	1	1	1	1
Lindon	Mrs. F. W. Akins, Sr., Webster	2	1	1	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	1
Oxford	Mrs. Lula Snowden, Oxford	2	1	1	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	1
Pleasant Hill												
Sumterville	Mrs. Bernice Lehart, Sumterville	1	1	1	8	8	8	1	1	1	1	1
Waboo	Mrs. David Bushing, Floral City	1	1	1	11	4	12	1	1	1	1	1
Webster	Mrs. John F. Hayes, Webster	1	1	1	24	12	36	1	1	1	1	1
Wildwood	Mrs. M. C. Watson, Wildwood	1	1	2	89	30	128	1	1	1	1	1
TOTALS		28	12	11	53	447	18	113	191	705	284	

TABLE E—BROTHERHOOD WORK - BUILDING - GOALS - ETC.

ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
STATE OF FLORIDA
YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1955
Associational Brotherhood Pres. George W. Scotfield
Inverness, Florida

CHURCHES	Presidents and Addresses	Brotherhood	Goals	Building	Church Music	Visual
Adamsville	No Brotherhood					
Brooksville	No Brotherhood					
Bushnell	W. E. Crumm, Bushnell	17	12	10,000	No	No
Center Hill	No Brotherhood					
Citronelle	Edward Thibodeaux, Coleman	12	52	6,875	No	No
Coleman	Edward Thibodeaux, Coleman	8	12	3,000	No	No
Eden	Frank Fish, Rt. 2, Brooksville	24	22	15,000	No	No
Floral City	J. E. Beverly, Floral City	10	12	18,850	No	No
Gulf Ridge Park	Ivey Crosby, Rt. 3, Brooksville	10	24	3,000	No	No
Hebron	No Brotherhood					
Hernando	No Brotherhood					
Homosassa	No Brotherhood					
Indian Hill	No Brotherhood					
Inverness	V. F. Hollifield, Inverness, Fla.	25	12	7,000	No	No
Istachatta	No Brotherhood					
Lecanto	A. L. Flury, Inverness	10	24	2,500	No	No
Lindon	Mr. Blitch, Oxford	20	26	6,000	No	No
Oxford	No Brotherhood					
Pleasant Hill	No Brotherhood					
Sumterville	No Brotherhood					
Waboo	Harvey Bushnell	15	2	3,500	No	No
Webster	L. V. Provatt, Bushnell	12	20	7,500	No	No
Wildwood	Walter D. Pharris, Wildwood	17	52	14,365	No	No
TOTALS		170	258	82,240	27	362

TABLE F AND G—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
STATE OF FLORIDA
YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1955
Assoc. Treas.: W. E. CRUM, Bushnell, Florida

CHURCHES	Treasurers and Addresses	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
Adamsville	C. D. Cole, Wildwood, Fla.	1,816	2,390	74	2,239	52	149	30		119	663	1,115	1,778
Brooksville	Murray Miller, 39 Oak St., Brooksville, Fla.	30,515	2,390	1,534	17,220	1,269	120	970		1,411	24,914	4,800	29,714
Bushnell	W. E. Crum, Bushnell, Fla.	9,660	400	79	4,243	673	246	252		414	6,308	3,095	9,403
Center Hill	Mrs. A. B. Jones, Center Hill	3,345		114	206	193		78		205	797	2,169	2,966
Citronelle	W. D. Hamilton, Rt. 2, Crystal River, Fla.	780			3,174	163		12		60	393	348	738
Coleman	Mrs. Duane Remington, Coleman, Fla.	4,656	120	15				340	479	75	4,366	2,600	6,966
Eden	J. R. Snow, Rt. 2, Brooksville, Fla.	7,732		196	257	720	165	605		1,191	3,134	2,912	6,046
Floral City	Mrs. Zela Thompson, Floral City	7,050	174	239	1,192	411	20	25		150	2,212	2,340	4,552
Gulf Ridge Park	E. W. Steed, Rt. 4, Brooksville, Fla.	8,356	90	27	1,832	684	84	260	1,328	611	4,917	2,855	7,772
Hebron	Mrs. L. B. Sikes, Rt. 2, Brooksville	2,979	117	38	640	228	77	100		405	1,604	1,560	3,165
Hernando	Mrs. Helen Fowler, Hernando	4,634			4,608	225				95	5,283	1,020	6,303
Homosassa	Mrs. Agnes Watson, P. O. Box 994, Crystal River, Fla.	2,257	4	223	334		23	125	360		712	1,155	1,867
Indian Hill	Mrs. Elva Reid, Bushnell, Fla.	1,573		87		150	36	50		48	370	611	931
Inverness	Carry Baskley, Inverness, Fla.	14,177	188	876		791	13	86		2,602	4,765	3,600	8,368
Isachatta	Mrs. J. C. Graham, Isachatta	1,357		244		51					477	763	1,242
Lecanto	Mrs. Myrtle Pendleton, Lecanto, Fla.	2,583	72	50	481	233	45	149		42	1,073	1,560	2,633
Linden	F. W. Akins, Sr., Webster	3,954		121	802	158	119	100		126	1,426	1,758	3,184
Oxford	Mrs. Lucy E. Blevins, Oxford	7,259	453	50		23	235	474	1,443	385	3,540	2,600	6,140
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Mammie Lee Peterson, Bushnell, Fla.	1,515			874	452	58	67		76	1,135	995	2,130
Sumterville	L. B. Hogan, Sumterville, Fla.	2,865		26	109	90	90	448		557	1,239	1,200	2,439
Wahoo	Mrs. Id. Lovett, Rt. 3, Bushnell, Fla.	2,571		356	355	100	450	100		109	4,823	1,175	1,998
Webster	Mrs. Grace Gaskins, Webster, Fla.	8,228	81	356	1,224	449	140	515	1,662	185	4,640	2,600	7,240
Wildwood	H. G. Brooks, Wildwood, Fla.	26,165	1,585	1,309	1,224	2,182	576	576	5,960	174	13,352	4,500	17,852
TOTALS		156,143	5,674	5,618	38,024	9,553	2,355	5,694	11,322	9,056	88,136	47,330	134,804

TABLE H AND I—MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES

ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
STATE OF FLORIDA
YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1955
Regional Missionary H. CLYDE HARLESS
934 Hill St., Ocala, Florida

CHURCHES	Clerks of Churches and Addresses	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Other Objects Relief and Annuity,	Total Mission Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditure All Purposes
Adamsville	J. A. Milsap, Box 264, Coleman, Fla.	15									37	1,816
Brooksville	Mrs. Frank P. Newell, Brooksville, Fla.	3,050	120	77	133	179	169	68	1	346	4,124	33,858
Bushnell	Mrs. Pauline Driggers, Bushnell	302	90	133	92	80	19	77		90	882	10,285
Center Hill	Mrs. Willis Tate, Center Hill	544	20	8	43	85		19		178	877	3,844
Citronelle	Pauline Hamilton, Crystal River, Fla.	110										763
Coleman	J. F. Crawford, Coleman	137	10	16	20	22	3	47		13	252	7,218
Eden	Robert K. Arthur, Rt. 2, Brooksville	741	104	18	21	22		31			942	6,988
Floral City	Mrs. W. R. Kabrich, Jr., Floral City, Fla.	691	24	75	15	19	25	43		75	964	5,516
Gulf Ridge Park	Mrs. Laura Martin, Rt. 2, Brooksville, Fla.	364	15								579	8,351
Hebron	Mrs. H. D. Harpin, Rt. 1, Inverness	99		6	3	9		30			148	3,312
Hernando	Nat V. Anthony, Box 94, Hernando	170									170	6,473
Homosassa	Andrew Goodman, Box 994, Crystal River, Fla.	136	10								378	2,248
Indian Hill	H. C. Knight, Bushnell	142	5								147	1,129
Inverness	J. T. O'Neal, Inverness	1,000	60	8	18	395	352			155	2,075	10,442
Isachatta	Mrs. Carrie Baskley, Isachatta, Fla.	65	12					7			102	1,343
Lecanto	Mrs. W. G. Glisson, Lecanto	6		8	14	10				40	80	2,715
Linden	John W. Outlaw, Webster	55	5	9	9	33		5			90	3,174
Oxford	M. A. Dugger, Oxford, Fla.	660	60	64	48		214	25		150	1,293	7,414
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Mimmie Lee Peterson, Bushnell, Fla.	27									62	2,192
Sumterville	Mrs. Mary Tompkins, Sumterville	68	20							115	178	2,673
Wahoo	Steve Tompkins, Bushnell	128						42			171	7,169
Webster	P. A. Tompkins, Webster, Fla.	436	60	32	70	135	372	76	5	9	486	7,926
Wildwood	Mrs. A. H. Toole, P. O. Box 398, Wildwood, Fla.	6,969	193	32							7,863	23,713
TOTALS		16,046	810	434	609	1,099	1,189	755	85	1,149	23,139	157,563