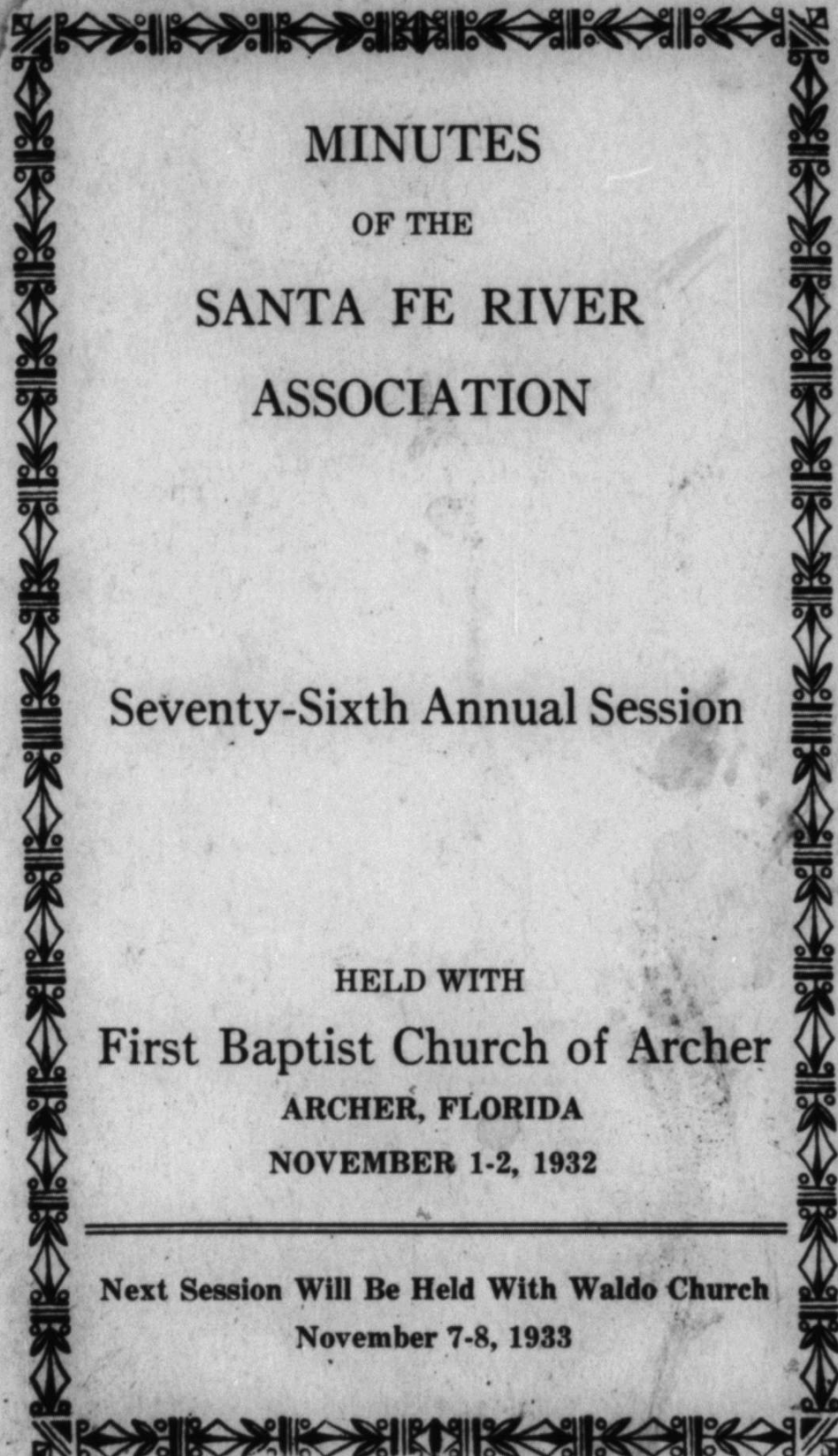


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CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Santa Fe River Baptist Association.
2. This Association shall be composed of Messengers of Baptist Churches of this Association, maintaining the Gospel discipline. Such messengers to be elected by their respective churches. Also all pastors of churches in the Association shall be members by virtue of their office. In case any of the messengers, or their alternates so elected, fail to attend, Association at its own discretion can seat any other members of that church as Messengers until the pro rata share of messengers of that church has been supplied.
3. The object of this Association shall be the union of the churches, the promotion of the true Gospel, and the dissemination of Bible Truth.
4. This Association shall meet annually, on the first day of which meeting it shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer.
5. Any Baptist Church newly organized may become a member of this Association by letter petitioning for membership and giving information concerning organization and history, and by whom organized. Any church coming from another Association may become a member of this Association by presenting petitionary letter, accompanied by a letter of dismissal from the Association from whence it comes.
6. This Association admits the right of any of the churches comprising it to withdraw by application for a letter without assigning any reason for so doing. At the same time, this Association claims the right to withdraw from any church which departs from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.
7. This Association shall be deemed an advisory council, and shall treat the Churches composing it as independent

bodies in all matters of self-government, and shall at no time interfere with their rights.

8. This Association shall have an Executive Committee to be composed of one member from each church in the Association, the officers of the Association being ex-officio members. These members, aside from the ex-officio members, shall be elected annually by the churches and their names inserted in the Church letter sent to this Association. The Executive Committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary, and shall have the oversight of the Association work in the period between the annual meetings, and shall have power to fill vacancies on failure of Churches to appoint.

9. The Association mission work shall be under the control and supervision of the Executive Committee and all Missionaries shall make quarterly reports to them when called upon to do so.

10. All churches shall be entitled to two Messengers for the first fifty-five members, and one additional Messenger for each twenty-five additional members after the first and for the major fraction thereof. All pastors of churches of this Association shall be members of this Association by virtue of their office.

11. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds of the Association, but only by order of the Association or Executive Committee.

12. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the Messengers present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the inspired Words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

Art. 3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 4. We believe that man is elected to salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and is justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Art. 5. We believe in man's inability to save himself from the fallen state in which he is, either by nature or by his own free will.

Art. 6. We believe that man must repent to God alone for the sins he has committed.

Art. 7. We believe in the doctrine of regeneration by the Holy Spirit.

Art. 8. We believe that sanctification is the progressive work of the Holy Spirit, according to the will of God, whereby we are made partakers of His Holiness, through continued use of the appointed means, the Word of God, self-examination, self denial, watchfulness, prayer, and the practice of all Godly exercises and prayer.

Art. 9. We believe that all saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Art. 10. We believe that a Gospel Church is a company of Christ's baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ: governed by His laws and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His Word; that only spiritual officers are bishops or pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the epistles of Timothy and Titus.

Art. 11. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in Christ, by one duly qualified to administer the ordinance.

Art. 12. We believe that the Lord's supper is a provision of bread and wine, representing Christ's body and blood, partaken of by the members of the church assembled for that purpose, and that the scriptural qualifications for partaking of same are regeneration, baptism, fellowship, unity and doctrine.

Art. 13. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are called, and have come under the imposition of hands of the presbytery.

Art. 14. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

Art. 15. We believe in the punishment of the wicked everlasting, and the joys of the righteous eternal.

Art. 16. We believe the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, is a memorial of Christ's resurrection, and should be kept holy, by the observance of all means of grace, both private and public, and by abstaining from all secular labor, except works of mercy and necessity.

Art. 17. We believe in the second coming of Christ and that when He comes He will raise the dead from their graves and judge the world righteously, appointing to the wicked endless sorrow, and to the righteous endless joy.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been as we trust brought by Divine Grace to embrace the Lord, Jesus Christ, and to give ourselves wholly unto Him, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in Him with brotherly love to His glory as our common Lord. We do, therefore, in His strength, engage that we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully warn, exhort and admonish each other as occasions may require. That we will not forsake the assembly of ourselves together, but

will uphold the worship of God and the ordinances of His house. That we will not omit closet and family religion at home nor neglect the great duty of religiously training our children and those under our call for the service of Christ and the enjoyment of Heaven. That as we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth, we will seek Divine aid to enable us to deny ungodliness and every worldly lust, and to walk circumspectly in the world that we may win the souls of men; that we will cheerfully contribute of our property according as God has prospered us for the maintenance of a faithful evangelical ministry among us for the support of the poor and to spread of the Gospel over the earth. That we will in all conditions, even till death, strive to live to the glory of Him, who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Association called to order at 10:00 a. m.
2. Reading Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Introductory Sermon.
5. Inviting Visiting Brethren to Seats.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Call of Reports of Standing Committees.
 - a—Divine Service.
 - b—Temperance.
 - c—Education.
 - d—State Missions.
 - e—Home Missions.
 - f—Foreign Missions.
 - g—Publications.
 - h—Nominations.
 - i—Spiritual Condition of Churches.
 - j—Orphanage.
 - k—Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
 - l—Sunday Schools.

m—B. Y. P. U.

n—W. M. U.

o—Finance.

p—Resolutions.

q—Tithing.

8. Miscellaneous Business.

9. Adjournment.

Associational Directory

Associational Officers

E. R. Simmons—Moderator	Gainesville
Carl W. Moore, Clerk	Archer
H. E. Ridenour, Jr.	P. O. Box 667, Gainesville
E. E. Stokes, Treasurer Emeritus	Campville

Executive Committee

M. W. Lindsay, Chairman	Alachua
Carl W. Moore, Clerk	Archer
H. H. Simmons	Archer
J. W. Craber	Campville
L. Price	Melrose
C. J. Reichardt	Fairbanks
Wm. Hawkins, Sr.	Gainesville
E. J. King	Hampton
Mrs. H. B. Stanley	Hague
A. L. Johnson	Hawthorn
B. J. Meadows	High Springs
H. C. Martin	Island Grove
H. L. Fowler	Lake Butler
E. D. Rosenberg	Micanopy
B. A. Barrington	Hawthorn
H. E. Ridenour, Jr.	Orange Heights
H. C. Peeples	Dukes
William Blakeley	Waldo

Ordained Ministers

Name	Church	Address
Core, J. W., Member	-----	Alachua
Denman, T. D., Pastor (Eliam)	-----	McIntosh
Diamond, E. G., Pastor (Sardis)	-----	Titusville
Hicks, W. B., Pastor (Archer-Waldo)	-----	Waldo
Hartman, F. M., Member (Orange Heights)	-----	Earlton
Hinson, W. A., Member (Ochwilla)	-----	Hawthorn
Jones, John Hall, Student Pastor	-----	Gainesville
Lewis, J. M., Pastor	-----	High Springs
McCaul, Thos. V., Pastor	-----	Gainesville
McMicken, W. A., Pastor (Hague)	-----	Waldo
McGauley, G. E., Pastor (Hampton)	-----	Brooker
McDowell, E. A., Pastor	-----	Lake Butler
Meade, Walter J., Pastor	-----	Alachua
Ridenour, H. E., Pastor (Fairbanks-Orange Heights)	-----	Gainesville, R. F. D. 2.
Rycroft, W. T., Member	-----	Gainesville
Smith, J. M., Pastor	-----	Campville
Sutley, D. F., Pastor (Ochwilla-Island Grove-Hawthorn)	-----	Hawthorn
Thomas, F. H., Member	-----	Orange Heights
Ware, G. W. S., Member	-----	Worthington

Pastors

Alachua—Walter J. Meade	-----	Alachua
Archer—W. B. Hicks	-----	Waldo
Campville—J. M. Smith	-----	Campville
Eden—No report.		
Eliam—T. D. Denman	-----	McIntosh
*Fairbanks—H. E. Ridenour	-----	Rt. 2, Gainesville
Gainesville—Thos. V. McCaul	-----	Gainesville
Hague—W. A. Micken	-----	Waldo
Hampton—G. E. McGauley	-----	Brooker

Hawthorn—D. F. Sutley	Hawthorn
High Springs—J. M. Lewis	High Springs
Island Grove—D. F. Sutley	Hawthorn
Lake Butler—E. A. McDowell	Lake Butler
LaCrosse—No report.	
Micanopy—No report.	
Ochwilla—D. F. Sutley	Hawthorn
Orange Creek—No report.	
Orange Heights—H. E. Ridenour	Rt. 2, Gainesville
Sadis—E. G. Diamond	Titusville
Waldo—W. B. Hicks	Waldo

*New Church.

Church Clerks

Alachua—Clara Futch Stephens	Alachua
Archer—Carl W. Moore	Archer
Campville—Mrs. B. C. Johnson	Campville
Eden—No Report.	
Eliam—R. M. Cason	Melrose
Fairbanks—Otto Hinson	Fairbanks
Gainesville—J. M. Ogilvie	Gainesville
Hampton—O. L. Harrison	Hampton
Hague—S. F. Hardee, Jr.	Rt. 3, Gainesville
Hawthorn—W. B. Adkins	Hawthorn
High Springs—R. J. O'Steen	High Springs
Island Grove—C. R. Abstein	Island Grove
LaCrosse—No Report.	
Lake Butler—H. L. Fowler	Lake Butler
Micanopy—Mrs. C. B. Emerson	Micanopy
Ochwilla—B. A. Barrington	Hawthorn
Orange Heights—B. F. Ridenour	Box 667, Gainesville
Orange Creek—No Report.	
Sardis—R. B. Warren	Dukes
Waldo—I. W. Wesley	Waldo

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

President Associational Convention—Rev. Walter J. Meade

Superintendents of Sunday Schools

Alachua—W. T. Lofton	Alachua
Archer—Carl W. Moore	Archer
Campville—E. E. Stokes	Campville
Eden—No Report.	
Eliam—E. B. Berry	Hawthorn
Fairbanks—Mrs. C. J. Reichardt	Fairbanks
Gainesville—Mrs. J. F. Vagts	Gainesville
Hampton—Mrs. Inzie Marrow	Hampton
Hague—W. L. Graham	Rt. 2, Gainesville
Hawthorn—J. O. Whitcomb	Hawthorn
High Springs—B. J. Meadows	High Springs
Island Grove—S. C. Hayman	Island Grove
LaCrosse—No Report.	
Lake Butler—H. L. Fowler	Lake Butler
Micanopy—Mrs. E. D. Rosenberger	Micanopy
Ochwilla—W. G. Merriman	Rt. 2, Hawthorn
Orange Heights—B. F. Ridenour	Box 667, Gainesville
Orange Creek—No Report.	
Sardis—John Scaff	Dukes
Waldo—I. W. Wesley	Waldo

B. Y. P. U. DIRECTORY

President of Association B. Y. P. U.—H. E. Ridenour, Jr., Box 667, Gainesville.

Directors, Leaders and Presidents of Unions

Alachua—President Senior Union, Raymond Lane; Leader Intermediate Union, Miss Hortense Meggs.
Archer—No B. Y. P. U. Organization at present.
Campville—President Senior Union, Miss Gertie Smith.
Eden—No Report.
Eliam—Director, J. A. Bayless; President Adult Union, Mrs. Bunyan Kelley; President Senior Union, Miss Clara

Hilton; Leader Intermediate Union, Miss Delibre Cason; Leader Junior Union, Mrs. E. B. Perry.

Fairbanks—Leader Intermediate Union, Mrs. C. J. Reichardt.
Gainesville—Director, Mr. Fred Ward; President Adult Union, Mrs. H. H. Pinkoson; President Senior Unions, Gray Miley, J. T. Crews, Jerry Bachanine; Leader Intermediate Union, Mrs. A. J. Duke; Leader Junior Union, Mrs. J. E. Turlington.

Hampton—No B. Y. P. U. Organization reported.

Hague—Leader Intermediate Union, S. F. Hardee, Jr.

Hawthorn—President Senior Union, Miss Ina Sutley; Leader Junior Union, Mrs. J. O. Whitcomb.

High Springs—Director, Mrs. R. W. Justice; President Senior Union, J. W. Thomas.

Island Grove—No. B. Y. P. U. Organization reported.

LaCrosse—No Report.

Lake Butler—Director, Mrs. H. C. Strickland; President Senior Union, James Lee; Leader Intermediate Union, Richard Warren; Leader Junior Union, Mrs. M. P. Geiger.

Micanopy—No. B. Y. P. U. Organization reported.

Ochwilla—No B. Y. P. U. Organization reported.

Orange Heights—President Senior Union, H. E. Ridenour, Jr.

Orange Creek—No Report.

Sardis—No B. Y. P. U. Organization reported.

Waldo—Director, Mrs. K. A. Longbottom; President Adult Union, Ransom Meade; President Senior Union, Billie Blakeley; Leader Junior Union, Mrs. W. B. Hicks.

W. M. U. DIRECTORY

President—Mrs. I. A. Dailey	Micanopy
Vice President—Mrs. W. J. Meade	Alachua
Secretary—Mrs. J. E. Thrasher, Jr.	Micanopy
Treasurer—Mrs. T. D. Denman	Melrose
Young People's Leader—Miss Leo Oliver	Gainesville

Asst. Young People's Leader—Mrs. W. T. Loftin	Alachua
District Supt. No. 1—Mrs. C. A. Strickland	Waldo
District Supt. No. 2—Mrs. R. R. Morrison	Hawthorn
District Supt. No. 3—Mrs. E. F. Debusk	Gainesville

Chairmen

Stewardship—Mrs. A. R. Haywood	Hawthorn
Mission Study—Mrs. Margaret Gross	Gainesville
Personal Service—Mrs. W. O. Bennett	Hawthorn
Margaret Fund—Mrs. B. W. Cato	Alachua
Training School—Mrs. John Hall Jones	Gainesville
Publicity—Mrs. J. F. Vagts	Gainesville
Members at Large—Mrs. A. L. Stevens	Waldo
Mrs. L. E. McCall	High Springs

W. M. U. Presidents

Alachua	Mrs. B. W. Cato
Archer	Mrs. C. E. McElroy
Campville—No Organization.	
Eden—No Report.	
Eliam	Mrs. E. W. Coward
Fairbanks—No Organization Reported.	
Gainesville	Mrs. E. F. Debusk
Hampton	Mrs. A. J. Wilson
Hague—No Organization reported.	
Hawthorn	Mrs. F. W. Tyson
High Springs	Mrs. Cecil Pharr
Island Grove	Mrs. Bernice Gano
LaCrosse—No Report.	
Lake Butler	Mrs. W. M. Graham
Micanopy	Mrs. Ella Prator
Ochwilla—Organization, President not reported.	
Orange Heights—No Organization reported.	
Orange Creek—No Report.	
Sardis	Mrs. Noah Taylor
Waldo	Mrs. L. B. Alexander

W. M. U. AUXILIARIES**Y. W. A. Counselors**

Alachua Mrs. Floyd Thomas
 Gainesville Mrs. Ward, Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mrs. I Wynne
 Hawthorn Mrs. L. A. Sherouse

G. A. Leaders

Gainesville Mrs. T. C. Robinson
 Hawthorn Mrs. E. M. Bates
 Waldo Miss Eulalia McMicken

R. A. Leaders

Gainesville Mrs. Estelle Harlan
 Hawthorn Mrs. J. O. Whitcomb
 Waldo Billie Hicks

Sunbeam Leaders

Alachua Mrs. W. L. Gillis
 Gainesville Miss Lottie Sumner
 Hawthorn Mrs. Joel Smith
 Waldo Mildred Porter

MESSENGERS

Alachua—Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Linsey, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Cato, Rev. W. J. Meade, Mrs. J. W. McCann.
 Archer—Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McElroy, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Simmons.
 Campville—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Long, Mrs. B. C. Johnson.
 Eliam—Mr. E. B. Perry, Mrs. Preston, Miss Edna Price, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. R. M. Cason.
 Fairbanks—Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Reichardt.
 Gainesville—Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Simmons, Rev. John Hall Jones, Mrs. J. R. Emerson, Mrs. W. M. Bullard, Mrs.

C. J. Mixon, Mrs. Hill, Rev. Thos. V. McCaul, Miss Leo Oliver, Mrs. J. F. Vagts.

Hampton—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Watterson, J. V. Jones, J. I. Tucker, E. J. King, Eugene Birt, O. L. Harrison, Mrs. Jessie Morgan.

Hague—W. L. Graham, T. J. Hamm, Mrs. R. A. Thomas, Mrs. H. B. Stanley, Mrs. S. F. Hardee, Jr.

Hawthorn—Mrs. F. W. Tyson, Geo. Bishop, J. O. Whitcomb, A. L. Johnson, Mrs. Clara Weeks, Mrs. D. F. Sutley.

High Springs—Rev. J. M. Lewis, E. B. Godwin, B. J. Meadows, Mrs. A. B. Cornell, Mrs. J. T. Price, Mrs. R. W. Chester, Mrs. R. A. Lamb, Mrs. L. E. McCall.

Island Grove—Mrs. J. A. Ergle, Mrs. M. C. Carlton, Mrs. J. A. Brice, Mrs. T. E. Johnson.

Lake Butler—Rev. E. A. McDowell, Miss Rebecca Monds, H. L. Fowler, Mrs. E. A. McDowell.

Micanopy—Mrs. J. E. Thrasher, Jr., Mrs. I. A. Dailey, Mrs. E. D. Rosenberger, Mrs. W. L. Simonton, Mrs. C. B. Emerson.

Ochwilla—F. F. Jerkins, W. G. Merriman, George Merriman, B. A. Barrington.

Orange Heights—H. E. Ridenour, Jr., Mrs. B. F. Ridenour.

Sardis—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Peoples, G. W. S. Ware, W. R. DuBose.

Waldo—Mrs. W. A. McMicken, J. H. Mitchell, William Blakeley, Mrs. J. L. McCanley, Mrs. J. R. Meade, Mrs. C. A. Strickland.

In Memoriam

Alachua—Mr. C. W. Stephens, Rev. A. L. Proctor.

Eliam—Mrs. Ellie Chestnut.

Gainesville—Mr. W. M. Johnson, Mr. Ralph Brazington, Mrs. A. N. Goodman, Mrs. Walter Dobbins.

Hawthorn—Mrs. S. F. Waites, Mr. G. W. Davis.

High Springs—Mr. G. W. Eville.

Island Grove—Mrs. Celia Abstein Prince, Rev. J. F. Cleveland, Mr. Joseph A. Ergle.

Micanopy—Miss Ethel Rosenberger, Mrs. J. M. Clyatt.

Orange Heights—Miss Lennie Tyson.

Waldo—L. G. Russell, Deacon.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Held With the First Baptist Church, Archer, Florida

FIRST DAY

Tuesday, November 1, 1932, 10:00 A. M.

1. The Seventy-Sixth Annual Session of the Santa Fe River Association convened with the First Baptist Church, Archer, Florida, Nov. 1, 1932.

2. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. T. D. Denman.

3. Moderator E. R. Simmons not being present at time for session to convene, Rev. W. B. Hicks served as Moderator pro tem, Rev. E. A. McDowell, Clerk pro tem.

4. Letters were presented from the following Churches: Alachua, Archer, Campville, Eliam, Fairbanks, Gainesville, Hampton, Hague, High Springs, Hawthorn, Island Grove, Lake Butler, Micanopy, Ochwilla, Orange Heights, Sardis, and Waldo.

H. E. Ridenour, L. G. Hemingway and W. A. McMicken were appointed a Committee on Digest of Church Letters.

5. Petitionary Letters called for and the Fairbanks Church, newly organized, made application for membership in the Association. Motion made by T. V. McCaul that the petition of the Fairbanks Church be referred to the committee on credentials. The committee (T. D. Denman, W. J. Meade, H. H. Simmons) recommended that the letter be accepted by the Association.

Recommendation of committee was accepted by the Association and the representatives of the Fairbanks church

were extended the hand of welcome by the Association.

The following visitors were recognized: Dr. C. M. Brittain, Mrs. Peelman, Rev. Foster, Inverness; Dr. J. M. Moore, Miami Association.

6. Motion made by T. V. McCaul that the Executive Committee investigate the situation concerning Orange Creek and Eden churches, and if it be found advisable to do so, that these churches be dropped from the roll of the Santa Fe River Association.

7. Motion made and carried that Nominating Committee be composed of three members, and that the the selection of the preacher for the annual sermon be part of their duty. Committee: H. H. Simmons, Geo. D. Bishop, E. B. Perry.

8. Committee on Resolution was appointed as follows: D. F. Sutley, M. W. Lindsey, J. M. Lewis.

9. The Association proceeded with the election of officers as follows: E. R. Simmons, Moderator; Carl W. Moore, Clerk; H. E. Ridenour, Jr., Treasurer.

On motion made by T. V. McCaul, Bro. E. E. Stokes was elected Treasurer Emeritus, in recognition and appreciation for his long and faithful service as Treasurer of the Association.

10. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. D. F. Sutley, who spoke on the subject, "The World Wide Program, God Its Leader."

11. Recessed for lunch.

Afternoon Session

12. Devotional.

13. On motion program as outlined was adopted, with any necessary changes.

14. Report on State Missions was made by Rev. T. V. McCaul, who also spoke to report. Report adopted.

15. Report on Home Missions was made by Rev. J. M. Lewis, who also spoke to report relating his actual experience in his work in the mountain schools. Mrs. J. W. Crenshaw

also spoke on this report. Report adopted.

16. Report on Foreign Missions was made by Rev. W. B. Hicks. The report was adopted as read.

17. Report on W. M. U. was read by Rev. E. A. McDowell in the absence of Mrs. McDowell, who made the report. Report was adopted.

Mrs. I. A. Dailey, new president of W. M. U., also Mrs. J. E. Thrasher, Secretary, were presented to the Association for recognition.

18. Dr. C. M. Brittain was presented to the Association by the Moderator, and gave a splendid address. He spoke of the work being done by the State Mission Board, all phases of the State work, especially urged the support of the Cooperative Program, and the Every Member Canvass.

19. Mrs. Peelman's address to the Association was a source of inspiration and help. She made a special appeal to the Association for full graded Unions, discussed the fundamentals and the spiritual phases of the work. She urged that Christ be followed in service, and that a definite goal be reached in Christian service.

20. Mrs. T. M. Johns was presented to the Association by the Moderator. Mrs. Johns presented the needs of our Orphanage at Arcadia in an appealing and convincing manner, explaining the many features, and the work being accomplished at the institution.

21. Mr. T. M. Johns addressed the session on "Care of the Children from a Financial Standpoint." His address was timely and to the point, stressing the needs of the Orphanage. Rev. Claude Bridges made a special appeal for the support of the orphanage.

Evening Session 7:30

22. Song: "I Am Thine, O Lord," followed by prayer by Rev. W. A. Micken.

Song: "On Jordan's Banks I Stand."

Solo: "Living for Jesus," Gordon Humphries of State University.

23. Report on Nominations read and adopted.
24. Report on Temperance read by E. A. Hickson; discussion of report was made by Rev. T. D. Denman and E. R. Simmons. Report adopted.
25. Report on B. Y. P. U. was made by Rev. John Hall Jones, who spoke to the report. Report adopted.
Song: "We Are Marching to Zion." Session dismissed by Rev. L. G. Hemingway.

Wednesday, 9:30 A. M.

- Devotional led by Rev. E. A. McDowell.
Song Service, led by Rev. W. A. McMicken (How Firm A Foundation.)
Prayer, Rev. T. D. Denman.
26. Session called to order by the Moderator. Roll of churches called, and letters noted. Visitors recognized, Dr. Lincoln Hulley and Mrs. Hulley.
27. Report on Orphanage, Mrs. L. E. McCall. Mrs. McCall not being present the report was read by Rev. J. M. Lewis. After discussion, report was adopted.
Song: "Revive Us Again."
28. Report on Publications was made by Dr. E. W. Garris. Dr. Garris discussed the report emphasizing the fact that we should keep before our children the right kind of literature. Report adopted.
29. In the absence of Dr. Solomon, Rev. T. V. McCaul spoke in behalf of the Baptist Witness. Appeal was made to keep on laboring with the idea of putting the Witness in the budget. Rev. Walter J. Meade, Rev. D. F. Sutley, Rev. W. L. Spears also spoke in behalf of the Witness.
29. Report on Christian Education was read by Dean J. W. Norman. Report adopted.
30. Dr. Lincoln Hulley was presented to the session by the Moderator. Dr. Hulley made an address on Denominational Education, and the work being done at Stetson. He also urged the Association to stand back of Dr. Brittain and the Cooperative Program.

- Rev. J. M. Sullivan, Marion Association, recognized.
31. Motion made and carried that Executive Committee place next meeting place of the Association, in case the Association does not receive an invitation.
Recess for lunch.
Devotional, Rev. H. E. Ridenour.
Session called to order by the Moderator.
32. Mrs. Gross was recognized by the Moderator, and as chairman of Mission Study Work, her talk was made in the interest of this work.
33. Report of Committee on Digest of Church Letters was read, and after discussion by Rev. T. V. McCaul, Rev. J. M. Lewis, Rev. W. B. Hicks and H. E. Ridenour, the report was adopted. Spiritual condition indicated.
34. Report on Stewardship was read by Miss Leo Oliver. Report adopted.
As a fitting climax to this splendid report on Stewardship, Rev. T. V. McCaul responded to the request that he sing, "Nothing Between."
35. Visitors recognized: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kelly, Coleman, Fla.
36. Report on Sunday Schools was made by Rev. Walter J. Meade. Report adopted.
O. K. Radford, State Field Worker for the Sunday School addressed the Association in the interest of the Sunday School. His address was very instructive and to the point. Sunday School work also discussed by Rev. Walter J. Meade and Rev. E. A. McDowell.
37. Report of Committee on Resolutions was read by Rev. J. M. Lewis and adopted as read.
38. Rev. Walter J. Meade was elected chairman of Associational Sunday School Convention. H. E. Ridenour was elected President of Associational B. Y. P. U.
Song: "Blest Be the Tie." Association adjourned.
E. R. SIMMONS, Moderator
CARL W. MOORE, Clerk

Committee Reports

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Santa Fe River Association, November 1, 1932

In our Baptist program for Christianizing the world, State Missions is basic and fundamental. We must keep the Home Fires Burning, if we would light up the dark path of mankind everywhere.

We might state that the history of State Missions in any state is the history of the denomination's progress in that state. This assertion is pre-eminently true of Florida.

In the present set-up of our Baptist organization, State Missions in general includes all of our denomination causes at home and abroad; and in particular, it includes every phase of our work in the state. Not only does State Missions endeavor to evangelize the destitute sections of the State, establish churches and assist in the support of pastors of weak churches; but it also fosters our Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work and our W. M. U. organization and Christian Education and all other interests of our churches.

During the past year, our State Mission Board under the wise and consecrated and loyal leadership of our noble Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. C. M. Brittain, gave enthusiastic and unreserved support and cooperation to the special debt raising campaign for the Baptist Children's Home at Arcadia, and the Special Emergency Offering for Home and Foreign Missions.

During the last State conventional year Florida Baptists contributed for all missions and benevolent purposes the sum of \$174,587.78. Of this amount the Cooperative Program received \$95,954.19, which was distributed as per the percentages adopted by the Convention. The sum of \$78,634.79 was designated by certain givers and was distributed accordingly.

The total amount received by State Missions for all purposes as per the above statement was \$66,905.79. With this

sum the entire work of State Missions in Florida was carried on, including the following departments:

Sunday School Department	\$4,721.73
B. Y. P. U. Department	6,516.43
(To this work the Sunday School Board gave \$5,000 for the year).	
W. M. U. Department	6,244.419
Total Administration Expense	8,951.56
Baptist Witness, including debts	9,469.04
Missionaries' salaries and special work aiding	
65 churches and Mission Stations ...	7,473.40
Student Secretaries	4,314.84
Brotherhood (part of the year)	1,690.88

All other State and South-wide causes received their proportionate part of the funds as per percentages of the Cooperative Program.

The Children's Home in Arcadia received a total of \$26,-199.37 which included special gifts.

Florida Baptists gave to Foreign Missions last year, \$28,-182.97, and to Home Missions \$9,255.10.

The State Mission Board through its Promotional Program tried to encourage all churches large and small to utilize the Every Member Canvass as an effort to enlist all church members in the support of both the local and denomination work; and the board now urges pastors and leaders and members of our churches to give their consecrated attention and effort to make the Every Member Canvass during the last week of November of this year a great success.

The Board also urges the churches to give whole-hearted support to our great Cooperative Program which is both sane and scriptural and world-wide in its scope.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. V. McCAUL.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

This great enterprise in kingdom work among Southern Baptist, has for its motto, "Be strong and of good courage, fear not nor be afraid of them: for Jehovah thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

We gather from the annual the following: "The Home Mission Board was organized in 1845. In this period of 87 years it has employed 41,062 missionaries. In these years the results of their work has been 785,500 baptisms. These baptisms represent one-fifth of the total present membership of Southern Baptist.

These missionaries have organized 8,570 churches; this represents one out of every three churches Southern Baptist now have.

The Board has received \$20,500,000 and paid out the same on this work. The baptisms reported by this Board cost an average of \$25.00 apiece.

From year to year the Board has been forced to reduce its work, and since depression has reached all phases of the Lord's work the Board has lived within its income.

Receipts have declined each year since 1924. We have had to abandon much of our important and much needed work, especially the mountain schools. These were the agencies in religiously educating our mountain boys and girls, which means a great loss to them and also to the cause of our Lord's work.

Facing such difficulties as these, and also facing the fact that there is a decided disposition in this modern world to throw overboard all religion. The old faith, the faith of our fathers, is discounted; the Bible is laid aside as a useless book; supernatural influence in human affairs is denied; all things are being reduced to a scientific formula.

In the face of these and many other problems which we must face with our faces always to the front, we ask ourselves how shall we ever solve the debt problem—the worldly problem in the churches, and there is and can be but one answer to all these questions, and that is when Baptist come back to the Lord's houses and put their pocketbooks back of the work and their hearts in the work and pray the prayer of the Psalmist, "Search me O God and know my heart, and see if there be any wicked way in me."

And somewhere beyond the stress and strain of the present hour there is the dawning a new day, when God's people come back to themselves and to God and work and pay as they pray.

This is in my opinion the solution of the whole situation, and I submit it and commend it for the prayerful consideration of all God's people.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LEWIS.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Christ said, If ye love Me, ye will keep My Commandments. His chief command to His disciples was, Go ye into all the world and preach My Gospel to every creature. Let us see how Southern Baptists are facing this privilege He has conferred upon us.

The first meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, held in Augusta, Ga., May 8-12, 1845, formed the Foreign Mission Board. The first meeting of the Foreign Mission Board was held in Richmond, Va., May 20, 1845.

Prior to that time Southern Baptist had taken part in the support of the Triennial Convention, of which Adeniram Judson was the outstanding missionary. He died in 1849. Southern Baptists, therefore, had a part in supporting Judson through practically his whole career.

In 1835 J. L. Shuck, of Virginia, was appointed by the Triennial Convention to South China. When the Southern Baptist Convention was formed ten years later, by agreement with the Northern Board, Southern Baptists took over Shuck and the South China Mission.

The fields of the Foreign Mission Board have been entered in the following order: South China, 1845; Central China, 1847; Africa, 1850; North China, 1860; Itila, 1870; Mexico, 1880; North and South Brazil, 1882; Japan, 1890; Argentina, (including Uruguay), 1903; Interior China, 1905; Pakhoi China, 1914; Chile, 1917; Hungary, Jugo Slavia, Roumania, Spain, Palestine and Syria, 1921—eighteen missions in fourteen countries.

The Foreign Mission Board has sent out during its career a total of 971 foreign missionaries. It now has 415.

The one aim running through all the Foreign Mission endeavor of Southern Baptist is to preach Christ and Him crucified for the saving of the souls of men. There are several methods of approach to this work.

There is field work to be done, and this requires the services of what is called a Field Evangelistic Missionary. We have now 2,681 churches, with a membership of 169,311. Even though 1,868 are self-supporting, yet the Field Evangelistic Missionary is kept busy encouraging and developing these churches. Then there are our schools, primarily for the training of preachers and other native workers. We have 329 schools, with an enrollment of 20,222 students. Next is our hospitals. The Foreign Mission Board now has nine hospitals. Three of these are closed on account of lack of funds. These hospitals open doors to the Gospel in a wonderful way. Fourth in order is in the Literature. There are five publishing houses for the publishing of the Bible and other Christian literature. The printed page often goes into places forbidden to every other form of missionary approach. We next notice the kinds of workers. There are two kinds of missionaries: the foreign missionary and the native missionary. The foreign missionary is an American sent to a foreign field; the native missionary is a missionary working amongst his own people. We have 415 foreign missionaries carrying on the various forms of our missionary labor, all of them by every means trying to preach the Gospel.

Associated with these foreign missionaries are 2,100 native missionaries. These native missionaries act as pastors, evangelists and Bible women. Bible women evangelize among their own sex. Many other natives are engaged in missionary work of various sorts, such as teachers, translators, writers in publishing house and as nurses and physicians in our hospitals.

In no section of our denominational life are we witnessing such triumphs of grace as we are in Foreign Missions. When opportunities never presented themselves than do today. Better success in spreading the Gospel among the nations was never met than now. The gospel has its same old power in saving souls. Evidently God has not changed His purpose. He is keeping His promises gloriously.

Last summer a whole village in Africa came to Christ as a result of the preaching of the Gospel. One of our Baptist pastors went there and baptized 1,444, and another thousand was seeking baptism. If we had space we might mention numerous incidents of the great interest among the Chinese in the different

fields of China, of South America and all other Foreign Mission countries. We must now notice briefly our current obligations to this most important enterprise.

Although every expenditure at home and abroad has been cut to the heart, yet, for the year 1932, the Board must have \$900,000 with which to meet its appropriations and make an appreciable payment on its debts.

Southern Baptists must wake up to the grave peril now facing our Foreign Mission Board. If the Foreign Board's income should fall seriously below \$900,000.00 for the year, 1932, the credit of the Board would be correspondingly imperiled and the very life of our work abroad threatened.

The Foreign Mission Board has now a debt of over one million dollars. The interest on this debt will amount to \$65,000 during 1932. We must pay also a portion of the principal during this year.

There has been a decrease in offerings to Foreign Missions during two years of over half a million dollars. The Board has done all in its power to minimize expenses. 42 missionaries on furlough have been retained in the home land, 10 of whom have been permanently retired from the work, the remaining 32 are awaiting to see if Southern Baptists will come to the rescue at this critical time and enable our Board to send them back to their fields.

Your committee cannot prolong this report. If Southern Baptists would give Foreign Mission Board in 1932 \$900,000, in 1933 \$1,000,000, in 1934 \$1,000,000, in 1935 \$1,200,000, and in 1936 \$1,250,000, it should be able to pay off the debts and keep the work going. That is to say in five years the debt can be paid. There are those within our denomination who are possessed of great wealth, and who could give large sums which would immediately wipe out all debts, thus placing the work in fine condition, but our Master would have each one of His servants to do their part. Let us all and each lay our hands to the task, and with great faith in God, together with the love of our fellowmen for whom Christ died, go forward with a united effort to meet the demands whatever they are.

W. B. HICKS, Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT SANTA FE RIVER W. M. U.

In presenting this annual report your Auxiliary body W. M. U., sends greetings and desires to express gratitude to God for blessings of the past year and for the privilege of having been permitted to accomplish some real worthwhile work during the past year.

The annual meeting held at Micanopy on October 13 was an occasion of much pleasure and inspiration, meeting as it did in this historic church where it was our pleasure to observe the anniversary and pay tribute to Mrs. Bailey, a member of that church who organized the first missionary society in the State and whose grave now is in the cemetery at that place. Meeting for only one day, our programs are necessarily hurried and perhaps suffer in an inspirational way.

At this meeting new officers were elected and their names will appear in the directory of the new minutes. Mrs. I. A. Dailey of Micanopy was elected president, and Mrs. J. E. Thrasher, Jr., also of Micanopy was elected secretary, both consecrated and capable women who we feel will carry the work on to greater efficiency and success.

Santa Fe W. M. U. has now thirteen active Women's Missionary Societies with about sixteen young people's organizations. There are 435 members in the W. M. U. who reported 10 tithers—a proportion that is not what it should be. They gave in boxes value of \$103.23 to the Children's Home, \$15 to the Margaret Fund and Training School, and a total of money gifts to all purposes of \$3,467.61. It is our sincere prayer that under the blessings of God we may attain to greater and better things another year.

MRS. E. A. MacDOWELL, President.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The law of life demands temperance in all things, but let us here emphasize the importance of abstinence from strong drink. The first case of drunkenness on record is, that of Noah, and from that day to this, the world has been cursed with an ever increasing tendency towards that debasing, and degrading in-

fluence; the great truth in proverbs, that the drunkard, and glutton shall come to poverty, is ever with us in fulfillment; temperance is reason's guide and passion's bridle, the strength of the soul, and the foundation of virtue. Our record for homicides is such as to startle the conscience of any thoughtful man or woman. It is disgraceful and horrible.

I am wondering how many of us are free from bloodstain on our hands, because we have failed to live up to the standard given to us in God's Word, in first Peter 1, 2:13 we read, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake."

The laws of our nation are not observed by the smallest percent of inhabitants. We are spending eighteen billion to combat crime. What would it mean to this nation and to the world, if the church had eighteen billion dollars to spread the glad tidings of salvation to the lost world? If we ever have a nation of law observers, we must begin in the home. The home, the school and the church must join hands in cultivating reverence, and respect for law in the minds and hearts of the youth of today. We have today sixteen million children under six years of age in the United States. They represent the United States of the future; what happens to them will happen to the United States. What is good for them will be good for the United States.

There are today twenty-seven million one hundred thousand and children in our elementary schools. All of these children are in some sort of home. What would it mean to the home, to the church, yea even to the world, if these millions of children were taught reverence for law. They *would* be, if the parents were as much concerned about their boys and girls, as they are about stocks and bonds, and prices, and prices of wheat.

The lack of law observance in the home, is the tragedy of the day. There is a spirit of rebellion against all home authority. This same spirit is manifested in every phase of life. It seems to me, that the great need of the hour is not the repeal of any law, but an awakening of conscience applying equally to the law maker, law enforcer, and the law observer. It has been said, "Prohibition is the moral life insurance of our nation; liquor may have defenders, but no defense." Experience has demonstrated that alcoholic drinks, whether sold by government officials, bar tenders or by high class grocers, made drinkers a menace to so-

ciety. What will the answer of the millions of voters of America be to the return of this curse?

E. A. HICKSON.

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Every child should have a good home, and when circumstances are such that they are deprived of the tender and loving care of parents then there is a responsibility resting upon some one.

Florida Baptist realizing this some thirty years ago founded a Baptist Orphanage at Arcadia. Here they have built and furnished a comfortable, attractive home where homeless and unfortunate children are well cared for, clothed, and fed.

They have eight buildings on the campus. The plant with the buildings and grounds is worth about \$100,000.00.

At this time they have 134 children in the home. There is not enough money to operate a trade school. They have a printing press, general farming and dairy. What the boys learn must come from these three sources. The girls do all the cooking, washing, sewing, cleaning or in other words, they are simply prepared for house wives. Mr. Thorne who has charge of a business college gives free instruction in stenography and bookkeeping to those in the institution who can take, and quite a few of the girls are availing themselves of this opportunity.

The children are taught to know the value of money, how to work and to create a willing spirit to do their work. But above everything they are taught Christian principles and to develop Christian character.

Mr. Johns makes a special request that we stress the importance of giving from a standpoint of obligation rather than from one of charity. Among some of the special needs at this time are sheets (for three quarter beds), table linen (56x90), school supplies, sweaters, coats and colored hose. They are doing all that they can with what they have but they must have help in the near future.

They are very much in need of an electric refrigerator. Of course there is no money for this, but there is a way. The producers of Octagon Soap products and Luzianne Coffee and tea will give them this machine if they can secure the required num-

ber of coupons. The Baptist of the entire state are called upon to assist in this campaign.

This Home is entitled to the whole-hearted support of every true and loyal Baptist who believes in doing unto others, as you would have them do unto you.

MRS. L. E. McCALL.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

The written page during the past century has had much influence in helping to mould the character of our boys and girls. As parents, then our chief concern should be to see that they are supplied with literature which teaches real spiritual truths.

The Bible, translated in every language and in many dialects, has affected the language, literature, philosophy and culture, the individual morality, and the national history of many nations in our present day civilization. Each boy and girl in our home would do well to have a copy of the Bible for reading and for reference work in Sunday School. Bibles may be purchased at reasonable prices from our Baptist Book Store in Jacksonville. In fact, a complete Bible printed in readable type may be purchased from many of our ten cent stores for the sum of twenty cents.

The Baptist Book Store also carries many good books of a religious nature. A review of these books, together with a descriptive catalogue, may be secured upon request.

The Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tennessee, publishes our Sunday School literature, the B. Y. P. U. books, the study course books for teacher training, and many other helpful religious volumes.

The Woman's Missionary Union has three publications—"Royal Service," "The Window," and "World Comrades"—each of which may be recommended for our homes.

Tracts are published from time to time by our Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board. These tracts are usually free for the asking. The Sunday School Board also publishes a monthly magazine, "Home and Foreign Fields," the price of which is \$1.00 per year.

It should go without saying that the Florida Baptist Witness should be a weekly visitor in our homes. It brings much

denominational news and fills the reader with spiritual inspiration. Dr. E. D. Solomon is giving us a good paper and each Baptist home should uphold his hands by giving him our subscription at once, if we have not already done so.

E. W. GARRIS, for the Committee.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The School and the Things of the Spirit

Who ever heard of the school being concerned with the things of the spirit! Haven't the schools been built and aren't they being maintained for mental and intellectual development? And perhaps just enough moral conduct to make the schoolroom a fairly comfortable place for the teacher to spend his working days? Why not leave the things of the spirit to the Church, the home of the Sunday School? Yes, that is the question, why not? and there is a very simple answer: *We cannot.*

The boy or girl brings his or her whole being to school. He cannot park his soul or his spirit or his religious aspirations at home on week days, to be taken out and dressed up on Sunday to be sent to church and Sunday School. Whether we wish it or not man's soul or spirit, or whatever it is in man that goes by these names, is carried with him wherever he goes and is influenced for good or evil by whatever goes on around him. Every day the child is in school his things of the spirit are being changed, built up or torn down by what goes on around him.

Whatever the child learns has its influence on the things of the spirit. For instance, he may learn the multiplication table to perfection so that he can give instantly any combination, and at the same time be taught in such a way that he will learn to hate the multiplication table, and all its uses, mathematics in general, the school, the teacher, and everything connected with school, and what is more will thank high heaven when school is out.

On the other hand, under the direction of a skillful teacher learning the multiplication table may become a grand and glorious adventure with the pupil learning to like school, teacher, and all things connected therewith. He may even learn to think, to study and to consider problem in mathematics and even in other subjects.

These likes and dislikes are spiritual values, whether we wish them to be so or not. They may be developed, either good or bad, in any subject in the curriculum. Only a few days ago the writer was told by one of his students that he did not like Shakespeare and did not read Shakespeare. Upon questioning we traced his dislike to the fact that he was prematurely introduced to the subject in high school. He was required to memorize twenty lines a day, which he did not understand, and which he came to feel as an unnecessary hardship. Had he waited until he was older and then had had a wiser and better teacher perhaps the entire writings of our greatest poet would have become an open book to him.

Even the Church and Sunday School may carry on their work with similar results.

The Bible may be taught in such a way as to arouse one to the highest conception of the True, the Beautiful, and the Good, or the careless and superficial teacher may achieve no such results at all.

All these likes and dislikes are shaping the inner man in some way or other. They are spiritual values. The Christian religion more than any other religion realizes this fact. The whole Sermon of the Mount is an illustration of this emphasis. We learn there that any one of the ten commandments may be broken inwardly, though conduct may seem to be exemplary. The Great Teacher said that the two greatest commandments are Love the Lord and Thy Neighbor, and these are inward developments. When he added that these constituted the whole law he was emphasizing spiritual values: that is, that the change of the inner man must come through changing his attitudes, his likes and dislikes.

It is not a question of knowing good and evil. Merely to know is not sufficient. We must love the good and hate the evil. "Abhor that which is evil. Cling to that which is good," was a prime cornerstone on which the apostle built. It is, we emphasize, not a question merely of knowing. Attitudes must be added to knowing before spiritual values begin.

There are only two ways for the schools to develop these spiritual values. First, and foremost, by employing the right kind of teachers, teachers who are themselves conscious of the

things of the spirit and who value them highly. "In the Sistine Chapel Michael Angelo has depicted the Almighty moving in the clouds over the rugged earth where lies the newly created Adam, hardly aware of himself. The tips of the fingers touch, the Lord's and Adam's, and the huge frame loses its inertness and rears itself into action. Such may be the electrifying touch of the teacher." (George Herbert Palmer, *The Ideal Teacher*, p. 23).

The touch of the personality of the teacher upon the personality of the pupil is the most fruitful source of spiritual values, for as is the teacher so is the school. There is, however, another important source of spiritual values. These come from environmental conditions. It is literally true that the school building, school grounds, and classrooms may help or hinder in developing spiritual values. The writer once heard a principal say that whenever the pupils in a room became unruly he would have the floor in that room painted with invariably good results. We wonder if it does not always pay to improve environmental conditions?

J. W. NORMAN.

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP

The Meaning of Christian Stewardship

A real Christian loves God so much that he is constantly wanting to do something for Him. God's first command to us was, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength." So we see we are not only Stewards of our strength, or consecrated possessions, but of our Mind, consecrated thinking, our Soul, consecrated character, and our Heart, consecrated appreciation.

Appreciation is the quality of heart which grows from the sense of the worth of anything. Consecrated appreciation makes us realize the true worth of God not only to ourselves but to the world as a whole. It makes us see two visions of a person—one what that person is at present, the other what it is possible for that person to become. The Soul means consecrated character, a life that bears evidence that it is a child of God. To have consecrated character one must be his real self living the earthly life in the power of the spirit, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

To find our real self we must work with God as Jesus worked, to supply the needs of someone else.

*"No one could tell me where my soul might be,
I searched for God, but God eluded me.
I sought my brother out, and found all three."*

Jesus opens the door of high thoughts and mental achievements to us, and no matter what man and circumstances may do to you outwardly, they cannot prevent you from living inwardly in the companionship with high thoughts. "In Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." In order for us to be scholars of the modern conception it is necessary for us to have Christ as a partner in our intellectual development.

We are Stewards of our Strength, consecrated possessions. It is commanded by Jesus, Malachi 3:7-10 and I Timothy 6:-1-19. In Deuteronomy 16:17, Jesus tells us who should give, and in Genesis 28:20-22, and Leviticus 27:30 we are told how much to give. I Corinthians 16:2 tells us when to give. What is the goal of our ambition, the instinctive desire of your heart? The first claim of honest stewardship of life work says, "I will live as a disciple of Jesus and do my business according to His way of life."

The question is not Christ or business, but Christ in a business that bears his scrutiny and promotes his program.

Winning souls for Jesus is the most enduring investment that a person can make. Can we afford to make poor investments for Christ anymore than we can for ourselves? A tenth of our possessions is God's. Are we good Stewards of what we possess?

*"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all."*

MISS LEO OLIVER.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Church of the Lord, Jesus Christ in this world is of Divine origin. Its founder was none other than the Son of the

living God. Its members are none other than those born from above. In the New Testament Scriptures we have a portrait of New Testament Churches. We believe Missionary Baptist Churches are patterned according to Christ's direction. To that Church in its organization was given the Great Commission. Matt. 28: 18-20. That Great Commission in its ministry was threefold in character, viz: "Preaching, teaching healing." The Sunday School was born for the purpose of carrying out in particular the great task of scriptural teaching. It is the Church assembled for the study of the word. The great objective of this ministry and message is the salvation of the pupil; the confession of Christ in baptism and the enlistment of life in the Church and for the Kingdom of God. The teaching of the word is practically obsolete in the home. It cannot be done in the public or high school; therefore, to the denominational school is allotted, particularly in this day, the teaching of the message of the "Book of Books."

If it is requisite to have trained graduates as teachers in the field of literary knowledge how much more so in the realm of spiritual truth.

As a Christian organization the Bible School has had a marvelous growth and influence. We have reason to praise God and take courage as we note the figures of the phenomenal growth of Southern Baptist Churches and Sunday Schools.

Here in our own State under the directorship of our beloved Dr. W. W. Willian and Mr. O. Radford, many institutes and Sunday School clinics have been held in various parts. Eternity alone will reveal the good that has come to the officers and teachers and hence to their scholars as the result of these conferences. Stress has been laid upon visitation and surveys as never before. Many new scholars and members have thus been found and added to our churches.

In our own Association your committee finds we have seventeen schools with an enrollment of approximately 2190; an average attendance of 1175; 96 scholars have professed faith in Christ and united with our churches. Over 100 of our officers and teachers hold diplomas.

Your committee would urge every Sunday School superintendent to try and get the school to reach the standard; to hold

at least monthly conferences; to make an annual survey and visitation to all the homes; that we pray and work for the strongest spiritual leadership in our Bible Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER JOHN MEADE,

Supt. of S. S. Convention.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

Replacing the hopeless horror which characterized the attitude of last generations toward youth, we have a new and encouraging spirit in our denominational activity which is expressed in our great and growing department of B. Y. P. U. work.

Baptist Young People, "utilized," is the desire and hopes of Southern Baptists. One of our greatest leaders asserted that the entire financial problem of the convention could be solved by B. Y. P. U. members alone.

There are over a half million training for service in over 26,000 B. Y. P. U.'s in our Southland. Over 20,000 of these choicest young Christians are members of the 1200 organizations in this state.

Under the able and loyal leadership of Dr. W. W. Willian and Mr. O. K. Radford, Florida has 150 general organizations, six of these are in this Association. Forty-two Unions have an active membership of about 700 future leaders.

There have been less than 100 study course awards received by young people in this Association this year. No meetings have been held by the defunct federation, even though plans are under way to reorganize and begin the work at an early date.

Our highest loyalty, our earnest effort, is not too good in this needful and promising phase of Kingdom building. We must conserve our youth and utilize them in loyal leadership.

JOHN HALL JONES.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nov. 5th, 1931, balance on hand	\$ 35.35
Received from Alachua Church	10.00
Received from Archer Church	2.00
Received from Campville Church	2.50

Received from Eden Church—No report.	
Received from Gainesville Church	25.00
Received from High Springs Church	5.00
Received from Hampton Church	3.00
Received from Island Grove Church	1.00
Received from Lake Butler Church	2.00
Received from Micanopy Church	3.00
Received from Orange Heights Church	2.00
Received from Ochwilla Church	2.00
Received from Sardis Church	3.30
Received from Waldo Church	5.00
Received from Hawthorn Church	5.00
Received from Hague Church—No report	
Grand total	\$106.15
Less Feb. 9th, paid Bradford County Telegraph for minutes	62.90
Less, paid Rev. M. D. Jackson, Clerk	25.00
Balance on hand, Nov. 1, 1932	\$ 18.25

Respectfully submitted,
E. E. STOKES, Treasurer.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Nominations submits the following report:

For Representatives to State Board of Missions

Rev. Thos. V. McCaul

For Delegates to State Convention

Fred H. Gibbons	Archer, Fla.
M. W. Lindsey	Alachua, Fla.
E. E. Stokes	Campville, Fla.
W. M. Bullard	Gainesville, Fla.
E. R. Simmons	Gainesville, Fla.
J. I. Tucker	Hampton, Fla.
A. L. Johnson	Hawthorn, Fla.
R. J. O'Steen	High Springs, Fla.
J. A. Bayless	Melrose, Fla.

Mrs. T. E. Johnston	Island Grove, Fla.
Miss Hattie Fowler	Lake Butler, Fla.
Mrs. C. B. Emerson	Micanopy, Fla.
F. F. Jerkins	Ochwilla, Fla.
N. E. Taylor	Sardis, Fla.
C. L. Pridgen	Waldo, Fla.

For Southern Baptist Convention

Rev. Walter J. Meade	Alachua, Fla.
Rev. W. B. Hicks	Waldo, Fla.

To Preach Associational Sermon Next Year

Rev. Thomas V. McCaul	Gainesville
Rev. W. B. Hicks, alternate	Waldo

H. H. SIMMONS, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1.—We wish to express our appreciation of the presence, and good talks of Dr. Brittain, Mrs. Peelman, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Johns, Dr. Hulley, O. K. Radford and others who have brought us inspiring addresses.

Resolution No. 2.—We also express our appreciation to Mr. W. M. Pepper, Jr., of the Gainesville Sun for the splendid write-up and publicity given our Association in his paper.

Resolution No. 3.—We most heartily express our thanks and appreciation to pastor and members of the Archer Baptist Church, and other friends for the splendid and bountiful hospitality accorded us at this session of the Santa Fe River Association.

J. M. LEWIS
M. W. LINDSEY
D. F. SUTLEY.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR

Christian Education	Rev. John Hall Jones
Foreign Missions	Rev. T. D. Denman
Home Missions	Rev. E. A. McDowell
State Missions	Rev. J. M. Lewis
Nominations	W. M. Hawkins
Publications	Rev. W. J. Meade

Sunday Schools	Rev. D. F. Sutley
Temperance	Rev. W. A. McMichen
Stewardship	Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Sr.
Baptist Children's Home	Mrs. F. W. Tyson
W. M. U.	Mrs. Belle Daily
B. Y. P. U.	H. E. Ridenour, Jr.
Obituaries	Mrs. A. L. Stephens
Spiritual Condition of Churches	Rev. W. B. Hicks

PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL MEETING SANTA FE RIVER W. M. U.

Held at Micanopy, Thursday, October 13, 1932

The annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of Santa Fe River Association was held at Micanopy Baptist Church, Thursday, October 13, 1932.

With the President, Mrs. E. A. McDowell in the chair, the meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M.

After singing the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us," Mrs. E. F. DeBusk of Gainesville led the devotional.

Mrs. Ella Prator of Micanopy, spoke some cordial words of welcome which were acknowledged and responded to by the President.

Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign."

The following committees were announced by the president:

Nominations: Mrs. E. R. Simmons, Mrs. F. W. Tyson, and Mrs. B. W. Cato.

Resolutions: Mrs. Joe Norfleet, Mrs. T. J. Townsend, Mrs. E. F. DeBusk.

Obituaries: Mrs. T. Emerson, Mrs. E. J. McMeekin, Mrs. G. W. S. Ware.

Enrollment: Mrs. E. B. Denton.

Press: Mrs. J. F. Vagts.

Time and Place: Mrs. N. E. Taylor, Mrs. T. D. Denman, Mrs. W. J. Meade.

Reports of District Superintendents were made by Mrs.

A. L. Stevens, for District No. 1, and Mrs. F. W. Tyson for District No. 2. No report from District No. 3.

In the absence of the Stewardship chairman, Mrs. Joe Norfleet spoke on the subject of Stewardship.

Mrs. Margaret Gross, chairman of Mission Study, made report, and spoke on the value of Mission Study.

Verbal reports were made from each society, of personal service done, and the subject was discussed at length by several members.

Mrs. I. A. Dailey, chairman of Training School, made her report and spoke to the report.

The societies and delegates of the Association were recognized by the president, and brief verbal reports were made, and a general discussion of the work of the Union was engaged in.

Mrs. T. D. Denman, Treasurer, made report as follows:

Total receipts October 12, 1932	\$19.15
Less disbursements	\$12.16
Balance on hand	\$ 6.98

The Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Maines, presented her annual report on a chart. The report showed 14 W. M. Societies and 16 Young People's organizations. Out of 435 members of the Woman's Missionary Societies were reported 100 tithers; boxes to the value of \$103.23 contributed to the Children's Home; \$15.00 to the Margaret Fund. The total money gifts was \$3,467.61.

The President, Mrs. E. A. McDowell, made her report.

Visitors and pastors recognized by the President included the following: Mrs. N. B. O'Kelly, Divisional President; Mrs. Bingham, Divisional Y. P. Leader; Mrs. Don Graves, all of Jacksonville; Rev. W. B. Hicks, Rev. E. A. McDowell, Rev. G. W. S. Ware, Rev. D. F. Sutley.

Dr. and Mrs. T. V. McCaul, rendered a special selection in song.

An anniversary observance by the Missionary Society of the Micanopy Church featured a memorial to Mrs. N. A. Bailey, who organized the first Missionary Society in the State at Micanopy, and who is buried in the cemetery. Mrs. Bailey was later State Corresponding Secretary of the Florida W. M. U. Addresses were made to her memory by Mrs. Ella Prator, and a charter member of the Society when organized, Mrs. Watt Smith. At the noon hour her grave was visited by the delegates, and flowers placed upon the mound. Rev. Ware made a short address at the grave.

After the singing of, "Florida My Florida," the session was adjourned for the noon hour.

The ladies of the Micanopy Church served a delightful dinner at the noon hour.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with a brief devotional service led by Mrs. Mildred Tomkies Lofton, Young People's Leader.

Mrs. G. J. Rosseau, State President of the W. M. U. was present and after introduction by the president, made an inspiring address.

After making her report, Mrs. Lofton introduced members of the Alachua Y. W. A., who presented an impressive pageant. This was followed by a talk and demonstration by Mrs. Bingham, Divisional Young People's Leader.

Reports of Committees were made. The Obituaries Report was made by Mrs. Emerson and included the names of the following who have passed to the great beyond: Mrs. Ed Milican, Gainesville, and Mrs. S. F. Waites, Hawthorn.

The Committee on Time and Place reported that the next meeting would be held at Gainesville on the second Thursday in October, 1933.

The Committee on Enrollment, Mrs. E. B. Denton, reported 104 delegates and visitors in attendance.

The report of the Nominating Committee was made by Mrs. E. R. Simmons, chairman, and included the following

names as officers for the year. On motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the names as nominated and the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. I. A. Dailey, Micanopy.

Vice President—Mrs. W. J. Meade, Alachua.

Secretary—Mrs. J. E. Thrasher, Jr., Micanopy.

Treasurer—Mrs. T. D. Denman, Melrose.

Young People's Leader—Miss Leo Oliver, Gainesville.

Assistant Young People's Leader—Mrs. W. T. Loftin, Alachua.

District Supt. No. 1—Mrs. C. A. Strickland, Waldo.

District Supt. No. 2—Mrs. R. R. Morrison, Hawthorn.

District Supt. No. 3—Mrs. E. F. DeBusk, Gainesville.

Chairmen

Stewardship—Mrs. A. R. Haywood, Hawthorn.

Mission Study—Mrs. Margaret Gross, Gainesville.

Personal Service—Mrs. W. O. Bennett, Hawthorn.

Margaret Fund—Mrs. B. W. Cato, Alachua.

Training School—Mrs. John Hall Jones, Gainesville.

Publicity—Mrs. J. F. Vagts, Gainesville.

Members at Large—Mrs. A. L. Stevens, Waldo; Mrs. L. E. McCall, High Springs.

Mrs. N. B. O'Kelly led in an installation and consecration ceremony, after which the session was adjourned with prayer.

MRS. E. A. McDOWELL, President

MRS. J. E. MAINES, Secretary.

Statistics of Santa Fe River Association, State of Florida, for Year Ending, October 32, 1932

Churches	Church Directories			Baptisms and Members, Etc.				S. S.		B. Y. P. U.'s		W. M. U.			Church Finances			Missions, Etc.			T. & B.				
	When Constituted	(C) or (V)	(T), (L), (O)	Regular Meetings	Regular Days of Meetings	Rapisms	Total Membership	Revival Meetings Held	Observances of Lords' Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper	Number of Schools	Total Enrolled	Total Number B. Y. P. U.'s	Total Enrolled in B. Y. P. U.'s	Children's Org.	Total Women's Contributions All Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Total local Church Exp. including Pastor's Salary and All Other Exp.	Total for all Mission Program and Specials or Designated Gifts to	How many Members are There? Is Church on Budget for Local Expenses and all Missions?	Value of Church Houses and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Homes	Total Church Property		
Alachua	1897	T		All		11	229	1	4	50	1	185	2	50	3	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,140.00	494.76	752.36	Y	20,000	20,000	22,500	
Archer	1920	T		2-4		13	125	1	4	5	1	53	0	0	1	360.00	360.00	533.98	10.33	100.06	N	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Campville	1892	V		4th		52	0	0	0	0	1	22	1	17	0	180.00	226.76				Y	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Eden	1858	T		2-4		2	152	0	0	0	1	138	4	41	0	446.00	588.31	588.31	75.00	75.00	Y	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Ellam	1922	V		4th		21	33	1	7	1	1	30	1	18	0	7.52	14.83	14.83			Y	150,000	25,000	175,000	
Fairbanks	1922	V		All		42	1306	1	6	200	2	902	9	182	5	4,800.00	13,645.10	2,005.33	2,005.33	16,772.49	Y	2,500	2,500	2,500	
Gainesville	1870	C		All		1	40	1	0	0	1	88	1	26	0	100.00	167.25	167.25			Y	2,500	2,500	2,500	
Hague	1891	T		2-4		6	137	1	2	5	1	84	1	26	0	133.65	258.06	258.06	33.84	49.06	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	
Hampton	1852	T		All		3	237	0	4	20	1	134	2	52	0	720.00	1,277.82	39.50	39.50	223.84	Y	2,500	2,500	2,500	
High Springs	1886	T		All		4	187	0	4	10	1	169	1	40	1	1,180.00	2,154.44	75.06	75.06	91.06	Y	20,000	2,500	22,500	
Island Grove	1891	V		1-3		1	74	1	1	5	1	7	0	0	1	100.00	98.18	98.18	40.00	102.60	12	1,800	1,800	1,800	
Lake Butler	1869	V		1-3		3	137	1	4	0	1	70	3	36	2	232.56	667.46	667.46	40.00	186.20	6	2,500	2,500	5,000	
Lacrosse	1873	O		1-3		20	64	0	4	3	1	67	0	0	1	240.00	337.85	337.85	64.04	114.72	Y	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Micanopy	1873	O		2nd		20	20	1	4	3	1	20	0	0	1	61.00	131.42	131.42	10.00	50.06	Y	2,000	2,000	2,000	
Ochawilla	1873	O		2nd		1	37	1	1	0	1	56	1	13	0	120.00	287.14	287.14	33.31	60.10	12	2,500	2,500	2,500	
Orange Creek	1913	V		2nd		2	57	1	4	2	1	25	0	0	1	180.00	337.65	337.65	32.01	61.56	Y	2,000	2,000	2,000	
Sardis	1877	O		4th		14	148	1	4	12	1	149	3	7	6	69.86	600.00	1,545.59	15.21	146.13	10	4,000	2,000	6,000	
Waldo	1884	T		1-3		124	3015	18	2195	28	475	28	475	28	28	2,850.04	10,943.91	24,481.28	3,018.41	18,792.33	51	231,800	37,000	268,800	
Totals																									

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