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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, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday School Convention President, and B. T. U. President.

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 dismission 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 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 Testaments 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 be preserved in the 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 in His Word; that only spirited 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 judgement.

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 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 occupations 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 religious 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 world 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 the 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 has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Association called to order at 10:00 A. M.
2. Collection of letters.
3. Election of officers.
4. Introductory Sermon.
5. Courtesy of Convention to visitors.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Reports of Standing Committees.
  - a—Treasurer's Report.
  - b—W. M. U. Report.
  - c—State Missions.
  - d—Home Missions.
  - e—Foreign Missions.
  - f—Children's Home.
  - g—Memorial Service.
  - h—B. T. U.
  - i—Sunday Schools.
  - j—Christian Education.
  - k—Stewardship.
  - l—Christian Literature.
  - m—Temperance.
  - n—Spiritual Conditions of Churches.
  - o—Ministerial Relief.
  - p—Nominations.
  - q—Resolutions.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Adjournment.

## ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

## ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Moderator .....	Gainesville
J. H. Mitchell, Vice Moderator .....	Waldo
B. J. Meadows, Clerk-Treasurer .....	High Springs
George Barber, President Sunday School Convention .....	Gainesville
Mrs. C. A. Strickland, President W. M. U. ....	Waldo
Warren Capell, Director, B. T. U. ....	Hawthorne

## ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Alachua .....	M. L. Lindsey
Archer .....	C. W. Moore
Campville .....	J. M. Craber
Eden .....	No Report
Eliam .....	F. T. Bristow
Fairbanks .....	W. M. Cassel
Gainesville .....	William Hawkins, Sr.

Hague .....	Mrs. H. B. Stanley
Hampton .....	H. B. Wiggins
Hawthorne .....	E. L. Johnson
High Springs .....	B. J. Meadows
Island Grove .....	L. B. Pinner
Johnstown .....	New Church
Lake Butler .....	T. M. Rihert
LaCrosse .....	T. R. Parker
Micanopy .....	E. D. Rosenberger
Ochwilla .....	B. A. Barrington
Orange Heights .....	Miss Myrtie Rountree
Paran .....	Weldon Brantley
Sardis .....	J. V. Edwards
Sunshine .....	Harry Tillis
Tabernacle .....	No Report
Waldo .....	J. W. Westley
Windsor .....	L. R. Nichols

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. B. Rogers (Alachua) .....	Alachua
W. B. Hicks (Waldo - Archer) .....	Waldo
J. M. Sullivan (Hawthorne - Campville - Ochwilla) .....	Hawthorne
O. E. Boals (Eden) .....	Johnson
Harold Link (Eliam - Paran) .....	Orlando
H. E. Ridenour (Fairbanks-Orange H'ts-Sunshine-Windsor) .....	Gainesville
T. V. McCaul (Gainesville, First) .....	Gainesville
A. J. Turner (Hampton - Island Grove) .....	Gainesville
L. O. Sheffield (Lake Butler) .....	Raiford
R. M. Stanley (LaCrosse) .....	High Springs
F. M. Strickland (Paran) .....	Putnam Hall
John Dicks (Sardis) .....	Lake City
Paul McCullers (Gainesville - Tabernacle) .....	Gainesville
Jno F. Gable .....	Gainesville
J. P. Kelley .....	Gainesville
G. W. S. Ware .....	Worthington
B. M. Park .....	Gainesville
J. H. P. Thomas .....	Hawthorne
M. A. Reinhardt .....	Hawthorne
E. A. McDowell (Johnstown) .....	Lake Butler
J. M. Hayman .....	Orange Heights
F. M. Strickland .....	Putnam Hall
W. A. McMichen .....	Waldo
C. F. Hooker .....	Waldo

## CHURCH CLERKS

Associational Supt. ....	George Barber, Gainesville
Alachua — Mrs. C. F. Stephens .....	Alachua

The name of Rev. J. M. Lewis was accidentally left off the list of ordained ministers in the year 1936. he is pastor of High Springs, Fla. since 1930

Archer — J. F. Simmons .....	Archer
Campville — Mrs. B. C. Johnson .....	Campville
Eden — F. T. Briston .....	Hawthorne
Eliam — C. P. Perry .....	R. F. D. Hawthorne
Fairbanks — Mrs. W. M. Cassells .....	Fairbanks
Gainesville, First — J. M. Ogilvie .....	Gainesville
Hague .....	No Report
Hampton — Mrs. M. L. Watterson .....	Hampton
Hawthorne — W. B. Adkins .....	Hawthorne
High Springs — R. W. Justice .....	High Springs
Island Grove — C. R. Ahstein .....	Island Groove
Johnstown — Mrs. Amanda Varnes .....	Lake Butler
Lake Butler — T. M. Riherd .....	Lake Butler
LaCrosse — Miss Neeta Carter .....	LaCrosse
Micanopy .....	No Report
Ochwilla — B. A. Barrington .....	R. F. D. Hawthorne
Orange Heights — Miss Myrtie Rountree .....	Hawthorne
Paran — M. L. Watkins .....	Putnam Haall
Sardis — R. B. Warren .....	Lake Butler
Sunshine — Harry L. Tillis .....	R. F. D. Gainesville
Tabernacle, Gainesville — J. R. Thomas .....	Gainesville
Waldo — Maurice DeSha .....	Waldo
Windsor — Mrs. E. M. Snowden .....	R. F. D. Gainesville

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

## Superintendents of Sunday Schools

Alachua — Freeman Futch .....	Alachua
Archer — C. M. Moore .....	Archer
Campville — Russell Thomas .....	Campville
Eden — C. H. Chandoin .....	Hawthorne
Eliam — E. B. Perry .....	R. F. D., 3, Hawthorne
Fairbanks — W. M. Cassels .....	Fairbanks
Gainesville — G. Ballard Simmons .....	Gainesville
Hague .....	No Report
Hawthorne — W. B. Adkins .....	Hawthorne
High Springs — B. J. Meadows .....	High Springs
Hampton — Miss Ada Mimms .....	Hampton
Island Grove — W. M. Thomas .....	Island Grove
Johnstown .....	No Report
LaCrosse — D. R. Parker .....	LaCrosse
Lake Butler — T. M. Riherd .....	Lake Butler
Micanopy .....	No Report
Ochwilla — W. G. Merriman .....	R. F. D. 2, Hawthorne
Orange Heights — W. M. Weaks .....	Orange Heights
Paran — W. Brantley .....	Grandin
Sardis — John Schaff .....	Dukes
Sunshine — Harry L. Tillis .....	Gainesville

Tabernacle, Gainesville — O. R. Evans .....	Gainesville
Waldo — I. W. Wesley .....	Waldo
Windsor — L. R. Nichols .....	Windsor

## B. T. U. DIRECTORY

Associational Director .....	Warren Capell, Gainesville
<b>Directors, Leaders and Presidents of Unions</b>	
Alachua—Director, Miss Jewel Tucker; Pres. Sr. Union, A. M. Petit, Sr. Leader Int. Union, Mrs. Nettie Gillis; Leader Jr. Union, Mrs. Glover Stephens.	
Archer—Director, Job White; President B. A. Union, Mrs. Elmer Mc- Elroy; Associational Director, Mrs. Ruby Rains, Mrs. C. W. Moor	
Campville—President Sr. Union, Russell Thomas.	
Eden—No report.	
Eliam—Director, J. A. Bayless; President B. A. Union, C. P. Perry; President Sr. Union, Mrs. M. R. Hinnant; Leader Int. Union, Mrs. B. A. Barrington; Leader Jr. Union, Mrs. J. A. Bayless; Leader Story Hour, Mrs. B. E. Kelley.	
Fairbanks—Leader Int. Union, Mrs. Geo. Padgett.	
Gainesville—Director, Mrs. Ulay Thompson.	
Hampton—No report.	
Hawthorne—Director, F. W. Capell; President B. A. Union, J. H. P. Thomas; President Sr. Union, Norma Tyson; Leader Int. Union, Phylis Burton; Leader Jr. Union, Mrs. Jewel Smith; Leader Story Hour, Mrs. J. M. Sullivan.	
High Springs—Director, W. E. Long; President Sr. Union, Mrs. W. E. Long; Leader Int. Union, B. J. Meadows; Leader Jr Union, Mrs. D. R. Waters.	
Island Grove—No report.	
Lake Butler—Director, Mrs. A. C. Strickland; President Sr. Union, Ella Mae Strickland; Leader Int. Union, Mrs. M. P. Geiger; Leader Jr. Union, Mrs. T. M. Riherd; Leader Story Hour, Miss Vivian Fowler.	
LaCrosse—No report.	
Ochwilla—No report.	
Orange Heights—Leader Int. Union, Mrs. P. C. Rowntree.	
Paran—President Sr. Union, M. L. Watkins, Leader Jr. Union Dorothy Mayo.	
Sardis—President Sr. Union, Mrs. J. H. Cason, Jr.; Leader Story Hour, Mamie Joe Warren.	
Sunshine—No report.	
Tabernacle—President Sr. Union, T. J. Allen; Leader Jr. Union, Merle Currie.	
Waldo—Leader Int. Union, Mrs. W. B. Hicks.	
Windsor—Leader Int. Union, Bob King.	
Hague—No report.	
Johnstown—No report.	

Micanopy—No report.

W. M. U. DIRECTORY

President—Mrs. C. A. Strickland ..... Waldo  
 Vice President—Mrs. E. J. McMichen ..... Hawthorne  
 Secretary—Mrs. R. A. Thigpen ..... Waldo  
 Treasurer—Mrs. Brice ..... Gainesville  
 Young Peoples Leader—Mrs. R. D. Beirs ..... Gainesville  
 District Supt. No. 1—Mrs. J. E. Maines ..... Lake Butler  
 District Supt. No. 2—Mrs. H. F. Preston ..... Melrose  
 District Supt. No. 3—Mrs. R. F. Johnson ..... High Springs

CHAIRMEN

Stewardship—Mrs. T. W. Tyson ..... Hawthorne  
 Mission Study—Mrs. Margaret Gross ..... Gainesville  
 Personal Service—Mrs. J. L. McCauley ..... Waldo  
 Margaret Fund—Mrs. C. C. Braddock ..... High Springs  
 Training School—Mrs. G. C. Smith ..... Gainesville  
 White Cross—Mrs. Fred Johnson.  
 Hundred Thousand Club—Mrs. Carl Williams ..... Alachua  
 Publicity—Mrs. E. T. Burke ..... Gainesville  
 Historian—Mrs. E. A. Hickson ..... Gainesville  
 Members at Large—Mrs. I. A. Dailey ..... Micanopy  
   Mrs. L. A. Sherouse ..... Hawthorne

W. M. U. PRESIDENTS

Alachua ..... Mrs. Carl Williams  
 Archer ..... Mrs. C. E. McElroy  
 Campville ..... None reported  
 Eden ..... None reported  
 Eliam ..... Mrs. B. A. Barrington  
 Fairbanks ..... None reported  
 Gainesville ..... Mrs. J. W. Norman  
 Hague ..... None reported  
 Hampton ..... Mrs. M. L. Watterson  
 Hawthorne ..... Mrs. F. W. Capell  
 High Springs ..... Mrs. A. C. Knight  
 Island Grove ..... None reported  
 Johnstown ..... None reported  
 Lake Butler ..... Mrs. L. O. Sheffield  
 LaCrosse ..... Mrs. Fred May  
 Micanopy ..... None reported  
 Ochwilla ..... None reported  
 Orange Heights ..... None reported  
 Paran ..... None reported  
 Sardis ..... Mrs. C. D. Newbern  
 Sunshine ..... None reported

Tabernacle ..... None reported  
 Waldo ..... Mrs. L. B. Alexander  
 Windsor ..... None Reported

W. M. U. AUXILIARIES

Y. W. A. Counselors

Eliam ..... Mrs. H. A. Barnett  
   G. A. Leaders  
 Eliam ..... Mrs. H. F. Preston  
 Gainesville ..... Mrs. J. W. Lucius  
 Hawthorne ..... Mrs. Helen Knapp  
 Waldo ..... Mrs. R. A. Thigpen and Mrs. J. M. Porter

R. A. Leaders

Eliam ..... Mrs. B. A. Barrington  
 Gainesville ..... Henry Turington  
 Hawthorne ..... W. L. Merritt

Sunbeam Leaders

Eliam ..... Mrs. Evelyn Cason  
 Gainesville ..... Mrs. Nell Hurst  
 Hawthorne ..... Mrs. J. H. P. Thomas  
 Lake Butler ..... Miss Marjorie McGill  
 Sardis ..... Mrs. J. H. Cason  
 Waldo ..... Mrs. W. E. Lyons

MESENTERS

Alachua—Rev. J. B. Rogers, B. W. Cato, Mrs. B. W. Cato, A. M. Pettit,  
 W. D. Blitch, M. L. Lindsay, Mrs. M. L. Lindsay.  
 Archer—J. P. Simmons, Mrs. J. P. Simmons, J. H. Mills, Mrs. J. H.  
 Mills, Mrs. Mrs. F. H. Gibbons, H. H. Simmons, Mrs. J. B. Coweard,  
 Campville—C. E. Long, Mrs. C. E. Long, J. W. Craber, Miss Bettie  
 Furguson, Miss Flora Gurthy.  
 Eden—No names reported.  
 Eliam—E. B. Perry, Mrs. E. B. Perry, H. G. Alderman, Mrs. H. G.  
 Alderman, C. P. Perry.  
 Fairbanks—W. M. Cassells, C. J. Reichardt, Mrs. Jake Kite, Mrs. Geo.  
 Padgett, Mrs. W. M. Cassells.  
 Gainesville, First—W. M. Ballard, Mrs. W. M. Ballard, E. R. Simmons,  
 M s. E. R. Simmons, Rev. J. P. Kelly, Mrs. J. P. Kelly, Rev G. S.  
 Ware, Mrs. G. W. S. Ware, Mrs. J. W. Norman, Mrs. George Long,  
 Mrs. A. C. Kerby, Mrs. S. K. Jackson, Mrs. Emma Bink, Mrs. Pink-  
 onson, Mrs. Mary Hill, Mrs. E. P. Bevis, Mrs. Lela Jones, Mrs. Van  
 Dane, Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mrs. A. G. Shouse, Dr. T. V. McCaul.  
 Hague—none reported.  
 Hampton—Rev. A. G. Turner, Miss Alta Rhames, Mrs. L. R. Kalch,  
 Mrs. M. L. Watterson.

Hawthorne—W. B. Adkins, Mrs. W. B. Adkins, Mrs. F. W. Tyson, A. L. Johnson, F. W. Cappell.  
 High Springs—M. C. Beck, R. W. Justice, B. J. Meadows, Mrs. J. T. Price, Mrs. A. N. Fussell.  
 Island Grove—W. M. Thomas, Mrs. R. E. Patrick, Mrs. T. E. Johnson, Mrs. W. M. Thomas.  
 Johnstown—Jesse Thomas, Mrs. Jesse Thomas, F. M. Thomas, Mrs. Ashley Toole.  
 Lake Butler—Rev. E. A. McDowell, Mrs. J. E. Maines, A. C. Strickland, Miss Hattie Fowler, Mrs. J. H. Scarborough.  
 LaCrosse—Mrs. Teagles, Mrs. Parker.  
 Micanopy—No report.  
 Ochwilla—F. F. Jerkins.  
 Orange Heights—Mrs. T. C. Rountree, Mrs. Carrie Hunt, Miss Myrtie Rountree.  
 Paran—B. H. Belisario, Mrs. B. H. Belisario, Mrs. Waldron Brantley.  
 Sardis—J. V. Edwards, Sr., Mrs. J. V. Edwards, Sr., J. H. Cason, Jr., Mrs. J. H. Cason, Jr., Mrs. R. B. Raherts, Mrs. C. D. Newbern.  
 Sunshine—H. L. Tillis, Mrs. J. E. Crawford, Mrs. G. C. Tillis, Mrs. H. L. Tillis.  
 Tabernacle—Rev. Paul McCullers, O. R. Evans, A. J. Turner.  
 Waldo—J. H. Mitchell, Mrs. J. L. McCauley, Mrs. A. C. Strickland, Mrs. J. M. Porter.  
 Windsor—C. Beckham, Mrs. L. R. Nichols, Mrs. L. P. Finklea.

## IN MEMORIAM

Alachua—Bro. C. A. Williams, Bro. J. A. Dew.  
 Archer—Bro. C. E. Nipper.  
 Campville—Deacon E. E. Stokes.  
 Eden—Deacon B. F. Mireton, Deacon Walter Sherouse.  
 Eliam—Sister Mary Woodruff, Sister Adeline Smith, Bro. J. J. Simmons, Dr. Paul Lee, Bro. Ernest Lee, Sister J. H. Osborne, Bro. J. L. Ford.  
 Fairbanks—Bro. Ottis Warren.  
 Gainesville—Sister W. P. Carter, Bro. R. L. Barton, Bro. J. E. Turberille, Bro. C. M. Wells, Sister C. M. Wells, Sister W. G. Boltin, Bro. T. C. Lane, Bro. C. A. Liddon, Bro. R. J. Shepherd, Deacon J. E. Waugh, Deacon E. D. Wynn.  
 Hampton—Deacon A. M. Williams.  
 Hawthorne—Sister Emma Riles.  
 High Springs—Sister Bonnie Collins, Sister Amanda George.  
 Orange Heights—Sister Sarah Tillman.  
 Paran—Bro. Geo. L. Tucker.  
 Sardis—Deacon S. W. DuBose.



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
EIGHTIETH ANNUAL SESSION  
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SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION  
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NOVEMBER 10TH AND 11TH, 1936.

FIRST DAY — 10:00 A. M.

1. Association called to order by Moderator H. E. Ridenour.
2. Devotional services were conducted by Dr. T. V. McCaul of Gainesville.
3. Duet by Mrs. J. R. Franks and Mrs. G. R. McDowell of High Springs.
4. Letters were presented from the following churches: Alachua, Archer, Campville, Eden, Eliam, Fairbanks, Gainesville, Hampton, Hawthorne, High Springs, Island Grove, Lake Butler, LaCrosse, Ochwilla, Grange Heights, Paran, Sardis, Sunshine, Tabernacle, Waldo Windsor.
5. Petitionary letters for membership in the Association were presented by the Johnstown church and Gainesville Tabernacle.
6. Applications for membership referred to Committee on New Churches.
7. Recognition of visitors.
8. Adoption of Program.
9. Committee on New Churches recommended the Johnstown church and Gainesville Tabernacle be admitted to membership.
10. Unanimously voted that the two above named churches be admitted.
11. Officers elected as follows: Moderator, H. E. Ridenour; Vice Moderator, J. H. Mitchell; Clerk and Treasurer, B. J. Meadows; Sunday School Association President, George Barber; Association B. T. U. Director, Warren Cappell.
12. Dr. Adcock, President Florida State Convention, given rising recognition by the Association.
13. Treasurer's report by Mrs. C. J. Reichardt read and adopted.
14. Welcome Address by Rev. J. M. Lewis.
15. Appointments of Committees by the Moderator.
16. Introductory Sermon, by Rev. L. O. Sheffield.
17. Recessed for noon lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

18. Address by Dr. Adcock, President State Convention.
19. W. M. U. report read and discussed by Mrs. R. M. Stanley. W. M. U. officers presented to the Association Report adopted.
20. Report on Brotherhood by J. H. Mitchell. Discussion by J. H. Mitchell and H. F. Latimer. Report adopted.
21. Report on Home Missions read by Rev. W. B. Hicks. Adopted without discussion.
22. Foreign Mission report read and discussed by Rev. J. M. Sullivan. Adopted.
23. Report and discussion on Co-operative Program by Rev. Paul McCullers. Adopted.
24. Address by Dr. C. M. Brittain.
25. Recess until 6 P. M.

EVENING SESSION

26. Evening lunch served in church basement at 6 P. M.
27. Association called to order by Moderator.
28. Devotional by Dr. T. V. McCaul.
29. Report on Temperance by Mrs. A. C. Strickland. Address on Temperance by Dr. E. D. Solomon. Adopted.
30. Adjournment for the day.

SECOND DAY—NOVEMBER 11

MORNING SESSION

31. Association called to order by Moderator at 9:45.
32. Devotional services by Dr. T. V. McCaul.
33. Report on Sunday Schools by Geo. Barber. Officers recommended by Bro. Barber duly elected. Rising vote of thankful recognition given to Bro. Barber for his splendid work as Associational Sunday School President. Report adopted.
34. Report on B. T. U. work by Bro. Ulay Thompson adopted.
35. Rev. J. B. Rogers read report and led discussion on Christian Education. Report adopted.
36. Stetson University represented by Dean Cartlor, who further discussed Christian Education.
37. Report on Orphans Home, by Bro. T. M. Johns.
38. Moderator appointed Bro. E. D. Perry, chairman of committee to gather food for the Orphans Home.
39. Address by Bro. H. F. Latimer on Brotherhood work.
40. Address by Dr. E. D. Solomon on the Baptist Witness.
41. Recess for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

42. Association called to order by Moderator.

Statistics of Santa Fe River Baptist Association, State of Florida, for Year Ending October 31, 1936.

Churches	Church Directories			Baptisms and Members					S. S.	B. Y. P. U.		W. M. U.	Church Finances		Missions, etc.		Church Property				
	When Constituted	City (C), Country (O) Town (T), Village (V)	Meeting Days	Baptisms	Total Membership	Revivals Held in Year	Observance of Lord's Supper	Take State Baptist Paper	Number of Schools	Total Enrolled	Total B. Y. P. U.'s	Total Enrolled in B. Y. P. U.	Women's & Children's Groups	Total Women's Contributions All Purposes	Pastors' Salary	Total Local Church Expense Including Pastors' Salary & All Other Expenses	Total Gifts to Cooperative Program.	Total All Gifts, Misc. Ed. & Benevolences	Value of Church Houses & Grounds	Value of Pastors' Homes	Total Value All Church Property
Alachua .....	1898	Town	2 & 4	6	134	1	4	12	1	150	1	1	245.76	1120.00	1531.53	103.70	94.93	15,000	3,000	18,000	
Archer .....	1920	Town	1		38				1	104	3	1	73.39	360.00	894.15	15.00	62.89	3,500		3,500	
Campville ....	1892	Village	Full	5	222	1	12	6	1	26	1			120.00	159.20	7.00	5.40	2,500		2,500	
Eden .....	1902	C'ntry	2 & 4	2	56				1	35					50.00			1,000		1,000	
Eliam .....	1859	Town	2 & 4	22	160	1	4	12	1	105	4	54	228.65	319.19	759.99	107.09	252.43	10,000		10,000	
Fairbanks ....	1932	Village	2 & 4	10	83	1	4	12	1	69	1	27		61.00	181.60	12.00	21.00	1,200		1,200	
Gainesville ....	1870	City	Full	67	1628	1	6	110	1	1085	7	204	11	1089.36	4100.00	13885.60	1286.51	517.17	153,000	25,000	178,000
Hampton .....	1891	Town	2 & 4		129	1	3		1	55		1	54.28	163.23	295.00			2,500		2,500	
Hague .....	1911	Village			36																
Hawthorne ...	1852	Town	1	1	301		4	30	1	185	5	87	5	99.50	1000.00	1306.46	175.15	123.55	3,000	3,000	6,000
High Springs ..	1886	Town	Full	17	202	1	4	25	1	213	3	75	3	462.63	1040.00	1989.74	59.00	93.56	20,000	2,250	22,250
Island Grove ..	1891	Village	1 & 4	4	80	1			1	57	1			84.96	157.63		10.00	1,500		1,500	
Johnstown ....	1936	C'ntry																			
Lake Butler ...	1869	Town	1 & 3	6	130		4	13	1	109	4	43	2	109.80	420.00	619.41		251.53	2,500	2,500	5,000
LaCrosse .....	1882	Village	4	0	0		2	3	1					120.00	191.00	12.00		1,200		1,200	
Micanopy .....		Village			65																
Ochwilla .....	1873	C'ntry	2		19		4	2	1	13				61.00	76.00	19.00	82.78	2,000		2,000	
Orange Heights	1913	Village	1	11	39	1	1	1	1	35	1	12		36.00	117.00	10.00	10.00	2,500		2,500	
Paran .....	1856	C'ntry	3	4	65		4	12	1	46				120.00	154.00	2.00	70.85	1,500		1,500	
Sardis .....	1877	Village	3	7	117	1	4	4	1	77	1	18		200.00	320.43	42.65	85.77	2,000		2,000	
Sunshine .....	1935	C'ntry	2 & 4	1	16	1			1					48.00	58.00	10.00	10.00				
Tabernacle ...	1936	City	Full	9	43	2	2	12	1	48	2	26	1	5.25	150.00	927.05	26.35	26.35	5,000		5,000
Waldo .....	1884	Town	1 & 3	11	175	1	4	14	1	155	4	44	5	600.00	967.60	86.45	231.33	4,000	2,000	6,000	
Windsor .....	1934	C'ntry	1	4	23	1			1	23	1	20		17.23	32.14	12.00	14.00				
				187	3761	15	66	268	21	2590	39	642	31	2368.62	10140.61	24671.53	1985.90	1963.54	233,900	37,750	271,650

43. Special music by Rev. and Mrs. Hooker.
44. Devotional, led by Dr. T. V. McCaul.
45. Presentation of Mrs. A. C. Strickland, newly elected President of the W. M. U.
46. Report on spiritual condition of the churches read and discussed by Rev. W. A. McMichen. Report adopted.
47. Rev. L. O. Sheffield read report on Stewardship. Report discussed and adopted.
48. Report on Ministerial Care read and discussed by E. R. Simmons. Adopted.
49. Report on Obituaries ably presented by Mrs. A. C. Strickland.
50. Resolution presented by Dr. T. V. McCaul that the Moderator appoint a standing committee on Baptist History. Moderator named to this committee, Rev. G. W. S. Ware, Chairman, with two other Brethren to assist.
51. Adjourned.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, November 5, 1935 .....	\$ 9.35	
Received from Churches for Minutes .....	57.50	
Received from Offering .....	1.25	
Total Receipts .....	\$68.10	
Paid for Programs .....	\$ 4.00	
Paid for Minutes .....	47.50	
Postage and Stationery .....	2.80	
Clerk hire .....	10.00	
Total .....	\$64.30	
Balance on hand .....	\$ 3.80	
Total .....	\$68.10	\$68.10

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

That we endorse the suggestion of Rev. E. A. McDowell to present to the churches of the Association an appeal that an effort be made to place the Florida Witness in each of the Baptist homes for a period of three months.

That we instruct the clerk of the Association to draw up a tentative budget; said budget amounting to \$300.00 for the purpose of paying the expenses of our S. S. Associational Supt. and B. T. U. Leader; said funds to be sent to the Associational Treasurer monthly or quarterly, in keeping with the plan of each church for giving.

That we ask the churches to raise sufficient funds for publishing full minutes of the Association, including reports, this year, providing that sufficient money has not already been provided.

That a hearty vote of thanks be given the High Springs Pastor and Church for the splendid entertainment received during this session.

W. B. HICKS  
J. B. RODGERS  
J. M. Sullivan

#### CONSTITUTION—Amendment to Article 9.

Also there shall be one member elected by each church of the Association annually to enlist or solicit all members of their respective churches to make Associational Missions a part of their annual budget. (Amendment 1936)

#### RESOLUTION AND PRELIMINARY REPORT—Committee on Baptist History.

Resolved that a Standing Committee on Baptist History be appointed by the Moderator of this Association, with Rev. G. W. S. Ware as chairman, and that this committee bring a report to the next session of the Association with the understanding that a brief summary of such a report as it refers to the history of the Santa Fe River Association be printed in the minutes of the next session of our Association.

Signed, Thos. V. McCaul.

#### BAPTIST HISTORY, ANCIENT AND MODERN

##### Definition of Terms

1. A Church. A church is a Brotherhood of believers of who Christ is head. (Ephesians 1:22.)
2. A Board. The first or primitive board in the church was the board of deacons. (Acts 6:3.)  
The second board was for Missions, by order of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 13:2)
3. Association. The first or primitive Baptist Association was held in Jerusalem, and Pastor James was moderator, and Missionary Paul made a report on Missions. (Acts 21:18-20.)
4. Baptist. It is the modern name for the ancient church.
5. Primitive. It means pertaining to the beginning.

#### FLORIDA BAPTIST HISTORY

In my youth I knew three persons who were in the beginning of Florida Baptist history. I have data for the following historical facts: (1). That the first Baptist church in Florida was organized in 1825. (2). That it is a Missionary Baptist church to-day. Hence it is a primitive Baptist church of Florida, with those of like faith and order. (3). That the first Baptist Association organized in Florida was in 1835; and that in 1845 it voted itself to be an Anti-Missionary Baptist Association, and is one today. (4). That the next Baptist Association organized in Florida was in 1841. That it was organized into a Missionary Baptist Association, and is one today.

Hence we find this strange mix up in Florida Baptist history, namely: that all Missionary Baptist Associations are made up of Prim-

itive Baptist churches; and that all Anit-Missionary Baptist Associations have no Primitive Baptist churches in them, unless they have voted to go that way.

G. W. S. Ware.  
1239 W. Union Street,  
Gainesville, Florida.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Your Committee submits the following nominations for your consideration:

For Member State Board of Missions, Dr. T. V. McCaul.  
For Messengers to State Baptist Convention:

#### COMMITTEE TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION

State Missions .....	Rev. A. J. Turner
Home Missions .....	Rev. H. H. Link
Foreign Missions .....	Rev. O. E. Boales
Cooperative Program .....	Rev. W. A. McMichen
Temperance .....	Rev. W. B. Hicks
Brotherhood .....	Bro. M. C. Beck
Evangelism .....	Rev. Paul McCullers
Publication .....	Rev. J. M. Lewis
Christian Education .....	Dr. T. V. McCaul
Sunday School .....	George Barber
B. T. U. ....	Warren Capell
Childrens Home .....	Rev. J. B. Rogers
Stewardship .....	Bro. E. R. Simmons
Mnisterial Care .....	Bro. J. H. Mitchell
Spiritual Condition of the Churches .....	Rev. L. O. Sheffield
Obituaries .....	Mrs. C. A. Strickland
Nominations and Next Session .....	Bro. Priest Perry

Rev. Paul McCullers, Bro. M. C. Beck and Bro. J. H. Mitchell were appointed by the Moderator to serve as active committeemen on the Brotherhood work of the Association for the ensuing year.

#### REPORT OF BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD WORK

We understand the purpose of the Brotherhood to be, to serve the Church by enlisting its man power in practical service. There is no greater or fundamental service than winning the unsaved Christ.

The State Convention in session in Arcadia last January went on record as favoring a functioning Brotherhood in every Baptist church.

The following recommendation was approved at the State Convention: That special effort be made through pastors and laymen and Associational committees to secure a hearty support of the cooperative

Program on the part of those churches not now contributing to it. The Brotherhood always supported the cooperative program, rather than resort to special offerings inasmuch as the cooperative is all inclusive.

We are living in a day when objectives are sought: It seems natural that the Brotherhood should lend its cooperation in the District Association.

First, in getting the churches to adopt an objective that they can reach; Second, in having a select group of men to re-enforce the Associational Promotional Committee, and lend a helping hand when any of the churches need assistance in putting on an "Every Member" canvass. The Brotherhood plan of encouraging Through Preparation, a Thorough Canvass and a thorough Follow-up appeals to the brethren where it has been presented.

In some cases where the Brotherhood has been called on by a part-time church to assist them in making a thorough, Every Member Canvass, it has proven quite profitable.

The Brotherhood is encouraging all of the members to take an active part in their Associational work by getting a copy of the minutes, giving a study to the weak points as reported by this church, and endeavoring in a manly way to improve conditions.

Members of the Brotherhood are being encouraged to prepare themselves for leadership when needed in any department of the Church Work. The training they receive as they take part in Brotherhood meetings equipping them for a larger service.

In a few of the Associations of our State, the Brotherhood is well organized and the work is telling in its effect on tithing, increased interest on the part of the men of the churches in attending the services and contributing to their support, as well as a greater interest in the effort to win the lost and enlist them in service.

Your committee is sorry to have to report that no active steps have been taken to organize a Brotherhood in our association, but it is our prayer and hope that soon after this meeting of the association, we may be able to hold a Rally Meeting at some convenient place where an associational organization may be effected, and thus lay the foundation upon which there may be built organizations in every church in the association.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. H. Mitchell, Committee.

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The fundamental purpose in missions is the projection of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ into all time and into all lands. This never changes. The disciples of Christ of every age are to go into all the world, sent by Christ as Christ was sent by the Father, to carry to its consumation the redemptive work of Christ.

The point of approach to this world task for Southern Baptists is the homeland. Keep the homeland evangelized and we have the hope and the assurance of the world's evangelization. Let apostolic faith perish from the homeland and our missions in far away fields will fail for lack of support. Home missions are essential to world missions.

The Home Mission task is greater today than ever. Millions of people in the homeland are waiting for the word of life. Our brother in black, 10,000,000 of them, are looking to us for help; 5,000,000 foreigners spiritually marooned on our shores are a challenge to our passion for the lost; Oklahoma and New Mexico 200,000 Indians will never have a chance if we do not send the Gospel to them; the 225,000 Spanish speaking people in New Mexico will never know about Christ as a personal Savior unless some one goes to them with the Gospel; 8,000 Mexicans this side the Border are crying out for the light; the great Acadian section in Louisiana with its more than 600,000 souls should know about the Savior. There is much land to be possessed.

The Home Mission Board last year appointed 27 new missionaries, making a total of 285 missionaries, working in 894 mission churches and mission stations. There were over 4,000 conversions and baptisms, 18 new churches were organized and 62 mission stations opened.

From information we learn much progress was made in Cuba, in the homeland among the multiplied thousands of Italians, Indians, Mexicans and Negroes. There were distributed 9,326 Bibles and Gospels among the various groups. In the ministry of teaching, the Board is maintaining 566 Sunday Schools with 11,554 pupils. It also maintains Acadia Baptist Academy in Southern Louisiana, The Anglo Mexican Institute at El Paso, Tex., the Mexican Baptist Institute at Bastrop, Texas, and does other efficient and effective work in Christian Education.

We might speak of other benevolent work being done by our Board, but time would fail us to speak of each phase of our great work in this brief report.

In 1935 the Board received from all sources \$416,576.85. This was \$82,880.82 more than was received in 1934. The budget for 1936 is \$150,000.00 for mission work, and \$194,896.67 for interest and principal on debts.

The Board is operating within the budget, and for over two years has operated without borrowing money.

The Board has received from the Hundred Thousand Club up to May, 1936, \$96,766.37, all of which has been paid on the principal of its debt.

The Home Mission Board is set for saving of the Homeland, save homeland and the homeland will evangelize the whole world.

Respectfully Submitted,  
W. B. Hicks, Committee.

### THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

The co-operative program is the method we use in the Southern Baptist Convention for reaching and supporting all phases of our denominational work. All of the churches cooperating with the convention give their money into the common treasury and it is paid out according to the need of the respective items composing the cooperative program.

When Jesus was here He preached, He taught, He healed the sick, and that glorious work has been handed down through the ages until today, and now the work is ours.

Through the cooperative program we administer to the mind through our academies, colleges and seminaries. Our hospitals administer to the bodies as well as the souls of men and our great cooperative efforts help to give the gospel at home and abroad.

We urge all of our churches to cooperate in this great program and solicit every member of our respective churches in support of the movement

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul McCuller.

### W. M. U. REPORT

This is the third time I have had the honor and privilege of representing the Women's work of Santa Fe Association at these meetings, and I wish to thank and express my appreciation to the loyal workers in same for being able to render this report and tell you what we are doing in our respective churches and fields of service.

We have held three well attended and helpful rallies, one in Jan. at Waldo. Mrs. Morris De Sha had charge of the program. The second one assembled at Hawthorne in March and Mrs. F. W. Tyson was in charge of this program. Our last rally was held here in the High Springs church. Bro. and Sister L. R. Brothes were our inspirational speakers. The Pres. of the local colored W. M. S. visited with us and rendered very effectively a poem concerning "Temperance". We have had an average attendance of 75 at each of these meetings and nearly every church in the Association had representatives. Several of our pastors have been present and were helpful to us.

We have 12 active W. M. S. with 4 full grade unions and 1-a-1 society.

We have 19 young peoples organizations with 306 members. There are 468 active members in W. M. S. 86 Tithers have been reported. We feel sure there are more. \$12.69 has been given to Margaret Fund and \$10.40 to training school. 8 Boxes valued at \$98.46 were sent to the Children's Home. Some of our societies have children whom they supply with clothing.

Foreign Missions received from our Lottie Moon offering \$211.48

We sent \$85.04 during March for Home Missions and State Missions received \$..... from the Societies. The cooperative program received \$1,371.72. \$137.00 was given to the 100,000 Club. There are 17 members. \$303.59 was given to charity. \$15.62 was sent for White Cross. More than \$150.00 was given to Rev. and Mrs. Brothers when the Association came together in Gainesville and honored them with a shower. Melrose gave them \$12. on their convention expenses. Waldo sent a box containing layette and wash clothes to B. H.

The offerings from rallies totaled \$12.43. The offering in Hawthorne for annual meeting amounted to \$16.88 and all current expenses of Asso. being paid with Asso. dues to replenish treasury we found it possible to send check for the \$16.88 to Dr. Brittain for State Missions.

There were 25 study classes during the year with 174 awards. The women have given \$409.19 locally and \$635.45 has been given to other objects not already specified. Our Association gave more than \$16. for Orphanage repairs. \$1.50 for Stewardship contest and \$3,530.33 has been given altogether by our women.

We feel that God is greatly leading and blessing us in our labors together for Him.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. R. M. Stanley, Past Pres. W. M. U.

OFFICERS FOR 1936 - 1937

- President ..... Mrs. C. A. Strickland, Waldo
- Vice President ..... Mrs. E. J. McMeekin, Hawthorne
- Secretary ..... Mrs. R. A. Thigpen, Waldo
- Treasurer ..... Mrs. Brice, Gainesville
- Y. P. Leader ..... Mrs. R. D. Beirs, Gainesville

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

When we speak or hear temperance, we naturally think of intoxicating liquors, wines, beers and so forth. May we ask two questions? 1st, Are the temperance laws of today any better than they were a year ago? 2nd, What are we, as Christians or a denomination, doing to make them better or to enforce what temperance laws that we have?

Records show that the prohibition movement began back in 1881 and with much hard work and concerted efforts, the 18th Amendment to the Constitution was adopted in 1917 and with the adoption of that amendment the prohibition forces seemed to have thought that a complete victory had been won for temperance, for so few, comparatively speaking kept up the fight for prohibition.

Statistics show that about 30 million people have become of voting age since adoption of the 18th amendment and we are told that most of these have had very little or no instruction at all along the line of temperance. Is it any wonder that sentiment for temperance has lost

ground for the last few years? However, education, alone, is inadequate to secure or save prohibition. It is high time that special emphasis be given again to the study and teaching of temperance.

Why this crime wave that we hear spoken of so often? The newspapers and radios flash facts horrible beyond description of murders, kidnapings, robbery, immorality, extortion, injustice and drunkenness. Prisons are crowded. Courts are behind. The greatest menace to the human race, the direct or indirect cause of these terrible crimes and tragedies, is whiskey or other intoxicating liquors.

Why have the open saloons? Why have bootleggers and blind tigers? If we the members of the Santa Fe Association will lend our best efforts, with Christ as our example and God as our guide, temperance will gain some of its lost ground during the next year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. A. C. Strickland

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

It has been a pleasure, and honor, and a privilege to act as your associational superintendent during the past year. I believe that our association is at present one of the best organized in the state.

The way in which each of you cooperated is the only reason that we have done as well as we have. The little part I have played in comparison to what others have done is insignificant.

I shall attempt to give you a mental picture of a few of the most outstanding things that have been done. First, I would like to mention the work of a teacher of a sixteen year old boy's class in the intermediate department of a church in this association. When he took charge of the class at the beginning of the year there were about eight members of the class who were not members of the church. Through his effort and with the help of God they were all saved and have become members of the church.

On Sunday I visited the Sunday school at Archer and they had one 100% class and one 99% class. They have become a standard Sunday school during the past year under the direction of Mr. Carl Moore as Superintendent and Brother Hicks as pastor of the Church.

A little church located out in the woods near Melrose called Paran has an average attendance of fifty in their weekly prayer meetings.

Our moderator, Bro. Ridenour, asked that we take a religious census at the same time our study course was given. Mrs. Vagts, the Departmental supervisor, was elected to be in charge of the work. She secured the following corps of workers: Mr. O. K. Radford, Mrs. Gross, Mrs. King, Myrtie Rountree, Hawley Ridenour, Mrs. J. M. Tyson, and Mrs. Lee McDonald. The incomplete census shows that there are approximately 1944 people in the associational territory, 1608 are Baptist, and 336 are unsaved. There were 9 Sunday Schools which took the book.

"Building a Standard Sunday School" and 2 which took, "When do Teachers Teach".

This association is composed of 22 churches and a population of approximately 14,000. 3,000 of them are Baptists. This is our field. What have we done as our part of reaping the harvest?

With the help of Bro. Hicks, our association was organized and divided into three groups. A meeting was called to convene in Gainesville, at which time the associational department was made. In place of an associate superintendent, a department advisor, Mrs. Vagts, was elected. She is one of the best in the state. Her office is equivalent to that of superintendent. After consulting Mr. O. K. Radford, we met and elected group captains and set the time of group meetings. Bro. Castle, Myrtie Rountree, and Mrs. Cason were elected as the three group captains over their respective groups. After a little time, Mrs. Cason resigned and Miss Blanch Warren was elected in her place. And Miss Ridenour was elected group captain after resignation of Miss Myrtie Rountree. Miss Rountree resigned because she was leaving this part of the state. Some time later Miss Ridenour resigned, because she was leaving this part of the state, and Miss Rountree, having returned home, has been supplying as group captain since.

Time set for the groups to meet was the first, third and fourth Sundays of each month, respectively, thus giving the superintendent and the secretary a chance to meet with each group. At the end of our associational year, there will have been 35 group meetings. The average attendance at these meetings has been 48. Two semi-annual meetings with attendance of 520 and three quarterly officer and group captain meetings will have been held by the end of associational year.

Our association has been self-supporting. At each meeting a collection was taken which took care of postage and other expenses.

I want to officially thank Mrs. Thompson for her faithful and loyal work as secretary. She is one of the most efficient secretaries that an organization could find.

Since Mr. Ulay Thompson has been in charge of the B. T. U. Department of the association, he and I have decided that it would be a good idea to combine our meetings and give a portion of the meeting over to each department for their special work. We thought this might help to build up the association. The idea was presented to each group and unanimously voted upon as right. The combined meeting was outlined as follows: 1.—A ten minute devotional—by hostess church. 2.—A twenty-five minute period given to each department, following the topic assigned to each. 3.—A thirty minute period in which each department assembles themselves to discuss its business and problems. This outlined program is to be tried until the end of the assoc. year.

It was decided at the association meeting in August not to combine the Sunday School and the B. T. U. meetings in any way during 1937.

Our topic for August is "What part the Sunday School and B. T. U.

can play in a church revival".

The growth of our association in new members during the past year is estimated at approximately five percent. There has been one new Sunday School organized in the association during the year.

The following have been chosen by the Superintendent, together with the nominating committee, to hold office during the next 12 months, subject to your approval.

#### LIST OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1936 - 1937

Department Advisor, Mrs. J. F. Vagts; Associate, Mrs. J. M. Tyson; Cradle Roll and Beginners, Miss Ima Mead; Primary, Mrs. Nell Hurst; Juniors, Mrs. C. J. Reichart; Intermediate, Mrs. A. C. Strickland; Young People and Adults, Dr. C. L. Prigdon; D. V. B. S., Mr. Ben Ridenour; Extension, Mr. Ulay Thompson; Piano (Music), Mrs. Ben Ridenour; Librarian, Miss Betty Davis.

Respectfully submitted,  
G. A. Barber, Superintendent

#### REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Christian schools were the pioneers in the field of higher education in America and through all the years they have been the most dependable source of leadership. The present social, economic and political conditions throughout the world attest the absolute need for Christian education in established Christian schools and colleges, if civilization is to endure. No philosophy however broad, no science however exact, no art however appealing can, apart from the principles and practice of Christianity, meet the universal needs of men.

The celebration of the centenary of Luther Rice this year makes it eminently fitting that we study again the intimate relationship of missions and education at home and abroad, the important part that he played both in the establishment of our Christian colleges and in the support of foreign missions, and the truly remarkable way our colleges have served in providing trained leaders.

In the light of our study of the experiences and achievements of our Baptist colleges in the South, extending over a period of a little more than one hundred years, and the confused conditions and the spiritual needs of our times, there is a definite challenge to the Baptists of the South to think through the problem of their schools, to recognize their primary importance to leaven the whole lump of education and to give them the support necessary to enable these Kingdom agencies to function even more effectively and worthily.

In the language of Woodrow Wilson, one of the most scholarly statesmen who ever sat in the White House and an alumnus of a Christian college, "The Christian college is the lighthouse of civilization". In the language of Willam Louie Poteat, one of the most cul-

tured Christians who has served as president of a church college, his Alma Mater, "The Christian college is the center for the reorganization of society after the mind of Christ".

In our three seminaries and in our two training schools for women with properties and endowments valued at \$6,241,347.00 there were enrolled 1191 students last year. In our twenty-nine senior colleges and universities with properties and endowments valued at \$46,173,474.00 there were enrolled more than 16,000 students last year, of whom 939 were ministerial and 219 students volunteers. In our twenty-one junior colleges with properties and endowments valued at more than \$7,186,346.00 there were enrolled more than 4000 students, of whom 206 were ministerial and 129 volunteers. In our sixteen academies with properties and endowments valued at \$1,865,667.00 there were enrolled more than 1700 students, of whom 127 were ministerial and 82 students volunteers.

#### STETSON UNIVERSITY

Florida Baptists have every reason to be proud of Stetson University. The institution has been built by people of means mostly from the north, and established right here in Florida where Baptists of the state may have the opportunity of sending their children to it. This has been done too without involving Florida Baptists financially with a debt. Because Stetson University's buildings and equipment have been paid for as they were added from time to time, and together with an accumulated endowment of two million dollars or more, the administration has been able to operate it without making a debt. But the thing of which we may be most proud is that Stetson is a Baptist School, Christian in teaching and spirit, with a high-toned Christian gentleman as president and a faculty likewise who believe in and accept Christ as the Divine Son of God and do not hesitate to teach such.

Stetson is growing, in numbers, equipment, teaching force, and usefulness. May she send out more useful men and women in the future than she has in the past.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. B. Rodgers, Committee

#### SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES

We your committee find on the examination of the church letters, that all churches have been supplied with pastors, four churches having full time preaching and eight having half time, all others having one-fourth time. Of the sixteen reporting all have Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U, ten have W. M. U. The churches having full time preaching are Gainesville, first, High Springs, Alachua and Hawthorne. Those having half time preaching are Waldo, Archer, Eliam (Melrose),

Fairbanks, Hampton, Micanopy, Paran, Windsor and Sunshine.

From these statistics as gleaned from these letters we believe the Spiritual conditions of the churches of this association to be in a state of progress.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. A. McMichen, Com.

#### REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP

Christ came to establish that Kingdom which is the theme of the Scriptures, the goal of the prophecy, the ultimate purpose of Jehova in the creation of man. On Calvary He paid the price of citizenship in that Kingdom for earth's people, henceforth, "all authority" in heaven and earth is His. His Royal Edict, was the marching orders given His blood-bought followers as they should go forth to extend that Kingdom "to the uttermost part of the earth". Not one of His followers is exempt. All must go. Not all can go in person, but there is no one but what can send.

In this twentieth-century of science and invention, progress and material development, does He see His churches intent upon their sublime mission? The vast majority is neither "going" nor "sending".

A Steward is defined as one who is placed in a position of trust and responsibility over the affairs of another. The Christian has no option in the matter of being a steward. For we are all stewards. All we have, —we ever will have must come from God. Not only that but we must one day account to him as to the use made of that entrusted to us. It is not then a question whether or not we are stewards, but whether we are good or poor stewards. One must remember that the "earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof". Food and water so necessary in life are God-given. The air, sunshine, land, rivers, flowers, the gold in the mines, and the cattle on a thousand hills. God is the true owner of all these things while we are merely the possessors.

God's program calls for the evangelization of the world, and He has not repudiated or modified His plan one bit. God is depending upon His stewards to continue and carry out His plan. This we do through prayer, work and giving. Harvest fields are white, nations calling; volunteers are pleading to go. What halts the progress of missions and the Kingdom? Only one reason—a shortage of funds in God's treasury.

The faithful steward is concerned about the entire program of Christ's Church. The mission work in our State which includes the evangelistic program, aid to pastorless churches, promotional and educational work, our support of over 150 homeless boys and girls, Christian education for our young people ready to enter college, and aid to our worthy but needy young men ready to enter college and the seminaries in preparation for the ministry.



In the same spirit to enter into the southwide and worldwide objectives of our great denomination is to be a good steward.

Our gifts to the cooperative program for the first three-quarters of this year was \$1,626.25 and for specials \$1,000.68 or a total of \$2,626.93. If we estimate the amount for the fourth-quarter on the basis of the fourth-quarter of 1935, the total for the entire year will be about \$3,300.00. This is better than last year, but is not what it should be. Surely our Churches should stress anew the real meaning of "freely ye have received, freely give".

Respectfully submitted,

L. O. Sheffield.

