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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 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 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 assenting 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 ordinance 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 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 grace, both private and public, and by abstaining from all secular labor, except work 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. J. M. Lewis, Moderator	High Springs
L. O. Sheffield, Vice Moderator	Lake Butler
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	A. J. Ballis
Fairbanks	M. W. Cassells
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 Myrtle Rountree
Paran	Weldon Brantley
Sardis	R. B. Hewett
Sunshine	Harry Tillis
Tabernacle	No Report
Waldo	J. W. Westley
Windsor	L. R. Nichols

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Ed Harvell (Alachua)	Alachua
W. B. Hicks (Waldo) (Archer)	Waldo
S. J. Morgan (Campville)	Gainesville
H. H. Link (Eliam) (Ochwilla)	Orlando
L. R. Brothers	Address not given
H. E. Ridenour, Sr. (Fairbanks)	Route 3, Gainesville
(Orange Heights) (Sunshine) (Windsor)	
T. V. McCaul (Gainesville First)	Gainesville
J. F. Gable	Gainesville
J. P. Kelly	Gainesville
G. W. S. Ware	Gainesville
B. M. Pack	Gainesville
Paul McCullers (Gainesville Tabernacle)	Gainesville
Rev. Newton (Hampton)	Green Cove Springs
J. A. Kelly (Hawthorne)	Hawthorne
J. M. Sullivan	Hawthorne
J. H. P. Thomas	Hawthorne
M. A. Reinhardt	Hawthorne
J. M. Lewis (High Springs)	High Springs
R. M. Stanley (LaCrosse)	High Springs
I. D. Denman (Island Grove)	McIntosh

E. A. McDowell (Johnstown)	Johnstown
L. O. Sheffield (Lake Butler)	Raiford
C. W. Wilkes	Lake Butler
R. D. Bevis (Micanopy)	Gainesville
J. N. Hayman	Orange Heights
F. W. Capell (Paran)	Hawthorne
John Dicks (Sardis)	R. F. D. Lake City
W. A. McMichen	Waldo

CHURCH CLERKS

Associational Supt.	George Barber, Gainesville
Alachua — Mrs. C. F. Stephens	Alachua
Archer — Mrs. Carl W. Moore	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. Abstein	Island Grove
Johnstown — Ashley Toole	Lake Butler
Lake Butler — T. M. Rherd	Lake Butler
LaCrosse — Miss Neeta Carter	LaCrosse
Micanopy — Jerry Turner	No Report
Ochwilla — B. A. Barrington	R. F. D. Hawthorne
Orange Heights — Miss Myrtle Rountree	Hawthorne
Paran — M. L. Watkins	Putnam Hall
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. L. R. Nichols	R. F. D. Gainesville

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Associational S. S. Supt. — G. A. Barber	Gainesville
Superintendents of Sunday Schools	
Alachua — Freeman Futch	Alachua
Archer — C. M. Moore	Archer
Campville — Russell Thomas	Campville
Eden — C. H. Chandoin	Hawthorne
Eliam — C. P. Perry	R. F. D. 3, Hawthorne
Fairbanks — W. M. Cassells	Fairbanks
Gainesville — Homer Howard	Gainesville
Hague	No Report
Hawthorne — W. B. Adkins	Hawthorne
High Springs — B. J. Meadows	High Springs
Hampton — Miss Alta Rahme	Hampton
Island Grove — W. M. Thomas	Island Grove
Johnstown — Mrs. Mary Toole	No Report
LaCrosse — D. R. Parker	LaCrosse
Lake Butler — T. M. Rihert	Lake Butler
Micanopy — Mrs. E. D. Rosen	No Report
Ochwilla — W. G. Merriman	R. F. D. 2, Hawthorne
Orange Heights — Miss Dorothy Rountree	Orange Heights
Paran — W. Brantley	Grandin
Sardis — John Schaff	Dukes
Sunshine — Harry L. Tillis	Gainesville

PROCEEDINGS OF EIGHTY-FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION

of the

SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Held with the

LAKE BUTLER BAPTIST CHURCH

Lake Butler, Florida, Nov. 9th and 10th, 1937

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY

1. Song: "There Is a Fountain."
 2. Call to order by Moderator, H. E. Ridenour, Sr.
 3. Program adopted.
 4. Song: "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross."
 5. Devotional: "Following Christ in Self-denial." — By W. B. Hicks.
 6. Prayer by Rev. John Dicks.
 7. Song: "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone."
 8. Welcome Address by Rev. L. O. Sheffield.
 9. Response by Rev. J. A. Kelly.
 10. H. E. Ridenour, Jr., elected Clerk Pro Tem.
 11. Receipt of Church letters.
 12. Call for Petitionary Letters.
 13. Election of officers: Rev. J. M. Lewis, Moderator; Rev. L. O. Sheffield, Vice Moderator; B. J. Meadows, Clerk-Treasurer; G. A. Barber, Assn. S. S. Supt.; F. W. Capell, Assn. B. Y. P. U. Director; all other Assn. officers recommended, duly elected.
 14. Recongnition of visitors: Dr. E. D. Solomon, Bro. T. M. Johns; new ministers: Rev. J. A. Kelly, Rev. J. A. Morgan, Rev. Edwin Harwell; ministers from other Associations: Rev. S. V. Cofield, Rev. H. T. Wooten, Rev. J. L. Norris, Rev. H. G. Hemmingway, P. Q. Cason.
 15. Announcements: Included announcement of ordination of H. E. Ridenour, Jr., to the Baptist ministry.
 16. Prayer by Dr. E. D. Solomon.
 17. Annual Sermon by Rev. H. H. Link, Melrose. Subject: "Will a Man Rob God?"
 18. Prayer by Bro. T. M. Johns.
 19. Recessed for lunch, served by ladies of Lake Butler Church.
- TUESDAY AFTERNOON**
20. Devotional by W. B. Hicks.
 21. Motion carried to adopt time limits set by program, with only necessary variations.
 22. Address by T. M. Johns, subject: "Children."
 23. Recognized Dr. C. M. Brittain.
 24. Special prayer for Mrs. J. E. Maimes and Mrs. Getzen, both seriously ill.
 25. Report on W. M. U. by Mrs. A. C. Strickland. Adopted.
 26. Report on State Missions by J. Roy Robinson. Adopted.
 27. Report on Home Missions by H. H. Link. Adopted.
 28. Report on Cooperative Program by R. M. Stanley. Adopted.
 29. Report on Hundred Thousand Club by S. J. Morgan. Adopted.
 30. Address by Dr. C. M. Brittain.
 31. Recognized Dr. K. M. Yates, Prof. Old Testament Interpretation, Louisville.
 32. Song: "Rescue The Perishing."
 33. Report on Christian Education by Dr. T. V. McCaul. Discussion by Dr. Yates. Adopted.

34. Suggested by Rev. E. A. McDowell that the Association give rising vote of appreciation to Dr. T. V. McCaul, Pres. State Convention. Adopted.

35. Address by Dr. E. D. Solomon, making appeal for support of country churches.

36. Benediction by Rev. P. Q. Cason.

37. Evening meal served on Church yard by ladies of Lake Butler Church.

TUESDAY EVENING

38. Song service conducted by H. E. Ridenour, Jr.
39. Report on Evangelism by Paul McCullers. Discussion by Paul McCullers, S. J. Morgan and E. D. Solomon. Adopted.
40. Report on Publications by J. M. Lewis. Discussed by J. M. Lewis and E. D. Solomon. Adopted.
41. Report on Brotherhood by M. C. Beck. Discussion by M. C. Beck, J. M. Lewis, B. J. Meadows, J. H. Mitchell and Paul McCullers. Adopted.
42. Benediction by Paul McCullers.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

43. Song service by H. E. Ridenour, Jr.
44. Devotional by W. B. Hicks.
45. Moderator appointed following committees: Resolutions: J. A. Kelly, W. B. Hicks, W. R. DuBose. Committee on Digest of Church Letters: H. E. Ridenour, Jr., B. J. Meadows, E. D. Solomon. Committee on Nominations: J. H. Mitchell, Paul McCullers, H. H. Link.
46. Report on Social Welfare by J. A. Kelly. Discussion by Dr. D. B. Allen. Adopted.
47. Report on Associational Sunday School Work by George A. Barber. Discussion by E. D. Solomon. Adopted.
48. Report on Associational B. Y. P. U. Work by F. W. Capell. Remarks and discussion by F. W. Capell, H. E. Ridenour, Jr., Mrs. J. A. Kelly, W. B. Hicks, Paul McCullers and J. H. Mitchell. Adopted.
49. Report on Ministerial Relief and Annuity by J. H. Mitchell. Adopted.
50. Introduction of Past Moderator of the New River Association, Bro. W. T. Quigley; also Bro. Lacy Mahon, and others.
51. Motion made and carried that the Association run according to scheduled program, and use any spare time remaining for further discussion.
52. Adjourned for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

53. Devotional by W. B. Hicks.
54. Moderator called for Report on Stewardship. Bro. E. R. Simmons, named last year to prepare this report, not present.
55. Motion made and carried that this report be omitted for the present.
56. Suggested by Moderator, J. M. Lewis, that W. B. Hicks lead in prayer for Bro. E. R. Simmons.
57. Report on Digest of Letters by H. E. Ridenour, Jr. Discussion by H. E. Ridenour, Jr., G. A. Barber, J. H. Mitchell, Paul McCullers, J. M. Lewis and J. A. Kelly. Adopted.
58. Report on Spiritual Condition of the Churches by L. O. Sheffield. Discussion by L. O. Sheffield, W. B. Hicks and E. D. Solomon. Adopted.

STATISTICS OF SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR YEAR ENDING, OCTOBER 31, 1937.

Moderator, Rev. J. M. Lewis, High Springs, Florida.
 Clerk, B. J. Meadows, High Springs, Florida.
 Next Annual Meeting, November 8th and 9th, 1938, Melrose, Florida.

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CHURCHES	CHURCH DIRECTORIES		Baptisms, Members, Etc.						S.	B.Y.P.U.'s	B.H.	W.M.U.	Church Finances		Mission Gifts		T.	Church Property					
	When Constituted	City (C), Town (T), Village (V), Country Ch. (C)	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Regular Days of Meetings	Baptisms	Total Membership	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observance of Lord's 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	Number Enrollment	Total Women's and Children's Organizations	Total Women's Contributions All Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Total Local Church Expenses Including Pastor's Salary and all other Expenses	Total Gifts to Cooperative Program	Total All Gifts Misc. Ed. and Benevolences	How Many Members Are Tithers?	Value of Church Houses and Grounds	Value of Pastors' Homes
Alachua	1898	T	Ed. Harvell, Alachua	Full	1 209	0 11	12	1 145	4	35	1 15	2				1,094.70	1,228.60	79.15	174.39		15,000.	3,000.	18,000.
Archer	1920	T	W. B. Hicks, Waldo	2-4	3 137	1 4		1 106	1	34	0 0	1		224.32	415.00	415.00	741.40	88.00	163.79	2	3,500.	0	3,500.
Campville	1892	V	S. J. Morgan, Gainesville	2	0 223	0 0	1	1 25	0	0	0 0	0		0	60.00	134.63	0	5.00	1	1,500.	0	1,500.	
Eden	1902	V	No Report																				
Eliam	1859	T	H. H. Link, Orlando	2-4	3 175	1 4	11	1 109	1	52	0 0	1		210.70	385.62	575.30	145.01	273.12	12	10,000.	0	10,000.	
Fairbanks	1932	V	H. E. Ridenour, Gainesville	2-4	0 80	1 4	12	1 52	1	15	0 0	0		0	120.00	166.01	12.00	32.00	0	1,200.	0	1,200.	
Gainesville, 1st	1870	C	Dr. T. V. McCaul, G'ville	Full	5 1683	0 6	110	1 989	2	256	0 0	6		2,195.31	4,200.00	13,957.54	2,216.80	2,838.77	0	153,000.	25,000.	178,000.	
Gainesville Tab.	1935	C	Paul McCullers, G'ville	Full	11 54	2 1	12	1 70	1	13	1 12	1		3.95	520.00	1,378.16	10.00	19.00	24	5,000.	0	5,000.	
Hampton	1891	T	Rev. Newton, Green C. Sp.	2-4	13 143	1 4	0	1 83	0	0	0 0	1		20.00	189.59	274.64	0	13.17	2	2,500.	0	2,500.	
Hague	1911	V	No Report																				
Hawthorne	1852	T	J. A. Kelly, Hawthorne	Full	5 303	1 4	33	1 185	1	77	0 0	6		191.00	1,126.50	1,660.67	118.45	330.16	0	3,000.	3,000.	6,000.	
High Springs	1886	T	J. M. Lewis, High Springs	Full	6 207	0 4	20	1 189	1	47	1 31	3		358.03	1,040.00	1,841.00	66.00	301.03	15	20,000.	2,250.	22,250.	
Island Grove	1891	V	T. D. Denman, McIntosh	2	1 81	0 0	0	1 90	0	0	0 0	0		0	88.97	165.95	0	10.00	0	1,500.	0	1,500.	
Johnstown	1935	O	E. A. McDowell, Lake Butler	2-4	0 23	0 2	2	1 23	0	0	0 0	0		0	0	11.00	17.35	29.35	0	500.	0	500.	
Lacrosse	1882	V	R. M. Stanley, High Springs	4	4 60	1 2	3	0 0	0	0	0 0	1		0	120.00	33.50	15.00	15.00	2	2,500.	2,500.	5,000.	
Lake Butler	1869	T	L. O. Sheffield, Raiford	1-3	18 147	1 4	0	1 91	1	38	0 0	2		176.85	420.00	1,212.57	137.75	300.20	0	2,500.	2,500.	5,000.	
Micanopy		T	R. D. Bevis, Gainesville	1-3	6 84	0 4	0	1 0	0	0	0 0	2		16.10	240.00	304.00	12.00	26.10	0	3,000.	0	3,000.	
Ochwilla	1873	O	H. H. Link, Orlando	2	0 18	0 4	2	1 13	0	0	0 0	1		15.00	48.50	62.50	25.00	124.86	0	2,000.	0	2,000.	
Orange Heights	1913	V	H. E. Ridenour, Gainesville	1	5 44	1 1	5	1 24	1	8	0 0	0		0	36.00	72.00	15.00	18.00	0	2,500.	0	2,500.	
Paran	1856	O	Warren Capell, Hawthorne	1-3	7 78	0 4	12	1 38	0	0	0 0	2		6.49	120.00	146.00	0	94.01	0	2,500.	0	2,500.	
Sardis	1877	V	John Dicks, Lake City	3	3 101	1 4	4	1 0	1	18	0 0	4		181.50	240.00	1,297.74	40.22	113.50	4	2,000.	0	2,000.	
Sunshine	1935	O	H. E. Ridenour, Gainesville	3	1 16	0 0	0	1 21	0	0	0 0	0		0	48.00	65.50	12.00	13.50	0	500.	0	500.	
Waldo	1884	T	W. B. Hicks, Waldo	1-3	16 140	1 4	14	1 156	1	36	1 15	4		902.31	600.00	1,904.51	204.56	431.78	12	4,000.	2,000.	6,000.	
Windsor	1934	O	H. E. Ridenour, Gainesville	1-3	0 23	0 0	4	1 25	1	21	0 0	0		0	19.81	28.46	4.00	4.00	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS					154 4029	12 71	257	21 2576	14 650	4 73	37	4,501.56	11,132.69	27,261.68	3,218.29	5,349.77	74	236,200.	37,750.	273,950.			

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59. Moved and seconded that Clerk be paid \$10.00 for his services. Motion carried.

60. Treasurer's Report read and adopted.

61. Announcement of members on the program at ordination services of H. E. Ridenour, Jr., following Thursday evening, Nov. 11th.

62. Report of Committees on Obituaries by Mrs. C. A. Strickland. Pageant presented by Mrs. Strickland, assisted by seven young ladies and two adult women. Discussion by Dr. T. V. McCaul. Suggested by J. H. Mitchell that Association stand for one minute in silent reverence for our departed brothers and sisters. Prayer by Moderator. Report adopted.

63. Report of Committee on Time and Place. Time, Nov. 8th and 9th. Place, Melrose. Annual Sermon, Rev J. A. Kelly; Alternate, F. W. Capell. Member of State Mission Board, J. M. Lewis. Delegates to State Convention, B. J. Meadows, L. O. Sheffield, G. W. S. Ware, Paul McCullers, W. B. Hicks, Mrs. G. W. McCall.

64. Report on Baptist History prepared by Bro. G. W. S. Ware, read by Dr. T. V. McCaul. Discussion by Bro. Ware. Adopted.

65. Report on Resolutions by J. A. Kelly. Adopted.

66. Motion carried that Association extend 15 minutes to Bro. Lacy Mahon to present alleged irregularities in our Florida State Mission Board. Discussion by Bro. Mahon and H. E. Ridenour, Jr.

67. Motion carried that we stand in appreciation of Dr. T. V. McCaul, our State Convention president.

68. Song: "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

69. Benediction and Adjourn.

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Ministerial Care	M. W. Lindsey
Spiritual Condition of the Churches	Ed Harwell
Obituaries	Mrs. J. W. Norman
Nominations and Next Session	Carl W. Moore

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

MESSENGERS

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, Nov. 7, 1936	\$ 3.80
Received from Churches for Minutes, Etc.	82.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$85.80
Disbursed:	
H. E. Ridenour, Sr., for Minutes, postage, Etc.	\$ 7.50
B. J. Meadows for postage	2.62
Printing Minutes	60.00
Clerk Hire	10.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$80.12
Balance on hand	\$ 5.68
	\$80.12

RESOLUTIONS

We Resolve to give to the Baptist Church at Lake Butler a rising vote of thanks for the fine entertainment extended to the Messengers of the Santa Fe River Association, for the bountiful meals served in such excellent way.

Also, we recommend that our Churches back our Association, B. T. U. and S. S. workers with a reasonable amount of financial support.

We further recommend that our Program Committee give the Brotherhood of our Association a full hour on the evening of the first day in the 1938 meeting.

We further recommend that Rev. Paul McCullers, Bro. M. C. Beck and Bro. J. H. Mitchell be appointed to serve as active Committeemen on the Brotherhood work of the Association for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KELLY,
W. B. HICKS,
W. R. DUBOSE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

For Member State Board of Missions: Rev. J. M. Lewis, High Springs, Florida.

For Messengers to State Convention

B. J. Meadows, L. O. Sheffield, G. W. S. Ware, Paul McCullers, W. B. Hicks, Mrs. G. W. McCall.

REPORT OF HISTORY COMMITTEE

SANTA FE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Lake Butler, Fla., Nov. 9, 1937

Historical data relative to the First Baptist Association organized in Florida. As given in the Minutes of New River Church, Founded July 17, 1833, in Bradford County.

Baptist Church history has for many years conceded that the first Association in Florida was founded in 1841. The minutes of New River Church show conclusively that it was founded in 1835. The following extracts from these minutes are presented to prove its earlier origin.

Sept. 26, 1835—"No conference. Suwannee Association constituted at Providence Church."

Sept. 2, 1837—"Elder Elias Knight and others sent to Suwannee Association."

Aug. 3, 1839—"Sent \$5.00 to Association."

July 26, 1845—"Resolved that we do not affiliate with Suwannee River Association and withdraw from it because it will not receive our messengers or fellowship them."

Aug. 25, 1845—"Sent \$7.12½ to print Association minutes."

Sept. 10, 1845—"By a vote of 11 to 5 New River Church voted to join the Florida Association."

Oct. 11, 1845—"Sent \$4.25 for minutes."

Jan. 23, 1845—"New River Church in conference voted whether to be Missionary or Anti-Missionary. Nine members voted to be Missionary and six voted to be Anti-Missionary."

Baptist Church history must concede the fact that the Suwannee Association, organized in 1835, is the oldest of all associations in Florida and that it became Anti-Missionary by a majority vote in 1845.

The missionary element later organized the Santa Fe Association. It was right as well as fraternal for each group to go its own way and leave the consequences with God. Fifty years ago one of the minutes of the "Anti-Missionary Suwannee Association" stated that the group was opposed to Sunday Schools, Mission Boards and Bible Publishing Societies because they were speculative in nature. Forty years of the Suwannee Association minutes give no evidence of any change in this opposition.

Resumé of the History of the Santa Fe Baptist Association

The Santa Fe Missionary Baptist Association was organized in 1857, to take the place of the Suwannee Association which the Missionary Baptists had lost by a minority vote. From the minutes of this, the Santa Fe Missionary Baptist Association, the following data is taken:

In 1882—12 churches; 12 Sunday Schools, 162 enrolled; 9 preachers; 60 baptized; 4 excluded; 7 died; 641 members; \$394.48 finances.

In 1885—12 churches; 12 Sunday Schools, 753 enrolled; 13 preachers; 40 baptized; 1 excluded; 834 members; \$364.37 finances.

In 1898—14 churches; 15 Sunday Schools, 765 enrolled; 9 preachers; 3 licentiate; 97 baptized; 16 excluded; 16 died; \$344.31 finances.

In 1906—15 churches; 15 Sunday Schools, 634 enrolled; 7 preachers; 1 licentiate; 60 baptized; 35 excluded; 5 died; 1131 members; \$667.76 finances.

In 1920—14 churches; 15 Sunday Schools, 925 enrolled; 250 baptized; 13 preachers; 2 licentiates; 11 excluded; 20 died; membership 2615; \$1569.95 finances.

The data of the Suwannee Baptist (Primitive) and that of the Santa Fe Baptist (Missionary) presents an interesting study. The division made in 1845 ultimately resulted in the founding of the Santa Fe Association in 1857. Its missionary doctrine is found uniquely stated in the minutes of New River Church, dated 1847.

Florida Baptist History, Personal Supplement.

In 1873—the Baptist State Convention met with the Providence Church sixteen miles south-west of Lake City and the nearest railroad. The Northern Baptist Convention sent a fraternal messenger.

In 1875—Rev. H. B. McCallum, editor of the "Florida Baptist" at Lake City, suspended publication for lack of funds.

In 1882—I rode horseback for a day and a half to attend the Santa Fe Association at Hawthorne, Florida, as a delegate from Providence Church. Today, 1937, it would take less than two hours to make the same trip. Mrs. N. A. Bailey, founder of Woman's Missionary Work, was there. It was the second year of her work.

In 1888—Rev. A. P. Ashurst founded "The Florida Baptist Witness" at Lake City, Florida.

In 1903—Rev. J. B. Holly, Pastor of Gainesville Baptist Church, founded "The Southern Baptist" paper which later merged with "The Florida Baptist Witness."

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. S. WARE,
Chairman History Committee.

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