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SANTA FE RIVER

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Eighty-Second Annual Session

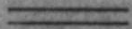
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CONSTITUTION

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. Moved that Article 4 of the Constitution of our Association be amended to read as follows: This Association shall meet annually, on the first day of which meeting it shall elect by ballot, a Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Associational B. T. U. President, and Associational Brotherhood President, all of whom shall begin their services upon the close of the annual session of the Association.

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 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 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
J. H. Mitchell, President Brotherhood	Waldo

Association Executive Committee

Alachua	M. L. Lindsey
Archer	H. H. Simmons
Campville	C. E. Long
Eden	No Report
Eliam	A. J. Balis
Fairbanks	M. W. Cassells
Gainesville	J. M. Ogilvie
Hague	Mrs. H. B. Stanley
Hampton	H. B. Wiggins
Hawthorne	J. D. Merritt
High Springs	W. S. Westmoreland
Island grove	H. C. Westphal
Johnstown	New Church
Lake Butler	T. M. Rihert
LaCrosse	Mrs. R. M. Stanley
Micanopy	Mrs. Rae Thrasher
Ochwilla	B. A. Barrington
Orange Heights	Miss Myrtie Rountree
Paran	Weldon Brantley
Sardis	D. E. Woodington
Sunshine	Harry Tillis
Tabernacle	No Report
Waldo	J. H. Mitchell
Windsor	L. R. Nichols

Ordained Ministers

W. B. Hicks, Archer, Waldo	Waldo
Edwin Harwell, Alachua	Alachua
S. J. Morgan, Campville	Gainesville
H. H. Link, Eliam	Orlando
L. R. Brothers, Foreign Missionary	Nigeria, Africa
H. E. Ridenour, Sr., Fairbanks	Gainesville
T. V. McCaul, Gainesville, First	Gainesville
J. F. Gable	Gainesville
G. W. S. Ware	Mayo
B. M. Pack	New Pork Richey
J. Roy Robinson	Louisville

J. P. Kelly	Gainesville
Henry Turlington	Louisville
Paul McCullers, Gainesville, Tabernacle	Gainesville
D. B. Robinson, Hampton	Hampton
J. A. Kelly, Hawthorne	Hawthorne
J. H. P. Thomas	Lockloosa
M. A. Reinhardt	Lockloosa
J. M. Lewis, High Springs	High Springs
O. E. Beals, Island Grove	Hawthorne
R. M. Stanley, LaCrosse	High Springs
L. O. Sheffield, Lake Butler	Raiford
R. D. Bevis, Micanopy	Gainesville
H. H. Link, Ochwilla	Orlando
J. E. Strickland, Orange Heights	Grandin
J. N. Haymon	Orange Heights
F. W. Capell, Grandin	Gainesville
John Dicks, Sardis	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. Waterson	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. Riherd	Lake Butler
LaCrosse — Miss Neeta Carter	LaCrosse
Micanopy — Jerry Turner	No Report
Ochwilla — B. A. Barrington	R. F. D. Hawthorne
Orange Heights — Miss Myrtie Rountree	Hawthorne
Paran — M. L. Watkins	Putnam Hall
Sardis — R. B. Warren	Lake Butler
Sunshine — Harry L. Tillis	R. F. D. Gainesville
Tabernacle, Gainesville — O. R. Evans	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

X Alachua — Freeman Futch	Alachua
Archer — C. M. Moore	Archer
X Campville — Russell Thomas	Campville
Eden — C. H. Chandoin	Hawthorne
X Eliam — C. P. Perry	R. F. D. 3, Hawthorne
Fairbanks — W. M. Cassells	Fairbanks
Gainesville — B. C. Fryer	Gainesville
Gainesville, Tabernacle — O. R. Evans	Gainesville
Hague	No. Report
X Hawthorne — J. D. Merritt	Hawthorne
High Springs — B. J. Meadows	High Springs
X Hampton — G. C. Frederick	Hampton
X Island Grove — W. M. Thomas	Island Grove
X Johnstown — Mrs. Mary Toole	No Report
Lacrosse — R. M. Stanley	LaCrosse
X Lake Butler — T. M. Rihard	Lake Butler
Micanopy — Mrs. E. D. Rosenberger	No Report
X Ochwilla — W. G. Merriman	R. F. D. 2, Hawthorne
Orange Heights — Miss Dorothy Rountree	Orange Heights
X Paran — W. Brantley	Grandin
Sardis — John Schaff	Dukes
Sunshine — Harry L. Tillis	Gainesville
X Waldo — J. H. Mitchell	Waldo
Windsor — L. R. Nichols	Windsor

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with the

ELIAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Melrose, Florida, Nov. 8th and 9th, 1938

TUESDAY MORNING

1. Song: "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone."
2. Devotional, by Rev. W. A. McMichen.
3. Song: "I Gave My Life For Thee."
4. Call to order by Moderator, Rev. J. M. Lewis.
5. Welcome Address, by Rev. H. H. Link.
6. Response, by Rev. Ed Harwell.
7. Adoption of Program.
8. Presentation of Church letters, and enrollment of Messengers.
9. Call for petitionary letters.
10. Election of Officers: Rev. J. M. Lewis, Moderator; Rev. L. O. Sheffield, Vice-moderator; B. J. Meadows, Clerk and Treasurer; G. A. Barber, Associational Sunday School Superintendent; Rev. F. W. Capell, Associational B. T. U. Director; J. H. Mitchell Associational Brotherhood President.
11. Recognized the following visitors: A. N. Yarbrough, S. V. Cofield, C. M. Brittain, Mrs. C. M. Brittain, H. P. Latimer, C. R. Robinson, Mrs. C. R. Robinson, W. B. Hemmingway, Herbert Carrol.
12. Motion made that appointment of committees be postponed until afternoon.
13. Announcements.
14. Song: "Onward Christian Soldiers."
15. Prayer, by Dr. D. B. Allen.
16. Special Song and Music, by Rev. C. R. Robinson and wife.
17. Annual Sermon, by Rev. J. A. Kelly.
18. Prayer, by Rev. Paul McCullers.
19. Song: "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."
20. Benediction, by Dr. T. V. McCaul.
21. Recessed for Lunch, served by ladies of Eliam Church.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

22. Song: "Draw Me Nearer."
23. Devotional, by Rev. S. V. Cofield.
24. Prayer, by H. F. Latimer.
25. Report of W. M. S. read and discussed by Mrs. C. A. Strickland. Adopted.
26. Address on Florida Children's Home, by T. M. Johns, Superintendent of the Home; Discussion by Rev. L. O. Sheffield.
27. Appointment by Moderator of Committee on Resolutions: F. W. Capell, W. B. Hicks, E. R. Simmons.
28. Recognized W. W. Willian and E. D. Solomon.
29. Report on State Missions read by Rev. W. B. Hicks. Adopted.
30. Report on Home Missions read and discussed by Rev. L. O. Sheffield. Adopted.
31. Report on Foreign Missions read and discussed by Dr. T. V. McCaul. Adopted.
32. Song: "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus."
33. Report on Co-Operative Program read by Rev. J. A. Kelly.

34. Address, by Dr. C. M. Brittain, on Co-operative Program. Report Adopted.
35. Further discussion on missions by Dr. E. D. Solomon.
36. Report on Christian Education read and discussed by Rev. J. Roy Robinson. Adopted.
37. Report on Digest of Letters read by Carl W. Moore. Adjourned.
38. Recessed for Supper.

TUESDAY EVENING

39. Song: "Work For The Night Is Coming."
40. Song: "Somebody."
41. Devotional, by W. S. Westmoreland.
42. Report on Brotherhood, by M. C. Beck. Adopted.
43. Special Brotherhood program presented by four members of the Newberry Organization.
44. Song: "Nothing Between."
45. Report on 100,000 Club by H. F. Latimer, read and discussed. Adopted.
46. Song: "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."
47. Announcement that T. M. Johns would show a 30-minute motion picture, at the conclusion of the present session, depicting the daily life of the Florida Baptist Children's Orphans Home.
48. Plea for enlistment of Baptist men made by J. H. Mitchell. Further discussion by E. D. Solomon and E. R. Simmons.
49. General invitation extended to attend 5th Sunday Associational Brotherhood Meeting at Newberry, January 29th.
50. Adjourned by prayer by Dr. C. M. Brittain.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

51. Devotional, by Rev. Paul McCullers.
52. Report on Social Service read and discussed by Dr. D. B. Allen. Adopted.
53. Moderator appointed Rev. Paul McCullers to take place of Rev. F. W. Capell on Committee on Resolutions, Rev. Capell being absent.
54. Report on Evangelism read and discussed by Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Sr. Adopted.
55. Motion made and passed that Rev. J. M. Lewis, our Moderator, be Chairman of Evangelistic Committee for the coming year. Rev. Lewis then named as his co-workers on this committee Rev. W. B. Hicks and Dr. T. V. McCaul.
56. Remarks on Evangelism by Rev. J. M. Lewis, Dr. T. V. McCaul and B. J. Meadows.
57. Report on Sunday School work read and discussed by G. A. Barber. Adopted.
58. Report on B. T. U. work read and discussed by Rev. J. A. Kelly. Adopted. (Rev. Kelly acting in place of Rev. F. W. Capell, who was absent.)
59. Remarks by Dr. T. V. McCaul on indoctrinating candidates for Baptism. Further remarks by Rev. J. M. Lewis.
60. Report on Children's Home read and discussed by Rev. Paul McCullers. Adopted.
61. Treasurer's report read and adopted.
62. Report on Ministerial Care read and discussed by L. D. Mathews (in place of M. W. Lindsey.) Adopted.
63. Report on Spiritual Condition of the Churches read and discussed by Rev. Ed Harwell. Adopted. Further discussion by Rev. Paul McCullers.

64. Announcement by Dr. T. V. McCaul concerning State Convention meeting in West Palm Beach.
65. Moved that Article 4 of the Constitution of our Association be amended to read as follows: This Association shall meet annually, on the first day of which meeting it shall elect by ballot, a Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Associational B. T. U. President, and Associational Brotherhood President, all of whom shall begin their services upon the close of the annual session of the Association.
66. Announcements.
67. Benediction.
68. Adjourned for Lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

69. Song: "Jesus Calls Us."
70. Devotional by Rev. L. O. Sheffield.
71. Report on Temperance read and discussed by Mrs. A. C. Strickland. Adopted. Further discussion by Rev. L. O. Sheffield, Dr. D. B. Allen, B. J. Meadows, Rev. J. A. Kelly.
72. Report on Stewardship read and discussed by J. H. Mitchell. Adopted. Further discussion by Rev. J. M. Lewis and Dr. D. B. Allen.
73. Moved that at least two copies of the minutes of the Associational Meeting be sent to each Church in the Association, after which distribution of the balance of the minutes be made according to the amount of money sent in by each Church.
74. Moved that reports be condensed and printed in Minutes. Rev. Paul McCullers volunteering to help in this.
75. Report on Christian Literature read and discussed by H. H. Link. Adopted. Further discussion by Rev. J. M. Lewis.
76. Report on Obituaries read and discussed by Mrs. J. W. Norman. Further discussion by B. J. Meadows.
77. Report of Committee on Nominations read by J. H. Mitchell, instead of C. W. Moore, absent. Adopted.
78. Report of Committee on Resolutions read by Rev. Paul McCullers. Discussed by Rev. McCullers, G. A. Barber and Rev. J. M. Lewis.
79. Moved that Moderator call together members of the Executive Committee of the Association for the purpose of organizing.
80. Moved that Clerk of the Association request each Church to send in name of their Executive Committeeman.
81. Adjourned. Song: "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again."

W. M. U. DIRECTORY

President — Mrs. W. A. Campbell	Gainesville
Vice-President — Mrs. J. A. Kelly	Hawthorne
Sec. and Treas. — Mrs. T. J. Funderburk	Gainesville
District Supt. No. 1, — Mrs. R. M. Stanley	High Springs
District Supt. No. 2, — Mrs. I. L. Touchton	Grove Park
District Supt. No. 3, — Mrs. Clara Futch Stevens	Alachua
Young People's Leader — Miss Blanche Warren	Worthington
Stewardship Chairman — Mrs. S. M. Kennedy	High Springs
Margaret Fund — Mrs. Fred May	LaCrosse

Mission Study — Mrs. E. F. DeBusk	Gainesville
Training School — Mrs. Edwin Harwell	Alachua
White Cross — Mrs. J. H. Mills	Archer
Children's Home — Miss Hattie Fowler	Lake Butler
One Hundred Thousand Club — Mrs. J. M. Porter	Waldo
Personal Service — Mrs. C. B. Emerson	Gainesville
Publicity Chairman — Mrs. E. T. Burke	Gainesville
Historian — Mrs. E. A. Hickson	Gainesville
Members at large — Mrs. C. A. Strickland	Waldo
Mrs. T. V. McCaul	Gainesville

W. M. S. PRESIDENTS

Alachua	Mrs. Carl Williams
Archer	Mrs. Carl W. Moore
Eliam (Melrose) — Mrs. B. A. Barrington	Hawthorne, R.F.D. No. 2
Gainesville	
Hawthorne — Mrs. I. L. Touchton	Grove Park
High Springs	Mrs. W. H. Swilley
Hampton	Mrs. M. L. Watterson
Lake Butler	
LaCrosse	
Micanopy	Mrs. C. B. Emerson
Paran	
Sardis	Mrs. D. E. Roberts, Worthington
Tabernacle	Mrs. O. R. Evans, Gainesville
Waldo	Mrs. L. B. Alexander

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION

State Missions	Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Sr.
Home Missions	Rev. D. B. Robinson
Foreign Missions	Rev. Edwin Harwell
Co-operative Program	Rev. J. Roy Robinson
Temperance	Mrs. A. C. Knight
Brotherhood	Bro. J. H. Mitchell
Evangelism	Rev. W. B. Hicks
Publication	Mrs. A. C. Strickland
Christian Education	Dr. T. V. McCaul
Sunday School	Bro. G. E. Barber
Baptist Training Union	Rev. F. W. Capell
Children's Home	Rev. S. V. Morgan
Stewardship	Rev. R. M. Stanley
Ministerial Care	Bro. M. C. Beck
Spiritual Condition of the Churches	Rev. L. O. Sheffield
Obituaries	Mrs. J. M. Porter
Nominations	Bro. B. C. Fryer

LIST OF MESSENGERS

Archer: Mrs. C. E. McElroy, Mrs. L. L. Brice, Mrs. Carl W. Moore, Carl W. Moore.
Alachua: Rev. Edwin Harwell, L. D. Mathews, M. Lindsey.
Campville: Mrs. Russell Thomas, Mrs. C. E. Long, Mrs. G. W. Sherouse, Mrs. B. C. Johnson, Mrs. Tom Beck.
Eden: No Report.
Eliam: R. M. Cason, Mrs. B. Kelly, Herschel Barrington, Mrs. H. F. Preston, W. A. Jones.
Fairbanks: Mrs. C. J. Reichardt, Mrs. George Padgett, W. M. Cassels, Mrs. W. M. Cassels.

Gainesville, First: E. R. Simmons, J. Roy Robinson, Mrs. J. W. Norman, Mrs. T. V. McCaul, Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mrs. T. F. Funderburk, Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Mrs. E. A. Hickson, Mrs. Eunice Buc, Mrs. E. F. DeBuske, Mrs. R. D. Bevis.
Gainesville, Tabernacle: Mrs. O. R. Evans, Mrs. J. C. Carver, Mrs. E. B. Currie.
Hampton: Mr. Minton, Mrs. Frederick, Mrs. Wiggins, Mrs. R. B. Watterson, Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Guy, Mrs. M. L. Watterson.
Hague: No Report.
Hawthorne: Mrs. J. A. Kelly, J. O. Whitcomb, Mrs. Kate Bates, Mrs. F. W. Tyson, Mrs. F. W. Capell, Mrs. I. L. Touchton.
High Springs: M. C. Beck, W. S. Westmoreland, B. J. Meadows, Mrs. S. M. Kennedy, Mrs. J. T. Price, Mrs. A. E. Sumerel, Mrs. Nisi.
Island Grove: T. G. Glisson, T. E. Johnson, C. R. Abstein.
Johnstown: No Report.
LaCrosse: Mrs. T. R. Parker, Miss Neta Carter.
Lake Butler: Mrs. A. L. Hardee, Mrs. A. C. Strickland, Mrs. E. E. Shallar, Mrs. J. H. Scarborough, Mrs. L. O. Rivers.
Micanopy: No Report.
Ochwilla: B. A. Barrington, Mrs. B. A. Barrington.
Orange Heights: Mrs. Emma Hartman, Mrs. Russell Thomas, Howell Thomas, Mrs. T. C. Rountree.
Paran: John Strickland, Weldon Brantley, Mrs. Weldon Brantley, Miss Velma Seigler.
Sardis: D. E. Woodington, W. R. DuBose, R. B. Warren, Mrs. R. B. Roberts.
Sunshine: H. L. Tillis, Mrs. H. L. Tillis, Mrs. G. C. Tillis.
Waldo: Mrs. L. B. Alexander, G. M. DeSha, J. H. Mitchell, Mrs. C. A. Strickland, Mrs. Maurice DeSha, Mrs. I. W. Wesley.
Windsor: Mr. Levins, Mrs. L. R. Nichols, Miss Delphia Sherouse, Miss Maude Sherouse, Mrs. L. P. Finkle.

SUMMARY TABLE. STATISTICS OF SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR YEAR ENDING, SEPTEMBER 30, 1938

Next Annual Meeting, November 7th and 8th, 1939, Hampton, Florida.
 Moderator, Rev. J. M. Lewis, High Springs, Florida.
 Clerk, B. J. Meadows, High Springs, Florida.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES			Baptisms and Members, Etc.					S. Schools			Tr. Unions		B.H.	W. M. U.	Church Property			Church Finances			Mission, Etc.		Tithe & Budget						
CHURCHES	When Constituted	City (C), Town (T), Village (V), or Country Church (O)	Pastors and Post Offices	Regular Days of Meetings	Baptisms	Total Membership	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper	Number of Schools	Total Enrolled	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Vacation Bible School Average Attendance	Training Union With Director	Total Number B.Y.P.U.'s and B.A.U.'s	Total Enrolled in B.Y.P.U.'s and B. A. U.'s	Number	Enrollment	Total Women's and Children's Organizations	Total Women's Contributions All Purposes	Value of Church Houses and Grounds	Value of Pastors' Homes	Total Value All Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Total Local Church Expenses Including Pastor's Salary and All Other Expenses	Gifts to Co-Operative Program	Total for All Missions Including Co-Operative Program and "Specials" or Designated Gifts to Missions, Orphan's Home, Etc.	How Many Members Are Tithers?	Is Church on Budget for Local Expenses and All Missions?
Alachua	1898	T	Edwin Harwell, Alachua	Full	19	226	12	12	1	130	113	80	Yes	3	46			4	163.82	15,000	3,000	18,000	1,288.00	1,713.33	57.40	194.52	2	Yes	
Archer	1920	T	W. B. Hicks, Waldo	2-4	136	1	4	1	1	113			No	2	33			1	153.68	3,500		3,500	360.00	629.23	65.25	120.34	2	Yes	
Campville	1892	V	S. J. Morgan, Gainesville	2	34			1	1	15			No							2,500		2,500	120.00	138.40		5.75	1	No	
Eden	1902		No Report																										
Eliam	1859	V	H. H. Link, Orlando	2-4	6	151	1	4	12	91			Yes	4	49			3	129.70	10,000		10,000	374.10	555.47	124.29	179.60		Yes	
Fairbanks	1932	V	H. E. Ridenour, Sr., Gainesville	2-4	6	84	1	4	1	43			No	1	14					1,200		1,200	120.00	192.33	12.00	27.90		No	
Gainesville, First	1870	C	T. V. McCaul, Gainesville	Full	61	1816	1	6	100	1063	150	125	Yes	11	217			8	2,372.10	153,000	25,000	178,000	4,200.00	13,680.44	2,325.64	3,649.89	50	Yes	
Gainesville, Tab	1935	C	Paul McCullers, Gainesville	1-3	2	57	1	2	10	63			No	1	12	1	112	1	22.77	5,000		5,000	482.30	995.73	15.57	30.44	19	Yes	
Hampton	1891	T	D. B. Robinson, Hampton	1 2 4	10	156	1	4	1	76			No	2	12			1	19.12	2,500		2,500	240.00	362.15		16.47	4	No	
Hague	1911		No Report																										
Hawthorne	1852	T	J. A. Kelly, Hawthorne	Full	4	286	1	4	30	158			Yes	4	79			6	241.16	3,000	3,000	6,000	1,200.00	1,608.90	203.23	420.84	12	No	
High Springs	1886	T	J. M. Lewis, High Springs	Full	4	209	1	4	18	265			Yes	4	68	1	132	4	833.14	20,000	2,250	22,250	1,040.00	2,524.35	89.40	305.23	19	No	
Island Grove	1891	V	O. E. Boals, Hawthorne	3	3	85	1		1	62			No							1,500		1,500	407.86	178.46		10.00		No	
Johnstown	1935		No Report																										
LaCrosse	1882	V	R. M. Stanley, High Springs	3	2	65	1	2	6	61			No					1	20.00	1,000		1,000	140.00	185.19	20.00	22.50	2	No	
Lake Butler	1869	T	L. O. Sheffield, Raiford	1-3	147	4	12	1	1	84			Yes	3	37				1	181.61	3,000	2,000	5,000	420.00	901.62	105.50	247.45	10	Yes
Miconopy	1880	V	R. D. Bevis, Gainesville	1-3	9	102	1	4	1	60			No					2	110.22	2,000		2,000	240.00	422.47	9.00	32.83		No	
Ochwilla	1873	O	H. H. Link, Orlando	2	18	4	2			73			No							2,000		2,000	75.00	87.00	24.00	15.00		No	
Orange Heights	1913	O	J. E. Strickland, Grandin	1-3	5	44	1	2	12	25			Yes	1	9					2,500		2,500	36.00	77.50	15.00	15.00		No	
Paran	1856	V	Warren Capell, Gainesville	1-3	7	78	1	4	12	48			No	1	46			2		2,000		2,000	144.00	398.36	12.00	27.73	3	No	
Sardis	1877	O	John Dicks, Lake City	3	6	105	1	4	16	57			Yes	3	39			4	80.60	2,000		2,000	240.00	474.10	50.51	110.61	14	No	
Sunshine	1935	V	Discontinued at present			16														500		500	48.00			12.00		No	
Waldo	1884	T	W. B. Hicks, Waldo	1-3	9	149	1	4	14	146	60	50	Yes	4	46	1	110	6	726.46	4,000	2,000	6,000	600.00	1,606.45	166.23	291.94	25	Yes	
Windsor	1934	V	H. E. Ridenour, Sr., Gainesville	1-3	4	32	1		3	32			No	1	21					1,000		1,000	24.00	351.84	20.00	20.00		No	
TOTALS					157	3996	16	72	260	19	2592	323	255	45	716	3	54	44	6,864.88	237,200	35,250	222,450	11,499.26	27,083.82	3,315.02	5,815.79	161		

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance, forwarded from last year	\$ 5.68
Receipts	71.50
TOTAL	\$77.18

Disbursements:

H. E. Ridenour, Sr., (Programs)	\$ 4.00
Postage	1.47
Printing Minutes	40.00
Clerk Hire	10.00
Programs (J. M. Lewis)	2.50
Postage	2.27

\$60.24

Balance on hand\$16.94

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to memorialize the Florida State Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention that time for discussion of House Joint Resolution No. 661 introduced by Honorable Gomer Smith of Oklahoma City, April 21, 1938, be given in the program of each body with a view of urging "all possible support" for same.

Said resolution reading as follows: Resolved by the Senate and House of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of each House concurring therein.) That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution when ratified by the Legislature of three-fourths of the several States.

Article.....

SECTION 1. Drunkenness in the United States and all territories thereof, is hereby prohibited.

SECTION 2. Congress and the several states shall have concurrent power to enforce the provisions of this act, and shall fix penalties for violation thereof.

Your committee on resolutions beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved: That, by a rising vote, we express to the pastor and membership of the Eilam Baptist church, and to others who may have had a part, our appreciation of their hospitality shown in every respect, making the sessions a grand and enjoyable success.

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 Associational Brotherhood for the ensuing year.

We also recommend that our respective churches support the B. T. U. and S. S. work of our association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. HICKS,
PAUL McCULLERS,
BRO. E. R. SIMMONS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

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

For Messengers to State Convention: Rev. Ed Harwell, Alachua, Rev. J. A. Kelly, Hawthorne, Bro. J. H. Mitchell, Waldo, R. M. Stan-

ley, High Springs, F. W. Capell, Hawthorne, B. J. Meadows, High Springs.

Next Session meets with the Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Florida., Nov. 7-8, 1939.

For Annual Sermon: Rev. Paul McCullers

Alternate, Rev. J. Roy Robinson.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL, W. MOORE, Chairman.

SUMMARY OF W.M.U. REPORT-1888, "GOLDEN JUBILEE"-1938

Santa Fe River Association was organized in 1881 with the number of Women societies varying from year to year. At the present time we have 14 societies, with 520 active members, 73 tithers, 284 awards for mission study, 104 taking Royal Service and 155 the Witness. To the co-operative program we paid approximately \$1,830.25, three weeks of prayer \$262.25, to white cross work \$50.35. To all benevolences including Children's Home, aged ministers, Training School, Acadia Academy, in boxes and cash approximately \$1,639.40. To Golden Jubilee approximately \$106.10. High Springs being the only one to report a \$50.00 gold certificate. Gainesville First church's aim being two \$50.00 gold certificates, but the final report was not sent to me.

W.M.S. sponsors 24 young people's organizations, with 184 members, 12 tithers, 27 subscriptions to World Comrades. \$17.25 through the co-operative program, \$4.60 to Golden Jubilee.

Annual meeting Oct. 10, 1938, First Church, Gainesville. Distinguished guests at this meeting were, Mrs. Robert Walden, State president; Miss Louise Smith, Executive secretary; Mrs. Edwin Dozier, Missionary from Japan; Dr. L. R. Scarborough, President of Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. C. M. Brittain, State Secretary; Dr. T. V. McCaul, President of State Convention and Mrs. T. R. Leigh, President of Jacksonville Division.

The annual meeting, Oct. 1939, meets with Waldo W. M. U.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. A. STRICKLAND, Pres. W.M.U.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

No state in the Union offers a greater challenge for Mission work than Florida. With few exceptions, we have the most Cosmopolitan population. About 65% of our million and a half people are unaffiliated with any church group. There are about 500,000 white persons in Florida, 10 years old and up, who are unsaved. What a mighty evangelistic challenge we face and what a great responsibility rests upon Baptists, who are the largest denomination in the State.

Our Convention, through its State Mission Board, has assisted in one way and another more than 500 of our nearly 800 churches, and many of these were organized by missionaries of the Board. Our missionaries have gone into the destitute places with the Gospel message and have helped to win and hold our state for Christ as against those who seek to exploit our natural beauties and God-given resources for ungodly purposes.

We have had 65 Missionary pastors this year who have ministered to 79 churches and Mission stations. We have supported three full time Evangelists and one other for about half the year. Glorious meetings have been held in scores of churches and hundreds of souls have been saved. We are looking forward to the great

South wide Evangelistic campaign next year with joy and expectation.

Your Committee presents the following recommendations:

1. That we appeal to each church to increase its gifts to co-operative Program, and send in all Mission funds at least at the close of each month. Full time churches are requested to send in their funds every week.

2. We urge the use of the Every member Canvass as a successful means for enlisting church members and securing a larger support for the church and denomination.

3. That a committee on Evangelism be appointed immediately and be instructed to make a survey of the Evangelistic needs of this Associational area, and to inaugurate a well defined associational program of evangelism, and to plan for an associational evangelistic rally early in 1939, for prayer and preaching in the interest of the State-wide Campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. HICKS, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

"Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren ye did it unto me." This is a direct statement of Jesus upon our personal responsibility in the program of Christ.

Jesus also said: "I will build my Church," and upon the type of confession Peter made near the mountain of Transfiguration Jesus established the Church.

Living within the confines of the Southern Convention are literally thousands of unchurched and unchristianized peoples, whom the denomination is attempting to save and enlist.

72 of our missionaries are working among the Spanish speaking peoples in the South. 11 are working among the Italians, and 20 among the French. 2 of our workers are working with the Chinese. We have 52 workers among the Indians, including Willie King and his wife who are working among the Seminole Indians in Florida. We have 14 workers among the negroes and 7 doing mountain work. There are 6 who are working in Goodwill centers and rescue missions. All total there are 332 missionaries working in 886 mission stations, under the Home Mission Board, in a challenging and gigantic task. Last year there were nearly 4000 conversions reported by our missionaries. 23 new missionaries were appointed this past year. Almost 800,000 tracts and a little less than 35,000 Bibles were distributed.

In a financial way the Home Mission Board is assisting at present about 180 churches with an investment of over one million dollars including interest.

The Board is strictly adhering to a cash basis in all of its operations.

It is earnestly urged that all our people be urged to subscribe to the publication of the Home Mission Board, SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS. This is only 25 cents for twelve large issues.

Respectfully submitted,

L. O. SHEFFIELD.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Santa Fe River Association, Melrose, Florida, Nov. 8, 1938.

These are troublous years for our Foreign Mission work, especially in China. Our property loss has been tremendous and the end is not yet. Many of our missionaries have sustained great personal

losses which amount to thousands of dollars in total, including household goods, clothing, books, etc.

On January 1, 1939 the Board will begin the publication of its new Magazine, "The Commission" as a monthly, and our people are urged to subscribe for this most helpful journal. Rev. John Hall Jones, well known to our Florida Baptists, is the business manager of the Commission.

The following statistics are presented for our information and encouragement: Number of baptism during the year, 14,027; total native membership, 208,794; total contributions by native churches, \$378,638.00; total native churches, 1,802; number of self-supporting churches, 986.

Let us fervently pray that Southern Baptists may show more worthy zeal and generosity in carrying out the Great Commission of our blessed Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. V. McCAUL.

THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

Southern Baptists recognize the Co-operative Program as the best plan so far devised for providing means for carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord.

The Co-operative Program is the result of thought, prayer, and experience through many years. There is not an item in it that has not won its way because of its merit. It is a well tried means to a glorious end. We give through this program and not to the program itself.

The Co-operative Program includes all of the co-operative work of Southern Baptists. It includes preaching, teaching and healing; State, home, and foreign missions; schools, orphanages and hospitals; witnessing in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth—the complete program of our Lord is represented in this program of Southern Baptists.

Florida objects included in the Co-operative Program the percentages are as follows:

State Missions	30%
Children's Home	09%
Stetson University	09%
Rogers Building	05%
Student Loan Fund	02%
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	55%
Out of State Objects	45%
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	100%

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. A. KELLY.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

At Santa Fe Association held at Melrose, Nov. 10, 1938.

When we hear or see the word "temperance" we naturally think of intoxicating liquors, wines, beers, whiskey, etc.

With this in mind, I beg to submit this report from a study of statistics and reports from hospital authorities and insurance companies.

Our land is flooded with legalized liquor. Drinking is steadily increasing among young people especially among young women and young married couples, owing to the ease with which it can be ob-

tained and the appalling changed attitude of society toward those who drink, even among our own church members.

Temptations to drink are greater now, than at any time since the Eighteenth Amendment was abolished.

The wages of the sin of drinking and then driving an automobile was sudden death to approximately forty thousand people last year in the United States.

From an insurance company's report, we find in 1932 there were 17.6 per hundred rejections from heavy indulgence in drinking and in 1936 had risen to 23.8 per hundred. We find also an increase of 21 per cent annually in moderate and occasional drinking on their applications since the 18th Amendment was repealed.

May each member of this association, with God's help strive to curtail, this, the greatest menace to humanity regardless of the "so called revenue" that it brings into the government's treasury.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS A DAY

"Ten thousand dollars of revenue a day
For liquor sold in this one state alone;
Think of it—the debts that it will pay,
The schools and roads 'twill build, the towers of stone
It will erect to grace our hills and plains. . . ."

"Yes, think of it, then think the subject through;
The trails that it will leave behind—the stains
Of blood on hearts and hands—the sickening hue
Of drunken brawls set loose upon the night;
The wrecks within its wake: the besotted men,
And the women stripped of virtue, and the white
Starved children . . . think again—
A crash, a shriek, a silence that is death,
Or hideous screams, or agonizing moans—
Two speeding cars, a wreck, and in a breath
A carnage of gashed flesh and splintered bones.
'A drunken driver'—brief words briefly said,
And a thousand, thousand, thousand lying dead.

"What will God think of us—what will he say?
'Ten thousand dollars of revenue a day'? . . ."

—GRACE NOLL CROWELL (published in the
Christian Herald: Used by permission).

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. C. STRICKLAND.

REPORT ON BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD

In the work of the Brotherhood, we are today facing the greatest task and opportunity of this generation.

In almost every church, there are a number of potentially strong men who at present are not active in the affairs of their church or of the denomination. How can this vast, but latent manpower be utilized in the on-going of the kingdom? This is our present problem, and its solution calls for the best in all of us.

The Brotherhood is contending for three things:

1. That the man of the church support the pastor by their constant prayers and loyalty co-operate with him as he ministers to the spiritual life of the church and community.

2. That the men of each church must be depended upon to pro-

OUR BELOVED DEAD

ALACHUA

Mr. George Bell
Miss Sara Gillis

ARCHER

Miss Thelma Wear

ELIAM

Mr. William Stanley

GAINESVILLE, FRIST

Mrs. Margaret McClellan
Mr. E. B. Callahan
Mr. J. H. Senn
Mrs. T. J. Cone
Mrs. C. J. Johnson
Mrs. H. P. Holstein
Mr. H. F. Watts
Miss Nannie Bell Whitaker
Mrs. J. W. Walker

HAMPTON

Mr. C. F. King, Deacon
Mrs. Croft

HAWTHORNE

Mr. Daniel W. Polk
Mr. William H. Worley

HIGH SPRINGS

J. T. Price, Deacon

LAKE BUTLER

Rev. E. A. McDowell ✓ *2027.*
Mr. P. P. Odom

ORANGE HEIGHTS

Mrs. Bessie Davis

PARAN

Mrs. Inez Seigler
Mr. Albert Hinson

WALDO

Mrs. Kate Sparkman

mote the entire program of the church, and that every man in the membership of the church must ultimately be used in this endeavor.

3. That our laymen must accept a larger share of responsibility in the direction of the affairs of our denomination.

There are more than a million men in Southern Baptist churches. There is enough power here to revolutionize the thought and conduct of the whole world; enough power to set in motion the spiritual machinery of the universe, and turn the footsteps of humanity toward God. When these million men in the Southern Baptist churches will have assumed their rightful places in the enterprises of the Kingdom, we shall witness one of the greatest forward movements in the religious life of the world.

In the enlistment of men the Brotherhood has stressed a Three-Fold objective:

(1) **SPIRITUALITY**, which is primal, fundamental, and leads the Brotherhood to major on prayer. There is little hope of fruitful service from a layman, although he may have a Master's degree from a university, unless he has an inward passion begotten of the Holy Spirit.

(2) **INFORMATION**—The Prophet says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Without knowledge there is lack of vision and Solomon says, "Where there is no vision the people perish."

(3) **TRAINING IN SERVICE**—When a layman has been quickened spiritually, and has been given adequate information concerning the Bible and our enterprises, he is then prepared for SERVICE.

Respectfully submitted,

BRO. M. C. BECK.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

Evangelism is to Christianity much as the taproot to a tree. It was the main factor in the beginning; and vital in the sustaining. There must be evangelism as a main stay; and there must be evangelism for continued growth. A church with a truly evangelistic spirit is free from many of the other perplexing problems. The present emphasis Baptists are placing upon evangelism will in a great way remove the main obstacles from the onward march of the kingdom of God. If we will submit ourselves to the Divine leadership of God the Holy Spirit, and give ourselves whole heartedly to the doing of His work. We therefore recommend the appointment by this convention of an evangelistic chairman to take action at once toward effecting an evangelistic organization.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. RIDENOUR.

REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICE

We urge all possible support be given House Joint Resolution No. 661 introduced by Honorable Gomer Smith of Oklahoma City, April 21st, 1938, reading as follows:

Resolved by the Senate and House of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of each House concurring therein,) That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, Which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States.

Article.....

SECTION 1. Drunkenness in the United States and all territories thereof, is hereby prohibited.

SECTION 2. Congress and the several states shall have concurrent power to enforce the provisions of this act, and shall fix penalties for violation thereof.

1. We believe that "Thorough Justice" can be accomplished by a citizenship aroused to put this "evil out of the land."

2. That the penalties therein mentioned should be adequate to stop drunkenness altogether and should be applied to all parties in any way connected with the making for drunkenness.

(a) To the drunk himself (or herself.)

(b) To all accessories after the fact, who in any way make place for the life of continued drinking and drunkenness.

(c) That all accessories before the fact be justly held accountable for their conduct. This finally to include the strictest kind of prohibition of this criminality at its source.

3. That the will of God can in no other way be accomplished concerning this criminality, except by the application of our wills (votes) to move this evil out of our midst.

In this connection we commend to our Baptists and other citizens a restudy of the Bible teachings about the purposes of God for Justice through Government.

Why has ONLY one JOHN CLARK stood out in 1900 years of Baptist Social Service?

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. ALLEN.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION OR RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The American Youth is a creature largely of environment and circumstance. The crime wave that is sweeping our nation, largely by the youth of our land is caused largely by what they read—and what they see and hear in the moving picture shows.

We know there are millions of pounds of literature being published in our nation that is poisoning the minds and sapping the spiritual life of our people.

In the matter of religious literature the Bible should always have first place in our reading—nothing else will serve as a substitute. In many of our homes the Bible is a lost book.

Next let us give ourselves to reading our state paper—The Baptist Witness. It is the only source whereby we can obtain information relative to our State work. Information will beget inspiration; and to be informed we must read. To be an intelligent Baptist, one must be an informed Baptist; and this information will best and most easily come through our State Paper. Thus we have the opportunity of knowing what our co-workers are doing elsewhere in the Kingdom, at home and abroad.

We believe that thousands of our people have been lost to the churches and denomination by being swept off their feet and away from their faith by inroads of false doctrines. "My people perish for lack of knowledge, was never truer than it is today." Through the printed page we can enlighten our people and save them from these false teachings of strange doctrines.

Newspapers, periodicals, fiction, can never take the place of religious literature. We would not place a band on these, but they cannot aid us in growing in grace, as good as some of them may be. Only divine food will satisfy and build up our souls.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. LINK.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Here is the report on Christian Education taken in part from the report made at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Richmond, Virginia, last May. Let us start with the seminaries: Each of them has shown a gain of student enrollment over last year. In the three seminaries and the one Training school, the enrollment last year was 1,273. This year 1,537 students are enrolled including 137 Summer School students. This means a gain of 264 students in one year.

Now let us come to the senior colleges and universities. We find that we have 31 senior colleges and universities in the Southern Baptist Convention, with a total enrollment of 20,412. Baylor University in Texas leads all of the other Baptist Schools with an enrollment of 2,115. Now our own Baptist School, Stetson University, in DeLand, has increased its enrollment almost twenty percent over last year. Dr. Allen, the president, is doing a wonderful work with this great Baptist School. Our Baptist people should do their best to co-operate with Dr. Allen and this great institution. Our report shows that we have 21 Baptist Junior Colleges, with an enrollment of 5,946 this year. These Junior Colleges are struggling under heavy hardship, but are still carrying on to the glory of God and humanity.

We have sixteen Baptist Academies, with an enrollment of 1317. These academies are usually in very small towns and are educating those boys and girls who could not possibly attend any other school of higher learning. Many of the teachers and students are laboring under burdens that are almost unbearable.

The total property value of these schools is \$36,547,604.43, with an endowment of \$22,337,745.40.

Pray during this coming year for our Baptist schools and that each pastor and Christian leader do his best to direct their friends and church members to see the need of securing a Christian Education in a Christian Baptist School.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ROY ROBINSON.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Sunday School at Hague was started this year through the work of Mr. Graham and others. Bro. Harwell of Alachua promoted the beginning of a Sunday School and Church at Perseverence.

We have two standard Sunday Schools in our association, Waldo and Archer. There are some that just lack a point or two of being standard.

The Associational Officers for 1938-39 are:

G. A. Barber—Supt. Chem. Dept.	University of Florida
Miss Sarah Carr—Sec. Expt. Sta.	University of Florida
Adult Leader—Mr. Touchton	Grove Park, Fla.
Young People's Leader—Lee Bates	Grove Park, Fla.
Intermediate Leader—Mrs. Kennedy (S.M)	High Springs, Fla.
Junior Leader—Mrs. O. R. Evans	Gainesville, Fla.
Primary Leader—Mrs. Phylis Bates	Grove Park, Fla.
Beginner's Leader—Mrs. Walters	High Springs, Fla.

Cradle Roll—Mrs. Touchton Grove Park, Fla.
 D.V.B.S.—Miss Mellie Stokes Alachua, Fla.
 In Charge of Training—Mrs. J. F. Vagts, 1016 E. Church Street
 Gainesville, Fla.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my Brethren, you have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. BARBER, Superintendent.

B. T. U. REPORT

During the past year the Baptist Training Union of the Santa Fe River Association has been a year of progress.

"Training in Church Membership" is the aim of every Baptist Training Union. Churches with active Training Unions have little difficulty in securing capable workers needed to carry on the work in other organizations of the church.

We have a gain of 6 unions over last year. At the present we have 9 B. T. U's, 7 B. A. U's, 17 Seniors, 12 Intermediates, 12 Juniors, and 6 Story Hours. The total membership is 716, a gain of 66 over last year. There were 395 Study Course Awards during the period from January 1, 1938 to September 30, 1938 compared with 295 for the same period last year. There have been several classes since September 30th. The Junior Union at Sardis has been standard during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WARREN CAPELL.

REPORT ON CHILDREN'S HOME

Our Home represents one of our most singular pieces of work. It receives and takes care of the children of our departed brethren, and makes it possible for them to have an opportunity to grow into useful, Christian, manhood and womanhood.

The children admitted to our Home are taught to work. They learn to accept responsibility and to do their part toward their support. A farm, dairy herd, and grove pay dividends toward their keep. It is the practice of the management to teach our children to be self-supporting. They are taught eleven vocations on the campus, and to these are added agriculture, typing, shorthand, bookkeeping, and domestic science in the local high school.

The educational and religious training of the children are two important factors in the work of the Home. The children are sent to the city schools. This gives them the advantage of outside contacts, and us, assurance that they will receive as good instruction as the county provides.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. PAUL McCOLLERS.

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP

If we believe God's word, we must believe that God is the maker, owner and giver of all things.

In the beginning God created the Heavens and the earth (Gen.1:1).

But thou shall remember Jehovah thy God, for it is He that giveth the power to get wealth. (Deut. 8:18).

The earth is Jehovah's and the fulness thereof. The world and they that dwell therein. (Ps-24:1).

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, sayeth Jehovah of hosts. Hag. (2:8).

Then every believer that possesses any gift of God is a Steward and must give an account unto God for all that is intrusted to them.

Each one of us shall give account of himself to God. (Rom. 14:12).

This acknowledgment of Stewardship requires the setting aside for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, of a definite portion of our income as indicated in God's word.

The tenth is the minimum of anyone's gifts, suggested by the scripture and is sacred to God.

Will a man rob God! Yet, ye rob me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee: In tithes and offerings. (Mal. 3:8).

Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. (Mal. 3:10).

Our giving should be proportionate—Every man should give as he is able, according to the blessing of Jehovah thy God which he hath given thee. (Deut. 16:17).

Our giving should be systematic—Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come. (1 Cor. 16:2).

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. MITCHELL.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has just completed its twentieth year of service. This Board should find a larger place in the hearts of our people than has been accorded it hitherto. It has rendered a great service, but it is capable of rendering a still greater service. The benefits paid by this Board during the first twenty years were \$3,235,150.42. Our people should make the work of this Board a matter of earnest study and prayer and give to it their most hearty co-operation.

The Care of Our Aged and Infirm Preachers and Widows

Our Board continually faces the task laid upon it by the Southern Baptist Convention and by the various States of providing food, clothing and shelter for thousands of ministers who have grown old in the service of Christ and for the widows of ministers who have gone to their Heavenly regard. The time has not come and will not come for many years when there will not be the necessity for aiding these servants of the Lord, and the amounts that we are paying them ought by all means to be increased for they are pitifully small.

It will be well for our churches to make diligent inquiry into this plan and of course, our preachers should also give it their earnest consideration. For further information relative to this Convention Minister's Retirement Plan our preachers and church leaders are invited to write to their State Secretary of Missions or to Dr. Thomas J. Watts, Executive Secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board, 2002 Tower Petroleum Building, Dallas, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. MATHEWS.

REPORT ON SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF CHURCHES

It is a very difficult matter to probe one person's spiritual condition and arrive at a conclusion that is correct. But when one endeavors to report on an association wide spiritual condition the

matter becomes of treble difficulty. There are some points that should be brought to our attention and the reviewing should call

for careful thought and prayer.

First: Church Attendance. If we have a true knowledge of our spiritual needs and if our spiritual inclinations are as they should we will be constant in church attendance at all services. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together" is an axiom delivered to early Christianity and the same axiom is an absolute necessity in the twentieth century. The prayer service should be given special attention. The Master's admonition "they ought always to pray and faint not" was given because He knew that without prayer we would deteriorate spiritually. The prayer service is an opportunity for spiritual increase and the same is true of all church services. The reverse is also true. One of the first signs of spiritual decay is a lack of regular attendance and we are facing that fact today. The empty pews speak forth to warn us that spiritual decrease will be our portion unless we take immediate action.

Second: Winning the Lost. In 1937 there was one baptism in the Santa Fe River Association to every 26½ members. In 1938 there was one baptism to every 27 members. The Southwide average is around 22. We can readily see that we are below the average. Now we cannot use these statistics as an absolute gauge but it is a well known fact that a church that is spiritually alive is a winning church. Is it not also true that a spiritually dead church wins very few lost ones? Isn't that true of a group of churches?

Third: Worldly Indulgences. This committee desires to go on record without any equivocation, as condemning bridge playing and dancing; attendance of Sunday Movies and Sunday Baseball; hunting and fishing on the Lord's day by those who take a leading part in any department of the church be such part ever so small. This question is raised not so much from a standpoint of personal wrong or personal results to self, as from a standpoint of personal responsibility. It is obvious that as followers of Jesus Christ we are responsible for the lost. If these indulgences react so as to "stand in the way of sinners" and thus interfere with the salvation of the unsaved then we should practice abstinence. This committee has the decided conviction that participation in the above and many other forms of worldly indulgences do have a tendency to exert a bad influence with the unsaved. In this manner they are a detriment to the Christian and as such react to a lessened spirituality. This Committee believes that the wide spread practice of worldly indulgences are due to a lack of true spiritual evaluations rather than deliberate neglect.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN HARWELL.

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