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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. That the Executive Committee be composed of the Pastors of the churches in this Association, the Moderator and Clerk of the Association, the Superintendent of the Sunday School Association, the Director of the Training Union Association, the President of the Brotherhood Association, the Association W. M. U. President, and the Chairmen of the Boards of Deacons of each Church. 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.

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. A. Kelly, Moderator	Hawthorne
Rev. A. J. Gross, Vice Moderator	Gainesville
B. J. Meadows, Clerk-Treasurer	High Springs
George Barber, President Sunday School Convention	Gainesville
Mrs. W. A. Campbell, President W. M. U.	Gainesville
Miss Mae Hudson, Director B. T. U.	Gainesville
J. H. Mitchell, President Brotherhood	Waldo

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	Gainesville
B. M. Pack	New Port Richey
J. Roy Robinson	Louisville
T. M. Matthews	Tampa
L. A. Shepherd	Raiford
J. L. Norris	Lacrosse
G. V. Allen	Interlarken
C. A. Warren	Hampton
Henry Turlington	Louisville
C. R. Robinson, Hampton	Hampton
J. A. Kelly, Hawthorne	Hawthorne
J. H. P. Thomas	Lochloosa
M. A. Rainhardt	Lochloosa
J. M. Lewis, High Springs	High Springs
O. E. Beals, Island Grove	Hawthorne
R. M. Stanley	High Springs
L. O. Sheffield, Lake Butler	Raiford
R. D. Bevis, Micanopy	Gainesville
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
R. L. Robinson	Gainesville
H. I. Bevis	Gainesville
A. J. Gross	Gainesville

CHURCH CLERKS

Alachua — Mrs. C. F. Stephens	Alachua
Archer — Mrs. Carl W. Moore	Archer
Campville — Mrs. Flora Sherouse	Campville
Eden — E. T. Briston	Hawthorne
Eliam — Herschel Barrington	R. F. D. Hawthorne
Fairbanks — Mrs. W. M. Cassells	Fairbanks
Gainesville, First — J. M. Ogilvie	Gainesville
Hague — W. L. Graham	Gainesville
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 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 — O. R. Evans	Gainesville
Waldo — Maurice DeSha	Waldo
Windsor — T. D. Levins	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 — C. E. Long	Campville
Eden — C. H. Chandoin	Hawthorne
Eliam — C. P. Perry	R. F. D. 3, Hawthorne
Fairbanks — W. M. Cassells	Fairbanks
Gainesville — A. W. Genney	Gainesville
Gainesville, Tabernacle — Mrs. J. F. Vogt	Gainesville
Hague — E. B. Roberts	Gainesville
Hawthorne — J. D. Merritt	Hawthorne
High Springs — B. J. Meadows	High Springs
Hampton — G. C. Fredrick	Hampton
Island Grove — J. T. Glisson	Island Grove
Johnstown — Mrs. Mary Toole	No Report
Lacrosse — Mrs. R. H. Youmans	Lacrosse
Lake Butler — T. M. Riherd	Lake Butler
Micanopy — Mrs. E. D. Rosenberger	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
Waldo — J. H. Mitchell	Waldo
Windsor — Mrs. L. P. Finkles	Gainesville

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Held with the

HAMPTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Hampton, Florida, Nov. 7 and 8, 1939.

TUESDAY MORNING

- Song: "Love Lifted Me."
- Devotional, Dr. T. V. McCaul.
- Association called to order by Moderator, Rev. J. M. Lewis.
- Introduction of Rev. C. A. Warren, pastor Hampton Church, by Rev. C. R. Robinson.
- Welcome address, Rev. C. A. Warren.
- Response, Rev. W. B. Hicks.
- Remarks by Moderator.
- Motion made and carried that program be adopted with necessary changes.
- Presentation of Letters.
- Treasurer's Report read and adopted.
- Call for petitionary letters. None presented.
- Motion by Rev. W. B. Hicks that Rev. J. A. Kelly be elected Moderator, tenure of office to begin at final adjournment of present session. Regular manner of electing Moderator (by ballot) suspended, and Clerk authorized to cast unanimous ballot of the entire Association for Rev. J. A. Kelly as Moderator. Remarks by Rev. J. A. Kelly.
- Motion by Rev. J. A. Kelly that Rev. J. A. Gross be elected vice-Moderator. Motion carried.
- Motion by W. L. Graham that present Clerk be re-elected. Motion carried.
- Recognized following visitors: Dr. Allen S. Cutts, Bro. Gordon C. Reaves, Bro. G. E. Cutts, Rev. A. M. Yarbrough, Bro. Jesse G. Knight, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. S. H. Morton. Visitors invited to take part in our deliberations.
- Motion made by Rev. J. A. Kelly that Clerk's salary be raised to \$15.00 per year. Carried.
- Moderator requested pastor at Lake Butler to investigate prospects of continuing at Johnstown.
- Moderator appointed Committee on Resolutions: Mrs. J. C. Raines, W. R. DuBose, and Mrs. J. M. Porter.
- Nomination, Time and Place: Mrs. G. W. McCall, Mrs. S. M. Kennedy, and Bro. J. H. Mitchell.
- Digest of Letters: B. J. Meadows, Dr. D. B. Allen, Rev. W. B. Hicks.
- Benediction, Rev. W. B. Hicks.
- Recess for lunch, served by ladies of Hampton.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

21. Reconvene. Song: "In The Sweet Bye and Bye."
22. Devotion, Bro. J. H. Mitchell.
23. Recognized group from New River Association. Recognized Rev. G. W. S. Ware.
24. Following Resolution read by Rev. W. B. Hicks: "Resolved that Article eight of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: 'That the executive committee be composed of the pastors of the Churches in this Association, the Moderator and Clerk of the Association, the Superintendent of the Sunday School Association, the Director of the Training Union Association, the President of the Brotherhood Association, the Association W. M. U. President, and the Chairmen of the Boards of Deacons of each Church. 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.'" Signed by Rev. W. B. Hicks, Bro. M. W. Lindsey, and Rev. J. A. Kelly.
25. Motion by Bro. J. H. Mitchell that above resolution be adopted. Motion carried.
26. Motion made and carried that any cooperative between the Harmony and Santa Fe River Associations with respect to Brotherhood activities be endorsed by the Santa Fe River Association.
27. Report of Nominating Committee read and adopted, the following officers being elected: J. H. Mitchell, President Brotherhood; Miss Mae Hudson, President Baptist Training Union; George A. Barber, President Sunday School. Above committee also recommended that we accept invitation of Fairbanks to entertain the Association in 1940.
28. Motion made and carried that report on Orphans Home be dispensed with at present; but incorporated in minutes later.
29. Musical program by Supt. T. M. Johns and children from Orphans Home in Arcadia.
30. Motion made and carried that report on Baptist Orphanage be adopted, with appreciation and thanks to Brother Johns.
31. Collection taken for Orphanage, amounting to \$28.62.
32. Report on State Missions by Rev. H. E. Ridenour.
33. Report on Home Missions by Rev. C. A. Warren.
34. Motion made and carried that Rev. J. A. Kelly, Moderator-elect, contact Rev. Ed Harrell, and secure report on Foreign Missions in order that same be incorporated in present minutes.
35. Report on Christian Education by Dr. T. V. McCaul.
36. Report on Co-operative Program, by Rev. J. Roy Robinson.
37. Report on Stewardship, by Rev. J. A. Kelly.
38. Address by Dr. Allan S. Cutts. Reports on State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Co-operative Program and Stewardship, adopted.
39. Address by Gordon C. Reaves, representing Dr. E. D. Solomon, the Florida Baptist Witness, and the Florida Historical Records Survey.
40. Benediction. Recess for evening meal, served by ladies of Hampton.

TUESDAY EVENING

41. Devotional by Rev. W. B. Hicks. Prayer by Bro. T. M. Johns.

42. Report on Brotherhood by J. H. Mitchell. Remarks by J. H. Mitchell, Rev. W. B. Hicks, B. J. Meadows, Rev. J. M. Lewis. Report adopted.
43. Report on Minister's Retirement Plan, by Rev. C. A. Warren. Remarks by Rev. J. M. Lewis, Rev. W. B. Hicks, Bro. T. M. Johns, Bro. Gordon C. Reaves. Report adopted.
44. Called for Report on Hundred Thousand Club. Remarks by Rev. W. B. Hicks. Motion made and carried that above report be adopted when presented by Dr. J. Harrison Griffin.
45. Address by Bro. T. M. Johns on dangers of the present European situation with respect to religion and Christianity.
46. Report on Digest of Letters by B. J. Meadows. Adopted.
47. Deferred until tomorrow action publishing tables instead of reports in minutes.
48. Invitation extended to everyone to attend Chapel exercises at Public Schools tomorrow.
49. Benediction. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

50. Devotional by Rev. W. A. McMichen.
51. Association called to order by Moderator.
52. Motion made and carried that Mrs. A. C. Strickland prepare and read Report on Obituaries, in the absence of Mrs. J. M. Porter.
53. Report on Social Service by Rev. D. B. Allan. Remarks by Rev. Allan. Adopted.
54. Motion made and passed that Association allow Dr. J. Harrison Griffin opportunity to speak at this time.
55. Address by Dr. J. Harrison Griffin, State Secretary Baptist Brotherhood.
56. Report on Evangelism by Rev. W. B. Hicks. Remarks by J. M. Lewis. Adopted.
57. Motion made and carried that Moderator appoint Committee to condense reports made to Association, preparatory to having said reports printed in Minutes. Appointed Rev. A. J. Gross, Rev. J. L. Norris.
58. Song: "Shall We Gather At The River?"
59. Report on Sunday School Work by Bro. George A. Barber. Remarks by G. A. Barber, A. J. Gross and J. A. Kelly. Adopted. Above report carried appended resolution: "We recommend that the Association allow us \$25.00 for the work of the Sunday School Association during the ensuing Associational year."
60. Report on B. T. U. work, prepared by F. W. Capell, and read by Rev. W. B. Hicks, in absence of Bro. Capell. Adopted. Motion by Rev. J. A. Kelly that resolution similar to one contained in Sunday School report be included in this report on B. T. U. Adopted.
61. Recess for lunch served by ladies of Hampton.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

62. Devotional, by Bro. Carl W. Moore.
63. Report on W. M. U. work by Mrs. W. A. Campbell. Remarks by Mrs. Campbell. Adopted.
64. Report on Temperance read by Mrs. S. M. Kennedy, in absence of Mrs. A. C. Knight. Remarks by Rev. J. L. Norris, Mrs. T. J. Funderburk, Rev. W. B. Hicks. Adopted.
65. Revised report on Nominations, Time and Place read by Mrs. G. W. McCall; To preach Associational Sermon next year: Rev. A. J. Gross; alternate, Rev. G. A. Warren. Messengers to State Convention: J. A. Kelly, B. J. Meadows, Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Mrs. T. J. Funderburk, J. Roy Robinson. Next Association to meet on Wed-

nesday and Thursday after second Sunday in November, same being November 13th and 14th. Next Association to meet with the Fairbanks Church. Report adopted.

66. Report on Christian Literature by Mrs. A. C. Strickland. Remarks by Rev. A. J. Gross. Adopted.

67. Report on Spiritual Condition of the Churches, by Rev. A. J. Gross. Adopted.

68. Report on Resolutions read by Mrs. W. R. DuBose, in absence of Committee. Adopted.

69. Motion made and carried that copies of Minutes be distributed at discretion of Moderator and Clerk, irrespective of membership or contributions.

70. Report on Obituaries, prepared and read by Mrs. A. C. Strickland, in absence of Mrs. J. M. Porter. Quartette, Messrs. Warren, Moore, and Simmons, and Mrs. A. L. Hardee; Mrs. A. C. Strickland, accompanist: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

71. Declaration by Moderator: "The eighty-third annual session of the Santa Fe River Baptist Association is now closed."

72. Benediction by Moderator, Rev. J. M. Lewis.

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. W. H. Swilley	High Springs
District Supt. No. 2, — Mrs. I. L. Touchton	Grove Park
District No. 3, — Mrs. R. M. Stanley	Gainesville
Young People's Leader — Miss Blanche Warren	Worthington
Stewardship Chairman — Mrs. C. A. Strickland	Waldo
Margaret Fund — Mrs. C. C. Braddock	High Springs
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. W. H. Sealey	Alachua
Archer — Mrs. Carl W. Moore	Archer
Eliam (Melrose) — Mrs. H. F. Preston	Hawthorne, R.F.D. No. 2
Gainesville — Mrs. E. F. DeBusk	Gainesville
Hawthorne — Mrs. I. L. Touchton	Grove Park
High Springs — Mrs. W. H. Swilley	High Springs
Hampton — Mrs. C. A. Warren	Hampton
Lake Butler — Mrs. Aura Fowler	Lake Butler
Sardis — Mrs. D. E. Roberts	Worthington
Tabernacle — Mrs. G. C. Smith	Gainesville
Waldo — Mrs. L. B. Alexander	Waldo

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT 1940 SESSION

State Missions	Rev. T. V. McCaul
Home Missions	Rev. J. M. Lewis
Foreign Missions	Melrose Pastor

Co-operative Program	Alachua Pastor
Temperance	Mrs. S. M. Kennedy
Brotherhood	Bro. J. H. Mitchell
Evangelism	Rev. C. A. Warren
Publication	Mrs. C. A. Strickland
Christian Education	Lake Butler Pastor
Sunday School	Bro. G. E. Barber
Baptist Training Union	Miss Mae Hudson
Children's Home	Rev. H. L. Ridenour, Sr.
Stewardsip	Lacrosse Pastor
Ministerial Care	Bro. M. C. Beck
Spiritual Condition of Churches	Rev. W. B. Hicks
Obituaries	Mrs. A. C. Strickland
Resolutions	Mrs. F. W. Tyson

LIST OF MESSENGERS

Alachua:	T. C. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Futch, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sealey.
Archer:	Mrs. A. E. Videau, Mrs. J. H. Mills, H. H. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Moore.
Campville:	Mrs. C. E. Long, Mrs. T. E. Beck, Mrs. Flora Sherouse, Miss Elsie Flowers.
Eliam:	C. P. Perry, Mrs. Kelly, M. A. Bayless, H. G. Alderman, Herschel Barrington.
Fairbanks:	Mrs. C. J. Reichart, Mrs. W. M. Cassells, Mrs. H. T. Bevis, Mrs. E. Gnann, Mrs. R. B. Brannon.
Geinsville. First:	Mrs. J. M. Ogilvie, Mrs. Ray Ogilvie, Mrs. T. Eads, Mrs. R. M. Tompkins, Rev. J. Roy Robinson, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. S. Ware, Dr. T. V. McCaul, Mrs. F. H. Emerson, Mrs. Julia Waugh.
Gainesville, Grove Street:	Mrs. J. W. Lucius, Mr. G. A. Barber, Mrs. O. R. Evans, Rev. A. J. Gross, Mrs. Ira Brown.
Hague:	S. T. Skipper, Mrs. J. C. Hague, W. L. Graham.
Hampton:	Aaron Minton, Olen Hicks, K. B. Watterson, Ernest Byrd, Wilbert Hall, M. L. Watterson, Mrs. C. A. Warren.
Hawthorne:	I. L. Touchton, Mrs. I. L. Touchton, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Kelly, G. L. Whitcomb, Mrs. Sara Weeks, Mrs. H. A. Paulling, Russell Thomas, Rev. M. A. Reinhardt.
High Springs:	Mrs. J. T. Price, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Meadows, Rev. J. M. Lewis.
Island Grove:	J. T. Glisson, W. M. Thomas, Mrs. W. M. Thomas, J. B. MacDonald, C. R. Abstein, Mrs. Annie Abstein.
Lacrosse:	Mrs. T. R. Parker, Miss Neeta Carter, W. R. Carter.
Lake Butler:	Mrs. A. C. Strickland, Mrs. E. E. Shallar, Mrs. L. A. Shepherd, Rev. L. A. Shepherd, Mrs. J. H. Scarborough, Mrs. A. L. Hardee, Mrs. Alice Langford.
Ochwilla:	Mrs. W. B. Ship, B. A. Barrington.
Orange Heights:	Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Thomas.
Paran:	Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Brantley, Lee Seigler.
Waldo:	J. H. Mitchell, Mrs. C. A. Strickland, Mrs. A. L. Stevens, Mrs. R. A. Thigpen, Mrs. J. L. McCauley, Wilbert Gunter, Mrs. J. Porter, Mrs. Perry DeSha, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Donaldson.
Windsor:	R. R. King, T. D. Levins, Mrs. L. P. Finkles.

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SUMMARY TABLE. STATISTICS OF SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR YEAR ENDING, SEPTEMBER 30, 1939.

Next Annual Meeting, November 13th and 14th, 1940, Fairbanks, Florida.
 Moderator, Rev. J. A. Kelly, Hawthorne, Florida.
 Clerk, B. J. Meadows, High Springs, Florida.

CHURCHES	CHURCH DIRECTORIES		Baptisms and Members, Etc.					S. Schools			Tr. Unions		B.H.	W.M.U.	Church Property			Church Finances		Mission, Etc		Tithe & Budget													
	When Constituted	City (C), Town (T), Village (V), or Country Church (O)	Pastors, and Post Offices	Regular Days of Meetings		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 "Special" or Designated Gifts to Missions, Orphan's Home, Etc.	How Many Members are Tithers?	Is Church on Budget for Local Expenses and All Missions?								
				Baptisms	Total Membership																							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
Alachua	1898	T	Ed Harwell, Alachua	Full	7	226	0	10	14	1	130		73	50	Yes	3	38		4	163.03	15,000	3,000	18,000	1,250.00	1,637.63		70.54								
Archer	1920	T	W. B. Hicks, Waldo	2-4	19	164	1	4	12	1	122				Yes	2	42		2	57.11	3,500	3,500	360.00	559.72		42.75	117.87	5	Yes						
Campville	1892	V	R. L. Robinson, Gainesville	1		17				1	23				No	1	14				2,500	2,500	120.00	135.00		3.00	6.25								
Eden																																			
Eliam	1859	V	C. R. Robinson, Hawthorne	2-4	4	160	1	4	12	1	109				Yes	4	48		3	147.15	10,000		10,000	400.50	636.87	136.72	269.95	16	Yes						
Fairbanks	1932	V	H. T. Bevis, Gainesville	Full	4	86	1	4	1	1	46				No	1	12		6	147.15	1,200		1,200	110.00	169.79		9.00	10	Yes						
Gainesville, First	1870	C	T. V. McCaul, Gainesville	Full	60	1883	1	2	12	1	158	236	191	70	Yes	4	69		12	37.82	5,000	1,040.00	1,168.91	11.50	40.62	16	Yes								
G'ville, Grove St	1935	C	A. J. Gross, Gainesville	Full	18	77	1	2	12	1	134	236	191	70	Yes	8	155		6	1,424.97	153,000	25,000	178,000	4,200.00	12,041.95	3,338.60	4,425.98	50	Yes						
Hampton	1891	T	C. R. Robinson	1 2 3	11	173	1	4	1	1	66				Yes	2	20		1	33.72	2,500	2,500	400.00	619.73		19.95	8								
Hague	1911	V	T. M. Matthews, Tampa	2	11	57	2	1	1	1	68				Yes	1	19				2,500	2,500	120.00	264.09		6.89									
Hawthorne	1852	T	J. A. Kelly, Hawthorne	Full	7	291	1	4	20	1	165				Yes	5	73		2	218.59	3,000	3,000	6,000	1,200.00	1,585.49	219.11	409.83	10	Yes						
High Springs	1886	T	J. M. Lewis, High Springs	Full	7	218	1	3	18	1	240				Yes	3	62	1 32	5	918.57	20,000	2,250	22,250	1,040.00	3,527.31	109.26	285.32	19	Yes						
Island Grove	1891	V	O. E. Boals, Hawthorne	3	6	85	1			1	65										1,500		1,500	140.06	181.76		15.00								
Johnstown																																			
Lacrosse		T	J. L. Norris, Lacrosse	1-3		65				1	17										1,000		1,000	75.00	75-										
Lake Butler	1869	T	L. A. Shepherd, Raiford	1-3	2	147		4			98				Yes	3	45		3	172.69	3,000	2,000	5,000	480.00	1,064.99		266.88		Yes						
Micanopy																																			
Ochvilla	1873	O	H. H. Link, Orlando	2		18		2	1		20										2,000		2,000	107.25	109.25	42.50	156.25	8							
Orange Heights	1913	V	J. W. Hayman, Orange Hgts.	1-3		44	1	2	8	1	20										2,000		2,000	96.00	118.00		3.50	3	Yes						
Paran	1856	O	C. R. Robinson, Hawthorne	1-3		76	1	3	12	1	41										3,500		3,500	144.00	176.52	12.00	39.81	4							
Sardis	1877	V	John Dick, Lake City	3	2	103	1	4	16	1	124				Yes	3	39		5	101.57	2,000		2,000	240.00	517.40	46.82	158.79	14							
Sunshine																																			
Waldo	1884	T	W. B. Hicks, Waldo	1-3	8	155	1	4	14	1	138	65	6		Yes	2	21	1 12	2	160.55	4,000	2,000	6,000	600.00	1,469.70	108.65	235.62	10	Yes						
Windsor	1934	V	H. E. Ridenour, Sr., Gainesville	1-2	5	40	1	4	1	1	42				Yes	1	21		2		2,000		2,000	120.00	1,148.37	15.00	15.00								
TOTALS					171	4085	14	65	244	19	3029	452	37		44	706	3 56	46	3,475.58	239,200	37,250	276,450	12,242.81	27,482.48	4,085.91	6,553.05	173								

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Treasurer's Report

Balance		\$16.94
1938 Associations		59.04
Paid for Postage	\$ 2.26	
Paid for Printing	60.00	
Paid for Clerk	10.00	
Paid for Programs	3.50	
	<u>\$75.76</u>	\$75.98
Balance on hand		\$.22

Respectfully submitted,

B. J. MEADOWS, Treasurer.

REPORTS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved that Article eight of the Constitution be amended as follows: That the executive committee be composed of the Pastors of the Churches in this Association, the Moderator and Clerk of the Association, the Superintendent of the Sunday School Association, the Director of the Training Union Association, the President of the Brotherhood Association, the Associational W. M. U. President, and the Chairmen of the Boards of Deacons of each Church. The executive committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary and shall have the oversight of the Associational work in the period between the annual meetings. Signed by Rev. W. B. Hicks, M. W. Lindsey and Rev. J. A. Kelly.

2. Resolved that we, the Santa Fe River Association now in Session, commend the Church Archives Inventory of the Florida Historical Records Survey for the work they are doing in collecting and preserving the history of our Association and its Churches, and that we pledge our co-operation in this work.

3. Resolved that we thank Bro. T. M. Johns and the children from the Florida Baptist Children's Home for the splendid program rendered, which we believe was uplifting and soul-stirring to every one present, and that we pledge ourselves to be ever mindful of them in our prayers that they may keep this good work going on.

4. Whereas this Association has only three local brotherhoods, and whereas Harmony Association has only three, be it resolved that Santa Fe and Harmony Associations have a dual Brotherhood Association for the next Associational year.

5. Be it resolved that we express our sincerest appreciation to the Hampton Church and its Pastor for their generous hospitality, their fine way of serving, and their sweet Christian fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. DuBOSE,
MRS. J. G. RAINES,
MRS. J. M. PORTER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

For Messengers to State Convention: Rev. J. A. Kelly, Hawthorne; B. J. Meadows, High Springs; Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Gainesville; Mrs. T. J. Funderburk, Gainesville; Rev. J. Roy Robinson, Gainesville.

For Associational Sermon: Rev. A. J. Gross, Alternate, Rev. C. A. Warren.

The next session of the Association will meet with Fairbanks Church, Fairbanks, Florida, on November 13th and 14th, 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. W. McCALL,
MRS. S. M. KENNEDY,
REV. H. E. RIDENOUR, Sr.,
J. H. MITCHELL.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Through our State Organization we are helping to win the lost to Christ by sending the gospel to destitute sections, and by helping to organize and grow more and greater churches, Sunday Schools and B. T. U's.; developing and training leaders from our groups of Spirit-filled young people. We cultivate stewardship and the Mission Spirit through our W. M. U., and Brotherhood departments, and through our Student workers seek to enlist in Christian service that large group of Baptist boys and girls found in our State Colleges and institutions.

We maintain a strong Evangelistic work in the State with two Evangelists giving full time to this sacred task, and others giving part time as their services may be in demand. We have supported this year 67 missionary pastors who have preached to 83 churches and mission stations including our Indian work. We are also aiding 44 churches through our Building and Loan Fund.

Through State Mission funds we are also assisting a large group of aged preachers, or their widows. We also make possible the publication of the Florida Baptist Witness, and the distribution of countless tracts to stem the tide of error and false doctrines flooding our land.

During 1938 we made some advances in our gifts to missions. The Treasurer's report made to the last State Convention showed that Florida Baptists gave to all missionary and benevolent causes for 1938 the splendid sum of \$208,342.04. Of this amount the Co-operative Program received \$116,384.86, which amount was distributed in accordance with the instructions of the Convention. All special gifts, which reached a grand total of \$91,993.18, were sent to the departments designated by the donors, without deducting one cent for expense of handling same.

Our Co-operative Program goal for this year has been set at \$135,000.00. Every church is urged to accept its part of the goal and send in all mission funds promptly and regularly to the office in Jacksonville. Florida Baptists should raise every dollar of the amount named in the goal before December 31st.

Our State Mission budget for the year is \$86,810.00. This is \$12,000.00 more than the budget of the previous year, and our State office assures us that every dollar put in the budget will be needed to carry the work through as planned for the year.

The Board depends on three sources for its income. First, the 34 per cent allocated from Co-operative Program receipts. Second, special gifts during October from the W. M. U. Week of Prayer, and the Sunday Schools. Third, a donation of \$6,500.00 from the Sunday School Board to assist in maintaining the Sunday School, B. T. U. and Student Work Departments.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. RIDENOUR, Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board has functioned for ninety-four years in making missions real at home. The achievements have been glorious. During this period the Board has employed 44,000 missionaries and workers for one year or one missionary for 44,000 years. These missionaries have baptized 865,000 people, which is equal to one out of every five of our total number of church members. They have organized 8,600 churches. This is equal to one out of every three of our total number of churches.

The past year has been a year of glorious achievements for Home Missions. The Lord has richly blessed our missionaries in every field. The Home Mission Board now has 371 missionaries working in 756 mission stations. During the past year 39 were added to the mission force. Sixty-four new mission stations were opened and 20 chapels were acquired. The missionaries have distributed 20,226 Bibles, testaments, and portions of Scripture, and over 790,000 tracts. They have preached 29,454 sermons, led over 5,250 to make profession of faith in Christ, and have received into fellowship with the church 3,835.

Increasing Gifts to Home Missions

The past year was one of the best financially in many years for the Home Mission Board. Receipts were larger than the year before. Marked progress was made in the payment of debts. The Board received from all sources \$513,841.80. The treasurer's report shows that \$163,660.89 was paid on the principal of the debt. A debt payment program has been mapped out which will liquidate all the debts of the Home Mission Board by 1945 provided receipts do not fall below the receipts of 1938.

An Unfinished Task

The Home Mission task is larger, more difficult, and more important than ever before. Our social order is more complex, and there are more elements of disaster in it than ever before. A city problem has developed in the past few decades and is now challenging our immediate attention. The race problem, becoming more and more insistent, is a major mission program. Let the homeland become a leader in righteousness, and it will do more toward the restoration of peace, happiness, and prosperity among the nations of the world than it can ever do in economic and industrial fields.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

ALACHUA

Mrs. Lyda Dansby
Bro. W. H. Enneis

ARCHER

Mrs. A. G. Louden
Mrs. J. B. Cannard

CAMPVILLE

Deacon B. C. Johnson
Deacon J. W. Craber

ELIAM

Mrs. Ida Thomas

GAINESVILLE, FIRST

Lawson E. Hill
Miss Christine Tompkins
Mrs. F. M. Kelly
Mr. Harvey Waits, Jr.
Deacon E. A. Hickson
Mrs. J. W. Parrish
Mrs. J. B. Dodson
Mrs. J. R. Falk
Mrs. Lloyd Owens
Mrs. Margaret Gross
Mrs. Ida Redding

HAMPTON

Deacon J. V. Jones
Bro. G. W. Rhames

HAWTHORNE

Mrs. Bessie Creech
Mrs. Mary M. Sharman

HIGH SPRINGS

Bro. E. L. Raines

ISLAND GROVE

Mrs. Olie Hayman

LAKE BUTLER

Mrs. Salome Maines
Mrs. Elizabeth Rosenberg

SARDIS

Mrs. Venie Thompson
Bro. T. B. Rahn

WALDO

Mrs. W. B. Hicks
(Pastor's Wife)

REPORT ON CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

There is a firm and growing conviction that the Lord himself has led us in the making and working out of the Co-operative Program. All the causes in the program are included in the Great Commission and all the causes in the Commission are included in the Program. The plan is sensible, scriptural, and successful.

Objects and Percentages

Both state and southwide denominational causes are included in the Co-operative Program. The state conventions decide what state objects are to be included and the percentages they are to receive; the Southern Baptist Convention decides as to southwide causes. The aim and desire is to provide funds sufficient to care for all causes and to contribute to each according to its relative need.

In Florida the Co-operative receipts are divided as follows: STATE CAUSES—55%; State Mission Board, 34%; Children's Home, Arcadia, 9%; Stetson University, 5%; Rogers Building, 5%; Student Loan Fund, 2%; SOUTHWIDE CAUSES—45%; Foreign Missions, 22.5%; Home Missions, 10.5%; Relief and Annuity Board, 3.15%; Education Board Debts, 1.5%; Southern Baptist Seminary, 1.5%; Southwestern Theological Seminary, 2.28%; Baptist Bible Institute, 1.755%; W. M. U. Training School, 24%; American Baptist Theological Seminary, 45%; New Orleans Hospital, 1.125; Total 100%.

The Co-operative Program is a plan or method to provide money for the support of our work. Every cause in it is concrete. We do not give to the Program, but through the Program to missions, education, and benevolences.

The Co-operative Program will not work itself, no plan will. We must study and pray and work if the plan succeeds with us.

The best way to promote the Co-operative Program is to study the Word of God on the subject of Christian stewardship, study the causes included in the program, and then put on the Every Member Canvass.

We must keep the fires of evangelism burning brightly all the year. Our hearts must be kept warm if our lives are to be kept right and our offerings worthy and sufficient.

That we request all our churches to put on the Every Member Canvass for both local expenses and the Co-operative Program. (We suggest November and December unless peculiar conditions warrant a change in time.)

That each church be requested to observe a fair ratio in distributing its funds for local expenses and the Co-operative Program. The ideal ratio would be 50-50.

That all Co-operative Program receipts and other denominational funds be remitted promptly each month to C. M. Brittain, executive Secretary-Treasurer, Rogers Building, Jacksonville, Florida.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We shudder when we think how lightly so many people consider this subject. It is our duty as Christians to try to educate every one, especially our young people, in the right way about this matter.

Our temperance lesson in Sunday School this quarter was very enlightening and if we could make our people see "What a Drag Liquor is upon Social Progress" I think some conditions could be helped. None of us like to think that anything drags—yet we know that alcohol weakens our people physically and one chief contributor to Social Progress is healthy people. We know, too, that it is a crime breeder and an economic thief.

There are so many evils connected with liquor that there isn't time to list them so let us as Christians of this Santa Fe Association realize that "to drink" is "to sin," and resolve that we will in every way, that is in our power, fight this mighty evil and show by our every action that we wish to free our people from "Intoxicating Liquors."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. C. KNIGHT.

BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD COMMITTEE

At our last Associational meeting at Melrose you selected the following Brotherhood Committee: Rev. Paul McCullers, Bros. M. C. Beck and J. H. Mitchell. Bro. McCullers being called to another field this year, Bro. Beck and I have carried on the work to the best of our ability. We have been fortunate in securing some of the outstanding and best informed Brotherhood men of the Southern Baptist Convention to come to our Association this year and speak to us. On January 29 at Newberry we had Bro. Lakson H. Cook, who is now Secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South and Bro. Hugh F. Latimer, who is now Associate Secretary to Bro. Cook. On September 4, 5 and 6, we had a series of lectures by Dr. J. Harrison Griffin, Brotherhood Secretary of Florida. Bro. Griffin spoke on the 4th at Waldo, on the 5th at Newberry and on the 6th at Grove Street at Gainesville. Since then Bro. Griffin has lectured the men at the First Baptist Church, Gainesville, but this meeting was arranged by Dr. McCall and Dr. Griffin, and not by your committee. However, we hope great good for the Brotherhood will grow out of this meeting.

Local Brotherhoods

At present we have only three Brotherhoods in this Association, those are at High Springs and Waldo, and Grove Street, each use the monthly programs, each meet regular and take an active interest in all the work of their local church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. MITCHELL.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

We, as Baptists believe that the New Testament teaches Evangelism as one of the most important fields of operation, under the Great Commission of our Lord. It was specially emphasized by the early Apostles, and was practiced by them in their activities as leaders in their day.

The whole program of the church, hinges around evangelism, for if no new members were added to the churches, in a short time the membership would be so depleted that the church could not carry on and perpetuate her program of service.

Our Foreign Missionaries on their fields are evangelizing. They are winning the lost for Christ. Our Home Missionaries are doing the same.

Our State Mission Board is employing Special Evangelists to carry the message of the Gospel to the lost in destitute places in our own State.

We should be much in prayer for all our Evangelists, for the efforts they make cost heavily in physical strength and the opposition by Satan is the same as it was in the days of Jesus and the Apostles.

Reports coming to us through our Religious papers show that the Plan is operating successfully, and that the number of converts during this year will be far above that of any year possibly in the history of Southern Baptists.

Most of our churches in the Santa Fe River Association have already had special meetings the past Summer and fall, and there is no instance where there has been a failure in the effort made in training them for service in the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. HICKS, Committee.

SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT

The 1939 Southern Baptist Convention Special Service report of 14 pages, is remarkable in its breadth and usable information, should be studied by every one.

The 1939 Florida Baptist Convention Social Service Report, written by Raleigh W. Petteway, is devoted to three subjects, liquor, gambling and morality in government.

The last point in this report urging action by the individual Christian for justice through government, should be given most careful consideration, as the failure of the individual to promote justice through government is omitting the "weightier matters of the law."

The writer of this report is urging a "Free Vote" for the individual, through a "free press put into practice" also a free radio and mailing privileges for this purpose all at government expense, that the individual may enter his will for thorough justice through government every where, avoiding the tragic and Master Sin of Party Spirit, condemned so closely in the New Testament.

Read the origin of God ordained government for the purpose of justice, Justice, Deu. 16:18-20 and the sanction of the same in Rom. ch. 13.

Read also in the Bible Union New Testament the sin of Party Spirit: Jas. 3:13-19. Gal. 5:20; Phil. 2:3. 1:15. Rom. 2:8. 2 Cor. 12:20; Mt. 12:19.

How is the Christian ever going to truly pray—Thy will be done "IN THE EARTH" unless he recognizes government as the God ordained means for thorough justice to all—the only God ordained means through which he is to exercise his will in obedience to God against every evil and for every form of justice.

Let us organize to give the individual opportunity to serve by a

free vote the cause of justice through government, increasing his power thereby a thousand fold or even a million fold for good and against evil.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. ALLEN.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION OR RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

"With information comes inspiration." Therefore it behooves us to secure the very best of publications. There are many tons of literature published every year, some good and some bad. The question arises, are people reading? Yes! a fourteen year-old girl was asked: "What are you reading?" she replied, "Anything I can get my hands on." Since this is true of many, it is important that parents and teachers make it easy to "get their hands on," the right kind of books and magazines.

The responsibility that is resting on us as Christians is to teach by example as well as precept and to encourage the reading of good books and magazines. The Bible, of course, is the best. By reading it daily, we learn how to live, how to be happy and how to serve. Our State denominational paper, the Baptist Witness and other religious literature, especially our denominational papers and magazines, give us much valuable information, as to what other people, other churches, Associations, and States are doing for the upbuilding of God's kingdom.

May each member of this Association strive to read and study more as the years go by, and be more concerned about our people.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. C. STRICKLAND.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Southern Baptist Education Commission acts as a sort of Clearing house in educational matters for all of our Baptist institutions. It collects, interprets and disseminates information, etc., which is needed by our schools. The Commission is trying to develop an alert conscience among Southern Baptists on Christian Education. Its publication of "College News and Views" has been of great value in accomplishing this end.

We are glad to report that the annual Education Conference held at Ridgecrest is growing in interest and power.

All of our schools are growing in enrollment, endowment and in physical equipment and faculties.

Southern Baptists have 67 institutions of learning including three Seminaries and two Training Schools. The enrollment of last year reached the highest mark in our history, as follows:

Academies	1,717
Junior Colleges	7,041
Senior Colleges and Universities	16,308
Seminaries	1,447
Total in all schools	26,513

The total endowment of our Southern Baptist schools amounts to \$27,425,027.68, and the property value of our schools amounts to \$42,896,896.00. These figures may seem somewhat encouraging;

but when we note that Harvard University alone has an endowment fund of 138 millions of dollars, we pause, wonder and pray.

We thank God for our Southern Baptist institutions of learning and for those noble men and women who administer their affairs and who teach in their halls; for every student, and for the properties and endowments they possess, and we fervently pray that God will raise up an increasing number of friends of this important and worthy department of Southern Baptist life and work.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. V. McCAUL.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

At the first of the year it was decided by the groups to let the Sunday Schools put on the programs at the meetings. This plan has been carried out throughout the year with the Sunday School that entertained the group meeting putting on the program at the next meeting. The two groups met bi-monthly, so that there was a group meeting every month.

Attendance has been varied and not as good as we would like. The highest attendance at a group meeting was 87; lowest was 22; the average for the ten months (October through July) was 49.

Departmental conferences with each leader discussing the work of his department with the workers in that department were held in five of the ten meetings. In the other meetings there were not enough leaders or teachers present, but the leaders who were present made talks on their work.

The Daily Vacation Bible School has been brought to the attention of the entire Association and several very successful schools were held in the different churches.

After much planning and discussion arrangements have been made to have State workers in the Association the week of Feb. 18-25 for an Enlargement campaign. Every church represented at the last meeting pledged its support and co-operation to the campaign and much good is expected to come of it.

Financial

It has been the custom to take collections at the meetings and this money has been used mostly for supplies such as stationery, stamps, postcards and so forth. At the beginning of the year there was \$1.00 in the treasury and Archer Sunday School contributed \$9.00. Receipts for the ten months was \$21.47; disbursements, \$18.25, leaving a balance of \$3.22 in the treasury at the present time. This does not include \$6.50 which was contributed by the Sunday Schools to send Miss Touchton to the DeLand Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. BARBER, Superintendent,
SARAH CARR, Secretary.

We recommend that the Association allow us \$25.00 for the work of the S. S. Association during the ensuing Associational year.

OFFICERS FOR SANTA FE RIVER S. S. ASSOCIATION 1939-40

Superintendent	G. A. Barber
Associate Supt.—Rev. A. J. Gross	1712 N. Grove, Gainesville
Evangelism—Rev. J. A. Kelly	Hawthorne
Superintendent—Mr. J. D. Merritt	Hawthorne
Pastor—Rev. Ed. Harwell	Alachua
Cradle Roll—Mrs. C. C. Gaines	522 S. Palmetto, Gainesville
Beginner—Mrs. J. W. Lucius	870 Michigan Ave., Gainesville
Primary—Mrs. A. L. Combs	1130 W. Union, Gainesville
Junior—Mrs. A. J. Gross	1712 N. Grove, Gainesville
Intermediate—Mrs. S. M. Kennedy	High Springs
Young People—Mr. Warner Fussell	1351 W. Masonic, Gainesville
Adult—Mrs. J. F. Vagts	1016 E. Church, Gainesville
Extension	W. Bruce Abernathy
D. V. B. S.—Mrs. J. M. Tison	836 E. Magnolia, Gainesville
Secretary—Mrs. Harold Clark	1712 N. Grove, Gainesville

REPORT BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

The Training Union is a great school in Christian living. In the Sunday School, we study our Bible, and in addition to this, the Training Union offers additional opportunities, that is, studying and training in order that we might know Him better. It is a mighty conservative program for saving Baptist lives and enlisting them for Christ in the Churches.

One of our Training Union Leaders in the South says, "A close study of the enrollment of Training Unions show that nearly 100 per cent of the members in the Training Unions are faithful church members." The fact is that if we could get all our church members to our Training Unions we could build our Church loyalty into their hearts. This is a challenge that all our churches should take, and I challenge every Church represented here today to go back home and try this for a year.

There are at present 23 Churches in our Association with only 18 of them having Training Union work in them. We have in our Association three A-1 unions. The Junior Union at Sardis has been A-1 for the last two years. There were 366 awards issued during the months from January through September of this year. There were 12 churches that have not had any study course this year. We do hope that you will plan one to be held as soon as possible. We find that the churches that put on Training Schools regularly are the churches that are making progress.

In our churches today we are taking in new members, and in every case these new converts need training, and this can be done by having a vigorous Training Program going on all the time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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but when we note that Harvard University alone has an endowment fund of 138 millions of dollars, we pause, wonder and pray.

We thank God for our Southern Baptist institutions of learning and for those noble men and women who administer their affairs and who teach in their halls; for every student, and for the properties and endowments they possess, and we fervently pray that God will raise up an increasing number of friends of this important and worthy department of Southern Baptist life and work.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. V. McCAUL.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

At the first of the year it was decided by the groups to let the Sunday Schools put on the programs at the meetings. This plan has been carried out throughout the year with the Sunday School that entertained the group meeting putting on the program at the next meeting. The two groups met bi-monthly, so that there was a group meeting every month.

Attendance has been varied and not as good as we would like. The highest attendance at a group meeting was 87; lowest was 22; the average for the ten months (October through July) was 49.

Departmental conferences with each leader discussing the work of his department with the workers in that department were held in five of the ten meetings. In the other meetings there were not enough leaders or teachers present, but the leaders who were present made talks on their work.

The Daily Vacation Bible School has been brought to the attention of the entire Association and several very successful schools were held in the different churches.

After much planning and discussion arrangements have been made to have State workers in the Association the week of Feb. 18-25 for an Enlargement campaign. Every church represented at the last meeting pledged its support and co-operation to the campaign and much good is expected to come of it.

Financial

It has been the custom to take collections at the meetings and this money has been used mostly for supplies such as stationery, stamps, postcards and so forth. At the beginning of the year there was \$1.00 in the treasury and Archer Sunday School contributed \$9.00. Receipts for the ten months was \$21.47; disbursements, \$18.25, leaving a balance of \$3.22 in the treasury at the present time. This does not include \$6.50 which was contributed by the Sunday Schools to send Miss Touchton to the DeLand Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. BARBER, Superintendent,
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We recommend that the Association allow us \$25.00 for the work of the S. S. Association during the ensuing Associational year.

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REPORT BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

The Training Union is a great school in Christian living. In the Sunday School, we study our Bible, and in addition to this, the Training Union offers additional opportunities, that is, studying and training in order that we might know Him better. It is a mighty conservative program for saving Baptist lives and enlisting them for Christ in the Churches.

One of our Training Union Leaders in the South says, "A close study of the enrollment of Training Unions show that nearly 100 per cent of the members in the Training Unions are faithful church members." The fact is that if we could get all our church members to our Training Unions we could build our Church loyalty into their hearts. This is a challenge that all our churches should take, and I challenge every Church represented here today to go back home and try this for a year.

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We recommend that this Association adopt a budget of \$25.00 for the year, for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Associational Training Union and that the money be raised by the churches.

J. A. KELLY.

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP

It is required in Stewards that a man be found faithful. I Cor. 4:2.

A Christian's Stewardship involves all of life. His body is a sacred trust from God. It is the temple of the Holy Spirit. It is an instrument for God's use in the world in the extension of this Kingdom.

All the faculties which a Christian possesses are bestowed by the Heavenly Father. No human being can create a talent. He can take what God has given and improve it and use it for Him, and that is the practice of Stewardship.

One's possessions also come from God. Even as life itself is given to be used for Him, just so are material possessions bestowed for the great purpose of affording human beings the tangible means for glorifying God. Faithfulness in Stewardship belongs in any picture which attempts to portray loyalty to Christ.

The practice of Christian Stewardship is, then a true index of Christian character. Our Master said, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KELLY.

W. M. U. REPORT

Thirteen churches have 547 members, with 84 Covenant-signing Tithers; 25 Mission study courses; 341 Awards; 119 Subscriptions to Royal Service; 33 Commissions; 11 Home Mission Magazine; 187 The Witness; 434 persons engaged in directed personal service; 2778½ Coupons for Arcadia Children's Home; \$82.45 value of boxes; \$1,273.74 Co-operative Program apportionment; \$514.31 Hundred Thousand Club; \$203.36 Home Mission; \$132.63 State Mission; \$236.33 Foreign Mission; \$428.37 Church (used locally); \$428.76 local charity; \$796.38 other objects; \$21.45 Florida Margaret Fund Students; \$43.04 White Cross.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has just completed its twenty-first year of service. It has paid

in benefits during these twenty-one years \$3,560,690.21. The Relief benefits during the past year totaled \$90,776.28, and Annuity benefits, \$233,748.38.

Fellowship Offerings for Relief

In addition to the regular Cooperative Program gifts, which are by no means sufficient for the work of this Board, every church within its bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention should respond to the appeal of the Board for at least one Fellowship Offering to be taken at the Lord's Supper during each year. Such action on the part of our churches would make it possible for this Board to provide benefits for aged ministers and widows that would really meet the necessities. At present we are not meeting their necessities—we are only helping a little. How simple a matter it would be for our churches to do this, and we believe they will do it if our ministers will request it. Surely no minister will feel embarrassed in making this proposal to his church, for it will not be for himself but for others.

The Convention Ministers Retirement Plan

This plan is the flowering forth of all previous plans and promises to bring adequate support for all active ministers of the Southern Baptist Convention. Unfortunately those who have already retired cannot participate in this plan—they must be aided from the Relief Department, but there is no reason why in the years to come there should be a single needy preacher in his old age in the Southern Baptist Convention. Surely our churches, who have been exempt from taxation by the Government and have been left free to carry on their work without interference from the Government, will feel that they should do voluntarily for their ministers what the Government requires business organizations to do by law.

This new plan is making great progress, and it has behind it the State Conventions, the State Boards and the officials of the Conventions and the Boards, and this time the preachers themselves, for the funds they ask their churches to pay toward this plan are not for themselves as individuals, but for a great group of preachers who participate in the plan. It is a plan that offers a real solution of the problem of Ministerial Relief and is destined to be accepted by every State Convention, and we trust by every church and minister in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Information concerning the work of the Relief and Annuity Board can be had by addressing your State Secretary or Thomas J. Watts, Executive Secretary, 2002 Tower Petroleum Building, Dallas, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. BECK.

SPIRITUAL CONDITIONS OF THE CHURCHES

If we use the minutes of 1938 as a criterion from which we draw conclusions, the churches must be as a whole cold spiritually.

Probably not over one-third of the membership of our churches are regular in attendance at the preaching services, and about the same percentage contribute to the support of the church financially. We know that without church attendance the members grow indifferent and worldly. About one-fifth of the members attend Sunday School. The other four-fifths of the members read the Bible very little and thereby impoverish their souls spiritually.

Last year 157 were baptized in this Association. 61 were in the First Church, Gainesville leaving 96 converts for all the other 20 churches. This is not quite five per church. This shows the spiritual condition of the churches, for souls are not born in an atmosphere that is cold and worldly.

There seems to be an attitude in the churches against assuming any responsibility. There seems to be an attitude in the churches against preaching that condemns sin. Sin is minimized, thought lightly of, and too many are treating very lightly the doctrine of repentance. There are other conditions that are deplorable, but space forbids my saying more.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. GROSS.

