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CONSTITUTIONS

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 dissemination of Bible Truth.

4. This Association shall meet annually, on the first day of which meeting it shall elect by ballot, a Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, 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 Association session.

5. Any Baptist Church newly organized may become a member of this Association by letter petitioning for membership and giving information concerning organization and history, and by whom organized. Any church coming from another Association may become a member of this association by presenting petitionary letter, accompanied by a letter of dismissal from the Association from whence it comes.

6. This Association admits the right of any of the churches comprising it, to withdraw by application for a letter without assigning any reason for so doing. At the same time, this Association claims the right to withdraw from any church which departs from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

7. This Association shall be deemed an advisory council, and shall treat the Churches composing it as independent bodies in all matters of self-government, and shall at no time interfere with their rights.

8. The Executive Committee shall 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 Associational 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 addi-

ional 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 Scripture 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 the 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 judgement.

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

Art. 16. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, is a memorial of Christ's resurrection, and should be kept holy by the observance of all means of grace, both private and public, and by abstaining from all secular labor, except 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 religion training of 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 our property according as God has prospered us for the maintenance of a faithful evangelical ministry among us or 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 Association to visitors.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Report of Standing Committees.
 - a—Treasurer's Report.

j—Christian Education	b—W. M. U. Report.
k—Stewardship	c—State Missions.
l—Christian Literature	d—Home Missions.
m—Temperance	e—Foreign Missions
n—Spiritual Conditions of Churches	f—Children's Home
Ministerial Relief.	g—Memorial Service.
p—Nominations.	h—B. T. U.
q—Resolutions.	i—Sunday School.

8. Miscellaneous Business.

9. Adjournment.

ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Dr. T. V. McCaul, Moderator	Gainesville
Dr. W. M. Sentell, Vice Moderator	Alachua
B. J. Meadows, Clerk-Treasurer	High Springs
L. R. Rivers, President Sunday School Association	Gainesville
Mrs. G. W. McCall, President W. M. U.	High Springs
E. E. Gable, Director B. T. U.	Gainesville

ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. M. Sentell	Alachua
Rev. Carey Allen, Archer	Waldo
Edwin Harwell, Alachua	Alachua
S. J. Morgan, Campville	Gainesville
L. R. Brothers, Foreign Missionary	Nigeria, Africa
H. E. Ridenour, Sr., Fairbanks	Gainesville
T. V. McCaul, Gainesville, First	Gainesville
J. F. Gable	Gainesville
W. C. Taylor	Melrose
D. B. Allen	Gainesville
J. H. Hardy	Hawthorne
G. W. S. Ware	Gainesville
B. M. Paek	New Port Richey
L. A. Shepherd	Raiford
J. L. Norris	LaCrosse
G. V. Allen	Interlachen
C. A. Warren	Alachua
C. R. Robinson	Palatka
M. A. Ra'nhardt	Lochloosa
O. E. Boals	Hawthorne
L. O. Sheffield, Ft. Sam Houston	Texas
R. D. Bevis	Gainesville
J. N. Hayman	Orange Heights
P. Q. Cason, R. F. D.	Alachua
H. T. Bevis	Gainesville

W. H. Wilson	South Bay
John Dicks, Sardis	Lake City
W. A. McMichen	Waldo
A. J. Gross	Gainesville
Wm. Howard Sentell	High Springs
T. M. Teston	Windsor

CHURCH CLERKS

Alachua—Mrs. C. F. Stephens	Alachua
Archer—Gerald McElroy	Archer
Campville—Mrs. Flora Sherouse	Campville
Eden—H. L. Baxley	Hawthorne
Eliam—C. M. Perry	R. F. D. Hawthorne
Fairbanks—Mrs. W. M. Cassells	Fairbanks
Gainesville, First—W. R. Carroll	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
Lake Butler—E. E. Shallar	Lake Butler
LaCrosse—O. A. Wilson	LaCrosse
Micanopy—C. L. Robbins	Micanopy
Ochwilla—B. A. Barrington	R. F. D. Hawthorne
Orange Heights—Mrs. W. E. Thompson	Gainesville
Paran—Mrs. Susie Gornto	Grandin
Sardis—R. B. Warren	Lake Butler
Grove Street, Gainesville—Mrs. O. R. Evans	Gainesville
Waldo—Maurice DeSha	Waldo
Windsor—T. D. Levins	R. F. D. Gainesville

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Alachua—C. A. Smith	Alachua
Archer—Frank M. Pearl	Archer
Campville—C. E. Long	Campville
Eden—S. D. Bristow	Hawthorne
Eliam—C. P. Perry	R. F. D. Hawthorne
Fairbanks—W. M. Cassells	Fairbanks
Gainesville—A. W. Tenny	Gainesville
Grove Street, Gainesville—Mrs. J. F. Vagts	Gainesville
Hague—	No Report
Hawthorne—J. D. Merritt	Hawthorne
High Springs—B. J. Meadows	High Springs
Hampton—Mrs. M. L. Watterson	Hampton
Island Grove—Mrs. Vivian Gladney	Island Grove
LaCrosse—Mrs. R. H. Youmans	LaCrosse

Lake Butler—T. M. Riherd	Lake Butler
Micanopy—Mrs. E. D. Rosenberger	Micanopy
Ochwilla—	No Report
Orange Heights—Mrs. A. L. Kahr	Orange Heights
Paran—W. Brantley	Grandin
Sardis—D. E. Roberts	Worthington
Waldo—J. H. Mitchell	Waldo
Windsor—Robert Snowden	Gainesville

W. M. S. PRESIDENTS

Alachua—Mrs. H. M. Harris	Alachua
Archer—Mrs. R. T. Heagy, Jr.	Archer
Eliam (Melrose)—Mrs. H. F. Preston	Hawthorne
Fairbanks—Mrs. C. J. Reichardt	Fairbanks
Gainesville—Mrs. A. C. Kerby	Gainesville
Grove Street, Gainesville—Mrs. G. C. Smith	Gainesville
Hague—	No Report
Hawthorne—Mrs. J. H. Hardy	Hawthorne
High Springs—Mrs. A. C. Knight	High Springs
Hampton—Mrs. C. A. Warren	Hampton
Island Grove—Mrs. Laura Revels	Island Grove
Lake Butler—Mrs. L. H. Hunter	Lake Butler
Micanopy—Mrs. D. T. Merriman	Micanopy
Sardis—Mrs. John Scaff	Sardis
Waldo—Mrs. L. B. Alexander	Waldo

B. T. U. DIRECTORS

Alachua—C. F. Butler	Alachua
Archer—Frank Pearl	Archer
Eden—H. L. Baxley	Hawthorne
Eliam—J. A. Bayliss	Melrose
Fairbanks—P. L. Jackson	Fairbanks
Gainesville—Mrs. J. W. Morgan	Gainesville
Grove Street—Mrs. A. J. Cross	Gainesville
Hawthorne—H. M. Baker	Hawthorne
High Springs—R. H. McIntosh	High Springs
Island Grove—Mrs. C. R. Abstein	Island Grove
Lake Butler—Mrs. A. C. Strickland	Lake Butler
Sardis—Mrs. W. R. DuBose	Lake Butler
Orange Heights—H. H. Thomas	Earlton
Waldo—B. B. Hicks	Waldo
Windsor—Bob King	Windsor

GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE W. M. U.

President—Mrs. G. W. McCall	High Springs
Vice President—Mrs. H. F. Preston	Melrose
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Lewis Crawford	High Springs

Superintendent District No. 1.—Mrs. Carl Williams	Alachua
Superintendent District No. 2.—Mrs. Alva Gallagher	Waldo
Superintendent District No. 3.—Mrs. J. E. Thrasher	Micanopy
Young People's Leader—Mrs. Noah Halbrook	Gainesville
Historian—Mrs. E. A. Hickson	Gainesville
Stewardship—Mrs. A. C. Strickland	Lake Butler
Mission Study—Mrs. W. A. Campbell	Gainesville
Training School—Mrs. G. C. Smith	Gainesville
White Cross—Mrs. R. T. Heagy	Archer
Children's Home—Mrs. L. B. Alexander	Waldo
Hundred Thousand Club—Mrs. C. F. Stephen	Alachua
Personal Service—Mrs. F. Y. Tyson	Hawthorne
Margaret Fund—Mrs. I. A. Dailey	Gainesville
Publicity, Young People's Work—Mrs. Carlyle Brooks	Gainesville
Membership-At-Large—Mrs. E. D. Rberts	Worthington

W. M. S. PRESIDENTS

Alachua—Mrs. H. M. Harris	Alachua
Archer—Mrs. R. T. Heagy	Archer
Fairbanks—Mrs. C. J. Reichardt	Fairbanks
Gainesville, First—Mrs. T. J. Funderburk, Florida Power Corp.	Gainesville
Gainesville, Grove Street—Mrs. G. C. Smith, 123 E. Orange St.,	Gainesville
Hague—Mrs. Alice Hardee	R. F. D. 3., Gainesville
Hampton—Mrs. C. A. Warren	Hampton
Hawthorne—Mrs. J. H. Hardy	Hawthorne
High Springs—Mrs. A. C. Knight	High Springs
Island Grove—Mrs. Laura Revels	Island Grove
LaCrosse—Mrs. George Stalsby	LaCrosse
Lake Butler—Mrs. L. H. Hunter	Lake Butler
Melrose (Eliam)—Mrs. H. F. Preston	Melrose
Micanopy—Mrs. D. T. Merriman	Micanopy
Waldo—Mrs. L. B. Alexander	Waldo
Worthington (Sardis)—Mrs. John Scaff	Worthington

The Associational Executive Board is composed of the above officers.

The President and six of these compose an Administrative Committee

District No. 1.—Mrs. Carl Williams, Superintendent		
Alachua	Hague	High Springs
LaCrosse	Lake Butler	Sardis
District No. 2.—Mrs. Alva Gallagher, Superintendent		
Eden	Hampton	Hawthorne
Island Grove	Melrose (Eliam)	Waldo
District No. 3.—Mrs. J. E. Thrasher, Superintendent		
Archer	Fairbanks	Gainesville, First
Gainesville, Grove Street		Micanopy

LIST OF MESSENGERS

Church	Messengers
Alachua:	Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Sentell, L. D. Mathews, W. H. Sealesy, Mrs. M. F. Eddy, Mrs. W. H. Enneis, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams, Mrs. H. M. Harris, Mrs. R. L. Pringle, Mrs. M. W. Lindsey.
Archer:	Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Moore, Mrs. J. H. Mills, Mrs. Lottie Bingham.
Campville:	Mrs. C. E. Long, Mrs. Flora Sherouse.
Eden:	Mrs. M. C. Wiggins, Mrs. S. D. Bristow, Miss Vivian Wilkinson.
Eliam:	C. P. Perry, R. G. Alderman, J. O. Dann, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Summar.
Fairbanks:	Mrs. George Padgett, Mrs. C. J. Reichardt, Mrs. P. L. Jackson, Mrs. Ruth Farcart, Mrs. M. E. Padgett, Mrs. R. B. Brannon.
Gainesville, First:	Dr. T. J. McCaul, Rev. W. S. Ware, Mrs. Ware, Mrs. Ben Ridenour, Mrs. Lane, Sabin Landry, Mrs. Witaker, Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Campbell.
Grove Street:	Mrs. J. W. Lucious, Mrs. G. C. Smith, Rev. A. J. Gross, Mrs. J. R. Thomas, Mrs. C. R. Evans, Mrs. R. G. Sanchez, Mrs. H. J. Tudor, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. S. W. Whatley, Joe Thomas.
Hampton:	Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Watterson, Mrs. J. W. Horne, Mrs. Ada Nimens, Mrs. M. L. Watterson, Mrs. Eliza Hall.
Hawthorne:	Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Hardy, Mrs. F. W. Tyson, Mrs. J. H. Edwards, Mrs. H. M. Edwards.
High Springs:	Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Logan, E. T. Breazale, Mrs. A. W. Cornell, Mrs. J. T. Price.
Island Grove:	Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Abstein, Mrs. R. E. Patrick, Mrs. Julius Westphal.
LaCrosse:	Mrs. R. H. Youmans, Mrs. Josie Parker, Mrs. Jessie Mae Chapman, Mrs. Georgia Salsby, Mrs. Mae Crews.
Lake Butler:	Rev. Ed Harwell, Mrs. A. C. Strickland, Mrs. I. H. Hunter, Mrs. Hattie Fowler.
Micanopy:	Mrs. J. E. Thrasher, Mrs. C. B. Emerson, Mrs. Henry Adams, Mrs. D. T. Meriman.
Ochwilla:	J. Hammontree, B. A. Barrington.
Orange Heights:	Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Thomas, Mrs. A. L. Kehr, William Weeks.
Paran:	Rev. C. R. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brantley, Miss Marcia Scigler.
Sardis:	L. L. Doko, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cason, Mrs. Rebecca Newbern, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Roberts, Mrs. W. R. Dubose.
Waldo:	Rev. and Mrs. Carey Allen, Mrs. Alva Gallagher, Mrs. Maurice DeSha, Mrs. A. L. Stevens, Mrs. I. W. Wesley, Mrs. J. W. McMichen, Mrs. J. L. Porter, Mrs. C. A. Strickland.

Windsor: Rev. S. J. Morgan, T. D. Levins.

**RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
MEETING WITH THE BAPTIST CHURCH OF
HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA. OCTOBER 15th. 1941.**

1. Call to order by the Moderator, Rev. A. J. Gross.
 2. Song: "Amazing Grace."
 3. Devotional: Rev. C. A. Warren.
 4. Welcome Address: Rev. W. H. Sentell and Mayor, P. D. Weeks.
 5. Response: Rev. J. H. Hardy.
 6. Appointment of Committees by Moderator.
 - a. Committee on Committees:
 - Rev. Ed. Harwell.
 - Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Sr.
 - Mrs. W. H. Swilley.
 7. Adoption of Program with necessary changes.
 8. Collection of letters.
 9. Recognition of visitors: Dr. G. H. Bolton, Bro. T. M. Johns, Rev. Lloyd King, Rev. S. V. Coefield, Rev. Hooker, and others.
 10. Presentation of new pastors.
 11. Report of Executive Committee read by Rev. W. H. Sentell.
 12. Report of Committee on Committees read and adopted.
 13. Dr. T. V. McCaul nominated Rev. A. J. Gross for Moderator, Comments by Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Sr., who nominated Dr. T. V. McCaul.
 14. Motion made and carried that Nominations be closed.
 15. Dr. T. V. McCaul elected Moderator; Rev. W. M. Sentell, Vice-Moderator; B. J. Meadows, Clerk and Treasurer.
 16. Announcements by Rev. W. H. Sentell.
 17. Presentation by Rev. A. J. Gross of Dr. C. H. Bolton, State Mission Secretary.
 18. Address by Dr. C. H. Bolton.
 19. Recess for lunch served by ladies of High Springs Baptist Church.
- WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
20. Song.
 21. Devotional by Rev. John Dick.
 22. Moved and seconded and carried that time be allowed Rev. Lloyd King and Major Chaplin Holland to address the association.
 23. Prayer for soldier boys led by Dr. T. V. McCaul.
 24. Treasurer report read by B. J. Meadows. Adopted.
 25. Motion made by Rev. W. M. Sentell, and carried that matter of Associational funds be referred to Executive Committee.
 26. Report on Christian Education read by Bro. Sabin Landry. Adopted.

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- 27. Bro. Landry, State Student Secretary, outlined the work for the current year.
- 28. Report on Baptist Children Home submitted by Rev. S. J. Morgan. Discussion by Bro. T. M. Johns, Superintendent of the Home. Adopted.
- 29. Report on Sunday School Work, by Bro. L. B. Rivers. Adopted.
- 30. Report on Baptist Training Union work, by Rev. W. M. Sentell. Remarks by Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Jr. Adopted. Adoption of report carried with it election of Bro. E. E. Gable as Association Training Union Director.
- 31. Remarks by Clerk concerning correction of letters, program committee, 5th Sunday meetings, etc.
- 32. Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Sr. stated that in the past it has been the custom of our association for the Moderator, Vice-Moderator and Clerk to compose the Program Committee.
- 33. Motion by W. M. Sentell that Constitution be changed (page 3, No. 8) to exclude Chairman of Deacon's Board from Executive Committee, and include in their places eight laymen. Remarks by Bro. W. M. Lindsey, Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Sr., Rev. Ed Harwell, Rev. John Dick, Rev. W. H. Sentell, Mrs. G. W. McCall, Rev. J. H. Hardy. Recommended by Rev. Ed Harwell that above motion with all amendments be withdrawn. Voted on and carried.
- 34. Report on Stewardship, read by Rev. Carey Allen.
- 35. Moved and carried that Rev. Carey Allen postpone his discussion of Report on Stewardship, and give time for Mrs. A. C. Strickland.
- 36. Report on Hundred Thousand Club, by Mrs. A. C. Strickland. Adopted.
- 37. Announcements.
- 38. Recess until 7:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 39. Devotional, by Major Holland.
- 40. Special Music by High Springs Choir.
- 41. Report on Evangelism read and discussed by Rev. W. H. Sentell. Adopted.
- 42. Special rendition by High Springs Choir.

Margaret Fund	10.55
Local Charity	287.25
Boxes Value	78.06
Home Missions (Observed Weeks of Prayer)	199.62
Foreign Missions (Observed Weeks of Prayer)	232.07
State Missions (Observed Weeks of Prayer)	110.33
Other Objects	164.01
Children's Home	94.00

- 43. Further discussion of report on Stewardship by Rev. Carey Allen.
- 44. Report on Brotherhood work, read and discussed by Bro. J. H. Mitchell. Reports from Waldo Brotherhood and Alachua Men's Organization. Adopted.
- 45. Program presented by High Springs Brotherhood.
- 46. Announcement.
- 47. Adjourn until 9:30 A. M. tomorrow.

THURSDAY MORNING

- 48. Devotional led by Mrs. G. C. Smith. Solo, Rev. Ed Harwell.
- 49. Report of W. M. U. work read and discussed by Mrs. G. W. McCall. Adopted.
- 50. Report on State Missions, Rev. W. C. Taylor.
- 51. In absence of Rev. G. E. McCauley, report on Home Missions omitted.
- 52. Report on Foreign Missions prepared by Rev. J. H. Hardy, read by Clerk due to absence of Rev. Hardy. Adopted.
- 53. Report on Co-operative Program, by Dr. T. V. McCaul.
- 54. Motion made by Rev. Ed Harwell that we recommend to Program Committee that next years Associational program be streamlined so as to be completed in one day.
- 55. Motion made and carried that Association give authority to program committee in arranging time and other details of program.
- 56. Moved and carried that Moderator appoint committee to condense reports for Minutes. On his committee was appointed Rev. W. H. Sentell, Bro. M. W. Lindsey, Mrs. G. W. McCall.
- 57. Dr. T. V. McCaul stated that in his opinion his congregation would be willing to accept whatever number minutes was left over after all the other Churches had been served.
- 58. Plea made by Bro. E. E. Browning for funds for erecting marker where our State Convention was organized.
- 59. Annual Associational sermon by Rev. W. M. Sentell. Recess for lunch served by ladies of High Springs Church.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 60. Song.
- 61. Report on Christian Education, by Bro. C. Aubrey Smith.
- 62. Report on Spiritual Condition of the Churches, by Rev. J. L. Norris.
- 63. Report on Temperance and Social Service left off by Rev. Ed Harwell in order to allow Rev. L. A. Shepherd, Chaplain of State Penitentiary, to present plea for Chapel at Raiford for prisoners. Report and resolutions adopted.
- 64. Report on Minister's Retirement Plan, by Bro. G. W. McCall.
- 65. Moved that Rev. J. H. Hardy preach next Associational sermon. Rev. W. H. Sentell, Alternate. Place of next meeting to be decided at Executive meeting, first Monday in November, First Church, Gaines-

ville.

66. By rising vote of thanks, Association expressed appreciation for fine entertainment of messengers to this session.
67. Obituaries and memorials, by Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Sr.
68. Adjourn. Benediction by singing, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

TREASURER'S REPORT

1939 Deficit	\$ 5.61	
1940 Associational Receipts		\$ 76.31
1940 Minutes	55.00	
Postage—mailing 1940 Minutes	1.65	
Postage—mailing Church letters43	
Postage—mailing programs48	
Printing 1941 programs	4.50	
A. J. Gross—Postage74	
Clerk's Salary	15.00	
Present deficit		7.19

\$83.41 \$83.41

W. M. U. REPORT

In this brief resume for the year's work, we beg first to acknowledge the Trinity. We would sing an old, old song: "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised" is He, for the manifestations of His love which has been enjoyed by our churches, Missionary Societies, and missionaries.

He has led us at all times.

Memories of Quarterly Rallies, in February at Micanopy, in May at Archer, in August at Hawthorne, and in October at Lake Butler, will linger in our hours of reminiscing because of the fellowship, inspired speakers, and enthusiastic co-operation, that we as Christian women may lift up Christ in our own lives and in the Church, so that all men every where may learn to love and serve Him.

We have had regular Executive Board meetings following each Rally.

There has not been an increase in our membership, commensurate with the additions to the various churches. We regret to report the failure to enlist every woman.

We have two new societies: Faithfanks and LaCrosse. Island Grove was reorganized, making a total of sixteen Societies.

REPORTED OFFERINGS FOR THE YEAR:

Southern Baptist Hospital (New Orleans)	10.00
House Beautiful (Training School, Louisville, Ky.)	10.00
Centennial	187.95
Co-operative Program	1492.95
Hundred Thousand Club	381.15
Used Locally	612.21
White Cross	95.40

Free Will Offering	57.12
Associational Camp Mission Pledges	39.50
Gift from Camp	19.21

\$ 4125.43

This offering exceeds last year's offering by \$821.69

REPORTED

W. M. U Enrollment	540	Subscription to: Royal Service	107
Enrollment of Auxiliaries	203	Window of Y. W. A.	5
Tithers	41	World Comrades	22
Study Courses	13	The Commission	12
Awards	91	Witness	138
Directed Personal Service	370	Home Mission Magazine	28
		Soap Wrappers Coupons	3972

The High Springs W. M. U. is the only society to pay the requested 40 cents per capita for White Cross. The Sardis Society is the only one that is 100 per cent Witness-minded. All members subscribe to the WITNESS.

We have observed the required Young People's Councilors Associational Mission Class and Camp, the Methods Clinic, (our first Clinic) the W. M. U. Mission Class (Miss Bucy as Teacher), and the W. M. U. Mission Institute, Mrs. D. E. Roberts, Chairman.

The W. M. U. at Waldo has a student enrolled at the Training School ("House Beautiful")

My efforts have been centered always on presenting Christ and His Work, with special attention to the Young People's Auxiliaries in each Society that I have visited.

I have presented no bills for gas or supprise; only three dollars has been paid out of the treasury for general expenses

The Associational Executive Board has planned to met at our Rallies during the coming year. We will appreciate their presence, prayers and cooperation. Our one request to each pastor is: "Please teach the book "The Word Conquering the World" in your churches," in a Church School of Missions.

During the year I have made many mistakes of the head, none of the heart. I am deeply appreciative of all assistance that has been rendered to me and my Executive Board. Without the prayers and cooperation of the Women in our Association we could not present this report. Whatever the degree of success we humbly render unto the Lord all the glory.

May we bow our heads and ask God's richest blessings on every contribution, every message, and every conscientious effort to advance His work here and elsewhere.

Prayer led by Rev. Wm. Howard Sentell.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. G. W. McCall, Assoc. President.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SANTA RIVER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

The Executive committee has looked after the interest of the association during the year, and much has been accomplished, but the results are not what they might have been, if we as churches had been more co-operative.

During the year 12 Vacation Bible Schools have been taught. A cottage was rented at Ridgecrest and twelve attended the Sunday School Assembly and six the Training Union Assmby. All reported great benefits from the conferences at both assemblies. A goodly number also attended the Assembly at Deland. The Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, and Woman's Missionary Union Associations have met regularly. The programs and conferences have been very informing and helpful. It is to be regretted that so few churches cooperate by attending these meetings.

Most of the churches have had a revival during the year or have planned one for this fall. It is hoped that due emphasis will be given by the churches to the winning of the lost to Christ.

We urge each church to give due emphasis to the denominational program of Florida Baptists, and to give full co-operation to the different phases of our associational work.

Recommended.

Respectfully,

A. J. Gross.

STATE MISSION REPORT

The State Mission Program for the last year has been one of the best in the history of Florida Baptist. Teaching, Preaching, enlisting and caring for Our Orphans are all parts of the State Mission Program. The W. M. U. under the superb leadership of Miss Louise Smith is doing excellent work. The Sunday School Department, under the leadership of Dr. W. W. William, and the Training Union, headed by O. K. Radford, are doing a wonderful work and constantly enlarging their programs. Dr. J. Harrison Griffin is splendidly leading the Brotherhood work in Florida to top rank and T. O. Reese is promoting the Evangelistic program with zeal. Our Student work in the Florida Schools is ably headed by Sabin Landry, Jr., and Miss Billie Ruth Currin. Dr. Solomon, Editor of the 'Witness', is still Ed Solomon and one of the finest of God's leaders. The Ministers Retirement Plan, for Old and disabled Ministers is headed by our newly appointed and God Sent Executive Secretary, Chas. H. Bolton.

The Every-Member Canvass is recommended as the best means of enlisting all our numbers in the financial program of the Church and the Co-operative Program is the best method of supporting all our Southern Baptist Work.

Respectfully Submitted

W. B. Taylor.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY REPORT

In spite of the ravages of the war around the world, the mission work in the "Regions beyond", is being carried on and in some fields expanded remarkably well. The workers on the field tell of the insistent cry for help and more help. The multiplied opportunities to render a Christ like service to and for suffering humanity.

The Foreign Mission Board in its report this year declared that the past year was one of the best in its 96 years of service. We now have in the field 457 Missionaries and nearly 3000 native workers, doing the work of teaching, preaching and healing in sixteen countries of Africa, Asia, Europe and South America.

During the past year 35,291 students have been taught, 136,994 patients ministered to and innumerable thousands have had the Gospel preached to them.

The membership of the churches on the field were increased by 18,542 by baptism. While the 251,734 members of the churches on the Foreign Field contributed last year \$379,896.

The indebtedness of the Board has been reduced to approximately \$200,000, which is most gratifying to all of us.

The principles of Totalitarianism has closed our work in Japan for the being, by and with the aid and whole hearted help of CERTAIN SO CALLED UNIONIZING DENOMINATIONS which in fact are all absorbing groups. They never unionize with others but insist that all others shall unionize with them.

According to Press reports recently three new missionaries were denied admission to mission fields in South America which to some seems to indicate that Nazism is getting a foot hold in that needy field.

While the past year presents a very gratifying record of work, we are all conscious of the critical period and problems our Board has had to deal with, therefore we would urge that much prayer be made for our Board and its entire personnel, and for and in behalf of all our Missionaries; and that we give of our means in a more glorious manner NOW, because the time seems to be short, and that prayer be made for ourselves that we shall measure up to the opportunities and God's expectations of us.

Respectfully Sub.

J. H. Hardy

REPORT ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Santa Fe River Association — October 15, 1941

by Thos. V. McCall

For many years the Cooperative Program has been the plan or method by which Southern Baptists have labored together with God in supporting

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SUMMARY—STATISTICS OF SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1941.

Next Annual Meeting: October 22, Gainesville Florida.

Moderator, Rev. A. J. Gross, Gainesville Florida.

Clerk, B J. Meadows, High Springs, Florida

Churches	When Constituted	City, Town, Village, City or County	Pastor and Post Office	Church Directories				Baptists & Members				Sunday Schools				Unions				W. M. U. B'hood				Church Property				C Finance				Missions, Etc.				Tithe &	
				Regular Days of Meeting	Baptism	Total Membership	Revival Meetings Held	Ob. Lord's Supper in Year	Families Rec. Baptist Paper	Number of Schools	Total Enrolled	In Vacation Bible School	Ave. Attend Bible School	Tr. Union with Direct	No. Unions & Story Hour	Total enrolled Union-S Hour	Total Women's Child. Org.	Total Women's Contribution	Number	Enrollment	Value of Church Houses and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Homes	Total Value All Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Total Local Church Expense Including Pastor's Salary and And All Other Expenses	Gifts to Co-Operative Program	Total to All Missions, Including Co-Operative Program and "Specials" or	How Many are Tithers?	Is Church on Budget for Local Exp. & All Missions								
Alachua	1918	T	W. H. Sentell, Alachua.	All	1	265	1	4	15	1	114	0	0	Yes	5	63	1	79.65	0	0	15,000	3,000	18,000	1175.00	1568.75	106.69	241.50	0	Yes								
Archer	1922	T	Carey Allen, Waldo.	2&4	0	129	0	3	0	1	119	65	60	Yes	3	35	1	46.75	0	0	3,000	None	3,000	255.00	477.20	26.10	74.34	1	No								
Campville	1892	V	J. L. Norris, LaCrosse	4	2	26	1	1	6	1	36	0	0	Yes	3	43	0	.00	0	0	2,500	None	2,500	120.00	167.39	None	10.00	16	No								
Eden	1902	O		2&4	1	90	0	3	0	1	72	0	0	No	0	0	0	.00	0	0	1,500	None	1,500	120.00	258.19	None	17.94	6	No								
Eliam	1859	V	W. C. Taylor, Melrose	All	7	163	1	4	12	1	110	43	30	Yes	5	37	3	208.71	0	0	10,000	1,200	11,200	715.15	1799.62	143.97	370.03	60	Yes								
Fairbanks	1932	V	G. E. McCauley, Melrose	All	0	104	1	3	12	1	40	0	0	Yes	3	28	1	34.80	0	0	1,500	None	1,500	337.50	458.01	22.60	59.65	30	Yes								
G'ville, First	1870	C	T. V. McCauley, G'ville	All	35	2042	0	6	200	1	1035	141	98	Yes	14	262	6	1825.39	1	106	153,000	25,000	178,000	4200.00	14288.68	3073.88	4872.55										
Grove Street	1935	C	A. J. Gross, G'ville	All	6	123	0	4	14	1	123	106	89	Yes	6	78	4	111.66	0	0	5,500	None	5,500	1700.00	1978.46	68.39	175.60	0	No								
Hague	1911	V	No Report			60					75									2,500	None	2,500	270.81	394.12	5.00	49.26	0	No									
Hampton	1891	T	C. A. Warren, Alachua	1&3	0	165	1	4	1	1	43	0	0	No	0	0	1	22.57	0	0	2,500	None	2,500	270.81	394.12	5.00	49.26	0	No								
Hawthorne	1852	T	J. H. Hardy, Hawthorne.	All	11	217	1	4	20	1	110	0	0	Yes	5	48	5	220.92	0	0	3,000	3,000	6,000	1200.00	1570.62	195.23	436.00		No								
High Springs	1886	T	W. H. Sentell, H. Springs	All	31	288	0	4	18	1	289	65	52	Yes	5	46	4	780.87	1	32	20,000	2,250	22,250	1235.00	6503.89	132.69	421.39	0	No								
Island Grove	1891	V	O. E. Boals, G'ville	1&3	4	91	1	1	2	1	57	0	0	Yes	1	20	1	29.05	0	0	1,500	None	1,500	237.14	457.30	9.05	18.90	10	Yes								
LaCrosse	1882	V	W. H. Wilson South Bay	3	0	47	1	0	0	1	45	35	30	Yes	0	0	0	.00	0	0	1,000	None	1,000	28.00	80.75	None	25.00	6	No								
Lake Butler	1869	T	Edwin Harwell, L. Butler	All	0	156	0	4	26	1	90	74	51	Yes	5	61	3	.00	0	0	3,000	2,000	5,000	825.00	1374.90	130.20	319.91	0	No								
Micanopy	1882	V	R. D. Bevis, G'ville	1&3	1	84	0	4	0	1	74	47	20	No	0	0	1	72.86	0	0	2,000	None	2,000	240.00	309.24	21.55	61.04	3	No								
Ochwilla	1873	O	W. C. Taylor Melrose	2	0	17	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	No	0	0	0	.00	0	0	2,000	None	2,000	141.50	194.50	None	117.86	5	Yes								
Orange H'ghts	1913	V	H. E. Ridenour, G'ville	All	3	59	1	4	0	1	48	41	20	Yes	1	12	0	.00	0	0	2,500	None	2,500	100.00	238.61	15.00	40.07	25	Yes								
Paran	1856	O	C. R. Robinson, Palatka	2&4	0	66	0	2	12	1	40	0	0	Yes	2	26	0	.00	0	0	2,000	None	2,000	240.00	304.92	18.00	85.50	0	No								
Sardis	1877	V	John Dick, Lake City	3	10	122	1	4	40	1	72	65	50	Yes	4	42	2	80.00	0	0	2,000	None	2,000	240.00	553.10	56.78	192.98	0	Yes								
Waldo	1884	T	Carey Allen, Waldo	2	7	173	1	2	12	1	117	72	65	Yes	1	15	1	178.61	1	10	4,000	2,000	6,000	600.00	1534.49	151.06	424.12	0	No								
Windsor	1934	V	S. J. Morgan, G'ville	1&3	0	44	1	4	0	1	30	0	0	Yes	2	27	1	.00	0	0	2,000	None	2,000	36.00	68.00	None	None	0	No								

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and propagating the work of the Kingdom at home and abroad. It is sane, safe, systematic and Scriptural. It is all-inclusive. No phase of our Baptist work is omitted. All departments are recognized and supported in keeping with their respective needs. At least that is the purpose and plan.

The percentages allocated to the various causes in the several states are decided by the respective State Conventions, and the percentages allocated to the general Southern Baptist causes are decided by the Southern Baptist Convention.

As so aptly stated in the report on this subject offered at the Florida State Baptist Convention on last January, "We do not give **TO** the program or **FOR** the Program itself, but we give **THROUGH** the Program and **ACCORDING** to the PROGRAM for the support of Kingdom causes."

We feel that the Cooperative Program is in keeping with Paul's injunction that every one should lay aside in store on the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered him. By so doing every church member will participate in the support of the whole program of Southern Baptists 52 times per year.

We heartily recommend that our pastors preach more often on the various causes included in the Cooperative program, and that our churches continue to make an annual Every Member Canvass as the best way for enlisting our people in the support of the Kingdom.

Signed,

Thos. V. McCall,

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club is going stronger than ever. More money has come through the Club so far this year than any corresponding period since the Club started. The Club has paid a total (July 1, 1941) of approximately \$1,400,000 on the principal of our Southwide debts. It has stopped enough annual interest to pay the salaries of 95 foreign missionaries. The Southwide debt \$6,000,000 a few years ago is now only \$2,500,000. We are fervently praying and devoutly hoping for a Debtless Denomination by 1945, The Centennial of the Southern Baptist Convention.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend:

1. That every pastor and church be requested to join heartily the effort for a Debtless Denomination by 1945.
2. That during January and February special effort be made to enroll members in the Hundred Thousand Club.
3. That every church adopt a worthy Club membership goal and then plan, pray and work patiently and persistently to reach it. (We suggest as a minimum, one Club membership for every twenty-five church members.)

4. That a special Debtless Denomination Day be observed during February (preferably Feb. 15) and a cash offering be taken to apply upon our Southwide Debt.

5. That every church appoint a Baptist Hundred Thousand Club committee to promote the Club with the chairman as Club leader for the year.

6. That accurate records be kept and remittances be made promptly and properly marked to the state Secretary.

7. That the Hundred Thousand Club for a Debtless Denomination be kept constantly before the people, that members urged to pay their dues, that new members be enrolled and every effort be made to hasten the day of a Debtless Denomination.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. A. C. Strickland,

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

All Florida Baptists are interested in providing a place where our young people may attend school where Christian ideals and influence prevail.

Harvard was our first Baptist College in this Country and Henry Dunster was the first President. Many of our Christian Colleges were instituted long before State Universities came into being.

In the United States we have 97 Baptist Colleges, 91 Junior Colleges and Academies and 19 Seminaries.

John B. Stetson University was conceived as an institution where education might be gained under the best Christian influences. From the start 1882 it has been a Co-educational Institution. "For God and Truth" is Stetson's motto. Scholarship, culture and Christian Character are the aims of the Institution.

At Stetson University every effort is made to promote a healthy moral and spiritual life among the students. All faculty members are also members of Christian Churches.

Stetson is glad to recognize the work done by the Ministry in the promotion of Christian Education in this state. Ministerial students are given free tuition scholarships to the amount of \$120.00. Thus Stetson has a part in training the Ministry of tomorrow.

"God and Truth", a wonderful motto, for a wonderful school in a wonderful State.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Aubrey Smith,

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL-SERVICE

To make a report on Temperance gives one an opportunity for a philippic against the Liquor Traffic. It is well deserved. No paint is too black to draw its picture, no odor is too foul to illustrate its stench and no claw is sharp enough to describe its insidious clutch. It is a constant, uncontrolled, spreading menace. Not one promise made by the Advocate

of Repeal has been kept. Not one prediction of the Liquorites has come true. The United States stands today as a betrayed and deluded nation.

Space does not permit a full discussion of the broken promises or the revelation of false predictions but drunkenness has increased from 48 to 155.8% in different parts of the country; the alcoholic death rate is steadily increasing; traffic accidents to influence of liquor are becoming intolerable; crime has reached unpredictable proportions since the return of legalized liquors. The worst crime of liquor is the undermining of the morals and health of youth. Today more federal men are fighting bootlegging than ever before, with less success. One has said so truly "The wages of gin are death and debt."

It is doubtful whether complete prohibition can be brought about in the next decade or not but we can accomplish some things to help the situation. First by forcing such control of the situation as to take the profit out of the liquor business. Second to begin an educational program, teaching the facts concerning the ruinous results of using alcohol. Third by ostracizing socially, those who manufacture, sell and advertise it.

This report is supposed to cover Social Service also and Social Service certainly has a relationship to Temperance that cannot be denied.

There is a crying need for right thinking along this line. Ignorance and illiteracy are breeding grounds for anti-social propaganda. This is not confined to one race or one section of the nation. This must be overcome. A man, a family or a district cannot be lifted from a low social condition by physical efforts alone. It requires a mental and spiritual elevation also, with emphasis on the spiritual.

One of the outstanding needs is the rehabilitation of released prison inmates. These men and women are easy prey for purveyors of vice and crime. There seems to be no closed season and no bag limit upon such prey. As far as this report is aware there is only one man among Florida Baptists who is fighting a determined fight for the salvaging of these men and women, Rev. L. A. Shepherd, Chaplain at the State Prison Farm at Raiford, is waging a determined battle in their behalf. Rev. Shepherd should be encouraged and assisted in his gallant fight.

The following suggestions are made in the hope that part if, not all of them will be utilized by the various churches of this association for the benefit of all concerned. First, confer with Chaplain Shepherd and adopt his suggestions for assistance of released prisoners. Second, a plan of transportation back and forth to Sunday School and Church for those in outlying districts who do not have conveyance. Third, a strong effort to reach and instruct the unlearned and underprivileged through missions and otherwise. Finally, to study our racial problems without bias and and then to endeavor to make workable plans for the betterment of both white and black.

Respectfully submitted,
Edwin Harwell.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

It is appropriate that we put first "The Book" in making a report of this kind. The Bible still out sells out lives all other literature. The Word of God makes known the way of life—and it is truth. Our denominational literature is led by our State paper, The Florida Baptist Witness. The pages of the 'Witness' are filled with information and inspiration. The Witness should be included in every Church Budget. Our own denominational leaders have published many helpful and worth while books and pamphlets—which may be secured at the Book Store—or by ordering from the Sunday School Board. Ask your pastor for recommendations concerning the best of Christian literature. No one can lightly estimate the important part that good literature plays in the development of Character. What we read much determines that we shall be. Read and Study the Bible and all Christian and fundamentally sound literature—and your soul will be made rich in the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Sabin Landry, Jr.

REPORT ON SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF CHURCHES

We must judge the spiritual Condition of Churches from experience, and observation. The falling away from Church Attendance—the visiting of questionable places by Churches members—and the Un-Christian attitude of many Church members toward the lost is perplexing. The Church demands loyalty of its members. Christ, Himself demands loyalty as well as love. I feel that the Church people have in a measure become attached to strange Gods. "No man can serve two Masters."

Despite the modern apostacy the prophet gives us a ray of hope. Said he, "Now there is hope for Israel concerning this thing." We have not been cut off from God. God is available. We must pray and work and love and win and live and die to bring man to God by the way of the Cross. Our prayer is that there be a great spiritual awakening in this association and through out this country.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. Norris.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

Whatever the Church's program may be it is Evangelism. What ever roads the many and various organizations of the Church may take the terminal is Evangelism. We must enlist or deisit. There is a personal responsibility of the saved for the lost. Personal Testimony means much. Let the preachers preach—the teachers teach—and the communicants communicate the Old, Old Story of Jesus and His Love. Let sin be denounced in the high places as well as in the low. What ever else the Churches may show the world—may they always show the 'Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world! Concerning the Associational work— we take

liberty to recommend that in addition to the regular Evangelistic Services we have a simultaneous campaign. That we take an active part in evangelistic program for our rural churches and army camps. We further recommend that we join hands and hearts in fervent prayer, heart searching prayer, intercessory prayer for a Holy Ghost Revival in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. Howard Taft Sentell

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Twenty-one of the twenty-two churches in the Association report Sunday Schools. The enrollment has increased in more than one third of our Sunday Schools. During the past year twelve Associational Meetings were held and in ten of these departmental conferences were held. More than 190 S. S. awards have been given. Dr. William sent a messenger of light into our midst in the person of Miss Ruby Senterfit. This fine Christian character directed seven of the 13 Vacation Bible schools that were held in the Association. One Church has attained the Standard of Excellence. Thirteen of our Associational workers attended Ridgecrest and all these rejoice in the spiritual feast that were served.

Respectfully,

L. B. Rivers.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT

The B. T. U., under its present set-up, appeals to all ages. In the Santa Fe Association 16 of the 22 Churches report 58 Unions. Four Churches report complete departments. Ten of our Churches reported Training Course work. The One Day Training Union Conference held at Hawthorne was a great success. Pastor, J. H. Hardy and the Hawthorne people entertained royally and Dr. Clay Hudson spoke as the King's Trumpeter. Mr. E. E. Gable, Gainesville, is the new Associational Director and Mrs. Gable has agreed to serve as his secretary. We consider this a happy arrangement and ask that the unqualified support of all the Pastors and Churches be theirs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Marion Sentell.

REPORT ON FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME AT "ARCADIA"

The care of our children is a very important service. To that service every Baptist in Florida should respond.

There should go from every church in the Santa Fe River Association regularly, cash gifts and other supplies.

We are justly proud of our children's home in Arcadia; the splendid property; the fine crowd of children; our efficient superintendent; and his fine corp of assistants; the fine results of the work.

May every church, during the coming year, make a splendid contribution to this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted for Committees

S. J. Morgan.

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP

The New Testament abounds with scripture to establish the promise that the Christian life is a Trusteeship. All that we are and all that we have belong to God. We are stewards accountable to God for the use of life's blessings. The Master laid down the principle that a man's stewardship of his possessions may be used as a measure in the stewardship of life. He urged his disciples to be generous givers, saying, "For where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Therefore with gratitude for what has been done and with determination to make the coming year more profitable—we recommend the Tithes as the minimum for stewards and the use of the other nine-tenth for the glory of God.

Respectfully,

Carey Allen.

COMMITTEES REPORT AT NEXT SESSION

1. Christian Literature and Christian Education, Bro. A. W. Tenny.
2. Children's Home, Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Sr.
3. Sunday School and Training Union, Bro. Everett Gable.
4. Stewardship and Missions, Rev. W. H. Sentell.
Ministerial Relief, Co-operative Program and Hundred Thousand Club, Rev. Carey Allen.
6. Evangelism, Temperance and Social Service, Rev. J. H. Hardy
7. Women's Missionary Union and Baptist Brotherhood, Mrs. G. W. McCall and Rev. A. J. Grace.
8. Spiritual Condition of Our Churches, Rev. John Dick.

REPORT ON MINISTER'S RETIREMENT PLAN AND RELIEF

The time for offering any argument in support of the wisdom and importance of this activity of Southern Baptist has long since passed. It seems now that the chief emphasis needed is upon the effort to persuade the ministers and churches to avail themselves of the splendid services which is offered by this Board.

It should be stated also that the Relief Department of this Board is still necessary because of the goodly number of old retired preachers and widows who cannot be included in the present Retirement Plan referred to above. Individuals and churches are therefore urged to continue sending in gifts for this noble and worthy cause. The amount distributed to these blessed old servants of God last year was something over ninety thousand dollars; but much more could be used.

The total number of members in the Minister's Retirement Plan in Florida is 258 as of January 1941. The total number of Churches in this plan in Florida is 294. The plan was started in our state July 1, 1939. Twelve members had retired as of December 1, 1940. During the five months from July 1, 1940 to December 1, 1940, these beneficiaries drew \$1,398.70. These will continue to draw their annuities as long as they live. Several

others retired January 1, 1941.

The total income of this Board for the year 1940 is close to a million dollars. Florida gave to the relief fund in 1940, \$3,181.89. The Relief and Annuity Board paid to those on the relief roll in Florida during 1940 the sum of \$3,941.00. All of the states in the Southern Baptist Convention have adopted the Ministers' Retirement Plan and it is already operating in sixteen of the eighteen States. It is to be inaugurated in New Mexico and Arizona as of January 1, 1941.

Full and complete information concerning the subject of this report may be secured by writing to the Headquarters of the Board care Tower Petroleum Building, Dallas, Texas, or by writing Dr. C. H. Bolton, Executive Secretary, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE
SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

at the First Baptist Church, Lake Butler, Florida

OCTOBER 1, 1941.

The annual session of the Santa Fe River Association W. M. U. was called to order at 10 A. M. by the President, Mrs. Grover W. McCall.

The theme of the program for the day, "Trained for Service" was emphasized in song, word and deed. The opening hymn "Jesus Saves" was led by Mrs. L. O. Rivers. The welcome address in behalf of the hostess society was given by Mrs. Aura Fowler, to which Mrs. H. F. Preston responded.

The following committees, having been previously appointed were announced to report during the day: Recommendations for Time and Place, Resolutions, Memorials, and Nominations Committees.

Recognition of pastors and wives; all Divisional officers, out-of-association visitors. Missionaries recognized were Miss Lorena Tilford of China, Miss Kate Ellen Gruver of Palestine, Mrs. Carlyle Brooks, former missionary to Japan. A visiting pastor, Rev. Harry Wilson, of South Bay, Fla. was introduced.

Newly organized societies recognized were: Fairbanks, and LaCrosse.

Mrs. Ray Walden reported that the New River Association would entertain the next Annual Divisional meeting at Starke, April 1942.

After the report of the Nominating Committee, Miss Louise Smith, State W. M. U. Secretary, Jacksonville, very capably and prayerfully installed the newly elected officers, the hymn used being "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone". The new officers, ably assisted by Mrs. A. C. Strickland, of Lake Butler, accepted their new offices and pledged their services by each pinning a letter to a beautiful white cross, to form the words "Trained for Defense". Installation prayer by Rev. Ray Walden followed.

Mrs. McCall, President, spoke on "What Price Victory?" Miss Lorena

Tilford brought an inspiring message on the work being accomplished by the missionaries in the various Missions in China. Miss Louise Smith brought the closing address of the morning, emphasizing the need for our faithfulness.

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The offering of the day amounted to \$9.61. Registration for the day reported 110.

The noon luncheon was served in the Civic Club Building.

Afternoon session was opened by singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The Constitution was amended in order to add to the list of officers a Young People's Publicity Chairman.

Mrs. A. C. Knight of High Springs spoke on the importance of our work with the young people.

Miss Kate Ellen Gruver, recently returned from Palestine, gave us a most interesting account of the land, customs, people and missionary work of that land.

The Report of the Memorial Committee written by Mrs. M. P. Geiger, was read by Mrs. Edwin Harwell, of Lake Butler. All stood for a minute in memory of our departed members; and also for Bro. W. B. Hicks, many years pastor at Waldo and Archer. (The names of the departed members will be found under "Reports on Memorials" elsewhere). Mrs. W. H. Lee rendered a solo "When the Pearly Gates Unfold". Rev. E. C. Harwell led the Memorial Prayer, which was followed by the singing of "Faith Is the Victory".

The following reports of Committees were adopted:

Time and Place: Recommended that the Associational W. M. U. Annual Meeting be held with the Sardis Baptist Church, October 2, 1942. (Time as set by the State Officers).

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. H. F. Preston, Mrs. C. A. Warren, and Mrs. J. H. Cason, Jr.

Resolutions: The Resolutions offered included appreciation of the hospitality of the hostess church, the inspirational addresses, loyalty of our Associational President and her co-workers, the inspiration of pastors and visitors; and all members were earnestly requested to pray for closer Christian fellowship, for the blessed privilege of working as laborers together with God, and that we may all be strengthened by the Holy Spirit during these perilous times.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mrs. S. M. Kennedy, Mrs. J. E. Thrasher, and Mrs. S. J. Hunter.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

(November 15, 1940 to September 30, 1941.)

Fees, Gifts and Canteen — Santa Fe Camp Receipts	\$ 224.13
Disbursements	204.98
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Paid to Treasurer	\$ 19.21

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Nov. 15	\$ 50.44	April 1940 — T. S. Melrose	\$ 4.25
Feb. 15	10.88	Oct. 1940 — W. C. Archer	2.50
Dec. 15	2.00	H. S. Div. Expense	1.00
May 30	27.46	Brothers' Gift (Missionaries)	5.00
Aug. 15	2.45	Dishwasher — G'ville	1.00
Sept. 16	1.20	Miss Elizabeth Massey (Missionary)	14.86
Sept. 18	7.30	Miss Elizabeth Massey (Gift)	5.00
Sept. 19	19.21	* Dishwasher — G'ville	1.00
Sept. 24	2.00	Postage For Secretary-Treasurer	1.00
Sept.	1.80	Camp Lodging at .60 per person	45.15
Sept.	3.00	(Less gift by Management)	
Sept.	.70	Oct. 1 — "House Beautiful" (T. S.	
Sept.	5.70	Special Gift)	10.00
Sept.	3.00		
Sept.	1.40		
Oct. 1	2.00	Sardis	2.00
Oct. 1	1.65	Hague White Cross	1.65
Oct. 1	14.70		
Oct. 1	10.00		
Oct. 1	9.61		
		BALANCE ON HAND	\$ 82.09

176.52	176.52
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Hague		Paid	
Gainesville, First	\$300.00	Paid	\$ 45.00
High Springs	100.00	Paid	50.00

PLEDGES FOR DEBTLESS DENOMINATION
(Apportionment For Santa Fe Association)

REPORTED					
Hampton	10.00	(First)	Paid	(First)	10.00
Melrose (Ellam)	10.00				
Hawthorne	15.00		Paid		20.75
Lake Butler	15.00		Paid		15.00
Sardis (Wrthington)					
Archer	10.00		Paid		3.00
Gainesville, Grove St.	15.00		Paid		9.00
Alachua	5.00		Paid		5.00
Waldo	10.00		Paid		10.00
Micanopy	10.00		Paid		10.00
LaCrosse					

\$ 187.95

"HOUSE BEAUTIFUL"

TRAINING SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT \$55.00

REPORTED	PLEDGE	PAID
High Springs	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Alachua	3.00	2.00
Gainesville	10.00	2.00
Sardis		
		\$15.00

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. F. O. Rawls, Secretary and Treasurer

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME & PLACE & PREACHER

We your committee on Time, Place and Preacher, recommend the following:

Time of our next Annual Meeting October 22, 1942.

Place, First Baptist Church, Gainesville.

Preacher, Rev. J. H. Hardy, alternate Rev. W. H. Sentell.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. M. Sentell,

Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Sr.

Bro. H. H. Simmons

W. M. U. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

(October 1, 1941)

Madam President, W, M. S. members and friends, I know my work this year does not merit the honor of being your President for another year; however, I am grateful for the confidence of the Nominating Committee and your support.

Nevertheless, I am like most WPA workers, I had rather be leaning on a leader or sitting on the side lines, letting others do the work. But since every good soldier accepts a call to service, God is willing to give me a heart, patience, fortitude, understanding, wisdom, knowledge and grace with a double portion of the Holy Spirit, I will do my best to be a better President next year than I have been this year.

You will find the "Review and Preview" in your bulletins. It is a part of my message to you.

"WHAT-PRICE VICTORY"

With the installation of officers we begin a new year, a new battle in the war God declared thousands of years ago. As church members we are commissioned soldiers of our King. With the responsibility of being your visible leader weighing heavily upon my heart I entreat you to read I John 3:5 "Whosoever is born of the Spirit overcometh the world and this is the victory, even our faith." "He that hath not the Spirit is none of His: Romans 8:9.

John further states "He that is in you is greater than He that is in the world," I John 4:4. Peter tells us, if we have not the spirit in us," We

are as wells without water." II Peter 2:17. It thrills me to read of John telling the little churches whose leaders and members had grown weary of trying to keep the church living — giving the gospel and taking the gospel to an indifferent people, that they were "as wells without water", and that faith is the secret of success, the cure for all of their trouble and worry: John had loved every little church much; therefore, he suffered much when they were not growing in grace.

He had overcome temptation, endured separation from his loved ones and endured the vilest persecution and all of this made him conscious of the presence and power of faith that gives us victory over all things.

God gave His Son that we may be victorious; Christ gave his blood that we may be victorious; the Holy Spirit came to lead us to Victory.

What is the evidence of faith in our lives? By believing John 3:16—God's precious promise, the seed of faith is planted. With the first answered prayer — faith is born.

The flower of faith is courage. Paul said "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

The fruitage of faith is power. "Faith as a grain of mustard seed moves mountains." God in us — the Holy Spirit — builds faith.

In Uncle Sam's army a soldier receives salary, board, hospitalization, medical care and a bonus. If we love our God enough to enlist in the King's army, we receive promises more sure than life itself: Among them are:

1. A righteous man's children will never beg bread.
2. Blessings will follow his children for a thousand years.
3. Life eternal.
4. A great physician.
5. A Home not made with hands.
6. If we are faithful unto the end of life, a crown of victory.
7. He that winneth souls is wise! Will there be any stars;

Will there be any stars in my crown, or in your crown?
Who wants to fight with a losing Army?

I'm sure that each of us prefer Starry Crowns of Victory!

What greater victory can we ask for service in the King's Army? It is victory — victory over all enemies. "Faith is the victory that overcomes the world". Will you join your officers in sincere penitence, reconsecration, rededication at the altar, that more souls may be won this year than ever before in the history of our church? "He that is in you is greater than He that is in the world!"

May God bless you and cause His face to shine upon you, is my humble prayer!

The capacity house rose to their feet singing "Just as I am without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me.—Oh, Lamb of God, I come, I come."

Rev. E. C. Harwell led in a reconsecration and a dedicatory prayer.

PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR

		Associational Officers Presidents, Circle Leaders
January 28th	Buffet Luncheon High Springs 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.	
February 14th	10 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.	Hague
February 21st	10 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.	Alachua
February 28th	10 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.	High Springs
March 14th	10 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.	Lake Butler
March 14th	2 p. m. to 2:15 p. m.	Sardis
March 14th	4:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.	LaCrosse
March 21st	10 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.	Waldo
March 21st	2 p. m. to 3:30 p. m.	Hampton
March 21st	4 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.	Fairbanks
March 28th	10 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.	Hawthorne
March 28th	2 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.	Melrose
April 4th	10 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.	First, Gainesville
April 4th	2 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.	Grove St, Gainesville
April 11th	10 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.	Archer
April 11th	2 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.	Micanopy
April 18th	10 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.	Island Grove
April 18th	2 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.	Edem

Note: Saturdays are scheduled so that Auxiliaries can attend the services.

Recommendations:

1. Presidents please appoint nominating committee in July; elect officers in August; appoint Committee chairman, new Young People's Councilors, Mission Study Chairman, so that we will be ready for Mission Institute on September 10th, Methods Clinic in November and so that President's name can be listed in the Associational Minutes.

2. If each pastor and first the new vice President solicits and fails to solicit and fails to secure the co-operation of every woman in the church, then organize Sunshine Circles and urge all members to join. The only contribution asked of such members is five cents per month for the Associational Young People's Camp pledge.

Have Royal Service Program in each circle meeting and attend the Church program; material to be selected by the second vice President for the Sunshine Circle Programs.

If possible use Ex-Presidents or Ex-circle leaders to conduct Sunshine Circles.

3. Mail three quarterly reports by the 5th of each month and the fourth quarterly and the annual report by September 5th.

4. See that each officer of the Society and the Associational Officers get a copy of the Associational Minutes from your Church Clerk

5. That each Society strive to be 100% on the Standard of Excellence

for W. M. U.

6. All members of Circles must be urged to subscribe twenty cents per capita pledge for the Associational Camp, if the Camp is wanted. Pay quarterly.

7. Work and pray that every member will pay her tithe and offerings.

8. Sacrifice and pray (for peace) that the world may be reconciled unto God—Ps. 46:9.

REMEMBER

Besides an apportionment for the Children's Home, Santa Fe Camp is the only missionary project of the Santa Fe River Association W. M. U. Our children are the soldiers we must train for Tomorrow's service.

We hope to have five days in camp this year. About 120 children can be accommodated. Because of the splendid teaching talent that has been promised for our camp, it has been recommended that only ages of 12 thru 24 be admitted. The Young Peoples Leader can make plans for the Juniors for a shorter period elsewhere.

Rental will be higher in 1942. With a larger enrollment there will be a breakage fee. A Love Gift for teachers living out of our Association will have to be paid for by the W. M. U.

Will your society pledge 20 cents per capita for next year or will you reject the recommendation for the pledge?

Pray about it — then notify your Treasurer, Mrs. F. O. Rawls, if you will pledge 5 cents, or more, quarterly per capita membership for the support of the camp.

If you send a delegate, please, send one who has finished the seventh grade.

A registration fee of \$1.00 must be paid to Mrs. G. W. McCall by June 1, 1942. Books will be bought for each student to keep. If we have five days the fee will be \$5.00. If we have only three days the fee will be \$3.00. Put the Camp on your Prayer Calendar.

The Young People's Rally will be at Santa Fe Camp on Saturday, every family will bring a Picnic Basket.

Remember the Rally in February, Miss Wilma Bucy, teacher and the annual meeting at Sardis October 2.

Associational Mission Institute September 8th—Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Director.

— GOALS —

1—Every W. M. S. Member a Soul winner—1 Cor. 16:13; Eph. 1:14-17.

2—Pray every morning at 6 a. m. that all missionaries ministers and all believer's hearts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and shall lift up Christ in their own lives, so that the world may see Him and Serve Him.—John 12:1-2.

3—Pray that every Christian will plead before the throne daily for the Coming of the Bridegroom—1 Pet. 5:6; 2 Cor. 2:11; Rev. 22:4,5,6,7.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

ALACHUA

Sister J. A. Forrester

ARCHER

Bro. W. L. Harp

EDEN

Sister George Harris

ELIAM

Sister Edith Padgett

Sister Hazel Robinson

Sister Nellie Alderman

FARIBANKS

Sister H. H. Fowler

GAINESVILLE

Bro. D. W. Mathis

Bro. W. G. Boltin

Sister J. T. Lewis

Bro. C. L. Pridgen (Former Deacon)

Sister W. E. Jackson

Bro. Marvin P. Stokes

Bro. B. L. Moss

Sister D. C. Shea

Bro. Isaac C. Parrish, Sr.

(Deacon Emeritus)

Bro. F. A. Mosebach

Bro. V. A. Harris

GROVE STREET

Bro. J. H. Hannah

HAMPTON

Sister L. A. Wynn

Bro. W. N. Brown

HIGH SPRINGS

Bro. M. C. Beck, (Deacon)

Bro. Thomas George (Deacon)

Sister Mary Evills

LAKE BUTLER

Bro. Ury G. Sapp

Sister Susie Hardee

Bro. Harold Fowler

OCHWILLA

Bro. F. F. Jerkins, (Deacon)

ORANGE HEIGHTS

Sister Mattie Warren

SARDIS

Bro. H. G. Seay

WALDO

Bro. Gordon Womeldorf

Joseph F. DeSha

Rev. W. B. Hicks, Pastor

REPORT OF W. M. S. FOR SANTA FE ASSOCIATION

NAMES OF W. M. S.	Camp Pledge or Associational Missions	NUMBER OF														Persons engaged in Unreached Personal Service	
		Members	No. Aux.	Aux. Members	Covenant Signing	Tithers	Mission Study Courses	Awards	Aux. Awards	Subscription to Royal Service	Window Y. W. A.	The Commission	World Comrades	Home Mission Magazine	Window		The Witness
Alachua	2.00	20					6				1	2	1		20		
Archer	1.00	10	4					10									1
Fairbanks	.70	7				2		6								2.00	
G'ville, First	14.80	259	5		4				3	20	8	13			25	36.00	158
G'ville, Grove St	1.20	13	4	50		3	24	33	1	1	2	4			8	4.00	
Hague		8			6	3		5									
Hampton	1.20	12															
Hawthorne	3.00	30	4	40					2	2	4	1			10		70
High Springs	7.30	73	2	24					2	2	2	1			18	21.00	20
Island Grove		7														12.00	
LaCrosse		7			6		26	9									
Lake Butler	1.80	18	2		9	3	33	8									
Melrose (Elham)	1.40	14	2	10	9			8									
Micanopy	.80	8							5	5	6	4			10	12.00	
Waldo	3.00	40							6	6	1	5					20
Worthington															12		
(Sardis)	1.50	17	2		9	2	21	14							17		
Asso. Offerings	\$55.12				1	2	31	6									
Gift from Camp	\$19.21																
Total	\$74.33	41.50	543		216	44	18	91	50	101	8	37	25	29	138	94.00	369

FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 24TH. 1941

Coupons for Arcadia Children's Home	Value of Boxes	Cooperative Program Apportionment	Hundred Thousand Club	Weeks of Prayer — (if season of Prayer was Observed put (V) in space along with amount of Gift.)			Church (Used Locally)	Local Charity	"House Beautiful"	Other Objects	No. Attending Camp	Florida Margaret Fund Students	"Centennial Gift"	New Orleans Hospital	White Cross	
				Home	State	Foreign										
		24.00	12.45	13.00	20.00							5.00		5.20		
15.00	13.00	6.00	8.00	6.75	11.00	5.00			16.96	0		3.00		1.00		
		19.70	6.75				7.00		1.70	0				2.60		
900	10.10	1138.95	204.44	74.75	37.95	82.05	152.10		15.63	45	.50	45.20		42.49		
100	21.96	22.00	10.71		7.00	5.50			2.00	4		9.00				
1282			20.00		3.77	6.50				6				1.00		
890		96.80	48.00				15.30	12.70		25	4.05	20.75		2.20		
			30.75	24.87	23.50	409.51						50.00		29.20		
				4.05	25.00											
		80.25	12.00				18.00		20.50							
	25.00	20.95	14.00	22.00	18.00	18.35	19.25			2						
300	6.00	20.00		12.26	19.06	45.04	55.70		1.00	10.00	1.00	15.00				
120		70.30	24.00	7.11	3.70	5.80	16.25	69.95	6.35			10.00		4.00		
500		20.00	18.00	13.55		10.31	20.00	25.00	2.00			10.00		1.00		
				5.00	4.00	7.75	50.00			22.20			10.00	2.32		
									75.00			10.00		1.00		
Total	1092	78.06	1492.95	381.15	199.62	110.33	236.02	637.21	281.25	23.05	164.01	86	10.55	187.95	10.00	95.40

IN MEMORIUM

Mrs. Annie Smith, elected President of
the Micanopy W. M. S., April 5, 1881.

Died at age of ninety, February 1940.

State Florida Association Santa Fe River
Church Okevilas
Sunday School Supt. E. O. Myers
P. O. Address of Supt. Hawthorn, Florida, Route 2
Number of Officers and Teachers six (6)
Number of Pupils Thirty Two (32)
Total enrollment of Sunday Schools Thirty eight (38)
Filled out by Mrs. Hammelbee sec.
Hawthorn Florida Route 2

