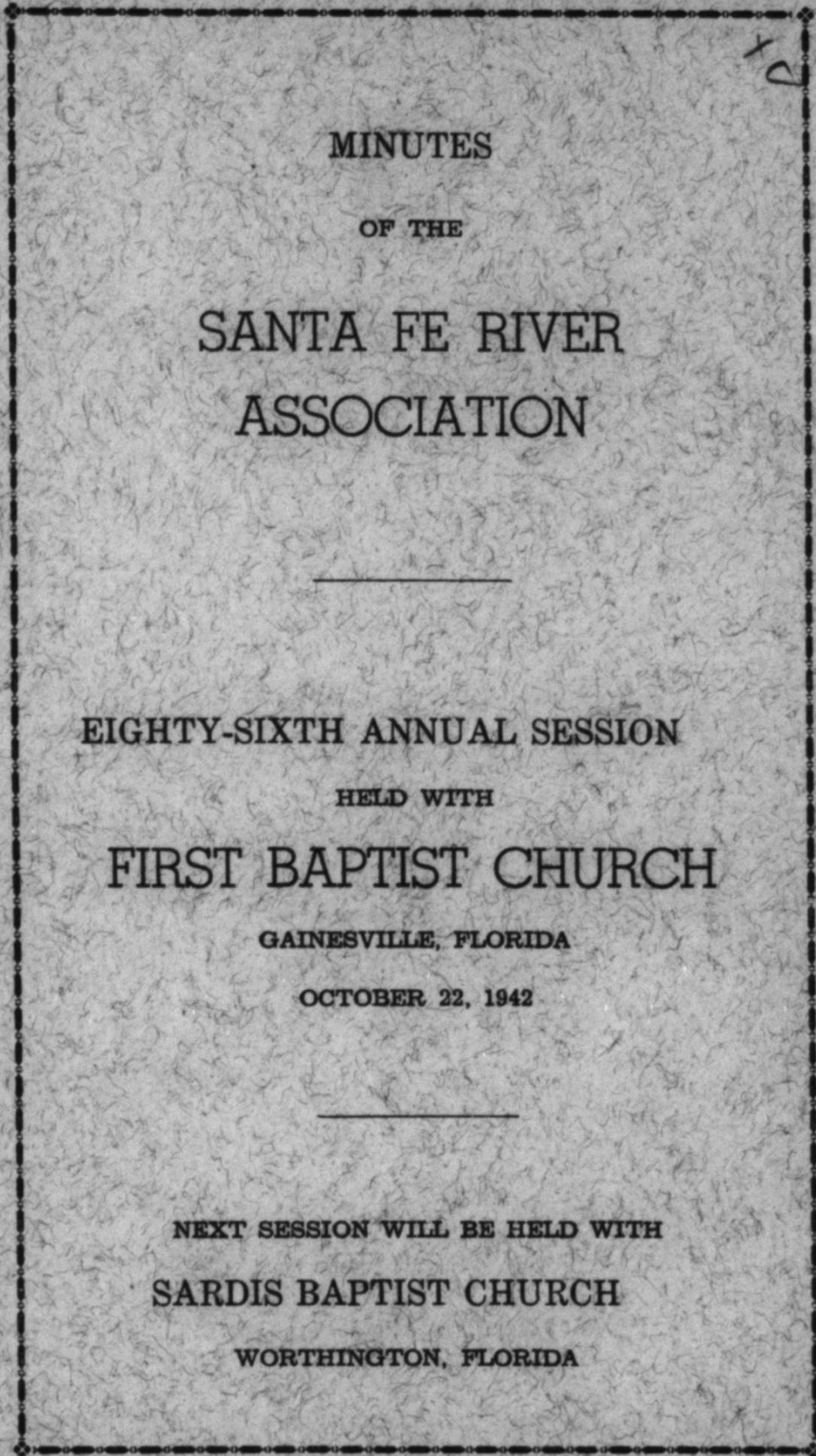


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CONSTITUTION

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 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 Chairman of the Board 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

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.

Article 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.

Article 3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 6. We believe that man must repent to God alone for the sins he has committed.

Article 7. We believe in the doctrine of the regeneration by the Holy Spirit.

Article 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.

Article 9. We believe that all saints shall be preserved in the grace and never finally fall away.

Article 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.

Article 11. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in Christ, by one duly qualified to administer the ordinance.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 14. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

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

Article 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.

Article 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 righteous endless joy.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been as we trust brought by Divine Grace 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
 - (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 School
 - (j) Christian Education
 - (k) Stewardship
 - (l) Christian Literature

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| (m) Temperance | (o) Ministerial Relief |
| (n) Spiritual conditions of churches | (p) Nominations |
| 8. Miscellaneous Business. | (q) Resolutions |
| 9. Adjournment. | |

ASSOCIATION DIRECTORIES

GENERAL OFFICERS

Dr. W. M. Sentell, Moderator	Alachua
Rev. J. H. Hardy, Vice-Moderator	Hawthorne
Bro. B. J. Meadows, Clerk & Treasurer	High Springs
Mrs. G. M. Osteen, Assn. S. S. Supt.	High Springs
Bro. O. R. Evans, Assn. B. T. U. Director	Gainesville
Mrs. G. W. McCall, Assn. W. M. S. Pres.	High Springs
Bro. L. L. Doke, Assn. Brotherhood Pres.	Alachua

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. W. M. Sentell	Alachua, Florida
Rev. F. T. Pratt	Archer, Florida
Rev. S. J. Morgan	Gainesville, Florida
Rev. J. C. Kindred	Seminary Hill, Texas
Rev. W. C. Taylor	Melrose, Florida
Rev. L. R. Brother	Nigeria, Africa
Dr. T. V. McCaul	Gainesville, Florida
Rev. J. F. Gable	Gainesville, Florida
Rev. B. M. Pack	Moultrie, Georgia
Rev. Warner E. Fusselle	Louisville, Kentucky
Rev. A. J. Gross	Gainesville, Florida
Rev. D. B. Allen	Gainesville, Florida
Rev. O. A. Boals	Gainesville, Florida
Rev. Walter C. Cross	Gainesville, Florida
Rev. Edwin Harwell	Lake Butler, Florida
Rev. L. O. Sheffield	Chaplin, U. S. Army
Rev. L. A. Shepherd	Raiford, Florida
Rev. R. D. Bevis	Gainesville, Florida
Rev. H. E. Ridenour	Gainesville, Florida
Rev. J. N. Hayman	Orange Heights, Florida
Rev. John Dick	Lake City, Florida
Rev. W. A. McMichen	Waldo, Florida
Rev. Benton Hicks	Seminary Hill, Texas
Rev. W. H. Sentell	High Springs, Florida
Rev. J. M. Sullivan	Palatka, Florida

CHURCH CLERKS

Alachua—Mrs. C. F. Stephens	Alachua, Florida
Archer—Bro. J. F. Simmons	Archer, Florida
Campville—Mrs. Flora Sherouse	Campville, Florida
Eden—Bro. H. L. Baxley	Hawthorne, Florida
Melrose—Bro. C. M. Perr	Hawthorne, Florida
Gainesville—Bro. H. C. Edwards	Gainesville, Florida
Gainesville Grove Street—Bro. I. C. Robinson	Gainesville, Florida
Hampton—Mrs. M. L. Watterson	Hampton, Florida

Hawthorne—Bro. W. B. Adkins	Hawthorne, Florida
Island Grove—Bro. C. R. Abstein	Island Grove, Florida
LaCrosse—Bro. O. A. Wilson	LaCrosse, Florida
High Springs—Bro. R. W. Justice	High Springs, Florida
Lake Butler—Bro. E. E. Shallar	Lake Butler, Florida
Micanopy—Bro. C. L. Robbins	Micanopy, Florida
Ochwilla—Bro. B. A. Barrington	Hawthorne, Florida
Orange Heights—Mrs. W. E. Thompson	Gainesville, Florida
Sardis—Bro. R. B. Warren	Lake Butler, Florida
Waldo—Bro. Maurice DeSha	Waldo, Florida
Windsor—Bro. T. D. Levins	Gainesville, Florida
Paran—Mrs. Susie Gornto	Grandin, Florida

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Alachua—Bro. Joe Sheffield	Alachua
Archer—Bro. Carl W. Moore	Archer
Campville—Bro. C. E. Long	Campville
Eden—Bro. H. L. Baxley	Hawthorne
Eliam—Bro. C. P. Perry	Melrose
Gainesville First—Dr. G. Bullard Simmons	Gainesville
Gainesville Grove Street—Mrs. J. F. Vagts	Gainesville
Hampton—Mrs. K. B. Watterson	Hampton
Hawthorne—Bro. J. D. Merritt	Hawthorne
High Springs—Bro. B. J. Meadows	High Springs
Island Grove—Bro. W. M. Thomas	Island Grove
LaCrosse—Mrs. R. H. Youmans	LaCrosse
Lake Butler—Bro. T. M. Riherd	Lake Butler
Micanopy—Mrs. E. D. Rosenberger	Micanopy
Ochwilla—Bro. L. O. Myers	Hawthorne
Orange Heights—Mrs. A. L. Kahr	Earleton
Sardis—Bro. J. H. Cason, Jr.	Worthington
Waldo—Bro. J. H. Mitchell	Waldo
Paran—Bro. Weldon Brantley	Grandin

TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS

Alachua—Mrs. W. B. Henderson	Alachua
Eden—Bro. H. L. Baxley	Hawthorne
Eliam—Bro. J. A. Bayless	Melrose
Gainesville—Bro. William Jackson	Gainesville
Gainesville, Grove Street—Mrs. A. J. Gross	Gainesville
Hawthorne—Bro. F. W. Tyson	Hawthorne
Island Grove—Mrs. C. R. Abstein	Island Grove
Lake Butler—Mrs. A. C. Strickland	Lake Butler
Orange Heights—Bro. H. H. Thomas	Earleton
Sardis—Bro. L. L. Doke	Alachua
Waldo—Bro. Charles Womeldruff	Waldo
High Springs—Bro. Aubrey Holten	High Springs
High Springs—Mrs. W. R. Longman	High Springs

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Alachua—Mrs. Mary Powell	Alachua
Archer—Mrs. R. T. Heagy	Archer
Eliam—Mrs. Harry Jackson	Melrose
Gainesville, First—Mrs. A. C. Kerby	Gainesville
Gainesville, Grove Street—Mrs. J. W. Lucious	Gainesville

Hampton—Mrs. M. L. Watterson	Alachua
Hawthorne—Mrs. J. H. Hardy	Hawthorne
LaCrosse—Mrs. Georgia Stalsley	LaCrosse
Lake Butler—Mrs. I. H. Hunter	Lake Butler
Micanopy—Mrs. D. T. Merriman	Micanopy
Sardis—Mrs. Angus Belling	Lake Butler
Waldo—Mrs. L. B. Alexander	Waldo
High Springs—Mrs. A. C. Knight L	High Springs

BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENTS

Gainesville, Grove Street—Bro. W. A. Wester	Gainesville
High Springs—Bro. G. W. McCall	High Springs
Waldo—Rev. W. A. McMichen	Waldo

LIST OF MESSENGERS

ALACHUA:

Rev. W. M. Sentell, Mrs. W. M. Sentell, Mrs. W. B. Henderson, Mrs. Carl Williams, Mr. W. H. Sealey, Mrs. W. H. Sealey, Mr. M. W. Lindsey, Mrs. M. W. Lindsey, Mr. Joe Sheffield, Mr. Beckett.

ARCHER:

Rev. F. T. Pratt, Mr. J. F. Simmons, Mrs. S. L. Shoemaker, Mr. T. E. Simmons.

CAMPVILLE:

Mr. C. E. Long, Mrs. C. E. Long, Miss Voncile Tomnsend, Mrs. Flora Sherouse.

EDEN:

Mr. S. D. Bristow, Mrs. S. D. Bristow, Mrs. G. V. Duggan, Mr. G. V. Duggan.

ELIAM:

Mr. C. P. Perry, Mr. S. E. Brady, Mrs. H. F. Preston, Mrs. C. P. Perry, Mr. C. M. Perry, Miss Ida Mae Perry, Miss Julia Barrington, Mr. H. G. Alderman.

GAINESVILLE, FIRST:

Mr. G. H. Blackman, Mrs. W. M. Parrish, Mrs. A. C. Kerby, Mrs. J. W. Norman, Mrs. T. V. McCaul, Mrs. S. A. Hussey, Sr., Mrs. Chas Schwatz, Mrs. G. H. Blackman, T. V. McCaul, Mrs. J. E. Turlington, Mrs. J. F. Newbern, Mrs. T. E. Eubanks, Mrs. L. T. Fagan, Mrs. J. R. Funderburke, Mrs. Hewett, Mrs. W. C. Thomas, Mrs. Leon Henderson, Mrs. A. W. Tenney, Mrs. Mary Knight.

GAINESVILLE, GROVE STREET:

Mr. C. R. Smith, Mr. I. C. Robinson, Mr. O. R. Evans, Dr. A. J. Gross, Mrs. G. C. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Lucious, Mr. J. W. Thomas, Mrs. J. R. Thomas, Mrs. O. R. Evans, Mrs. W. A. Webster.

HAMPTON:

Miss Ada Nimms, Mrs. G. W. Rhames, Mr. Aaron Minton, Mr. L. A. Wynn, Mrs. M. L. Watterson, Mrs. Jessie Morgan.

HAWTHORNE:

Mrs. J. H. Hardy, Mrs. F. W. Tyson, Mrs. Russell Thomas, Mrs. H. A. Pauling, Mr. W. B. Adkins, Miss Minnie Sapp, Rev. J. H. Hardy.

HIGH SPRINGS:

Mrs. G. W. McCall, Mrs. J. D. Logan, Mrs. G. M. O'Steen, Mrs. J. T. Price, Mrs. J. H. McNeil, Mrs. Sallie E. Prevatt, Mr. R. W. Justice, Mrs. R. W. Justice, Mrs. C. B. Greene, W. H. Sentell.

ISLAND GROVE:

Rev. O. E. Boals, Mrs. O. E. Boals, Mr. J. L. Glisson, Mr. C. R. Abstein, Mrs. C. R. Abstein.

LACROSSE:

Mrs. Mary Cason, Mrs. R. H. Youmans, Mrs. Feagle, Mrs. T. R. Parker, Miss Cortez Arrington, Miss Annie Lee Kirby, Mr. Hubert Yeomans, Mr. J. D. Chesser.

LAKE BUTLER:

Rev. L. A. Shepherd, Mrs. L. A. Shepherd, Mrs. Ed Harwell, Bro. David Harwell.

MICANOPY:

Mrs. D. T. Merriman, Mrs. Henry Adams, Mrs. J. E. Thrasher, Mrs. Maude Adams.

OCHWILLA:

Mr. J. Hammontree, Mr. B. A. Barrington, Mr. W. G. Merriman, Mr. J. L. Turner.

ORANGE HEIGHTS:

Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Sr., Mr. H. H. Thomas, Mrs. H. H. Thomas, Mrs. R. E. Rountree, Mr. Lois Kahr, Mrs. Ida Parrish.

SARDIS:

Mr. J. H. Cason, Mr. W. R. DuBose, Mr. L. L. Doke, Mrs. N. E. Taylor, Mrs. Angus Belling, Mrs. C. D. Newbern.

WALDO:

Mrs. Alva Gallaher, Rev. W. A. McMichen, Mr. J. H. Mitchell, Mr. W. H. Gunter, Mrs. I. W. Wesley, Mrs. J. L. McCauley.

WINDSOR:

Mr. George Stebbins, Mrs. George Stebbins, Mr. T. D. Levins, Mrs. T. D. Levins, Rev. S. J. Morgan.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Of the Santa Fe River Baptist Association
Meeting With First Baptist Church
Gainesville, Fla., October 22, 1942

1. Called to order by Dr. T. V. McCaul, Moderator.
2. Song: "Come Thou Fount."
3. Devotional: Rev. W. C. Taylor.
4. Prayer by Rev. A. W. Reaves.
5. Reception of Letters and Enrollment of Messengers.
6. Recognition of Vistors.
7. Adoption of Program with necessary changes.
8. Appointment of Committees—
Time and Place: Rev. A. J. Gross, Rev. L. A. Shepherd, Rev. S. J. Morgan; Resolutions: Rev. Edwin Harwell, Mrs. G. W. McCall, Rev. W. C. Taylor.
9. Report of W. M. U. work by Mrs. G. W. McCall, in connection with Brotherhood report by Dr. A. J. Gross. Discussion by Dr. J. Harrison Griffin.

10. Report of work of Baptist Children's Home read by Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Sr. Discussion by Mr. T. M. Johns. Adopted.

11. Recognition of three U. S. Army Chaplains: Chaplin Thomas C. Holland, Chaplin James C. Richardson, Chaplin Lemuel T. Fagan.

12. Remarks by Dr. E. Solomon, Editor of Fla. Baptist Witness.
13. Motion made and adopted that telegram be sent to our U. S. senators and representatives urging passage of bill prohibiting sale and use of narcotic beverages in and around our military camps.

14. Annual sermon by Rev. J. H. Hardy, pastor at Hawthorne.
15. Adjourned for lunch served by ladies of Gainesville Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

16. Song: "Rescue the Perishing."
17. Devotional: Rev. L. A. Shepherd.
18. Report on Sunday School work read by Bro. O. R. Evans. Discussion by Dr. W. W. Willian. Further remarks by Dr. A. J. Gross, urging training courses in the churches before Teachers Panquet in December.

Report on Training Union work read by Bro. O. R. Evans.
Both reports adopted.

19. Address by Chaplin T. C. Holland.
20. Address by Dr. E. D. Solomon.
21. Report on Stewardship and Missions—Rev. W. H. Sentell. Discussion by Rev. T. O. Pharr.
22. Report of Committee on nominations: President of Assn. Brotherhood: Bro. L. L. Doke. Associate Associational President: Bro. Leon Henderson.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. Sentell

- Recommendations adopted.
23. Report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher:
Time: Thursday after 3rd Sunday in October.
Preacher: Rev. W. H. Sentell; Alternate: Rev. F. T. Pratt.
Place: Sardis Church, Worthington.
Respectfully submitted by Rev. A. J. Gross. Adopted.
 24. In absence of Rev. John Dick report on Spiritual Condition of churches omitted.
 25. Motion and adoption that Moderator appoint committee to nominate Associational Training Union Director and Associational Sunday School Superintendent; said committee to report at this evening session.
Committee: Rev. W. H. Sentell, Chairman, Mrs. G. W. McCall, Bro. J. H. Mitchell, Bro. O. R. Evans, Bro. B. J. Meadows.
 30. Motion and adoption that Bro. B. J. Meadows be elected Clerk and Treasurer by acclamation.
 31. Treasurer's Report. (Shown elsewhere in the Minutes.)
 32. Adjourned until 7:30 P. M. Evening meal served by ladies of Gainesville church.

EVENING SESSION

33. Song: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus!"
34. Devotional by Bro. Walter Cross.
35. Written report on Christian Literature and Education prepared by Bro. A. W. Tenney, read by the Clerk. Motion and second for adoption. Discussion by Rev. W. M. Sentell. Adopted.

36. Telegram received and read by the Moderator: Reference to telegram, am supporting this legislation as well as bill of late Senator Sheppard.

Signed, Lex Green, M. C.

37. Report of Committee on Nominations:

Mrs. G. M. Osteen, High Springs, Assn. S. S. Supt.; Bro. C. O. Evans, Gainesville, Assn. Training Union Director.

We recommend further that the Associational Sunday School meetings and Associational Training Union meetings be held in connection with the regular W. M. U. Rallies. Adopted.

38. Report on Cooperative Program; Hundred Thousand Club; Ministerial Relief by Rev. W. H. Sentell. Adopted.

39. Motion and adoption of resolution of thanks to the First Baptist Church of Gainesville for the gracious way in which they entertained this association here today.

40. Motion and adoption that the incoming Moderator appoint a Committee to help foster a Christian relationship between the different races and nationalities in our association.

41. Expression of thanks by Rev. W. M. Sentell for the confidence and honor shown in electing him Moderator for the coming year.

42. Report on Evangelism, Temperance, Social Service by Rev. J. H. Hardy. Discussion by Rev. J. H. Hardy. Adopted.

43. Song: "Work For The Night Is Coming."

44. Prayer of adjournment by Rev. L. A. Shepherd.

REPORT ON BROTHERHOOD WORK

Brotherhood work is the men helping to carry out the whole program of the church, and not just coming together occasionally to have a supper and a program. Eating together and having fellowship with one another is good, and an inspiring and informing program is fine, but to stop there is not enough. A brotherhood in a church should study the whole program of that church, and work to enlist every male member to loyally support all phases of the church's activity. About thirty-five per cent of the male members in our churches are actually backing the church in all its work, Sunday School, Training Union, preaching services, prayer meetings, church finances, and soul-winning etc. There will be a new day for our Baptist cause when the other sixty-five per cent are reached, interested, and enlisted in the church's kingdom program. This committee urges the pastors to organize in your church a brotherhood, and work with the men, and acquaint them with the tasks that he wishes the brotherhood to accomplish, and give his encouragement to them in their work.

WE RECOMMEND:

- 1 That we have a Santa Fe River Brotherhood Association.
- 2 That a committee of three pastors be appointed to nominate an associational brotherhood president, to be elected by this body for this associational year.
- 3 That the new president be authorized to complete the organization of a brotherhood association.
- 4 That the president urge the larger churches to organize a brotherhood, and to cooperate in the associational brotherhood

work.

5. That two or three of the smaller churches have a brotherhood together, each church having a group and being responsible in turn for the program.

A. J. GROSS

THE FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

The possibilities of this home are great in many ways; in growth, in care, in effective training, in Spiritual development.

There is evidence that these possibilities are being realized now, and indications of greater good in the future.

The housing problem is being cared for in a fair way. We have a worthy Superintendent, with a noble corps of assistants, who are caring for the home in a way satisfactory to all. And the Baptist force of the state is becoming more Home conscious, which bodes fair for the future. The growth of the home is in direct proportion to the support it receives from the Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Ridenour Com.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE AND EDUCATION

The Baptist papers have shown a very satisfactory increase in their circulation during the last fiscal year of the Southern Baptist Convention. For instance, the total circulation of the papers in the eighteen states on the last week in April, 1941 was 215,367 while the last week in April 1942, the total circulation was 261,664. This was a net gain of 46,297 during the year. In Florida, our Baptist Witness continues to inform and inspire all who read it. The present circulation of the Florida Baptist Witness is 10,000. It should be included in every church budget. Many worthwhile books and pamphlets have been published. These may be obtained at the Baptist Book Store. It is a pleasure to report that the Bible still outsells all other literature.

Baptists have always been interested in providing adequate training for our preaches and workers. In the United States we have 97 Baptist Colleges, 91 Junior Colleges, and 10 Seminaries. The Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, with an enrollment of 500; the Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Ft. Worth, Texas with an enrollment of 609; the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans, Louisiana with an enrollment of 223 and other such institutions are rendering a real service in Christian Education. In Florida, John B. Stetson University, with an enrollment of 450 continues to serve as a dynamic force "For God and Truth". Scholarship, culture, and Christian character are the aims of the institution.

Our Baptist schools are "sound in the faith"—genuinely orthodox, holding and teaching the great basic principles of Christianity. They deserve our prayers and hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. Tenny

STEWARDSHIP AND MISSIONS

These are companion teachings of Jesus. Both demand faithful obedience to the unenforceable. Neither can be separated from the other by any scriptural operation or perversion. They are linked

SUMMARY TABLE. STATISTICS OF SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1942.

Next Annual Meeting: Sardis Church, Worthington Springs, Florida.

Moderator, Dr. T. V. McCaul, Gainesville, Fla.

Clerk, B. J. Meadows, High Springs, Florida.

CHURCHES	CHURCH DIRECTORIES			Baptisms, Members, Etc.						S. Schools			Tr. Unions		W. M. U. Bro'ds		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	Members Received by Letter and Otherwise	Losses by Letter and Otherwise	Baptisms	Total Membership	Revival Meetings Held	Observance Lord's Supper	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper	Number of Sunday Schools	Total Enrolled	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Vacation Bible School Average Attendance	Training Union With Director	Total Number Unions and Story Hours	Total Enrolled in All Unions and Story Hours	Women's, Children's Org.	Total Women's Contributions All Purposes	Number Enrollment	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, Orphans'	Grand Total Gifts For All Purposes	Every-Member Canvass Made for Annual Budget?	How many members Are Tithers?		
Alachua	1918	T	W. H. Sentell, Alachua	All	32	11	18	286	1	4	12	1	182	77	51	Yes	4	66	2	\$241.47	0	0	\$15,000	\$3,000	\$18,000	\$1,560.00	\$2,313.64	\$181.28	\$423.05	\$2,736.09	Yes		
Archer	1922	T	F. T. Pratt, Archer	All	27	3	1	24	1	6	1	1	104	1		No	2	17	1	73.20			3,000	3,000	408.00	617.11	41.50	106.81	723.92	Yes			
Campville	1892	V	S. J. Morgan, G'ville	4th	7	0	1	97	1	4	1	1	30				2	11					2,500	2,500	150.00	198.67	3.00	23.10	221.77	Yes	3		
Eden	1902	O	J. H. Hardy, Hawthorn	All	7	0	1	97	1	4	1	1	30				2	11					1,500	1,500	100.00	318.93	9.00	21.35	340.28	Yes	2		
Eliam	1859	V	W. C. Taylor, Melrose	All	12	8	6	164	1	4	12	1	110			Yes	4	32	4	300.30			10,000	1,200	11,200	798.00	1,419.90	166.30	377.22	1,797.12			
Fairbanks	1932	V	No Report	All																													
G'ville, First	1870	C	T. V. McCaul, G'ville	All	161	133	26	2188	0	6	200	1	1019	171	133	Yes	12	173	6	2103.85	1	100	150,000	25,000	175,000	4,425.00	13,276.83	4007.83	5589.22	18,866.05	No	60	
G'ville Gr. St.	1935	C	A. J. Gross, G'ville	All	46	16	18	153	1	4	15	1	223	106	88	Yes	6	89	4	125.15	1	10	5,500	5,500	1,700.00	3,398.53	83.28	193.22	3,591.75	Yes	35		
Hague	1911	V		All																													
Hampton	1891	T		All	4	6	3	163	1	3	2	1	35										2,500	2,500	343.32	1,193.78	7.00	37.27	1,231.05				
Hawthorne	1852	T	J. H. Hardy, Hawthorn	All	11	12	8	236	1	4	22	1	109			Yes	5	48	4	210.19			3,000	30.00	6,000	1,225.00	1,853.40	196.90	423.42	2,276.82	No		
High Springs	1886	T	W. H. Sentell, H. Springs	All	43	54	26	277	0	4	25	1	291			Yes	4	90	5	857.05	1	32	20,000	2,250	22,250	1,715.00	5,562.23	315.19	851.63	6,413.86			
Island Grove	1891	V	O. E. Boals, G'ville	All	12	1	8	89	1	2	3	1	47										1,500	1,500	244.56	335.18	7.00	350.43					
LaCrosse	1882	V	W. T. Cross, G'ville	1st	2	3	2	92	0	4	3	1	38	26	23								2,500	2,500	150.00	186.49	1.00	37.40	223.89	No	5		
Lake Butler	1869	T	Ed. Harwell, L. Butler	All	31	3	18	187	1	4	26	1	61			Yes	5	44	1	206.20			3,000	2,000	5,000	900.00	1,421.01	216.50	372.59	1,793.60	Yes	10	
Micanopy	1882	V	R. D. Bevis, G'ville	All	2	3	2	92	0	4	3	1	38										2,000	2,000	240.00	423.75	20.00	70.50	494.25				
Ochwilla	1873	O	W. C. Taylor, Melrose	2nd	4	0	1	21				1	30										2,000	2,000	152.00	196.12	20.00	119.16	315.28				
Orange H'ghts	1913	O	S. J. Morgan, G'ville	3rd	2	5	4	45	1	4	1	40											2,000	2,000	143.33	290.76	21.00	77.37	368.13	Yes	3		
Paran	1856	V	J. M. Sullivan, Palatka	All	2	2	0	70				12	1	34									2,000	2,000	214.45	263.63	14.00	77.02	340.65				
Sardis	1877	V	John Dick, Lake City	All	1	1	0	122	1	4	34	1	53										2,000	2,000	480.00	928.56	75.00	224.34	1,152.90	Yes	3		
Waldo	1884	T		All	31	13	12	191	1	4	12	1	134	65	50	Yes	5	71	1	166.75	1	20	4,000	2,000	6,000	862.50	1,889.73	171.80	334.38	2,224.11	Yes	33	
Windsor	1934	V	S. J. Morgan, G'ville	All	1	0	43					33											2,000	2,000	150.00	248.00	7.00	255.00	Yes	4			

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eternally and in-separably in Divine Kingdom Plans. Both differentiate between the things movable and the things im-movable. Both draw lines between things of earth and things of Heaven. Both separate things which remain and things which perish, yet all the while remain inseparable.

Human trustee-ship of things divine and eternal-carries with it most binding obligations, which are pre-requisites by Faith-A Faith that implies, (1) A full confidence in a God, who has promised, (2) A full acceptance of His Will, which is perfect, (3.) an unrestrained obedience to His Lordship, which is established, (4) and an assured appropriation of His Blessings, which never cease. Such faith, and only such faith, can enable believers to so order their lives, according to what they know God will bring to pass tomorrow.

We cannot confine Stewardship to the filling of Church coffers and pews. We cannot limit missions-when Christ spoke in terms of a Kingdom, a Kingdom without end, consummated only in Himself, "when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess Him as Christ and Lord." Let us not place a boundary around stewardship with the tithe, as a minimum. Stewardship reaches out into every relationship of life. We are "stewards of the manifold grace of God."

Satan had never devised a more deceptive lie than the one about the 'Church is only after all that it can get! THE CHURCH IS ONLY AFTER ALL THAT IT CAN GIVE. If it can bring light and hope and joy and life' by giving the Gospel of Christ to lost men. Then it is indeed giving all. No institution on the face of the earth advertises as truly as does the church, of Jesus Christ.

The church advertises to the world world that it is composed of sinners saved by Grace, who have the love of Christ in their hearts and in His Name seeksto lift up the fallen, meet every human need, give hope to the despondent, showing Christ as the hope of the world, give light to those who are in darkness, showing Him as the light of the world. The church advertises that its purpose in the world is to give and not to get.

We recommend that the tithe, based on the power of His resurrection in human hearts as the minimum for our giving. We pray that the blood sacrifice of the cross shall be sufficient urge in our mission effort.

Respectfully,
Howard Sentell

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

We have twenty-two churches in this Santa Fe River Baptist Association, and each church has a Sunday Sshool, an increase of one for the year.

Average number of churches reporting to the Associational Superintendent—10.

In all Sunday Schools total departments are Cradle Roll, 11; Beginners, 17; Primary, 17; Junior, 21; Intermediate, 17; Young People, 15; Adult, 22; Extention Department, 10. Mixed classes in all departments are 7. Total Church libraries 4. Total enrollment 2,854, with average attendance of 1,507; an increase in enrollment over 1941 of 175. Total officers and teachers 341. Vacation Bible Schools 7. Total Training awards earned 275.

Goals attained for year: Simultaneous Training School—April; Teachers Clinic—October.

Visits made by Associational officers to Sunday Schools in the Association: 3 visits by 4 officers.

Number attending Ridgecrest from our Association 10.

Respectfully submitted,

C. O. Evans

REPORT OF TRAINING UNION WORK

Number of churches in Association, 22; number of churches having Training Union, 15; number of churches having no Training Union, 7; Adult Unions, 12; Young Peoples's Union, 13; Intermediate Unions, 19; Junior Unions, 13; Story Hours, 7. Total Unions 64.

Number of churches receiving Study Course Awards, 7; number of churches receiving no Study Course Awards, 15; number of awards issued to association 10-1-41 through 9-30-42, 294.

Number attending Ridgecrest, 7.

Respectfully submitted,

C. O. Evans

EVANGELISM

When our Lord gave the Great Commission, the first thing he said do was to Evangelize. From that day to this soul winning has been recognized as the very heart of Christian life. When souls are being born into the Kingdom God's people are happy and rejoicing. On the day of Pentecost the great revival began and for years it went on from place to place and time to time. Preachers and Laymen alike were soul winners. Today we realize that every Christian is a potential soul winner and every one should be an actual soul winner.

In 1939 Southern Baptists seem to have reached their peak in evangelism if Baptisms are to be used as the criterion. For some reason we have been falling below that record for the past two and probaably for the year 1942

In 1941 there were eight churches in this associataion that reported no baptisms. Three reporting only one baptism, six reporting form two to seven, while four churches reported from ten to thirty-five. Making a total for the year of 119. This makes our increase around two and one-half per cent by baptism for last year. Of the 25,603 churches reporting last year, (1941) 6,300 reported no baptisms at all.

In this critical period we would urge all of our people to pray as never before. Our hearts must be moved upon, our minds directed and our lives consecrated to winning the lost or they will not be won. We would not minimize teaching and organization, but would urge that we all endeavor to prepare more material to be taught and organized.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Hardy, Chr.

SOCIAL SERVICE

The social problems confronting us are so extensive in scope, so dynamic in nature and so imperative in their call upon us for help in their solution that it staggers the human mind and challenges

us to the most profound thought and the greatest united effort that we are capable of making. Even then, without God, we shall fail.

The war in which the whole world is involved and the end of which will disclose whether we are to be free men or slaves, living men or dead. There is no question as to the enemy's purpose, or as to his diabolical plans. Therefore we should face the facts and adjust ourselves accordingly. The best minds of the nation tell us the war can be lost in Washington, in the war production area, or by the American people. These possibilities are startling and should arouse every American citizen to do some serious thinking and be willing and ready to put out to the extent of his ability.

The most accurate problem arising partially out of the war is that of juvenile delinquency. If the delinquency were confined to the boys and girls it would be much easier to handle. But, those of us who were on the inside and saw what happened in 17 and 18, know that thousands of married women and girls laid their virtue on the altar of the war God. The same thing is happening again, and God alone knows to what extent it will go before this war is ended, or when it can be stopped after the war is over.

The whiskey evil is a good running mate for the war. Ten years ago the sponsors for the damnable business secured the nullification of the 18th amendment by lies and more lies. Rotten politicians and misguided and misinformed men and women joined hands in that tragic blunder. They assured us that legalizing the traffic would actually promote sobriety, and that girls and boys would not drink if it were legalized. Some of us knew then, more of us know now that the whole business thrives on falsification, misrepresentation and contemptible lies. Drunkenness has increased in some instances as high as 500 per cent.

Nicotine for the immature comes in as close running mate for the above evils. It has been proven conclusively that the boys and girls who use tobacco in any form in their immature years are poor seconds to total abstainers, other things being equal.

The President has ample authority to close every saloon in the country and to throw every bootlegger in a detention camp. Nothing short of a complete job will suffice. But, we have no reason to expect any help there. We must find the Holy of Holies and pray and unite our efforts and do all that can be done to undo what has been done. We urge that all Christian be enlisted in a united front to save our people from self destruction.

We call your attention to the racial question that is destined to become acute in the coming years, possibly months. We must enlist the better class of the Negro race and train them as workers for the prevention of what promises now to be unwholesome and probably tragical.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Hardy

TREASURER'S REPORT

Deficit brought forward	\$ 7.10	
Associational Receipts		\$128.85
Printing Minutes	80.00	
Clerk hire	15.00	
Associational Meeting Exp.	3.50	

Balance on hand	105.60	128.85
	23.25	
	\$128.85	\$128.85

Respectfully submitted,
B. J. Meadows

Committees to report at the next session at Sardin in 1943:

- 1—Brotherhood and W. M. U., L. L. Doke, Leon Henderson, Mrs. J. W. McCall.
- 2—Missions (State, Home and Foreign), Evangelism and Stewardship, Dr. T. V. McCaul, Rev. F. T. Pratt, Mrs. A. J. Gross.
- 3—Sunday School and Training Union, Rev. Carey Allen, Mrs. G. M. Osteen, C. O. Evans.
- 4—Christian Literature and Christian Education, Rev. A. J. Gross, Rev. Edwin Harwell, Mrs. W. R. DuBose.
- 5—Cooperative Program, Hundred Thousand Club, Rev. J. H. Hardy, M. W. Lindsey, Mrs. Carlyle Brooks.
- 6—Benevolences (Childrens Home, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Retirement Plan), Rev. W. C. Taylor, Rev. Walter Cross, Rev. S. J. Morgan.
- 7—Social Service, Temperance and Inter Racial Relations, Rev. W. Howard Sentell, Rev. L. A. Shepherd and A. W. Tenney.
- 8—Obituaries, Rev. H. E. Ridenhour Sr., Rev. J. L. Morris, T. D. Levins.
- 9—Spiritual Conditions in Churches, Dr. J. W. McMichen.
- 10—Committee on Inter Racial Relations, as provided by a motion at the close of the last session:

Rev. W. Howard Sentell, Chairman, High Springs
Rev. L. A. Shepherd, Raiford
Mr. A. W. Tenny, Gainesville
Mr. J. D. Merritt, Hawthorne
Mr. J. H. Mitchell, Waldo

NOTE: The first name mentioned on the above committees is asked to serve as chairman and prepare the report. If for any reason the first named cannot be present the next named will please prepare the report.

W. M. U. REPORT

The Lord is high above the nations and his glory above the heavens—unto Him be honor and glory forevermore.

The theme for 1942: "What Price Victory?" We reconsecrated and rededicated our lives and our time a year ago that we may be valiant soldiers of Calvary's Cross, praying "Thy Will be done" in our lives, and throughout the whole earth sorrow, illness and death hath compassed us—we're embroiled in the toils of the most devastating war of all history, and in a few generations, perhaps in ours, we are sure to view the most crucial moment in human history.

Since the resurrection of Jesus was the most fateful event of all ages, for no human hand can stay His resurrection, we know that no human hand can stay the promises that Christ made to man, even the Christians of this Gentile age: "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (I Thess. 4:17) We have this and all of His other matchless promises to comfort us. We must fight until the last man—to present Christ to all mankind.

Unless we fight without counting the cost—to reveal Christ in our lives and thereby lift Him up so that the world may see Him and glorify the Father which is in Heaven, we are unworthy of our heritage and of our rights to share the blessings which we now enjoy without any great sacrifice or even any effort on our part—in modern terms, we are traitors to the Cause of Christ and slackers in His army.

If we are victims of the spiritual inertia of the age—or veritable midgets—let us go back to our Bethels and sue for forgiveness—power and peace on our knees—before God's altar. Then face facts—as they are today—for after years' of belief that universal peace had been achieved and no generation would know such wide conflagration as we saw in World War I, we are again repeating and intensifying the struggle. Jeremiah said, "They will cry peace, peace, and there will be no peace!"

Therefore, we must think of victory on God's terms. We should pray for a God-given peace—which can only be achieved with Christ's return to earth. So far as peace is concerned our men and women have died in vain—but their going has made heaven a dearer place and a nearer place for us.

When talking to John the beloved disciple Christ revealed the signs of His return, then He told him: "Behold, I come quickly" and the response of John was, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus". He did come for John soon after that beautiful invitation which was John's prayer, and as soon as "the gospel has been preached in all nations" he has promised to come back. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matt. 24:14) The war is spreading the gospel like wildfire. So let us pray with John—and some Christians throughout the world—"Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Oh, but some say, "I am not ready, my child is unsaved." Jesus said, "he which is filthy, let him be filthy still."

Comparing our opportunities with our record of achievements it seems that we have been "sucking our thumbs" while thousands, yea, millions of our boys and girls have slipped through the fingers of our churches and gone out to face eternity unsaved! Let us as "laborers together with God", valiant soldiers of His cross, go forth to tell of Jesus—by praying constantly for them and all unsaved, teaching His word, visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, and comforting the sorrowing with His promises, for He has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Only through faith can we have a victorious peace. "The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace." (Psalm 29:11)

Jesus said, "in me ye shall have peace".

It is God who giveth peace and who giveth the increase.

Quarterly Rallies were observed in Alachua, Gainesville and at Camp O'Leno. The Annual Meeting of the Associational W. M. U. was entertained by the Sardis Church at Worthington.

During the year local talent and the following guest speakers, Miss Wilma Bucy, Miss Inez Crain, Miss Amanda Tinkle, Miss Elsie Renfroe, and Rev. Milner Brittain, gave unsparingly of their time and talent.

We have been most happy to have the pastors and the Executive Committee at our Rallies each time. They are ex-officio members, and we are very grateful for their cooperation, their presence and their prayers.

We suggested that every pastor teach "The Word Overcoming the World" to the entire church—but to date no one has reported a Church School of Missions. It seems that the good pastors think that the societies are as efficient in their mission work as the ladies are in their kitchens! We must teach our girls to cook—but also to pray, and our pastors must teach our boys the glorious history of Missions.

We sponsored during the first week in June our annual Santa Fe Camp at O'Leno, near High Springs. This year only forty G. A.'s and R. A.'s and Y. W. A.'s were enrolled. Out of an enrollment of 250 in our Auxiliaries it seems like some failed to help more of our boys and girls enjoy that splendid privilege. Eight adults served on the faculty, including Miss Inez Crain, of Burma.

The theme "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" was stressed daily by Rev. Howard Sentell. The Bible, Our Lord's Return, The Heart of the Levant and Camel Bells were taught. An impressive early morning Consecration Service preceded the "Young People's Rally" on June 6th. The personal Recognition Service at noon was highlighted by the awarding of many seals and certificates to the boys and girls who completed their books.

High Springs is the only society that paid the requested 40 cents per capita for White Cross for the year—thereby making her the only society to go over the top, by complying with the request from the Convention.

Gainesville has had more study courses and made more awards than the total of all the other societies. They have engaged in Red Cross work under the efficient leadership of Mrs. T. J. Funderburk.

The U. S. O. has been an outstanding service in many of our churches.

Alachua has given the only report on the "Sunshine Circle" suggestions made last year. Think upon our labors—compare them with Alachua, who made 277 sunshine visits.

Through intercessory prayers, teaching and preaching many have found Christ.

God loves a cheerful giver! He does not want our love, time nor money if it is given grudgingly. (Just this illustration in closing. A number of circles were asked to take covered dishes to a Rally and one circle refused, but after finding all the others were sending dishes they decided to send one—but their dish was stolen before it reached the table. The gift without the giver is bare. II Cor. 9:7,8.)

Unto God be the glory for all that has been done in His name. May we have a prayer by Dr. W. M. Sentell, that every sacrificial gift, every moment of time and love and every offering be blessed to His service.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. G. W.) Maude McCall

President W. M. U. of Santa Fe River Association

DIRECTORY

GENERAL OFFICERS OF W. M. U.

President	Mrs. G. W. McCall, High Springs
Vice-President	Mrs. H. F. Preston, Melrose
2nd Vice-President	Mrs. J. E. Thrasher, Micanopy
3rd V.-Pres.—Young People's Leader	Mrs. C. Swartz, Gainesville
Secretary	Mrs. C. C. Braddock, High Springs
Treasurer	Mrs. Louis Crawford, High Springs
Supt. District 1	Mrs. D. E. Roberts, Worthington
Supt. District 2	Mrs. F. Y. Tyson, Hawthorne
Supt. District 3	Mrs. C. B. Emerson, Micanopy
Historian	Mrs. E. A. Hickson, Gainesville
Stewardship	Mrs. H. J. Tudor, Gainesville
Mission Study	Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Gainesville
Training School	Mrs. A. J. Gross, Gainesville
White Cross	Mrs. J. W. Lucius, Gainesville
Children's Home	Mrs. L. B. Alesancer, Waldo
Hundred Thousand Club	Mrs. Carl Williams, Alachua
Margaret Fund	Mrs. Zada Du Bose, Lake Butler
Publicity	Mrs. J. E. Turlington, Gainesville
Publicity—Young People's Work	Mrs. Ted Eubanks, Gainesville
Members at Large	Mrs. J. W. Norman, Gainesville
	Mrs. C. A. Strickland, Gainesville
	Mrs. T. J. Funderburk, Gainesville
Adjustment Committee	Mrs. G. C. Smith, Gainesville

The Associational Executive Board is composed of the above officers. The President and six of these compose an Administrative Committee.

District NO. 1—Mrs. D. E. Roberts, Supt.

District NO. 2—Mrs. F. Y. Tyson, Supt.

District No. 3—Mrs. C. B. Emerson, Supt.

Alachua, Hague High Springs, La Crosse, Lake Butler, Sardis, (Worthington).

Eden, Hampton, Hawthorne, Island Grove, Melrose (Eliam), Waldo.

Archer, Fairbanks, Gainesville, First, Gainesville, Grove Street, Micanopy.

Proceedings of the Woman's Missionary Union
of the
Santa Fe River Association, October 1, 1942
at
Sardis Baptist Church, Worthington, Florida

MRS. LOUIS M. CRAWFORD, SECRETARY

The Annual Session of the Santa Fe River Association W. M. U. was called to order at 9:40 A. M. by the President, Mrs. G. W. McCall. The welcome from the hostess church was given by Mrs. John Scaff, to which Mrs. J. D. Logan, of High Springs, responded. In keeping with the theme of the program, "Sweet Peace", all

songs, the inspirational messages, and prayers emphasized the need we have for peace.

The opening hymn "The Light of the World is Jesus" was led by Mrs. A. J. Gross, of Grove St. Baptist Church, Gainesville. The devotional was given by Mrs. Edwin Harwell, her topic being "The Blessings of Peace". Following this inspiring message Rev. A. C. Warren prayed for universal peace.

The report of the Memorial Committee, written by Mrs. E. A. Hickson, was read by Mrs. J. E. Turlington, of Gainesville. While several girls from the Sardis church gave a playlet "Doves of Peace" in memory of our departed members a flower was placed on a draped cross as each name was called. Mrs. H. O. Alford sang "Face to Face", accompanied at the piano by Mrs. T. V. McCaul. Dr. McCaul led the memorial prayer.

The business session of the program was opened by the recognition of pastors and wives, Divisional and State officers, missionaries and visitors. At this time, Mrs. McCall, using some of her witticisms, introduced Miss Amanda Tinkle, missionary on furlough from Nigeria, Africa.

The various, previously appointed Committees were asked to give their reports; which were adopted:

TIME AND PLACE: Recommended that the next annual Associational W. M. U. meeting be held with the Grove Street Church, Gainesville, Oct. 1, 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Alva Gallagher
Mrs. Carl Williams

RESOLUTIONS: The Resolutions given included appreciation for the inspirational addresses, hospitality of the hostess church, loyalty of our President and her coworkers and for the inspiration given by the pastors and visitors. All members were requested to pray for more love for each other, for the privilege of working together with God that all nations might be brought to realize their need of God and accept Him as their Lord and Master; and that we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in these war-torn times.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. D. Logan,
Mrs. D. T. Merriman,
Mrs. A. C. Knight.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Composed of Mrs. G. C. Smith, Chairman, Mrs. R. T. Heagy, Mrs. J. H. Hardy, Mrs. W. A. Campbell, and Mrs. J. W. Norman, submitted its report. Mrs. McCall asked to be relived as president, but she was unanimously re-elected for the third term. (Officers elected are listed in the General Directory.)

Dr. McCaul ably led in the installation of the officers for 1943.

Miss Elsie Renfro, State Young People's Secretary, spoke on the topic "Ambassadors of Peace to our State". This talk was very informative and helpful on our Young People's work, and the leaders of our work in the state.

Miss Amanda Tinkle brought the missionary message of the day, which was inspiring and challenging, —on her medical mission work in Nigeria, Africa. She brought out the desperate needs and opportunities as well as the gratitude of the natives for their help.

Rev. J. H. Hardy dismissed the morning session with prayer, and Mrs. Alford led in the singing of "God Bless America." Rev. Howard Sentell offered thanks after which lunch was served by the hostess church.

The afternoon session was opened with the hymn, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart", after which Mrs. Carlyle Brooks led the devotional and meditation period.

The new Mission Study books on Cuba were interestingly presented as to the methods of teaching in "Ambassadors of Peace to Cuba"—by Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Mrs. H. J. Tudor and Mrs. A. J. Gross and Mrs. Francis Beard, of Gainesville. In a brief period following, Mrs. Charles Swartz, newly elected Associational Young People's Leader, answered questions about this work.

The offering of the day amounted to \$11.61.

The Registration Committee reported 107 present.

OFFERINGS REPORTED—by Mrs. Louis Crawford, Sec.-Treas.

	October 1, 1941	October 1, 1942
Florida Baptist Convention	\$3959.57	\$4459.10
Santa Fe River Association	165.86	190.50
	\$4125.43	\$4649.60

Let us praise God for our increase of \$514.17.

DATE:

Sent to Florida Baptist Convention:

Children's Home (Arcadia)	\$ 163.25
Boxes for Home (Arcadia)	62.48
Co-operative Program (Missions)	1648.41
Hundred Thousand Club	521.75
Used Locally	407.75
White Cross	116.78
China Relief	71.80
Margaret Fund	16.00
Other Objects	227.70
Centennial Gifts	140.75
W. M. U. Training School ("House Beautiful")	36.00
Local Charity	299.09
Mary Brittain Love Offering	30.50
Home Missions (Week of Prayer Offering)	222.42
State Missions (Week of Prayer Offering)	164.26
Foreign Missions (Week of Prayer Offering)	330.16
TOTAL	\$4459.10

Rally Offerings	\$ 21.72	
Tithe from Camp	21.17	
Camp Pledges	65.50	
Balance from 1941	82.11	
TOTAL	\$190.50	\$4949.60

Balance in Santa Fe W. M. U. Treasury October 1, 1942 \$190.50.

		Subscriptions to our magazines:	
W. M. S. Enrollment	450	Royal Service	126
Auxiliaries Enrollment	250	Window of Y. W. A.	6
Tithers	19	World Comrades	36
Mission Study Courses	13	The Commission	16
Mission Study Awards	249	Home Missions	36
Community Missions	212	Fla. Baptist Witness	144

Coupons to Children's Home 2273 (1500 less than last year).

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Presidents of societies appoint Nominating Committee in July; elect officers in August; appoint Committee Chairman, new Young People's Counselors, and Mission Study Chairman, so that we will be ready for Mission Study plans and methods of teaching in October, and so that the President's name can be listed in the Associational Minutes.

2. If each pastor and the first Vice-President solicits and fails to enlist every woman of the church in the society, then organize Sunshine Circles and those to join. The only contribution asked of such members is five cents per month for the Associational Young People's Camp pledge. If possible use Ex-Presidents or Ex-circle leaders to conduct Sunshine Circles, and have Royal Service Program in such circle meetings, material to be selected by the second Vice-President. Urge attendance to these at the church program meetings.

3. That every church in the Association have a Missionary Society and at least two Auxiliaries.

4. That all reports from each society and from the Association be complete and promptly made. Mail three quarterly reports by the 5th of each month following the end of a quarter, and that fourth quarterly and the annual report by September 5th.

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

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

7. That definite plans be made to win the lost in our midst, and encourage all members to memorize Scripture verses on the plan of salvation.

8. That a Church School of Missions be held sometime during the year in every church in the Association.

9. That the Association and each church complete its pledged amount of Centennial gifts, that we may have a debtless denomination in 1943.

10. That each member of the society pay 40 cents per year for White Cross work.

11. That all members of Circles be urged to subscribe five cents per quarter per capita for the Associational Camp. Pay quarterly preferable, and solicit love gifts.

12. That special prayer be made for our young people.

13. That all local societies pray for a just peace and that all Allied nations so turn to the Lord that we may be worthy of victory. Sacrifice and pray that the world may be reconciled unto God. (Psalm 46:9.)

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

Mrs. H. F. Preston
Mrs. F. Y. Tyson

REMEMBER

1. Santa Fe Camp—the first week of June. Parents, bring the children out on Sunday afternoon June 6th or send them to the tower and the management will take them to Camp.

2. Put your camp on your daily prayer calendar, and back up

your prayers by making it possible for every interested child in your Auxiliaries to attend.

3. Remember to pay your Camp Pledge by June—make it 20 cents per capita member of your W. M. S.—or more. The more you give the more we can give to our children.

4. Send Registration Fee, of \$1.00 each, to Mrs. G. W. McCall, by May 15, 1943.

5. A large attendance will make expenses lower per capita.

6. About 120 children can be accommodated. They pay \$1.00 per day for meals and the W. M. U. pays other expenses.

7. A love gift and an expense check of \$5.00 will have to be contributed by the Associational W. M. U. Treasury for the visiting Missionary, to Miss Elsie Renfroe.

8. The Young People's Rally will be at O'Leno on Friday, June 11th, the last day of the Camp. Bring all young people not at Camp, and also a picnic lunch.

9. Remember that at Camp the children learn of the glorious story of Missions in the past and meet the missionaries of today.

10. "Bring up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart therefrom".

11. The Methods Clinic and Mission Institute will be combined with the Annual Meeting October 1, 1943, at Grove Street Baptist Church, Gainesville.

12. The Spring Rally will be in February at the First Baptist Church, Gainesville—speakers and date to be supplied by Miss Louise Smith, State W. M. U. Secretary.

13. The Executive Board will meet at 9:30 A. M.—in Gainesville, First Church,—at O'Leno,—in Gainesville at Grove Street,—preceding the Rallies; and also at the Association in Worthington, Octobed 1943. BE ON TIME EACH TIME.

14. Expenses, due to war shortages, may be difficult to overcome. Work, pray and pay that our children may learn the Great Commission as it has been lived by saints of yesterday.

GOALS

1. Every W. M. S. member a prayin tithing Christian.

2. Every W. M. S. member a soul-winner. I Cor. 16:13; Eph. 1:14-17.

3. Pray every morning at 6 o'clock for all missionaries, minsters, teachers and all believers—to lift up Christ by living like Him—so that the world may see Christ in Christians and follow Him in service.

4. Pray daily for the coming of the Bridegroom. I Peter 5:6; II Cor. 2:11; Rev. 22:4-7.

SLOGAN FOR THE YEAR

A million women in the W. M. U.

After singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Mrs. McCall led the closing prayer.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

ALACHUA:

Mrs. J. W. Turner
Mrs. W. N. Trowbridge

HAWTHORNE:

Bro. J. C. Baxley
Mrs. Belle Gill

HIGH SPRINGS:

Bro. Grover W. McCall, Jr.
Bro. J. D. Logan
Mrs. K. D. Breazeale, Sr.
Mrs. S. E. Hicks
Mrs. Guynelle Breazeale Shu

CAMPVILLE:

Bro. Roy Parker

ELIAM:

Mrs. W. C. Faircloth
Mrs. H. E. Fortner
Mrs. A. T. Hinnant

ISLAND GROVE:

Mrs. Sallie E. Pinner

LACROSSE:

Mrs. Elizabeth Stokes

GAINESVILLE, FIRST:

Bro. H. L. Beville
Bro. B. A. Hinson
Dr. Wilbur L. Scoville
Mrs. J. C. Bishop
Bro. Jesse Jordan
Mrs. John O. Tyson
Bro. Allen J. Burnham
Bro. Oris E. Knox
Bro. Louis H. Wilson
Mrs. C. H. Lancaster

ORANGE HEIGHTS:

Mrs. Arthur Adkins
Mrs. Lennie Hunt
Mrs. H. E. Ridenour, Sr.
Bro. Robert Davis

SARDIS:

Deacon D. E. Roberts

WALDO:

HAMPTON:

Bro. L. D. Brown
Rev. C. A. Warren, Pastor

Bro. Frank Geiger
Bro. I. N. Weeks
Bro. J. J. Donaldson

IN MEMORIAM

REV. COLIN A. WARREN ✓

BORN

JULY 24, 1877

DIED

OCTOBER 16, 1942

IN MEMORIAM

MRS BESSIE SHIRLEY RIDENOUR,
WIFE OF REV. H. E. RIDENOUR, SR.

BORN

APRIL 28, 1877

DIED

OCTOBER 9, 1942

