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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 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 mem-

bers 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 the wicked endless sorrow, and to the righteous endless joy.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been, as we trust, brought by Divine Grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and to give ourselves wholly unto Him, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in Him with brotherly love to His glory as our common Lord. We do therefore, in His strength, engage that we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully warn, exhort and admonish each other as occupations may require. That we will not forsake the assembly of ourselves together, but will uphold the worship of God and the ordinances of His house. That we will not omit closet and family religion at home nor neglect the great duty of religious training 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
 - (m) Temperance
 - (n) Spiritual conditions of churches
 - (o) Ministerial Relief
 - (p) Nominations
 - (q) Resolutions
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Adjournment.

ASSOCIATION DIRECTORIES

GENERAL OFFICERS

Rev. J. H. Hardy, Moderator	Hawthorne
Rev. A. J. Gross, Vice Moderator	Gainesville
Bro. B. J. Meadows, Clerk and Treasurer	High Springs
Mrs. G. M. O'Steen, Assn. S. S. Supt.	High Springs
Bro. O. R. Evans, Assn. Training Union Director	Gainesville
Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Assn. W. M. U. President	Gainesville
Bro. L. B. Rivers, Assn. Brotherhood President	Gainesville

ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. M. Sentell	Alachua
F. T. Pratt	Archer
S. J. Morgan	Gainesville
J. C. Kindred	Seminary Hills, Texas
W. C. Taylor	Melrose
L. R. Brothers	Nigeria, Africa
Rev. W. M. Weeks	Gainesville
T. V. McCaul	Gainesville
H. E. Ridenour, Sr.	Gainesville
J. F. Gable	Gainesville
B. M. Pack	Moultrie, Ga.
James C. Richardson, Chaplain, U. S. Army	Gainesville
Clyde B. Lipscomb, B. S. U. Secretary	Gainesville
A. J. Gross	Gainesville
D. B. Allen	Gainesville
Rev. J. T. Rawlins	Gainesville
J. H. Hardy	Hawthorne
M. A. Reichardt	Hawthorne
E. E. Hamm	High Springs
O. E. Boals	Gainesville
Rev. Truby Parrish	LaCrosse
L. E. Ferguson	Lake Butler
L. O. Sheffield, Chaplain, U. S. Army	Lake Butler
L. A. Shepherd, Chaplain, State Penitentiary	Raiford
R. D. Bevis	Gainesville
J. N. Haymon	Orange Heights
V. J. Major	Palatka
John Dick	Lake City
H. O. Hughes	Waldo
W. A. McMichen	Gainesville

CHURCH CLERKS

Alachua—Mrs. C. F. Stephens	Alachua
Archer—J. F. Simmons	Archer
Campville—Mrs. Flora Sherouse	Campville
Eden—H. L. Baxley	Hawthorne
Eliam—C. M. Perry	Hawthorne
Fairbanks—Leona Padgett	Rt. 1, Box 119-A, Gainesville
Gainesville, First—H. C. Edwards	Gainesville
Gainesville, Grove St.—Annie Frances Cassello, P. O. Box 508,	Gainesville
Hampton—Mrs. M. L. Watterson	Hampton
Hawthorne—W. B. Adkins	Hawthorne
High Springs—R. W. Justice	High Springs

Island Grove—C. R. Abstein	Island Grove
LaCrosse—C. A. Wilson	LaCrosse
Lake Butler—E. E. Shaller	Lake Butler
Micanopy—C. L. Robbins	Micanopy
Ochwilla—B. A. Barrington	Hawthorne
Orange Heights—Mrs. Ida Parrish	Earlton
Paran—Mrs. Edna Alderman	Grandin
Sardis—R. B. Warren	Lake Butler
Waldo—Maurice DeSha	Waldo
Windsor—T. D. Levins	Gainesville

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Alachua—Raymond Layne	Alachua
Archer—T. E. Simmons	RFD, Gainesville
Campville—C. E. Long	Campville
Eden—G. V. Dugger	Hawthorne
Eliam—C. P. Perry	Hawthorne
Fairbanks—Mrs. George Padgett	RFD, Gainesville
Gainesville, First—Dr. G. Ballard Simmons	Gainesville
Gainesville, Grove St.—G. A. Barber	Gainesville
Hampton—Mrs. K. B. Watterson	Hampton
Hawthorne—Mrs. D. L. Blackburn	Hawthorne
High Springs—B. J. Meadows	High Springs
Island Grove—W. M. Thomas	Island Grove
LaCrosse—Mrs. R. H. Youmans	LaCrosse
Lake Butler—T. M. Riherd	Lake Butler
Micanopy—Mrs. E. D. Rosenberger	Micanopy
Ochwilla—J. L. Turner	Hawthorne
Orange Heights—Mrs. A. L. Kahr	Earlton
Paran—Weldon Brantley	Grandin
Sardis—Mrs. Virginia Beiling	Lake Butler
Waldo—J. H. Mitchell	Waldo
Windsor—T. D. Levins	Gainesville

TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS

Alachua—Raymond Layne	Alachua
Eden—H. L. Baxley	Hawthorne
Eliam—J. A. Bayless	Melrose
Fairbanks—Mrs. George Padgett	RFD, Gainesville
Gainesville, First—W. C. Strickland	Gainesville
Gainesville, Grove St.—O. R. Evans	Gainesville
Hawthorne—Mrs. M. Paulling	Hawthorne
High Springs—O. M. Pritcher	High Springs
Lake Butler—Miss Vivian Fowler	Lake Butler
Orange Heights—H. H. Thomas	Earlton
Sardis—Jno. Scaff	Lake Butler
Waldo—Benton B. Hicks	Waldo

W. M. S. PRESIDENTS

Alachua—Mrs. W. M. Irby	Alachua
Eliam—Mrs. Harry Jackson	Melrose
Gainesville, First—Mrs. A. C. Kerby	Gainesville
Gainesville, Grove St.—Mrs. J. W. Lucious	Gainesville
Hampton—Mrs. Jessie Morgan	Hampton
Hawthorne—Mrs. J. H. Hardy	Hawthorne

High Springs—Mrs. A. C. Knight	High Springs
LaCrosse—Mrs. Stalsley	LaCrosse
Lake Butler—Mrs. I. H. Hunter	Lake Butler
Micanopy—Mrs. C. L. Robbins	Micanopy
Sardis—Mrs. Alma Blair	Worthington
Waldo—Mrs. L. B. Alexander	Waldo

BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENTS

Gainesville, Grove St.—D. R. Markham	Gainesville
High Springs—G. W. McCall	High Springs
Waldo—Wilbert Gunter	Waldo

LIST OF MESSENGERS

ALACHUA: J. W. Futch, Mrs. J. W. Futch, M. W. Lindsey, Mrs. M. W. Lindsey, Mrs. Clara F. Stephens, Rev. W. M. Sentell, Mrs. W. M. Sentell.

ARCHER: H. H. Simmons, Mrs. H. H. Simmons, Mrs. C. W. Moore, Mrs. N. Wagner, Mrs. Carl Moore, Mrs. L. S. Manuel.

CAMPVILLE: Mrs. C. E. Long, Mrs. Y. D. Eirwin, Mrs. E. P. Sykes, Mrs. Flora Sherouse.

EDEN: Guy V. Dugger, Mrs. W. C. Wiggins, S. D. Bristow, Mrs. S. D. Bristow.

ELIAM: H. G. Alderman, C. P. Perry, Mrs. B. Kelly, Mrs. J. O. Dann.

FAIRBANKS: Mrs. Hazel Parker, Mrs. Rufus Padgett.

GAINESVILLE, FIRST: Mrs. L. T. Fagan, Mrs. C. L. Murphree, Mrs. Frances Beard, Mrs. Charles Swartz, Mrs. J. C. Richardson, Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Mrs. H. E. Ridenour, Thos. V. McCaul, Mrs. B. F. Ridenour, Mrs. J. E. Turlington, Mrs. J. F. Morgan.

GAINESVILLE, GROVE ST.: Rev. A. J. Gross, I. C. Richardson, O. R. Evans, Mrs. J. W. Lucious, Mrs. W. M. Cassels, Mrs. A. M. Murray, Mrs. L. D. Bchette, Mrs. W. D. Wester, Mrs. Joe Thomas.

HAMPTON: Mrs. C. A. Warren, Mrs. J. W. Horne, Mrs. M. L. Watterson, Mrs. G. W. Rhame, L. A. Wynn.

HAWTHORNE: Rev. J. H. Hardy, Mrs. J. H. Hardy, Mrs. F. W. Tyson, Miss Eva Scott.

HIGH SPRINGS: Mrs. J. D. Logan, Mrs. R. W. Justice, R. W. Justice, L. E. Brown, Mrs. L. E. Brown, B. J. Meadows, Mrs. B. J. Meadows, Mrs. J. T. Price.

ISLAND GROVE: Rev. O. E. Boals, Mrs. O. E. Boals, William Thomas.

LACROSSE: T. R. Parker, Mrs. T. R. Parker, Mrs. I. Feagle, Mrs. R. H. Youmans, Mrs. May Crews, Mrs. Georgia Stalsby, Miss Cartey Arrington.

LAKE BUTLER: Miss Hattie Fowler, Mrs. J. H. Hunter, Mrs. L. E. Furgerson, Mrs. E. E. Shallar, Miss Elizabeth Massey, C. B. Hayes, Mrs. C. B. Hayes, Rev. L. E. Furgeson.

MICANOPY: Mrs. J. E. Thrasher, Mrs. Maude Adams, Mrs. Ruby Jones, Mrs. E. D. Rosenberger.

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

ORANGE HEIGHTS: H. H. Thomas, Mrs. H. H. Thomas, Mrs. A. L. Kahr, Jr., Mrs. Ida Parrish.

PARAN:

SARDIS: W. R. DuBose, L. L. Doke, J. H. Cason, R. B. Warren, Mrs. Angus Beiling, Mrs. Cope Newbern.

WALDO: J. H. Mitchell, Wilbert Gunter, Mrs. J. M. Porter, Mrs. H. O. Hughes, H. O. Hughes, Mrs. Mittie Lou Lyons, Mrs. Wilbert Gunter, Benton Hicks, C. A. Stephenson, Mrs. Geo. Colton, Mrs. C. A. Stephenson, Mrs. Benton Hicks, Rev. W. A. McMichen, Mrs. W. A. McMichen.

WINDSOR: T. D. Levins, Mrs. T. D. Levins, George Stevens, Mrs. George Stephens.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD
AT WALDO, 1944

1. Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union
L. B. Rivers, Mrs. W. A. Campbell, and L. I. Doke.
2. Report on Missions. (State, Home, and Foreign.)
Rev. L. E. Ferguson, M. W. Lindsey, Mrs. Charles R. Swartz.
3. Stewardship and Evangelism.
Rev. F. T. Pratt, Rev. W. C. Taylor and Rev. Benton Hicks.
4. Sunday School and Training Union.
O. R. Evans, Dr. G. B. Simmons and Mrs. F. W. Tyson.
5. Christian Education and Christian Literature.
Rev. H. O. Hughes, W. R. Dubose, and B. A. Barrington.
6. Benevolences, Ministerial Relief and Ministers Retirement Plan.
Rev. A. J. Gross, Rev. S. J. Morgan and R. W. Justice.
7. The Co-Operative Program.
Dr. T. V. McCaul, Mrs. J. F. Vagts and J. H. Mitchell.
8. Social Service.
Rev. L. A. Shepherd, T. E. Eubanks and T. D. Levins.
9. Obituaries.
Rev. W. A. McMichen, Mrs. C. E. Long, Mrs. C. P. Perry.
10. Spiritual Condition of the Churches.
Rev. H. E. Ridenour, J. L. Glissom and Russell Thomas.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
of the
Eighty-Seventh Session of the
Santa Fe River Baptist Association
Meeting with the Sardis Church, Worthington, Fla.
October 22, 1943.

1. Devotional, by Rev. H. O. Hughes, Waldo, Fla.
2. Collection of associational letters and enrollment of messengers.
3. Motion made, duly seconded, voted on and carried, that printed program be adopted, with such changes as may become necessary.
4. Introduction of new pastors: Rev. L. E. Ferguson, Lake Butler; Rev. T. S. Parrish, LaCrosse; Rev. H. O. Hughes, Waldo; Rev. Jas. T. Rawlins, Hampton; Rev. E. E. Hamm, High Springs.
5. Recognition of visiting brethren.
6. Report of Cooperative Program and Hundred Thousand Club, by Rev. J. H. Hardy, Hawthorne. Discussion by Rev. Hardy and Dr. E. D. Solomon. Adopted.
7. Reading of names on Committees:
Resolutions—Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Chm.; Rev. J. H. Hardy, Rev. W. C. Taylor.
Nominations—Rev. A. J. Gross, Chm.; Bro. J. H. Mitchell, Mrs. F. W. Tyson.
Time, Place and Preacher—Rev. W. A. McMichen, Chm.; Bro. W. R. Dubose, Bro. R. W. Justice.
8. Reports on Missions—State, Home and Foreign; Evangelism and Stewardship, read by Dr. T. V. McCaul, Gainesville. Address on above by Dr. Dewey Mann, representing Dr. C. H. Bolton. Adopted.
9. Dr. E. D. Solomon distributed subscription envelopes, stating that so far this year he had secured over 800 subscriptions to the Witness in this way.
10. Song: "How Firm a Foundation."
11. Annual Sermon, by Rev. F. T. Pratt, Archer.
12. Recess for lunch, served by the ladies of Sardis Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

13. Devotional, by Rev. E. E. Hamm, High Springs.
14. Report on Sunday School Work, by Mrs. G. M. O'Steen; Report on Training Union Work, by Bro. C. O. Evans. Discussion by Mrs. O'Steen, Bro. Evans, Dr. Solomon and Dr. T. V. McCaul. Adopted.

15. Report on Brotherhood Work, read by Bro. C. R. Smith, in the absence of Bro. L. B. Rivers, Chairman. Report on W. M. U. Work read by Mrs. Charles R. Swartz in the absence of Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Chairman. Remarks by Dr. Solomon, Mrs. Swartz and Dr. McCaul. Adopted.

16. Motion made by T. V. McCaul, seconded and carried that the men of this Association go on record as being in hearty accord and agreement with the fine and noble work of the women of our Association.

17. Reports of Benevolences: Children's Home; Ministerial Relief; Minister's Retirement Plan—by Rev. W. C. Taylor. Remarks by Rev. Taylor, Dr. Solomon, Dr. T. V. McCaul, Rev. A. J. Gross, Rev. John Dick.

18. Treasurer's Report read and adopted.

19. Address by Chaplain Fagan, Camp Blanding.

20. Report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher:

Time: October 21, 1944.

Place: Waldo, Florida.

Preacher: Rev. E. E. Hamm; Alternate, Rev. John Dick.

This report carried with it a recommendation that the future sessions of this Association, until changed, meet at 9:30 A.M., and close at 5:00 P.M. Amendment passes that this recommendation be submitted to the Executive Committee for their decision. Adopted.

21. Report of Committee on Nominations read by Rev. A. J. Gross:
W. M. U. President—Mrs. W. A. Campbell;
Assn. Training Union Director—Bro. O. R. Evans;
Assn. Brotherhood President—Bro. L. B. Rivers;
Assn. Sunday School Supt.—Mrs. G. M. O'Steen.
Above voted on and duly elected.

2. Rev. J. H. Hardy elected Moderator;
Rev. A. J. Gross elected Vice Moderator;
Bro. B. J. Meadows elected Clerk and Treasurer.

23. Motion made and carried that expressions of love and appreciation be spread upon the minutes, for the fine spirit of cooperation on the part of our retiring Moderator, who is soon to leave our Association.

24. Motion made that we express by a rising vote of thanks our appreciation of the good work done by the Sardis Church and their fine pastor, Rev. John Dick.

25. Report of Spiritual Condition of the Churches read and discussed by Rev. W. A. McMichen. Adopted.

26. Remarks by the Moderator, urging us to continue onward, although now enjoying the blessings of apparently fresh successes.

27. Report on Obituaries by Rev. H. E. Ridenour. (List of our beloved dead arranged on last page.)

28. Recess until 7:45 P. M. A delightful evening meal served by the ladies of Sardis Church at 6:45 P.M.

EVENING SESSION

29. Congregational song service preliminary to regular services.

30. Devotional by Rev. L. E. Ferguson, Lake Butler.

31. Moderator-elect, Rev. J. H. Hardy read names on Committees to report at next session. This list appears on Page 10.

32. Report on Christian Literature and Christian Education read by the Clerk in the absence of Rev. A. J. Gross, Chm. Discussion by Rev. W. M. Sentell. Adopted.

33. Reports on Social Service, Temperance and Inter-Social Relations, read and discussed by Rev. L. A. Shepherd.

34. Address by Bro. Fred T. Barnett on Temperance.

35. Clerk was instructed to leave out of the printed minutes as much of the written reports as seems necessary.

36. Adjourned by prayer by Rev. J. H. Hardy, and the congregation singing, "God Be With You Until We Meet Again."

THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Co-Operative Program was inaugurated to meet a deep and imperative need. Our denominational program and agencies had grown to such an extent that the churches and pastors were being pressed so unduly by the multitude of calls that some method had to be adopted to avoid further friction, and it was believed that a unified program would be far more efficient and at the same time tie all of our people to the whole program. Further, it would produce a monthly income for each of our agencies and thereby save large sums of money that we had been paying out in interest for many years under the old program.

The Co-Operative Program embraces practically all of our denominational work and enables each and every contributor to have a part in all of our work by reason of the fact that every dollar given to this program is pro-rated to all phases of the work. At present the percentage is as follows:

	Per Cent
Foreign Mission Board	50
Home Mission Board	23 1-3
Relief and Annuity Board	10 1-3
S.B.T. Seminary	4 1-5
Sw. B. T. Seminary	4 1-5
Baptist Bible Institute	4 1-5
W. M. U. Training School	8-15
A. B. T. Seminary	1 1-2
New Orleans Baptist Hospital	1 7-10

While the Co-Operative Program has not been as successful as it might and should have been, the failure is not due to the idea or plan but rather to lack of information.

We would urge that ample information concerning our various objectives be given to our people through the press and from the pulpit. That an intense and perpetual campaign be launched to teach and emphasize STEWARDSHIP. That our churches be urged to support the unified program where and when it is possible to do so conscientiously. For in so doing we are building an impetus of untold possibilities. That prayer and consecration be urged upon all of our people to the end that our Lord's command may be carried out and we may be ready for His return.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. Hardy.

THE HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

The Hundred Thousand Club was born of and in an emergency. The 75 Million Campaign did not fully materialize and our leaders were misled by the over-enthusiastic pledges thereto, and the misappropriation of large sums of money by the treasurer of the Home Mission Board, followed by the so-called depression of 1929, we found ourselves in debt by nearly seven million dollars.

The purpose of the Hundred Thousand Club was to fill the breach and pay off the debt as fast as possible so that the regular funds might be used for carrying on our work as far as possible.

The result has been far better than the most optimistic could have visualized at first. The response has been splendid, and we have accomplished the seemingly impossible. However, perhaps many more could have joined and had a definite part in the glorious work done. The indebtedness of nearly seven million has been reduced to \$235,000, and every effort is being made to pay that amount by not later than Dec. 31, 1943. We sincerely trust that this may be accomplished, and the motto, "Debt Free in Forty Three" realized and the shackles of debt forever removed from our denominational program.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Hardy.

REPORT ON MISSIONS—STATE, HOME AND FOREIGN EVANGELISM AND STEWARDSHIP

All who are really interested in our denomination should read carefully the annual minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention and of our State Baptist Convention. The reports found in these two volumes are always informing and inspiring.

This report, which must cover the wide field of missions, stewardship, and evangelism must be very limited and unsatisfactory.

I. STEWARDSHIP—This is the first matter for the Christian to decide. Just what kind of a Christian and church member he is going to be depends upon his attitude to the practice of stewardship. Stewardship involves one's time, thought, energy, and money. A Christian is a steward or trustee. "It is required of a steward that he be found faithful." So far as the Christian's money is concerned, the scripture is certainly explicit. The basis of his stewardship is the Tithes. Just as a trustee in the business world is unfaithful when he fails to make proper payment to the owner or heir as per the legal rate, so is the Christian unfaithful to God when he refuses to pay God His tithes. If he fails at this point, his profession and life as a Christian must be of a doubtful brand.

II. EVANGELISM.—"As you go, preach," said Jesus. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you." He sent his disciples out to preach and to heal. The Great Commission commands us to preach the gospel to all nations. That is the primary work of all the servants of our mission boards and of the individual Christian. Of course, we engage in other Christian activities; but evangelism is the primary task. Jesus does not indicate that evangelism (soul-winning) should be confined to mission boards and churches as such. Every Christian is expected to be an evangelist—a soul-winner. But alas, few of us live up to that supreme and glorious privilege and obligation. The records of the Florida Baptist churches give the follow-

ing figures for 1942: Number of churches, 819; Number of members, 167,197; Number of baptisms 8,239; Number of churches reporting NO baptisms, 192.

III. STATE MISSIONS.—We are proud of Florida and Florida Baptists. We are proud of our fine Executive Secretary-treasurer and his splendid associates and fellow workers, and we thank God for them and for the wonderful service they are rendering to the Cause.

We are making progress all along the line. New work has been projected during the last year and additional helpers have been secured and great things are being accomplished. But there is much more to be done. In recent years multiplied thousands have come into Florida, and our cities and other localities are crowded with these newcomers. This situation has brought new problems for our State Mission Board. In addition to this, the various Army, Navy, and Aviation Camps and Fields in our state offer large opportunities and bring heavy responsibilities to Florida Baptists. We dare not; we must not fail to meet the need of the hour.

From January through September of 1943, Florida Baptists have sent to the office of our Secretary-Treasurer \$190,432.11 for all purposes plus \$27,443.29 for the Hundred Thousand Club, making a total of \$217,875.40. We thank God and take courage.

IV. HOME MISSIONS.—The distinguished Executive Secretary of our Home Mission Board, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, likes to speak of the "Romance of Home Missions." He says that it is "the romance of mingled faith in God and patriotic devotion to one's country."

The objective of Home Missions is the evangelization and the Christianization of the Southland.

This has been a great year for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Among other achievements, it has paid its last note of indebtedness. During the past 15 years, the Home Mission Board paid a total of \$2,425,531.91 on debts.

There are now 435 workers on all fields. During the past year 13 new missionaries were added, 43 mission stations opened, and 6 churches constituted. During the year the Board enlarged its work on all fields and also added new departments, notably, the City Mission Department. Total receipts for the year amounted to \$767,371.41.

After 26 years of faithful service, 16 of which were given to the work of Field Secretary, Dr. J. W. Beagle, was granted retirement upon his own request January 1, 1943.

The Board's monthly magazine, "Southern Baptist Home Missions" has reached a circulation of 87,000.

V. FOREIGN MISSIONS.—If we can speak of the "Romance of Home Missions," what can we say about the thrilling and inspiring story of World-Wide Missions.

The past year has been a glorious one for our Foreign Mission Board. It has been "the year of liberty—emancipation from the bondage of debt." Ten years ago, the debt amounted to \$1,621,643.56.

The Board has continued to care for its 481 active missionaries and its 78 noble workers now on the emeritus list, and also, supported all of its work of various kinds on the far flung mission lines.

Between January 1, 1942 and April 5, 1943, the Baptists of the South gave through our Board \$887,802.66 to our War Emergency Relief Program.

A staff of 30 workers under the leadership of our executive secretary, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, are carrying on in a great way.

The splendid monthly journal, "The Commission," Dr. E. C. Routh, managing editor, has reached the 60,000 mark.

Forty of our beloved missionaries to the Orient have been repatriated during 1942; but 52 others are being detained or held in lands controlled by the Japanese. But in most places our missionaries are still able to render a blessed ministry of service to the needy around them which service has made a tremendous impression upon the people of culture and rank as well as the under-privileged.

Europe and Japan are practically closed doors; but reports indicate that native Christians are "abounding in the work of the Lord" in spite of oppression and persecution.

In Africa, Latin America, and Hawaii the work goes on in a marvelous way.

Let us give our whole-hearted cooperation and support to our State, Home, and Foreign Missionary program, and let us be "faithful stewards of the manifold grace of God."

As we think of the agony and blood and tears of these dreadful days of suffering, destruction, and death; and as we pray for the coming of peace when men will plan for a better world, let us remember that the gospel of Jesus Christ is our Only Hope. For unless we Christianize society, we will have war "ad infinitum."

"Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, Christian, follow me."

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas V. McCaul.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

We have 22 schools, or one in each church, and 14 of them have reported, some of them two times, some four, and some as many as six times since January, and Grove Street has reported each month.

Those schools reported are: Alachua, Campville, Grove Street, First Church, Hampton, Island Grove, LaCrosse, Lake Butler, Micanopy, Och-willa, Orange Heights, Sardis, and Waldo.

Not reporting were: Archer, Hawthorne, High Springs, Eden, Paran, Windsor and Hague.

The enrollment has increased in some of them while the most of them show a decrease in attendance.

On Feb. 4th we had a special meeting at Grove St., with Rev. Pat Wimberly and Stubbs of Jacksonville, and Dr. Barnette of Nashville as guests, for the purpose of setting certain goals for the association, of which none have been reached, though efforts have been made toward attaining them. We had three quarterly meetings this year, with the lowest attendance 17, and highest 43, including 20 visitors. We have at least 228 teachers and officers and 25 pastors in our association and should have a much larger attendance. Our first great concern is that each pastor and superintendent see that their school is represented at these meetings. We had as quest speakers Mr. Guy Jones, superintendent of the Jacksonville Association, Rev. Warner Fusselle, Louisville, Ky., and Rev. S. V. Cofield of Newberry. Rev. Cofield closed our year's work with the message "The Glory of Going On."

We have the enrollment from the reports received: 394 adults, 119 Young People, 303 Intermediates, 313 Junior, 226 Primaries, 156 Beginners, 18 Nursery Classes, 57 Cradle Roll, 16 Extension.

We have these attainments:

71 Teacher Training awards in 8 churches; 350 was our goal. A loss of 204 from last year.

1 Cradle Roll, or department or class, organized by Micanopy.

1 Young People's class by LaCrosse. This school has been on the move toward great improvement this year.

3 Vacation Bible Schools; LaCrosse, Grove St., and Waldo with 123 attending.

1 School maintained the Standard, Grove St., too is awake. A fine example of what can be done.

1 Visit made by superintendent to LaCrosse.

The expense of the work this year was \$9.73.

Those serving this year as officers were Mrs. G. M. O'Steen, Association Superintendent; Rev. Howard Sentell, Superintendent of Training; L. B. Rivers, Superintendent of Adults; Miss Blanche Warren, Superintendent of Beginners; Mr. Ted Eubanks, Superintendent of Jr.; Dr. A. J. Gross, Superintendent of Vacation Bible Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. G. M. O'Steen.

B. T. U. REPORT

Number B. T. U. with Directors	13
Number B. T. U. fully graded	6
Total number of all Unions	732
Number Executive Meetings held	3
Number Officers and Leaders Conferences held	3
Number Mass Meetings held	3
Total Number of Associational Training Union Meetings held	9
Demonstration Programs given	1
New Unions Organized	1
Standard B. T. U.'s	None
Standard Unions	None

Respectfully submitted,

O. R. Evans.

BROTHERHOOD REPORT

Three of our churches now have active Brotherhoods. Waldo has an enrollment of 12; Grove Street, Gainesville, 25; and High Springs, 31. These Brotherhoods have been active in many ways promoting and enlisting laymen in visitations, personal work, attendance at church worship and prayer meetings.

Men of courage, Christian men, should be greatly concerned about the present and future of a nation with a Christian atmosphere, such as we enjoy, and also about the future of a war-torn world after this struggle.

I find a light of Christian fellowship that is uplifting in working with the men of our Brotherhoods. There is a challenge for men in service today that is so great that we cannot miss the opportunity to accept. Our Brotherhood program is the program of the church and is backing and inspiring our pastors. It is planning and acting in accordance with the teachings of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. Rivers.

W. M. U. REPORT

Women's Missionary Union of Santa Fe River Association is happy to report that, notwithstanding the difficulties and limitations affecting us all, our women have found it possible to keep on working together and functioning as active missionary groups in thirteen societies and seventeen auxiliaries this associational year.

This means that women have worked together in their own churches according to the chief aims of W.M.U., namely (1) Prayer, individual and united; (2) Study the missionary message of the Bible, and (b) world missions; (3) Tithes and offerings; (4) Missionary education of young people; (5) Community missions.

Meetings this year were held in Gainesville as previously planned for the duration.

Mrs. G. W. McCall was forced to resign because of ill health and Mrs. W. A. Campbell was chosen to finish out the year. Mrs. Grinnell Hughes was chosen secretary-treasurer. This took place at the Rally in February.

Mrs. G. C. Smith was presiding that day as Emergency Chairman and Miss Elizabeth Provence our capable new field worker taught the book, "They Need Not Go Away," our Home Mission book preparatory to the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Forty seals and three certificates were earned by the ones who wrote answers to the questions.

From the summary of the year's work, several interesting facts have been gleaned:

Enrolled 421 women; 215 young people.	
Subscriptions to Witness—275.	
Subscriptions S. B. Home Missions—15.	
Subscriptions Commission—12.	
Subscriptions Royal Service—119	
For Children's Home—4868 coupons reported	\$245.35
Hundred Thousand Club and Centennial Gifts	649.77
Week of Prayer for Home Missions	366.75
Week of Prayer for State Missions	265.08
Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions including Mendoza gifts	684.01
White Cross	120.40
Through Co-Operative Program	1903.15

TOTAL (not including amts used locally and some things not in this list) \$4234.51

Our Young People's Camp at O'leno will be reported by Mrs. Swartz, our Asso. Y. P. leader.

With gratitude to God and prayer that He may work His Will in and through us, I remain faithfully yours,

Mrs. W. A. Campbell.

CAMP REPORT, 1943

The Santa Fe Camp was held at O'Leno during June 7-12, with 66 girls, 20 boys and 15 workers, making 101 in camp.

We were very fortunate in having with us our missionary, Rev. Ted York, who, with his wife, is working among the Italians in Tampa. He was a blessing to all, knowing when to laugh, he kept things lively, and when time came to be serious he made us feel the challenge of the day and resolve to be maximum Christians.

Our camp pastor was Rev. Leslie Shepherd, who is chaplain at Raiford Prison. He led us to the very throne of God in his quiet meditations. He also taught the boys' book, "World Airways for the King."

Other Who's Who at camp were:

Camp Manager—Mrs. Chas. R. Swartz, Gainesville, Associational Young People's Leader. Secretary—Mrs. C. C. Gaines, Gainesville. Trained Nurse—Miss Lottie Sumner, Gainesville. Song Leader—Miss Emma Jean Brown, Gainesville. Recreational Leader—Raymond Campbell, Gainesville. Life Guards—Miss Nettie Mae Fowler, Lake Butler; Billie Moore, Lake City; Raymond Campbell, Rev. York and Rev. Shepherd.

Junior Mission Study Book, "Fellow Helpers to the Truth," taught by Mrs. J. Grinnelle Hughes, Gainesville.

Intermediate Mission Book, "Wings Against the Blue," taught by Mrs. M. P. Geiger, Lake Butler.

Counselors—Mrs. D. E. Roberts, Worthington; Miss Mary Lou Thomas and Mrs. Thomas, High Springs; and Mrs. Lois Dowling of Gainesville; also the teachers and other workers acted as counselors.

The Forward Step and Ranking System was led by various workers.

Daily inspection of the cabins was made by Miss Sumner and Miss Fowler. Honorable mention was made of the best kept cabin.

A most important and enjoyable part of the camp life was meal time. This was well taken care of by Mrs. G. W. McCall of High Springs, Mrs. E. J. McMeekin and Mrs. J. H. Hardy of Hawthorn.

Our Associational President, Mrs. W. A. Campbell, although unable to attend, was in inspiration to the workers, in knowing that she was backing up, one hundred percent in her prayers as well as having done everything in her power in the preparation for a successful camp.

Each day was filled with fun and worship. Friday night we had a coronation and recognition service for those having attained higher steps in the ranking system. Many mission study certificates and seals were given. This was followed by a camp fire consecration service. A number of boys and girls gave their lives to Christ and were gloriously saved. An offering of \$18.26 was given for the Italian kindergarten in Tampa.

One of the most helpful features of the camp was the prayer meetings in the cabins. The guidance of the Holy Spirit was felt throughout the week.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Chas. R. Swartz.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCES

I—CHILDREN'S HOME.

Florida Baptists have good cause for thanksgiving and rejoicing for the manifest blessings upon our Children's Home, and for the careful and efficient management evidenced under the director of our capable and esteemed superintendent, T. M. Johns.

Life goes on in the Florida Baptist Children's Home in a genuine Christian atmosphere, and as far as possible to effect it, every effort is made to make it a real home in the best sense of the word, for the large family group gathered there for protection, care and guidance.

As for the physical equipment, buildings, etc., the needs are fairly well supplied as for current demands. Our superintendent at the last meeting of the Florida Baptist Convention, reported that for the past two years the Home had spent upwards of \$22,000 in improving the buildings and grounds; that there were other necessary improvements

and buildings to be added as soon as priorities restrictions could be lifted. Present fixed assets of the Home, including real estate, land buildings, furnishings, equipment, etc., are reported as upwards of \$157,000. The Home is financed by voluntary gifts, by allocation of a percentage from the Co-Operative Program, by offerings from many Sunday Schools, and by many of the W.M.S. organizations, in furnishing rooms, etc., and in providing clothing for individual boys and girls in the Home. The financial budget is further aided by the net proceeds from the farm and dairy belonging to the Children's Home.

There are certain Trust Funds which are carefully safeguarded and wisely invested by the Investment Committee, composed of men of outstanding ability and integrity. These Trust Funds are expanding, and it is the hope of our superintendent that there shall be a Trust Fund "sufficient to maintain the buildings and erect new ones as the occasion demands, and leave the gifts of churches and Sunday Schools solely for the physical care of our children."

The education, physical health, and spiritual needs in the Children's Home are given primary emphasis and are carefully provided for.

The children are sent to the public schools of Arcadia, and every child given an opportunity for an education through the high school. For those who show promise and special aptitude and desire to go on further with their education, provision is made through the Student's Loan Fund.

The health of the children has been good and has been the object of constant care.

The children have been regular in their church attendance, have been taught to give to Kingdom work, and many of them are tithers, and have learned to assist with service programs in the church. Last year, thirteen of the children united with the church.

Thus the Children's Home is in safe hands, is flourishing in a spiritual environment, and so deserves our heartiest support.

II—MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

This is aid given to ministers who are retired from active service by reason of premature physical disability, or by reason of the infirmities of age, or the age-limit in the ministry—aid rendered to retired ministers of this designation, or to their widows.

The aid thus rendered is to those who, for whatever reason, are not included in the Ministers' Retirement Plan of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This assistance has to come from voluntary specified gifts from the churches, supplied through the Florida Baptist State Mission Board and from funds made available through the Co-Operative Program.

The assistance thus given to these worthy and worn out soldiers of Christ has generally been very meager, and often inadequate and unworthy of a great denomination. It is to be hoped that the churches of our Association shall take more interest in these oftentimes forgotten men of the ministry, and that the Florida Baptist Convention, through the churches, may be able to effect some plan whereby their needs may be more worthily cared for. It is a solemn obligation and a sacred debt of gratitude that our Baptist people owe to these veterans of the Cross.

III—MINISTER'S RETIREMENT PLAN.

The Minister's Retirement Plan is the result of years of study and work on the part of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Bap-

tist Convention to find the best and most effective way of providing a reasonable assurance to the minister retiring from old-age, or previous disability.

The Retirement Plan as worked out and now successfully functioning does provide against the horror of dire poverty, and the peril of dependency when the minister is forced to lay the armor by, to cease from active service, and to go into the loneliness of retirement.

The Minister's Retirement Plan functions through the State Board of Missions as a unit of the Southern Baptist Convention. All necessary information will be furnished by the Executive Secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention.

Already more than ten thousand churches are participating and more than seven thousand preachers hold certificates of membership. Seventy-one percent of our Florida pastors are enlisted. But there are still many churches and pastors that need to be enlisted.

To quote a statement from excerpt of Report of Dr. Watts, Executive Secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board, "In every district association the goal should be: Every Baptist Church Co-operating in the Minister's Retirement Plan, and Every Baptist Pastor a Member."

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Taylor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$ 23.25	
Received from Assn. letters	99.00	
Received from S. S. Meetings	3.05	
Total Receipts	\$125.30	
Paid out for postage		\$ 2.00
Paid out for telegrams to congressmen		5.01
Paid out for printing minutes		95.00
Paid out to Assn. S. S. Supt. for expenses		9.73
Paid out to Clerk		14.27
Total Disbursements		\$126.01
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	\$126.01	\$126.01

Respectfully submitted,

B. J. Meadows.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE, PREACHER

Time—October 21, 1944.

Place—Waldo.

Preacher—Rev. E. E. Hamm; Alternate, Rev. John Dick.

This committee further recommends that the next session meet at 9:30 A.M., and close at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. McMichen,
R. W. Justice,
W. R. DuBose.

REPORT ON SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCH

After hearing the report of the churches, it is a pleasure to report that the churches are growing spiritually. The great need today, as always is, Christ in the church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. McMichen.

OBITUARY

God in His infinite wisdom has called from among us during the last year 25 of our number, whose names will appear on the page of Our Beloved Dead. We bow in submission to His Holy Will, Who doeth all things well. May their going be an incentive to bring us all closer to Him.

H. E. Ridenour

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Christian education is so vital to one's spiritual development, and to the progress of our denominational work that more emphasis should be placed on it and also on the reading and studying of Christian literature.

Our Baptist Schools have faculties that are Christian, and truth is taught in our schools from the Christian viewpoint. Christian activities are carried on among the students by Christian leaders, and all students are encouraged to attend church. The Christian atmosphere in these schools is such that it is wholesome and uplifting. The students are prepared to be better citizens, and to be leaders in our denominational work. It will be a sad day for Baptists in the way of leadership if we neglect our schools and fail to keep the best Christian faculty.

The Bible, of course, is first in naming the literature that we and our children should read and study. Our Sunday Schools and Training Unions are also agencies of Christian education. The Bible is taught in the Sunday School. The daily Bible reading in both are educational and spiritually uplifting.

Our denominational paper should be in every Baptist home. We feel that the churches should emphasize the reading of the Baptist Witness. It will mean a better posted membership, a more faithful working church, and it will act as a bulwark against the heresies that are about us.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Gross.

SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT

The tradition of Social Service in the Southern Baptist churches has been strengthened in recent years by the work of the Convention's Social Service Commission. It behooves the local churches of the Convention to see to their individual social service programs, and to transmit to the Social Service Commission the churches' suggestions, in this important field.

The usual tradition in our Baptist Associations involves an annual report from a Social Service Committee appointed at the preceding annual meeting. At the annual meeting in October, 1942, Social Service was expanded in the Santa Fe River Association by the appointment of an Inter-Racial Committee. The writer feels that this important committee assignment should be continued either with the same or new personnel.

The times are propitious, indeed, for the churches to take more seriously than ever before the potential value of an active, functioning Social Service Committee in the Association. In the words of Dr. J. B.

Weatherspoon, Acting Chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Social Service Commission, "In America the responsibility of Christians for the social order is utterly inescapable . . . The very constitution of our political and economic and educational system throws the responsibility upon the citizenship. Patriotism and faith, therefore, unite in laying upon Christian men and women the moral task of maintaining righteousness in government, justice and equity for all in economic life, truth in education, a sense of community in the common life. Such is every Christian's commission to social service."

As Christians we must concern ourselves with the total standards, tone, and direction of the social life of which we are a part. Above all, we must be constantly alert to those tendencies and movements which either help or hinder the progressive influence for social righteousness which the churches are commissioned by our Lord to exert.

Among social evils that beset us none is more important than the liquor traffic. We may contribute something to the control of this evil by insisting on the strict enforcement of all laws relating to it. As communities and as a nation we shall have to be on guard lest, in the words of Dr. George B. Cutten, "the control of the liquor interests by Congress" turn out to be "the control of Congress by the liquor interests." Our greatest contribution in this field, however, is through the use of every facility of the church to educate youth in the destructive harmfulness of alcohol.

In inter-racial relations, there is nothing immediately needed, or to be expected in the way of legislation. We might well assist the negro in every way possible to improve his institutions, especially his churches and his schools. We may safely assume that in years to come the negro will vote freely, and will take upon himself more and more of the advantages of democratic life. Our present duty then is clear. We must help him prepare himself for the future by helping him educate himself in his obligations as a citizen.

To improve social conditions in general, to control evil and greed, and to plan intelligently for a post-war community life, lays upon the churches one supreme duty and opportunity. Through the work of our Sunday Schools, Training Unions, Royal Ambassadors and Girls' Auxiliary movements; through the work of all departments of the W.M.U., the Brotherhood, and the Church-at-Worship—through all these means we are about our Heavenly Father's business of saving souls and creating Christian character among the citizenship. Through these means we are educating the youth in correct Christian living. Through these means we may best prevent a still greater rise in juvenile delinquency; and through these means (the integrating and extending of all the churches work) we may best control and prevent an increase of crime in our communities.

The writer of this report feels that certain recommendations should be made to keep before us the problems and responsibilities resting upon us as Christians, in order to contribute what we may through existing channels, and in order to create any additional mechanism that may be necessary and possible for improving our Christian effectiveness in Social Service.

It is recommended that a Social Service Committee be appointed by the Moderator to serve throughout the associational year, and that the committee be so constituted as to contemplate effective work and reports in the fields of Racial Relationships and Crime.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie A. Shepherd.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

ALACHUA—Deacon J. F. Futch, Bro. Lloyd Beasley, Bro.
J. H. Webb, Sister Emma Red.

ARCHER—Sister J. W. Crenshaw.

ELIAM—Bro. W. C. Faircloth, Bro. S. W. Coward.

GAINESVILLE, FIRST—Bro. T. G. Brewer, Sister E. William
Ives, Bro. W. E. Schlichter, Bro. John H. Stewart, Lt.
Charles Gordon Tyson, Deacon D. M. Tomkies.

EDEN—Sister Julia Ferrell.

HAMPTON—Sister Mattie Ward, Bro W. A. Meade.

HAWTHORNE—Deacon A. L. Johnson.

HIGH SPRINGS—Sister George Evills.

ISLAND GROVE—Bro. H. C. Martin.

LAKE BUTLER—Bro. A. L. Driggers, Sr.

ORANGE HEIGHTS—Bro. George Dougherty, Sister
Cimmie Hunt.

WALDO—Bro. Clarence B. Hughes, Mrs. Lou Blakeney,
Sister Kate Johnson.