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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 a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, all of whom shall assume office upon adjournment of the annual meeting at which they are elected. It may also elect an Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Associational B.T.U. President (Director), and an Associational Brotherhood President, or refer the matter to the Executive Committee. These officers shall assume their respective positions on January first following election.

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 the Association, the Moderator, and Clerk, also one layman or woman from each church; said member to be designated by the Pastor or church. The Executive Committee shall elect its own chairman and have the oversight of the Associational work during the interim.

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 ad-

ditional 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.

1. 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-third 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 spiritual 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 except 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 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 9:30 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. Ray Y. Walden, Moderator	-----	Lake Butler
Rev. E. E. Ham, Vice-Moderator	-----	High Springs
Bro. B. J. Meadows, Clerk and Treasurer	-----	High Springs
Bro. C. R. Smith, Assn. S. S. Supt.	-----	Gainesville
Bro. O. R. Evans, Assn. Training Union Director	-----	Gainesville
Mrs. J. W. Norman, Assn. W.M.U. President	-----	Gainesville
Ero. T. D. Tucker, Assn. Brotherhood President	-----	High Springs

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. E. Forest May	-----	Alachua
Rev. Everett C. Lerch	-----	Archer
Rev. Penton Hicks	-----	Waldo
Rev. W. C. Taylor	-----	Melrose
Rev. L. R. Brothers	-----	Nigeria Africa
Rev. W. M. Weeks	-----	Gainesville
Dr. T. V. McCaul	-----	Gainesville
Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Sr.	-----	Gainesville
Rev. John F. Gable	-----	Gainesville
Rev. B. L. Ernest	-----	Gainesville
Rev. D. B. Allen, Sr.	-----	Gainesville
Rev. M. A. Reinhardt	-----	Hawthorne
Rev. Edward E. Hamm	-----	High Springs
Rev. R. D. Bevis	-----	Gainesville
Rev. Truby Parrish	-----	Santa Fe
Rev. Ray Y. Walden	-----	Lake Butler
Rev. L. O. Sheffield, Chaplain U. S. Army		
Rev. L. A. Shepherd	-----	Raiford
Rev. J. T. Rollins	-----	Gainesville
Rev. R. D. Bevis	-----	Gainesville
Rev. J. N. Hayman	-----	Orange Heights
Rev. V. J. Major	-----	Palatka
Rev. John Dick	-----	Lake City
Rev. W. A. McMichen	-----	Gainesville
Rev. S. J. Morgan	-----	Gainesville
Rev. Gerald May, Alachua	-----	Supply
Rev. Charles Davis, Melrose	-----	Eliam
Rev. Coleman Padgett, Brooker	-----	Fairbanks
Rev. W. A. Scott, Starke	-----	Hampton
Rev. J. T. Rawlings, Gainesville	-----	Micanopy
Rev. C. B. Stallings	-----	Hawthorne
Rev. Maurice Faïn, Gainesville	-----	
Chaplain Gordon C. Bell	-----	Chaplain
Chaplain John E. Evans	-----	Chaplain
Chaplain Julian H. King	-----	Chaplain

CHURCH CLERKS

Alachua—Mrs. C. F. Stephens	Alachua
Archer—J. F. Simmons	Archer
Campville—Mrs. Flora Sherouse	Campville
Eden—H. L. Baxley	Hawthorne
Elliam—C. M. Perry	Hawthorne
Fairbanks—Mrs. T. A. Guann	Rt. 1, Gainesville
Gainesville, First—W. R. Carrol	Gainesville
Gainesville, Grove St.—C. R. Smith, Sr.	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—O. A. Register	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—Mrs. Maurice DeSha	Waldo
Windsor—T. D. Levins	Gainesville

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Alachua—C. G. Pope	Alachua
Archer—H. H. Simmons	RFD, Gainesville
Campville—C. E. Long	Campville
Eden—H. L. Baxley	Hawthorne
Elliam—C. P. Perry	Hawthorne
Fairbanks—I. L. Touchton	RFD, Gainesville
Gainesville, First—Dr. E. W. Garris	Gainesville
Gainesville, Grove St.—O. R. Evans	Gainesville
Hampton—Mrs. K. B. Watterson	Hampton
Hawthorne—J. W. Sims	Hawthorne
High Springs—B. J. Meadows	High Springs
Island Grove—W. M. Thomas	Island Grove
LaCrosse—O. A. Wilson	LaCrosse
Lake Butler—A. L. Driggers	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—J. H. Cason	Worthington
Waldo—W. H. Gunter	Waldo
Windsor—T. D. Levins	Gainesville

TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS

Alachua—Mrs. Opal Henderson	Alachua
Archer—C. W. Moore	Archer
Elliam—Mrs. Chas. Davis	Melrose
Gainesville, First—Rev. Maurice Fain	Gainesville
Gainesville, Grove St.—A. M. Murray	Gainesville
Hampton—Rev. W. A. Scott	Starke
Hawthorne—Mrs. H. J. Sims	Hawthorne
High Springs—O. M. Pricher	High Springs
Island Grove—Mrs. Annie Abstein	Island Grove
Lake Butler—Nettie Mae Fowler	Lake Butler
Sardis—Mrs. J. H. Cason	Lake Butler
Waldo—J. P. Oglesby	Waldo

W. M. S. PRESIDENTS

Alachua—Mrs. M. N. Strickland	Alachua
Archer—Mrs. E. C. Lerch	Archer
Elliam—Mrs. B. A. Barrington	Hawthorne
Gainesville, First—Mrs. W. R. Carrol	Gainesville
Gainesville, Grove St.—Mrs. A. M. Murray	Gainesville
Hampton—Mrs. M. L. Watterson	Hampton
Hawthorne—Mrs. F. W. Tyson	Hawthorne
High Springs—Mrs. C. C. Braddock	High Springs
Lake Butler—Mrs. Ray Y. Walden	Lake Butler
Micanopy—Mrs. C. L. Robbins	Micanopy
Sardis—Mrs. J. W. Dukes	Worthington
Waldo—Mrs. L. B. Alexander	Waldo

BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENTS

Gainesville Grove St.—R. A. Gamble	Gainesville
High Springs—W. L. Lowther	High Springs
Waldo—Wilbert Gunter	Waldo
Archer—C. W. Moore	Archer

LIST OF MESSENGERS

ALACHUA—L. D. Matthews, W. H. Sealey, Mrs. E. Forest May, Mrs. W. C. Foster, Mrs. Roger Hitchcock, Rev. E. Forrest May.
ARCHER—Rev. E. C. Lerch, Mrs. E. C. Lerch, Mrs. C. W. Moore, Mrs. L. S. Manuel.
CAMPVILLE—Mrs. E. P. Sykes, Mrs. G. W. Sherouse, Mrs. Voncille Townsend, Mrs. Gary Sykes.

EDEN—E. W. Wilkinson, Mrs. E. W. Wilkinson, Mrs. Minnie Wilkinson, Miss Lucy Wilkinson, Miss Jimmie Wilkinson.

ELIAM—Rev. Charles Davis, Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. R. M. Cason, R. M. Cason, C. P. Perry, Mrs. Bunion Kelly, Mrs. C. M. Perry, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Jones, Mrs. H. F. Preston.

FAIRBANKS—Mrs. George Padgett, Mrs. Reather Padgett, Miss Leona Padgett, Mrs. T. A. Guann.

GAINESVILLE FIRST—Mrs. E. D. Wynn, Mrs. A. C. Kerby, Mrs. Chas. R. Swartz, Mrs. J. W. Norman, Mrs. Emma Burk, Dr. T. V. McCaul, Mr. E. R. Simmons

GAINESVILLE, GROVE ST.—I. C. Robins, O. R. Evans, Mrs. O. R. Evans, Mrs. J. R. Thomas, J. R. Thomas, Mrs. W. H. Wester, E. G. Leggett, Mrs. Gladys Thomas, Mrs. W. C. Carr, Mrs. B. L. Ernest, Rev. B. L. Ernest.

HAMPTON—R. K. Watterson, L. A. Wynn, Mrs. G. W. Rahme, Mrs. K. B. Watterson, Mrs. M. L. Watterson.

HAWTHORNE—F. W. Capell, Russell Thomas, Mrs. A. L. Johnson, Mrs. J. W. Sims, Mrs. Mildred Pauling.

HIGH SPRINGS—Rev. E. E. Ham, Mrs. E. E. Ham, R. W. Justice, Mrs. R. W. Justice, Mrs. C. C. Braddock, F. B. Duke, Mrs. J. D. Logan, Mrs. D. B. Cribbs, Mrs. M. D. Lamb, B. J. Meadows.

ISLAND GROVE—Mr. William Thomas, Mrs. William Thomas, Mr. George Wilcox, Mrs. George Wilcox, Mr. C. R. Abstein, Mrs. C. R. Abstein.

LACROSSE—O. A. Wilson, Mrs. O. A. Register, Rev. T. S. Parrish, Mrs. T. S. Parrish, Mrs. T. R. Parker.

LAKE BUTLER—Rev. Ray Y. Walden, Mrs. Ray Y. Walden, Rev. L. A. Shepherd, Mrs. L. A. Shepherd, Miss Hattie Fowler.

MICANOPY—Mrs. J. E. Thrasher, Mrs. Rix Walton, Mrs. E. D. Rosenberger.

OCHWILLA—Rev. W. C. Taylor, B. A. Barrington, R. R. Ford, J. L. Turner, W. G. Merriman.

ORANGE HEIGHTS—H. H. Thomas, Mrs. H. H. Thomas, Mrs. Ida Parrish, Mrs. T. C. Rountree, Mrs. A. L. Kahr, Mrs. Dan Brown.

PARAN—Weldon Brantley, Rev. V. J. Major.

SARDIS—Raymond Brown, Mrs. Raymond Brown, Mrs. Virginia Belling, L. L. Doke, Mrs. L. L. Doke.

WALDO—W. H. Gunter, J. M. Porter, Mrs. J. M. Porter, Mrs. Maurice DeSha, Mrs. W. E. Lyons, Mrs. W. H. Gunter, Rev. W. A. McMichen.

WINDSOR—Rev. S. J. Morgan, T. D. Levans.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
of the
89th Annual Session
of the
Santa Fe River Baptist Association
Alachua, Florida
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1. Devotional—Rev. E. Forest May.—Scripture Psalm. 23.
 2. Reception of Letters.
 3. Motion made and carried that those messengers present, together with those who may later come in, constitute the present session of this Association.
 4. Printed program adopted.
 5. Recognition of visitors and new pastors: Chaplain Jno. E. Evans, Camp Blanding; Rev. Chas. R. Davis, Melrose, Fla.; Rev. R. G. May, LaCrosse, Fla.
 6. Report on Missions by Rev. E. E. Ham. Address by Dr. J. Harrison Griffin on Christian Education. Remarks by Dr. Solomon. Address by Dr. McGuire on The Florida Baptist Witness. Address by Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Jr., on The Training Union. Remarks by Rev. Quinn Cooper. Address by Dr. McGuire on Progress and Plans of The Florida Baptist Convention.
 7. Song: "The Son of God Goes Forth To War."
 8. W.M.U. Report by Mrs. J. W. Norman. Adopted.
 9. Report on Young People's Camp at O'Leno by Mrs. Chas. R. Swartz. Adopted.
 10. Remarks by Chaplain Evans, of Camp Blanding.
 11. Song: "There's Power In The Blood."
 12. Appointment by Moderator of the following committees:
Nomination—Rev. Truby Parrish, Mrs. Charles R. Swartz, Mr. Raymond Brown.
Resolutions—Rev. J. T. Rawlins, Rev. E. C. Lerch, Mrs. O. R. Evans.
Obituaries—Rev. Chas. R. Davis, Mrs. G. W. McCall, Mrs. W. C. Carr.
 13. Sermon by Rev. B. L. Ernest.—Scripture: Acts 2:8.
 14. Adjournment for lunch served by ladies of Alachua Church.
- AFTERNOON SESSION
15. Song: "The King's Business."
 16. Devotional by Rev. Truby Parrish—Scripture: Phil. 4:4.

17. Motion passed that Clerk be instructed to communicate with our ex-Moderator in Texas expressing to him and his good wife our brotherly love, best wishes and high appreciation for his efforts among us.
18. Motion passed that Dr. T. V. McCaul be elected as a member from this Association to the State Committee on Christian Education.
19. Report on Baptist Children's Home read by Clerk in absence of Rev. S. J. Morgan. Adopted.
20. Report on Christian Education by Rev. Charles Davis. Adopted.
21. Remarks by Dr. J. Harrison Griffin.
22. Report on Religious Literature by Rev. E. C. Lerch. Discussion by Dr. Solomon. Adopted.
23. Report of Committee on Nominations read by Rev. Truby Parrish. Moderator—Rev. Ray Y. Walden. Vice-Moderator—Rev. E. E. Ham. Clerk and Treasurer—B. J. Meadows. Assn. S. S. Supt.—C. R. Smith. Assn. B. T. U. Director—O. R. Evans. Assn. W. M. U. Pres.—Mrs. J. W. Norman. Assn Brotherhood Pres.—Mrs. T. D. Tucker. Annual Assn. Sermon, Rev. Chas. Davis; Alternate, Rev. E. Forest May. Time—October 18, 1946. Place—Archer Baptist Church.
24. Motion passed that the fixing of date of meeting be delayed until further on in the session.
25. Call for report on Sunday School. No report submitted.
26. Report on B. T. U. by O. R. Evans. Adopted.
27. Report on Brotherhood Work read by G. W. McCall in absence of T. D. Tucker, Chairman. Remarks by Mr. McCall, Rev. E. E. Ham and Rev. B. L. Ernest. Adopted.
28. Report on Ministerial Relief and Annuity by Rev W. M. Weakes Adopted.
29. Motion carried that treasurer be instructed to pay up to date, from April 15, 1945 \$12.00 per month as this Association's part of the rent on home of Rev. Quinn Cooper, Regional Director of Missions; thereafter until April 15, 1946, \$12.00 per month to be paid to Rev. Cooper when funds are available.
30. Motion carried that this Association publicly express our appreciation to Rev. Quinn Cooper for his work in our midst.
31. Report on Social Service by Rev. L. A. Shepherd. Adopted.
32. Call for Report on Temperance. No report submitted.
33. Report on Spiritual Condition of the Churches, by Rev. W. A. Michen. Adopted.

34. Report on Cooperative Program and Centennial Crusade, read by Clerk in absence of Dr. T. V. McCaul, Chairman of this Committee. Adopted.
35. Report on Stewardship by Rev. W. C. Taylor. Remarks by Bro. Taylor. Adopted.
36. Report on Resolutions by Bro. O. R. Evans. Adopted with the exception of that part having to do with the recommendation for a two-day session.
37. Motion passed that date for next meeting of this Association be set for October 18, 1946.
38. The following resolution, submitted by our State Mission Board, and read by our Moderator, was adopted by this body:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Baptist State Mission Board plans to launch a State-wide Stewardship program in 1946 with a goal of 75,000 tithers and \$500,000 for the Cooperative Program; and,

WHEREAS, we believe the association is the most effective unit for reaching the churches; and,

WHEREAS, we desire to work in harmony with our State Convention; and,

WHEREAS, we believe in Christian stewardship; and,

WHEREAS, we believe the Bible is our guide in finance, as well as other things; and,

WHEREAS, we believe the Unified Budget, or one treasury system is sound wisdom; and,

WHEREAS, we believe the Cooperative Program is the best method for the distribution of our Lord's funds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this association, in annual session, indorse this State-wide stewardship program and cooperate with it;

2. That we favor the adoption of the budget method of church finance adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1923; and;

3. That we re-affirm our belief in, and adherence to, the principle of the Cooperative Program, and that we discourage all special appeals, except those authorized by our Convention.

RAY Y. WALDEN,

Moderator.

39. Report on Obituaries, by Rev. Chas. R. Davis. Adopted.
40. Adjournment with prayer by Moderator.

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SUMMARY TABLE

Statistics of Santa Fe River Baptist Association. State of Florida For Year Ending Sept. 30, 1945.

Moderator Rev. Ray Y. Walden, P. O. Lake Butler, Florida.

Clerk Bro. B. J. Meadows, P. O. High Springs, Florida.

Next Annual Meeting, October 18th., Archer Florida.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES		Baptisms & Members, Etc.		S. SCHOOLS		TR. UNIONS		W. M. U.		Bro-hoods		Church Property		Church Finances		Mission, Etc.		Tithe and Budget										
CHURCHES	Located in city town or County	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Baptisms	Total Membership	Non-Resident Members	Revival Meetings Held	Observances of 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. All Unions and Story Hours	Total Women's and Children's Organizations	Total Women's Contributions for All Missions	Number	Enrollment	Value of Church Houses and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Homes	Total Value all Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Total Local Church Expenses Including Pastor's Salary and All Other Expenses	Gifts to Cooperative Program	Total for All Missions Including Cooperative Program and 'Specials' or Designated Gifts to Missions, Orphans' Home, Etc.	How Many Members Are Tithers?	Every-Member Canvass Made for Annual Budget?
Alachua	T	E. Forest May, Alachua	4	258	1	26	1	126	56	45	Yes	4	43	2	129.22			15,000	3,000	18,000	2,100.00	3,541.55	449.84	594.55		Yes		
Archer	T	E. C. Lerch, Archer	14	132	55	3	4	1	72						264.38			4,000		4,000	920.00	1,448.76	117.88	288.98		No		
Campville	T		1	27	17		1	26										2,500		2,500	47.50	196.37		26.30				
Eden		J. T. Rawlins, G'ville	1	71			3	1	35									2,500		2,500		282.58		44.30				
Ellam		Chas. Davis, Melrose	5	161	45	1	4	12	1	119	89	72	Yes	4	34	3	446.21		10,000	1,500	11,500	675.00	1,962.78	413.80	796.08			
Fairbanks		Coleman Padgett, La Crosse	7	95	35	1		1	33									1,500		1,500	58.50	225.65		1.00				
Grove St.	City	B. L. Ernest, Gainesville	32	289		2	22	1	282	88	68	Yes	8	111	6	183.06		25,000		25,000	2,600.00	15,024.46	86.92	726.80	50			
G'ville, 1st.	City	Dr. T. V. McCaul, G'ville	51	2343	400			1	952	150	120	Yes	5	94	5	2,494.49		150,000	25,000	175,000	4,950.00	37,240.59	3,645.26	5,641.03		Yes		
Hague	V	No report																										
Hampton		W. A. Scott, Starke	12	164	62	1	3	2	1	42			Yes	1	20	1	23.80		2,500		2,500	376.50	868.52	64.10	184.58	6		
Hawthorne	T		0	202		0	3	20	1	104			Yes	5	45	2	292.03		3,000		3,000	1,603.00	2,187.31	215.00	897.18		No	
High Springs	T	E. E. Ham, High Springs	30	343		1	4	20	1	298			Yes	4	55	1	1,410.74		20,000	2,250	22,250	2,400.00	5,343.48	1,054.38	1,965.25	20		
Island Grove		R. D. Bevis, Gainesville	23	112		1	1	1	1	35			Yes					1,500		1,500	353.67	471.87		25.00				
La Crosse		T. S. Parrish, Santa Fe	1	69	41			2	1	30								2,500		2,500	300.00	682.85		14.54				
Lake Butler	T	Ray Y. Walden, Lake Butler	13	202		1	4	30	1	88	85	63	Yes	3	31	2	225.00		2,500	2,000	1,500.00	2,514.31	298.00	579.71	13	Yes		
Micanopy	T	J. T. Rawlins, G'ville	2	21	5	1	4	3	1	45	71	66				1	92.20		2,000		2,000	345.00	572.87	45.00	179.40			
Ochvilla		W. C. Taylor, Gainesville	6	21	0	0	2	1	25									2,000		2,000	363.22	397.87		206.05	8			
Orange H'ts.		Benton Hicks, Waldo	15	80	25	1	4	7	1	38								2,500		2,500	295.88	286.00	36.00	46.00	6			
Paran		V. J. Major, Palatka	0	71	38	0	2	13	1	42								2,500		2,500	449.70	545.03	18.00	40.47	4			
Sardis		John Dick, Lake City	2	125	44	1	4	30	1	94			Yes	4	33	1	56.50		2,000		2,000	600.00	937.73	100.08	276.90	1		
Waldo			16	216	104	1	4	14	1	169	65	62	Yes	4	43	3	236.15		5,000	3,000	8,000	1,775.00	3,886.72	348.92	803.66	35	Yes	
Windsor		S. J. Morgan, Gainesville	0	30	2	0	2	2	1	25								2,000		2,000	50.00	95.00		20.00		Yes		
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REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

There is much said about Christian Education, yet there is not much done for it. We believe in most of our causes and yet Christian Education is almost the foundation upon which many of them are built.

Christian education has had to struggle along, needing help and failing to get it. We need to learn the essential need of Christian Education, which is not merely the training of the mind, but training of Christian Culture and the heart. The condition of our world today may be used to illustrate this truth and the need for this kind of Education. Christian Education may not be the complete cure for the world, but the Gospel of Jesus Christ is; and we believe that Christian Education can go a long way towards giving the Gospel to the world.

In our Seminaries (Southern, Louisville, Kentucky; Southwestern Fort Worth, Texas; and Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, Louisiana) there is an increase of enrollment in each. Housing of students is a problem that each Seminary is facing. From these schools we have workers, missionaries, social workers, preachers, Christian Educators, etc., throughout the work. May we give of our prayers, time, and money to support these schools.

Reports from Stetson, our Baptist College, are encouraging. There are approximately 300 freshmen and a total enrollment of 600 students for this Fall. This is a 35 percent increase over one year ago. More than 60 percent are members of the Baptist Faith. The student body consists of 150 men and 450 women. Last year there were about 35 ministerial students. Stetson Hall has been completely renovated and is one of the most beautiful dormitories on the campus. It houses 48 girls. Stetson has leased the Palms Hotel and filled it with girls. Last Spring, another Hotel was bought and named Brittain Hall in honor of Dr. C. M. Brittain, former secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention.

Florida Baptists should be thankful for Dr. W. S. Allen, the capable President of Stetson. He truly is a man of God, because he not only believes in God, but he lives Him and talks Him.

Dr. J. Harrison Griffin, former Secretary of the State Brotherhood has been appointed Secretary of the Department of Christian Education for our State. He is taking hold of his new work gloriously. He will hasten the completion of the Million Dollar Campaign for Stetson. To date there are about \$600,000.00 in pledges, of which about 25 percent are in cash.

Florida Baptists are blessed with such capable Christian leaders as these and the faculty of Christian men and women they have to help them. Let us hear the appeals of these causes with open hearts and minds, and then proceed to build them up upon a firm foundation in Christ Jesus—for the Master's sake and the sake of our generation and the generations which are to come.

May this report be based upon II Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Respectfully,

Charles Davis.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Our churches should always strive to keep our membership informed in spiritual and doctrinal matters. Just as it is essential that the pastor of the church should be well informed in those things, even so should the membership be instructed that they may truly grow in grace and the knowledge of the truth.

When we have a church membership that is thoroughly indoctrinated with the great teachings of the Word of God we have a church that is alive and wide awake for Christ.

Every church member and every pastor should be urged to double their efforts in regard to Bible reading during the coming year. If every Baptist would read the Bible through during the coming year we would have a real wide awake denomination that would increase mightily in efforts and results for the Master.

Next to reading the Bible every Christian should spend as much time as possible reading good books about the Bible. There are many good books on religious subjects published by our Baptist publishing houses and it is much more profitable for a Christian to read these than the trashy, sexy books that you find in many of our Baptists homes.

By buying and reading these books published by our Baptist denomination you will help in circulation of worthwhile reading matter and also help to make further publication of new books possible.

In addition to these two sources of Scripture reading matter the Florida Baptist Convention publishes the Florida Baptist Witness which is our state Baptist paper. In this paper you will find news and information about our work in this state, as well as doctrinal articles, and a general week by week outline of the Baptist work, and results accomplished. It is worth two dollars a year to any wide awake Baptist to see what other wide awake Baptists are doing. Buy your state paper, and help to promote the work that it is doing among our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Everett C. Lerch.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE, TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Moderator—Rev. Ray Y. Walden.

Vice-Moderator—Rev. Edward E. Ham.

Clerk & Treasurer—Bro. B. J. Meadows.

Assn. S. S. Supt.—C. R. Smith.

Assn. Training Union Director—O. R. Evans.

Assn. W.M.U. President—Mrs. J. W. Norman.
Assn. Brotherhood President—T. D. Tucker.

Annual Assn. Sermon—Rev. Charles Davis.
Alternate—Rev. E. Forest May.
Time of Meeting: October 18, 1946.*
Place of Meeting: Archer Baptist Church.

(Signed) T. S. Parrish.

TRAINING UNION REPORT SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Associational Meetings Held	2
Executive Meetings	3
Training Unions Organized	1
New Units	3
Churches With Training Union Work	17
Adult Unions	11
Young People	12
Intermediate	19
Junior	14
Story Hour	7
Total Unions & Story Hours	63
Churches Requesting T. U. Awards	5
Number of Awards Received	118
Study Courses Held by Assn. Officers	1
Number Classes	3

Those serving the Association in the Training Union Work 1945:
O. R. Evans—Director; Mrs. O. R. Evans—Secretary; Fred Smith—Choir-
ster; Mellie Stokes—Organist; Ted Eubanks—Associate Director; Raf-
fie Gullett—Young Peoples Leader.

Respectfully submitted,

O. R. Evans.

REPORT ON BROTHERHOOD WORK IN THE SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Brotherhood work in this association is actively supported by only four churches: Grove Street (Gainesville), High Springs, Waldo and Archer. This is a distressing fact when one considers the great blessings that are available to churches which so dignify and employ their manpower. Our experience at High Springs convinces us that the Brotherhood and the Sunday School are the two main evangelistic agencies in our Church. The former is frequently the only approach to men who would otherwise remain lost. By this organization, moreover, we are able to enthuse our men and to lead them into a deepened religious experience, which is most necessary in Christian growth.

Any church can have a Brotherhood by fulfilling these three requirements: First, have a spiritual purpose (This ought to be a combination of training, fellowship, and church-advancement); second, have a worthy leadership (Include a President, two Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary-Treasurer who will faithfully plan, advertise, and conduct meetings at least once a month); and third, have good meals. Preparing and serving these is a worthy W.M.S. project.

Enthusiasm was high last March 15, when the men of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville entertained the men of the Association with a barbecue supper. In the rally that followed, under the leadership of Past-Brotherhood Secretary, J. Harrison Griffin, officers of an Association Brotherhood were elected. It was hoped that this organization would greatly advance the work in the churches, but the planning at the rally meeting seemed insufficient, and the work, so hopefully undertaken, failed.

The promotion of Brotherhood work in our Association is a neglected, but much-needed work. Let us give it our fervent prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

T. D. Tucker, Past-President Brotherhood,
First Baptist Church, High Springs.

MISSIONS REPORT

District Association Meeting

Mission causes, local and world-wide, present the cry for enlarged support. Mission opportunities are increasing on every hand, but unless the people of Southern Baptist Churches can be enlightened and enthused, we shall fail to respond. Mission Training courses should be sponsored in every church, and the reading of Mission books encouraged. Our watchword ought to be "Lest we forget."

The Foreign Mission board operates on a budget of \$2,500,000. It needs an additional minimum of \$2,000,000 for the rebuilding of war-destroyed mission property; a Reserve Fund of \$2,000,000; and a fund of \$3,000,000 for the enlargement of its work to meet post-war needs.

Our Home Mission board challenges us with the following picture; 25,000,000 unchurched people live within the territorial boundaries of the Southern Baptist Convention; another 12,000,000 unchurched live in the Home Mission fields of Cuba, Panama, and Central America; and 60 percent of our city populations are unchurched! Six thousand rural churches had no conversions last year; 3,000 are without pastors, and 4,000 are giving nothing to missions. To relieve this situation, the Home Mission board has sponsored the "Centennial Crusade," with Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., as the Director. Southern Baptists are challenged to win 1,000,000 souls to Christ during the current convention year.

If our people have Christ in their hearts, they will also have Missions. Every person who has truly experienced His saving and transforming grace will be eager, day and night, to acquaint others throughout the world, with our wonderful Saviour, Jesus Christ. Lack of mission enthusiasm usually indicates a lack of reality in Christian experience. Too many Southern Baptists have been converted to an organized church only; now they need to be converted to Christ. The cause of missions is the cause of humanity.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward E. Ham.

REPORT ON SANTA FE RIVER W.M.U.

We feel that because of war and restrictions on gas we have not been able to do as much as we would like to have done.

We have 456 women in 13 societies. We have 150 young people in 21 auxiliaries. We have organized two new circles this year. We have lost some members because they have moved, but we have gained a few more than we have lost.

We have given to missions through the co-operative program, to the childrens home, White Cross, Training School, Margaret Fund student and to many local causes in our community mission work.

Every Saturday and Sunday afternoon for two months we have donated and served sandwiches and cakes to the boys in service at the Gainesville Service Center.

The president and young peoples leader attended the convention in Jacksonville. We have held cottage prayer meetings and taught a class in missions to the underprivileged.

On April 5 thirteen ladies and their pastor attended a Negro interracial meetings at one of the Negro churches. Rev. Earnest brought the message at that meeting.

We have had a slight increase in mission study classes.

We have observed the three weeks of prayer for State, Foreign and Home Missions.

We have had two quarterly meetings and our annual meeting.

We have co-operated with the Baptist Student Union at the University and have helped with their banquets and any way we could.

Our main project has been our Young People's Camp at Camp O'Leno. Mrs. Swartz, our young People's Leader, will report on that.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. W. Norman, President W. M. U.
Santa Fe River Association.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAMP REPORT, 1945

The Santa Fe Camp, sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union, was held at O'Leno during July 9-14, with 74 girls, 53 boys, 1 visitor and

25 workers, making a total of 153, which was the capacity of the camp. A large number of boys and girls were turned away because of lack of room. Several churches were represented for the first time.

We were very fortunate in having with us as our Missionary Mrs. H. P. McCormick of Iwo, Nigeria,, Africa, who is a Missionary Nurse and teacher. The hour each day in which she told of the people and her work in Nigeria went all too fast. Mrs. McCormick is a great woman of God and is doing a wonderful work for Him. She was most cooperative in every phase of the camp life. Her two daughters, Betty and Kathaline were among the campers. Kathaline favored us each evening with a chalk drawing on familiar songs which proved most interesting. We thank them for their most helpful presence.

We are very grateful for the splendid cooperation of our pastors, six of whom were in attendance either part or full time. Rev. John Dixon of Waldo started our days off with splendid morning watch services and Rev. Earnest of Grove St. Gainesville, taught a Mission book. Motion pictures were shown two evenings by Rev. Wm. Wilson of Raiford. Rev. Maurice Fain, assistant pastor of the First Church Gainesville, was always ready to fill in whenever needed. We welcome him into our association.

The evening worship services were most inspirational and spiritual. They were very impressively conducted by Rev. E. E. Ham of High Springs and Rev. Leslie Shepherd, Chaplain at Raiford prison farm. There were a number of conversions at the worship services. The Holy Spirit was at work.

Mr. Robert Estes, the summer state R. A. worker, was present and assisted in the boys work, having charge of the Ranking System for the boys; while Mrs. O. R. Evans of Gainesville directed the girls Forward Step work. We have been stressing this most important phase of our Auxiliaries because we feel it is very necessary in the promotion of the young peoples work. The last evening a short recognition service was held for those who had completed a step for which they had not previously been recognized. Thirty-four girls and a good number of boys were in this service.

Previous to the recognition service Friday night 49 G. A., 38 R. A. and 8 Y. W. A. seals or certificates were given for the satisfactory completion of the Mission Study books. Mrs. Otis Pricher of High Springs was chairman of this group. The books studied and teachers were—"If Two Agree"—Mrs. Pricher and Rev. Earnest, "So This Is Africa"—Mrs. McCormick and Mr. Estes.

The music and recreation which are parts of the program enjoyed by all ages were most efficiently directed by Mrs. Cyril Kennington of Gainesville. She was wide awake and on the job. Mrs. Winningham of Texas took charge of camp inspection and encouraged the keeping of neat cabins. Girls and boys both worked hard to have their cabin the best.

One of the busiest persons at camp was Mrs. C. C. Gaines of Gainesville who was on duty every minute as camp Secretary and overseer of the office. Mr. O. R. Evans of Gainesville kept busy with the boys and helping wherever help was needed.

Registered life guards were on duty at all swim periods. Mr. James Montgomery and Mr. Register of Lake City assisted by other men present made swimming safe.

Our Associational President, Mrs. J. W. Norman, was most cooperative and helpful in the planning and carrying out of the camp. She was not able to be with us except from Friday morning to Saturday noon and is 100 percent behind the camp.

Those who have been named as well as the following counseled cabins: Mrs. Black, Mrs. Laurence McGlynn, and Mrs. Robinson, Gainesville; Mrs. J. W. Clements, Lake Butler; Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Raiford; Mrs. W. E. Lyons, Waldo; and Miss Mary Lou Thomas, High Springs.

Each day was filled with fun and worship. After the worship period Friday night a most impressive campfire service was held, led by Rev. Ham, and closing with the playing of taps with the echo from across the river. James Montgomery and Rudolph Fagan were the buglers.

An offering of \$50 was given for work against leprosy in Africa.

Each day ended with a prayer meeting in all cabins. We thank all who had a part in helping to make the camp a success and feel that the results are more far reaching than we can ever guess. To God goes all the glory for any good that may have come from our labors. May He guide us as we plan for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Charles R. Swartz.

REPORT ON FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

We should re-evaluate our work among our dependent children. For almost half a century we have been conducting a Children's Home as a benevolent and Christian service of our denomination. During this time hundreds of boys and girls have come and gone from our institution. Hundreds went out as substantial citizens and all had Christian training. The work we have done is commendable, but it is time for us to re-think our program of sustenance to the unfortunate children in our state.

The problem of the half orphan is becoming alarmingly acute. The four D's of dependency, which are: desertion, divorce, disease and death; are making many problems for our social and church life. If we are to meet our full obligation in this field of service we must enlarge our program of child caring. We can no longer shift a responsibility so appealing as this by denying the half orphan a home and a chance in life. We shall face up to this condition. Let us do it as Christians.

To meet the new demands brought about by the war and changed social conditions we must enlarge our program of child caring in con-

tacts with the child in his community, and in his family. If he is committed to our Home then we assume full account of his care and training. Easy divorce laws, rapid changes in the attitude of parents toward their children which often ends in desertion and poverty in thousands of homes that will not permit proper medical care, brought many applications to us that we could not contact during the war. Since the war has closed we can offer but one excuse to those who should have a home in our institution and that excuse would be based on a lack of finances to care for the child. Cooperation and prayer will meet the need.

A greater service in Christian social work at the Home must first be preceded by an enlarged institution. The management of our Home has made careful and extended study in this field and is ready to build a modern institution as soon as ample funds are provided. The cottage plan will be followed throughout with due consideration to economy. Each building for children will have its own dining room and kitchen, and the number of children in each will be kept to a point that will be fair to the denomination and to the child. We now have much of the funds and the chance to build a Home that will equal the best in our country and at the same time provide for more children than we can care for in our present buildings. The buildings we have were adequate and acceptable at the time they were erected, but times have changed, houses have deteriorated and knowledge has increased. We should cooperate to put into effect a housing program second to none.

The finances at the Home are in good condition. The gifts have been larger but not more universal than in previous years. If every Sunday School should make a monthly offering to the Home there would be no need for campaigns or drives to re-build, or to take care of the needy applicants who come to us for help. A gift from every church, every month will put us in the front ranks in Christian service to children. Let us urge you to make a contribution each month to our Home.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. Morgan—for Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITY IN THE LAST TEN YEARS

Southern Baptists have made great strides in the direction of a worthy and dependable provision for their ministers, missionaries and all other denominational employes after they have been rendered incapable of continued active service due to old age or physical incapacity.

There has been some form of relief for ministers as far back as the '70s, but it was only the beginning of our present plan, which is the minister's retirement plan.

The income of the Board in 1944 was \$2,136,867.98—three times the income of the year 1939. Total assets reached \$8,000,000 at the close of the year and are now well beyond that figure. In the Ministers Retirement

ment Plan there were at the year's close 7,970 active members, while in all plans there are 10,836 active members. There are 11,480 cooperating Churches, Boards, and Institutions and I believe if we would acquaint all the churches with the plan by enlisting them through their pastors by sending them printed matter on the subject.

We can do a great work in a great cause, so in the coming year let us try to enlist as many as we can.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Wm. Weeks.

THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES

Taking into consideration the church and realizing Jesus is the builder and we, co-laborers with him,

We are glad to report to you that the spiritual condition of the churches is all the Lord expects.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. McMichen.

REPORT ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND CENTENNIAL CRUSADE

Santa Fe River Association
October 4, 1945

After many years of experience Southern Baptists are now convinced that the Cooperative Program is the best possible plan by which to further all the interests of the Kingdom; but not all of us are working the plan. It is sane, sound, Scriptural, and successful when practiced.

The financial reports are encouraging. Total receipts for 1944 were \$76,599,420. an increase of \$13,532,336 over 1943; Mission receipts \$17,303,519 an increase of \$3,847,879 or 28.6% over 1943. Our per-capita mission gift in 1944 was \$3.05; in 1933 it was only \$.93. Receipts for the first half of 1945 were approximately 30% larger than for the corresponding period of 1944. This is good, but it ought to be better, and it can be.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Your committee recommends:

- (1.) That pastors and other church leaders continue to emphasize the Cooperative Program.
- (2.) That all pastors preach at least once during the year on the individual objects of the Cooperative Program.
- (3.) That an annual every-member canvass be made in every church, emphasizing the tithe as the basis for Christian Stewardship, giving proper and just consideration to the needs of our Mission causes, as well as to local expenses, and making a correct and full report of the canvass to the church.

- (4.) That a committee be appointed in every church whose duty shall be to assist the pastor in increasing the circulation of the Baptist Witness and in securing and distributing denominational tracts and publications of all kinds.
- (5.) That pastors and churches give careful consideration to the Calendar of Coordinated Denominational Activities, and act accordingly so that there may be no omissions, overlapping or conflicts.

CENTENNIAL CRUSADE

As one of our objectives in this hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention, we are engaged in the most ambitious soul-winning campaign of the century, the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade, aimed at winning a million souls to Christ. The movement has as its slogan, "Two Win One". The organization for the Crusade contemplates the enlistment of every church and pastor, every Southwide agency, every Baptist institution, every associational body, and every individual Baptist who will go out to tell the lost about Jesus.

The impetus of the Crusade should continue into the new century of Southern Baptists. We urge our churches and pastors, therefore, to press the primacy of soul-winning in all of their work. Especially do we appeal to the churches to go out beyond their own walls in an aggressive evangelism in school houses, under brush arbors, in tents, and in homes.

We recommend that our association appoint a representative or a committee on evangelism, whose duty shall be to keep the matter of soul-winning before our people.

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. V. McCaul.

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELISM

I—Stewardship Defined

There must be two parties to a stewardship in human relationship or in Divine-human relationships.

1. The "party of the first part", the overlord, or owner, or the directing partner. For the Christian in his stewardship, the owner, the directing partner is God, in Christ.

2. The "party of the second part", the steward, the one who is entrusted with the goods or possessions of another, and for the Christian Steward that other One is God.

II—Stewardship, A Comprehensive Term

For the Christian, stewardship cannot be limited to one phase or area of life. It must take in the whole round, or the sum total of the life.

1. Stewardship of the Tangible.

(1) First in the realm of the tangible for Christian Stewards, there is the necessity for using our bodies as a vehicle for the expression of

the mind and purpose and will of God. We are to "present our bodies to God as a living (daily) sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is our reasonable service"—Rom. 12:1.

(2) Second, in the realm of the tangible, the Christian is to exercise his stewardship in the use of his material possessions, in the making and the use of money. We are not left without light and guidance. The Word of God is very definite and explicit. To cite a few statements from the Word:

a. God's ownership is asserted: "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein."—Ps. 24:1.

b. God gives the power to get wealth. In a portion of Moses great address, these words: "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth."—Deut. 8:18.

c. God required the tithe. Levit. 27:30.

d. God condemned His people for unfaithfulness and challenged them to faithful stewardship of their tithes.—Malachi 3:8-10.

e. The use of the tithe is endorsed by Christ, and so His endorsement should be the end of all controversy among Christians. See Matt. 23:23.

2. Stewardship in the realm of the intangible.

(1) Stewardship of Personality, that indefinable something that we are, including character, influence, and example.

(2) Stewardship of opportunity and privilege and knowledge; knowledge of salvation in and through Christ. We are debtors to all, "to the Greeks and to the barbarians, to the wise and to the unwise"—Rom. 1:14.

(3) Stewardship of Service. Our business to "do good unto all, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."—Gal. 6:10.

(4) Stewardship to the Gospel. According to the teachings of the Word, the Gospel is committed to Christians as a sacred stewardship. According to Christ: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."—Mark 16:15. According to Paul, "The glorious Gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust."—I Tim. 1:12.

(5) Once more as to the intangibles, we are to minister to the gift received, "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."—I Pet. 4:10.

III A Little Survey of Some Associational Statistics

Here we find interesting and revealing facts as to three important items.

1. Contributions. The average per member of the Association for all objects, local, state, southwide, worldwide is \$11.35. For all Missions, including the Cooperative Program, Designated Gifts, the Orphanage, etc. is \$2.82.

2. Tithers, as reported in last minutes of the Association, one member out of 54.

3. Baptisms, as reported in same minutes, one baptism for every 42 members.

Note 1: Very likely not all tithers in the Association were reported in said minutes.

Note 2. And this is a note of hope: With the increased emphasis on Stewardship and Evangelism, we have reason to expect a decided advance when the reports are tabulated as to results from the Churches during this Centennial Year.

IV—What is Needed as to Stewardship?

1. To be faithful stewards "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."—I Cor. 4:2.

2. To get out of the realm of argument and into the realm of a personal, consistent and faithful practice of stewardship.

3. To lift the whole question of stewardship into the realm of the Spirit that the Spirit of Christ may operate in our living.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Taylor,

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That we hereby wish to thank the Host Church of Alachua for their cordial hospitality to the Messengers and Churches of the Association and that a standing vote of thanks be extended to them.

RESOLVED: That in view of the immediate need of evangelism within our Association that each Messenger return to his or her respective church with a firm desire to pray for and help promote at least one Revival Meeting in their Church in the New Year.

RESOLVED: That we, as an Association, should and must come to the realization that the promotion of the Association work through our Associational officers is important and calls for the utmost cooperation from each church to make it a complete success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That, as a committee, we feel that with transportation conditions improved that we should have a two-day Associational Meeting for 1946.

Signed by the Committee:

J. T. Rawlins, Chairman

O. R. Evans

Everett C. Lerch

TREASURER'S REPORT

Of The Santa Fe River Baptist Association
For The Year Ending Sept. 30, 1945.

Gross Receipts	-----	107.79	
Disbursements			
Printing Minutes	-----		83.25
Clerk Hire	-----		15.00
Balance on Hand	-----		9.54
		107.79	107.79

Respectfully submitted,

B. J. Meadows,
Clerk and Treasurer.

