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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 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 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 the darkness into His marvelous light.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PROGRAM

FIRST DAY

1. Convene.
2. Devotional.
3. Message of Welcome,
Response.
4. Registration, Adoption of Program, Receipt of Letters, Appointment of Committees, Miscellaneous Business.
5. Report on South Florida Baptist Hospital.
6. Report on the Baptist World Alliance.
7. Association Sermon.
8. Noon Recess.
9. Devotional.
10. W. M. U. Report.
11. Sunday School and Christian Education Report.
12. Adjourn.

NIGHT

1. Inspirational Singing.
2. B. T. U. Report and Program.
3. Brotherhood Report and Program.
4. Address on "Personal Evangelism."
5. Motion Pictures.

SECOND DAY

1. Devotional.
2. Miscellaneous Reports.
3. Miscellaneous Business.
4. Report of State Representatives.
5. Noon Recess.
6. Devotional.
7. Talks by Representatives of the State Board of Missions, Continued.
8. Reports of Special Committees: Nominations, Time, Place, Preacher, Resolutions, and Obituaries.
9. Missionary Address.
10. Final Adjournment.

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ALACHUA—Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Earnest, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sealy, Mrs. Opal Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams.
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EDEN—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wilkinson, Lucia Wilkinson, H. L. Baxley, Johnnie Baxley.
ELIAM—Rev. and Mrs. Tom Capell, C. P. Perry, H. G. Alderman, Mr. and Mrs. Dann, Mrs. C. N. Perry, Mrs. Robbie Roundtree, Mrs. H. F. Preston, Mrs. Edna Price.
FAIRBANKS—Mrs. Connie Holton, Mrs. T. A. Gnann, Mrs. Julia Howard, Mrs. I. L. Touchton.
FIRST GAINESVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. E. F. DeBusk, Mr. Fred Scolfield, Mrs. G. C. Smith, Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Sr.
GROVE STREET—Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Earnest, G. A. Barber, Mrs. J. R. Thomas, Howard L. Long, Mrs. Alice Bishop.
HAMPTON—Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hicks, Sr., Mr. K. B. Waterson, Mr. Otto Hicks, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Waterson.
HAWTHORNE—Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Stallings, W. B. Adkins, G. D. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sims, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Reinhardt, Mrs. F. W. Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Bristow, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Ridaught, Mrs. Harman Fowler, Mr. and Mr. Russel Thomas, Mrs. L. C. Bates, Mrs. A. L. Johnson.
HIGH SPRINGS—Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Ham, Mrs. J. D. Logan, Mrs. J. A. Hall.
IMMANUEL—Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Evans, William C. Carr, Mr. C. R. Smith, Sr., Dr. W. W. Fineren.
ISLAND GROVE—J. L. Harrison, Mrs. Omer Mackey, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Abstein, J. T. Glison, Adel Hardee.
LaCROSSE—Mrs. O. A. Register, Mrs. O. C. Gay, A. O. Wilson.
LAKE BUTLER—Rev. and Mrs. Ray Walden, Mrs. W. B. Henderson, Miss Hattie Fowler.
OCHWILLA—Allen Ford, Rodger Jacobson.
ORANGE HEIGHTS—Mrs. Ida Parrish, Mrs. A. L. Kahr, Mrs. H. H. Thomas, Mrs. Marge Bryan, Miss Minnie Griswald.
PARAN—Mr. and Mrs. Weden Brantly, Mrs. C. P. Matthews, Mrs. Alma Griffin, Miss Rebecca Brantly, Mrs. Charleyene Brantly.
SARDIS—Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Doke, Mrs. Virginia Beiling, Mrs. Cope Newbern.
WALDO—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gutter, Mr. J. H. Mitchel, Mrs. A. L. Stevens, Mrs. Maurice DeSha, Mrs. J. M. Porter, Rev. C. F. Smith.
WINDSOR—Rev. S. J. Morgon, Mrs. George Stevens, Mrs. E. M. Snowden.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
of the
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SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Hawthorne, Florida
October 17-18, 1947

1. Song, Rescue the Pershing.
2. Devotional, Rev. Benton Hicks, Scripture, I Cor. 16: 9.
3. Message of Welcome, Rev. C. B. Stallings.
4. Response, Rev. E. E. Earnest.
5. Appointment of Committee on Order of Program, W. H. Gunter, Fred Scolfield, C. B. Stallings.
6. Recognition of Messengers and Reception of Letters.
7. It was moved, seconded and passed that those messengers present and others who may come in later constitute the present session of this Association.
8. Moved and passed that the printed program, with necessary changes, be adopted.
9. Recognition of new pastors, Rev. Tom Capell, Melrose.
10. Song, Blessed Assurance.
11. Miscellaneous Business, Brother C. R. Smith presented a letter from the Immanuel Baptist Church for admission to membership in the Santa Fe River Association. Brother Ham appointed a credentials committee to report next day. Rev. Tom Capell, Rev. W. H. Sealey, Brother Gunter.
12. Dr. G. A. Leichliter, promotional director of the South Florida Baptist Hospital, Plant City, Florida, was presented to the Association and spoke on behalf of The South Florida Hospital.
13. Brother Scolfield led in singing "I Am Thine, O Lord."
14. The Moderator read a letter from Dr. McCaul, expressing his regret of being unable to attend the Association.
15. Rev. W. P. Everson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville Beach, spoke on the Baptist World Alliance which he attended in Copenhagen, Denmark. He stated that more than fifty countries were represented, and these representatives all spoke of evangelism in their churches. He said there were nineteen Baptist churches in Spain experiencing a revival. He said there were 4,490 Baptists in Norway experiencing the same, and that the people of Germany were beginning to know Christ, and fires of evangelism are burning in China. At the close of his message he was asked many questions, which he very ably answered.
16. Rev. C. B. Stallings, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Hawthorne, delivered the Associational Sermon, taking as his text I Peter 1: 25, "But the Word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."
17. Adjourn to lunch, which was served by the ladies of the host church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

18. Brother Baxley led in singing "All Hail the Power."
19. Devotional by Rev. C. B. Stallings reading Matt. 28: 16-20, using as his subject "The Great Commission."
20. Announcement concerning night session and Friday session.
21. Report on program committee by W. H. Gunter, adopted.
22. Clerk read financial report of Brother E. C. Lerch, past clerk, showing a deficit of \$9.86. Moderator suggested an offering to be taken to pay the deficit and bills due. A motion made by Rev. E. E. Earnest that the offering be taken to pay the expenses. Motion carried. The offering amounted to \$26.26.
23. Mrs. F. W. Tyson, President of W. M. U., brought the report for the past year. Mrs. Tyson spoke to the report and introduced Mrs. R. E. Roundtree, Young People's Leader, who spoke of the Young People's Work. Mrs. Tyson introduced Miss Ruth Thurmond, a missionary to India. She exhibited a collection of Indian reptiles in miniature. She spoke at length on her work in India giving a history of the work there. She exhibited a map showing where the work was located. She told of 2,222 converts being baptized in one day. The W. M. U. Report was adopted as read.
24. Brother O. R. Evans was recognized and brought the Sunday School Report of the past year. He also spoke to the report. It was unanimously adopted.
25. Brother Evans also presented the report on Christian Education. Moved its adoption. Vote postponed until Friday.
26. Afternoon session adjourned.
27. Supper was served at the town hall.

EVENING SESSION

28. Inspiration singing led by Brother J. W. Sims of Hawthorne. The opening song, "I Will Sing the Wonderous Story." The Choir sang "A Wonderful God."
29. Brother J. W. Sims gave the report on music. Report adopted.
30. Quartette by J. W. Sims, Bobby Merritt, Keith Burton and John Ridaught. Solo, Miss Bettye Swain. Piano solo, Mrs. John Burton.
31. Rev. E. E. Earnest presented the B. T. U. Report and Program and presented the speakers. Brother G. A. Barber spoke on "Training Union in the Local Church." Mrs. Dickson spoke on the benefit of personnel training.
32. Prayer by Rev. E. E. Earnest. Mrs. Raccar presented the practical side of the Training Union. Brother Baggert spoke on the State Training Union Department. Brother Fred Coates spoke to the report. Report adopted.
33. Brother Sims led in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers."
34. Brother S. K. Lindsey was introduced and gave the brotherhood report. Brother Fred Coates spoke on the need of a brotherhood.
35. Young Arnold Guieger sang "He Paid the Price for Me." Brotherhood report adopted.
36. Representation of Churches recorded.

37. Rev. Charles F. Smith, Pastor of Waldo Baptist Church, brought a stirring message on "Personal Evangelism."
38. Brother Sims was asked to lead the Congregation in singing softly "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." Many scores lifted their hands, pledging to do their utmost to reach the lost in the new year.
39. Showing of the film of "The Life of Dr. Truett."
40. Session adjourned by prayer by Rev. C. B. Stallings.

FRIDAY MORNING

41. Song, "Showers of Blessings."
42. Devotional led by Rev. B. L. Earnest, Alachua. His subject was "Christ's Second Coming."
43. Miscellaneous reports. Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Sr., gave the report on Relief and Annuity and Radio Commission. Rev. B. L. Earnest presented the report on Temperance and American Bible Society. Dr. John Maguire spoke to the report. Rev. Scolfield spoke to the report, citing the fact that our government has no right to ask us to conserve food from grain until the breweries are shut down.
44. Moderator asked for a resolution to be sent to the President, deploring the fact of allowing the breweries to operate when there is so much hunger in the world. Motion made by Rev. H. E. Ridenour. Adopted.
45. "Spiritual Conditions of Our Churches" by Rev. L. G. Hemmingway.
46. Dr. Leon Gamrell gave a report on the Florida Baptist Institute at Lakeland, asked the association to put the school in its budget. He also asked the Association to elect a trustee to the school. Brother Walden made a motion that the Committee on Nominations recommend a man from the Association as trustee.
47. A report on Foreign Missions and Cooperative Program adopted as given by Rev. Ray Walden. Rev. Ham and Dr. Solomon spoke to the report.
48. Rev. L. A. Shepard gave report on State Missions, Florida Baptist Institute and Religious Liberty and Florida Children's Home. The report was adopted.
49. Report of Credential Committee recommended that the Immanuel Baptist Church be accepted into the Association. The motion was unanimously adopted. Brother O. R. Evans was called to the platform and gave a report on the work of their church.
50. Dr. John Maguire was presented to the Association and he introduced his fellow state workers. Mr. F. M. Johns gave a splendid report on the Children's Home. Brother Harrison Griffin brought a splendid report on Stetson University at DeLand.
51. Noon recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION

52. Devotional led by Rev. L. A. Shepard, speaking from Luke 10: 25.
53. Dr. Maguire then presented Dr. Ed Solomon, editor of Florida Baptist Witness. He brought a very interesting and helpful message.
53. Dr. John Pearce, original missionary, spoke on missions. He reported that the Santa Fe River Association had grown in the past 5 years

from 70% to a 178%, an increase of 108%. The District in which he is missionary is 100% on a world mission program.

54. Dr. Maguire gave a stirring message on the whole mission program.
55. Report of the Committees were presented and adopted.
56. Treasurer's report was read and adopted.
57. Chaplain Harold Menges was introduced and brought a powerful message on missions.
58. Adjournment with prayer.

REPORTS

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Time, Place and Preacher

Moderator	Rev. E. E. Ham
Vice Moderator	Fred Scolfield
Clerk-Treasurer	Rev. C. B. Stallings
S. S. Supt.	O. R. Evans
B. T. U. Director	G. A. Barber
Brotherhood	S. K. Lindsey
W. M. S.	Mrs. F. W. Tyson
Supt. Music	Mr. J. W. Sims
Trustee of Florida Baptist Institute	Mr. E. F. DeBusk
Children's Home Representative	I. C. Robinson
Stetson	W. W. Finerin

Time and Place

Thursday and Friday, October 7 and 8, 1948.
Place—Eliam Baptist Church, Melrose.
Preacher—E. E. Earnest.
Alternate—Ray Walden.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Resolved: that we hereby thank the host church of Hawthorne 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 each messenger return to his or her respective church with more zeal in their hearts for Christian witnessing.

Resolved: that we as an association should work through the officers of our association in cooperating and supplementing adequate funds for the financing of their work.

Whereas the American Christian Heritage of Religious Freedom is imperilled by serious departure from the American principles of separation of Church and State, we resolve that:

First: the individual members of our association's churches inform themselves of the dangers threatening our heritage of religious freedom;

Second: that we defend our liberties by more faithful practice of our free religion and performance of our religious obligations;

Third: that we request the Florida Baptist Convention to petition the President of the United States to withdraw his personal representative to the Vatican;

Fourth: that copies of this resolution be sent to officers of the Florida Baptist Convention, to Senator Claude Pepper and Senator Spessard Holland, and to each of the Florida members of the United States House of Representatives.

Be it further resolved: that as a committee we feel that we should continue to follow this year's plan of the two-day session of the Association in 1948.

Resolved that: we express hereby for the Association our appreciation of the leadership given us by our Moderator in arranging and executing this year's program.

Resolved: that we hereby express to Dr. John Maguire and to all our Statewide leaders, our appreciation and gratitude for their consecrated efforts, which have resulted in unprecedented progress in our State Convention work, as reflected in the greater mission receipts and greater spiritual prosperity.

Resolved: that we hereby express our appreciation of the long term of leadership given Florida Baptist and Stetson University by the retiring President, Dr. William Simms Allen; together with our regrets at his necessary retirement.

Resolved: that our Association enter whole-heartedly into the special tithing effort, striving to enlist at least one-fourth of its members as tithers for at least three months, October, November, and December; using the every-member canvass, the approved study courses, and those methods which our churches have found spiritually proper and successful.

Committee:

REV. L. A. SHEPARD
MRS. E. E. HAM
MRS. C. B. STALLINGS

REPORT OF THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

On January 15, 1947, Dr. Thomas J. Watts, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board for the past nineteen years, retired and Dr. Walter R. Alexander, associate executive secretary, was elevated to this important position.

Officers of the Board

The twenty-ninth annual session of the Board was held in Dallas on March 26, and the following officers were elected: Dr. Wallace Bassett, president; Dr. W. Marshall Craig, chairman of the executive committee; Mr. George J. Mason, recording secretary; Dr. Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary; Dr. R. S. Jones, associate secretary; Mr. Orville Groner, treasurer—investments.

Nineteen hundred forty-six was one of the most prosperous years the Board had ever known. Many new members were enrolled in the several plans through which the Board serves our Southern Baptist constituency. A total of 2,541 new certificates were issued during the past year.

Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan

Six other states qualified for participation in the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan as of January 1, 1947, bringing the total number of states now participating in this plan to twelve. It is expected that this plan will be operating in all the states and the District of Columbia at an early date.

Relief

The high cost of living has made it necessary to heed the requests of hundreds of those on the relief roll for increased amounts. Many others should receive raises and will receive them when Southern Baptists make it possible. More than sixteen hundred look to the relief department for their livelihood. Even small amounts received by these who served before there was any Relief and Annuity Board means the difference between dire want and more or less comfort.

The calendar of denominational activities of the Southern Baptist Convention requests an offering from the churches throughout our Southern Baptist Convention during the month of April. We would urge all of our churches to take an offering for the relief department of this Board sometime during the year that these old heroes of the cross may not suffer.

Respectfully submitted,
H. E. RIDENOUR,
Committee

REPORT OF THE RADIO COMMISSION, S. B. C.

The youngest agency of the Southern Baptist Convention is The Radio Commission, S. F. Lowe, Director, with headquarters at 427½ Moreland Avenue N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Since 1941 the Radio Commission has broadcast the Baptist Hour for at least three months every year, with two three-month periods in 1946. The Baptist Hour programs in April, May and June, 1947, were evangelistic and designed to promote all that Southern Baptists are doing in the field of evangelism. These programs also supported Dr. C. E. Matthews, Secretary of Evangelism, The Home Mission Board, in launching his program to enlist one million Baptists to pray daily for a spiritual awakening.

The Radio Commission has launched two new services during the past year. First, a special transcribed program is being provided for use in Government hospitals. It is a daily devotional designed to meet the spiritual needs of sick service men. Forty-seven hospitals are using them and others are asking for them. The Commission is seeking to meet this growing opportunity.

Second, the Radio Commission is launching a transcription service to local churches through which plan a good two-speed record player that can play both phonograph and radio records and which retails for \$150.00 is offered to churches for \$100.00. The radio records are made available to churches in packages of four records per package on a rental basis of \$4.00 per package which includes cost of express, packing, processing and programming. Churches are already using these record in B. T. U.,

Sunday School, Prayer Meeting, in church after Sunday School on days other than "preaching day," and in hospitals and other institutions in the community. This promises to be one of the best services of the Commission.

The record library of the Commission is available for use over local radio stations. Hundreds of stations broadcast some of these programs during the current year, with 93 stations airing a series of programs on the Christian home during Christian Home Week of this year. These records are available free for broadcast over local radio stations, though there is a modest rental when the records are used in the local churches.

The Commission cooperates with other agencies in the Convention in broadcasting desired by the agencies. During the current year in response to the Y. W. A. Dept. of Woman's Missionary Union, the Commission arranged for the broadcasting of the series entitled "All Aboard for Adventure," over 27 stations. Currently it is cooperating with the Home Mission Board in airing the Good News Hour over 67 stations, and with the Executive Committee, S. B. C., in broadcasting "THE PROVE-ME HOUR" over approximately 150 stations, and with the Baptist Brotherhood in arranging for the broadcasting of a special program over 100 stations on Layman's Day, October 12.

During the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis the Commission broadcast two television programs.

The forecast of able radio leadership is that by 1950 television will be broadcast on a national scale. What will Southern Baptists enable their Radio Commission to do about preparing to use this new and most effective medium of mass communication?

The FM Station is the new type of station which will make it possible for Baptist institutions and local groups to own and operate stations for the glory of the Lord.

Radio—this modern method of communicating the gospel to the masses of people in this critical period of world history offers Baptists an unprecedented challenge. What will be their response?

Respectfully submitted,
H. E. RIDENOUR,
Committee

W. M. U. REPORT

Our W. M. U. work this year has not been what we desired it to be. However, we have made some gains although there are no new W. M. S. organizations, we have gained 67 new members, now making a total of 471.

Thirteen new auxiliaries were organized with an increase of 114 new members, giving us a total membership of 357 young people.

In our W. M. U. work this year we have stressed stewardship and evangelism. As a result we have gained 77 new tithers in the W. M. S. and 78 among auxiliaries. A gain in number of W. M. S. members doing community missions is 52; the gain in the auxiliaries is 25.

We have had all of our quarterly meetings and also our annual meeting. One of the most beneficial quarterly meetings was the Methods Clinic held in January in the Lake Butler Church. Mrs. George Davis of South Carolina and Miss Elizabeth Province of Jacksonville were in charge.

SUMMARY TABLE

Santa Fe River Baptist Association — State of Florida For Year Ending September 30, 1947 Moderator—Rev. E. E. Ham, High Springs, Florida Clerk—Rev. C. B. Stallings, Hawthorne, Florida				Baptisms	Other Additions	Total Present Membership (Including non-residents)	No. Revivals Held During Year	Total S. School Enrollment (Including Mission Students)	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Total Enrolled in all Training Unions and Story Hours	Total W. M. U. Enrollment	Enrollment of Brotherhoods	Total Value all Church Prop- erty (including house and grounds and Pastor's home)	Total Building and Reserve Funds on Hand at End of Year	Pastor's Salary	Total Local Church Expense (including Pastor's Salary and all other expenses)	Gifts to Co-Operative Program or Unified Budget	Total for all missions includ- ing Co-Operative Program, and designated gifts to mis- sions, schools, orphanages, etc.
Year Organ- ized	CHURCHES	Serv- ices: Q, H, F	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES															
1898	Alachua	F	.....	11	23	273	1	126	72	27	20	0	\$ 21,500	\$ 255	\$ 2,710	\$ 4,565	\$ 500	\$ 5,216
1922	Archer	H	.....	0	1	125	0	86	90	0	21	0	7,000	800	2,568	156	2,956	
1892	Campville	Q	L. G. Hemingway, Starke	0	0	26	1	21	0	0	0	0	2,500	120	214	10	263	
1902	Eden	H	R. R. Sledge, Chiefland	0	0	60	0	27	0	14	0	0	3,000	428	509	14	547	
1859	Eliam	F	Thomas E. Capell, Melrose	2	9	146	0	120	0	50	44	0	15,000	2,018	3,426	480	4,659	
1934	Fairbanks	H	Coleman Padgett, Brooker	8	2	107	1	43	0	0	0	0	2,000	81	486	44	10	642
	Gainesville First	F	Thomas V. McCaul, Gainesville	53	252	2,345	1	1,056	0	190	208	0	200,000	24,969	5,325	39,808	11,301	52,363
1935	Grove Street	F	E. E. Earnest, Gainesville	15	49	360	2	330	165	116	16	16	25,000	3,264	2,860	5,688	849	6,819
1911	Hague	H	.....	0	0	53	0	27	0	0	0	0	5,500	113	437	16	5	548
1891	Hampton	F	.....	12	2	185	2	67	60	35	12	0	2,500	265	720	1,500	38	1,835
1852	Hawthorne	F	C. B. Stallings, Hawthorne	17	14	281	1	160	50	74	70	0	7,500	1,820	4,614	247	5,183	
1881	High Springs	F	E. E. Ham, High Springs	28	30	410	1	332	124	79	68	42	22,250	7,549	3,000	9,049	925	10,610
1947	Immanuel	F	.....	5	25	30		62		26	8	0						
1891	Island Grove	H	John Dixon, Island Grove	12	7	128	1	68	0	40	0	0	2,500		867	1,735	15	1,735
1887	LaCrosse	H	.....	1	0	63	1	26	0	0	0	0	2,500	41	386	568		592
1869	Lake Butler	F	Ray Y. Waldon, Lake Butler	1	9	175	0	80	87	35	30	0	5,000	1,634	1,620	2,630	311	3,205
1880	Micanopy	H	.....	0	4	57	0	61	68	0	12	0	5,000		530	936	71	1,477
1873	Ochwilla	H	C. B. Stallings, Hawthorne	0	0	20	0	34	0	0	0	0	3,000		324	507	25	642
1913	Orange Heights	F	Benton Hicks, Waldo	4	5	84	1	57	28	0	47	0	2,500	257	530	1,119	36	1,190
	Paran	H	V. J. Major, Palatka	0	1	73	0	50	0	0	0	0	3,000	296	360	463	18	637
1877	Sardis	H	L. A. Shephard, Raiford	1	0	144	1	46	0	14	0	0	2,000		720	1,197	125	1,430
1884	Waldo	F	Chas. F. Smith, Waldo	16	21	247	1	160	87	70	102	20	8,000	2,179	2,100	4,898	586	6,172
	Windsor	H	L. G. Hemingway, Starke	2	1	22	1	20	0	0	0	0	2,000		44	70	19	87
Totals				185	455	5,414	16	3,059	841	770	656	78	\$349,250	\$40,876	\$28,205	\$86,124	\$15,739	\$108,856

In July a Youth Rally was conducted by Mrs. R. E. Rountree, our Young People's Leader, assisted by Mrs. J. W. Sims of Hawthorne. This meeting was in the Melrose Church. Many young people participated and over two hundred men, women, and children were present.

Your President and Young People's Leader attended the W. M. U. conference and state convention held in Tampa in November. I also attended the W. M. U. convention in Tampa held in March.

From August 13 to August 20 a W. M. U. conference was held in Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Wynn of Gainesville, and I attended this conference, paying all of our expenses.

An **Incomplete Financial Report.** W. M. U. no longer reports money paid through cooperative program, at the request of State officers. We will be given credit to South Wide W. M. U. for one-third of all funds sent in.

Foreign Missions	\$ 861.06
Home Missions	383.91
Rehabilitation	1,732.00
Other Mission Objects	139.82
Children's Home	205.70
Training School	36.00
Margaret Fund	16.00
American Baptist Seminary (colored)	25.00
Y. W. A. House Party	66.58
Miscellaneous	38.00
Total	\$3,504.07
Balance on hand	\$ 216.49

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. F. W. TYSON,
 Associational President

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK, SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Directed house party at Camp Olena with five associations participating, February 21-22.

Promoted Youth Rally, July 17.

Planned and directed G. A. Focus Week Rally Day at Lake Wauburg, August 15.

R. A. Rally Day at Lake McMeekin, August 29.

Made plans for a Stewardship Night in each church where there were auxiliaries. Many young people rededicated their lives to Christ in these programs.

Arranged an associational-wide study class for all Y. W. A.'s and G. A.'s on stewardship. Used the same plan and books for R.A.'s.

Several girls attended the Y. W. A. assembly at Ridgecrest.

Many packages have been sent to New Orleans and overseas.

Gave \$127.36 to missions.

Love gift, \$16.23.

MRS. R. E. ROUNTREE, Leader

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

The Associational Sunday School Work has a very vital and important task to assist the various Sunday Schools in the Association to improve their organization, promote a program of enlargement, provide an adequate training program, thereby improving their teaching so that better teaching and more efficient growth may be secured.

The three-fold purpose of the Great Commission, namely, preaching, teaching and baptizing, lays no less stress on the teaching part than on either of the other two. Christ won individuals and groups through teaching. Today the greater need is to teach the individual about God, the plan of salvation, and win them to Christ. By statistics we learn that more people are won to Christ through the Sunday School in the Baptist Churches today than by all other methods combined. Therefore we need must accept our part of the challenge and carry out the evangelistic purpose of the Sunday School by improving the various Sunday Schools through the efforts and cooperation of the Associational Sunday School Work.

A successful functioning Associational Sunday School organization depends upon the cooperation of the Sunday Schools to which it seeks to minister and the efforts of the Associational Sunday School officers. To function properly it should have twenty officers as follows:

General Superintendent.

Superintendent of Enlargement.

Superintendent of Evangelism.

Superintendent of Vacation Bible School.

Superintendent of Teacher Training.

Departmental Superintendents: Extension, Adult, Young People, Intermediate, Junior, Primary, Beginner, Nursery and Cradle Roll.

Three Group Captains.

Secretary.

Pianist.

Chorister.

The electing and enlisting of this entire group of officers is the sole responsibility of the Association, either through its Nominating Committee, at the annual meeting, by the Executive Committee, or the Associational Sunday School Group.

We need now, more than ever, to secure a complete functioning group of Associational Sunday School officers, duly elected, who have the complete cooperation of all the Sunday Schools of the Association; completely dedicated through consecrated cooperative effort, to improve the Sunday Schools, advance the Kingdom's work, and win the lost to Christ.

Statistical Report

Associational-wide Study Course Planned (simultaneous)	1
Churches Cooperating	6
Study Course Award Requested, 10/1/46 - 9/30/47	186
(Representing 12 Churches), highest number, Grove Street, Gainesville	65
Vacation Bible Schools Reported	9
Meetings Held (Associational, 2; Executive, 1; Visitation Teams, 1)....	4

February Visitation Program planned, teams instructed, and work assigned; comprising 11 teams with total number workers 33; presenting the 1947 Program Sunday School Work to 20 churches.

Associational Superintendent and five other Association officers attended the State Planning Meeting in Lake City, Nov. 7, 1946.

Through Associational efforts one Sunday School has been reorganized, bringing the total number of Sunday Schools to 22. In addition to this some of the Associational officers assisted in organizing the Immanuel Baptist Sunday School, Gainesville, which when admitted for membership in this Association will bring the total to 23 Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

O. R. EVANS

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND TITHING

In recent years Southern Baptists have had three major financial objectives: 1st, to get rid of the old debts upon our boards and institutions; 2nd, to promote the Cooperative Program for the equitable support of all our work; and 3rd, to enlist tithers to provide a permanent, systematic support for all our causes, local, state, and worldwide.

Under God's leadership, we became "debt-free in '43." We now hope we can remain debt free and carry on, owing no man anything save love.

Our Cooperative Program continues to grow in favor. All our state organizations and agencies approve of it, and 75 per cent of our churches contributed through it in 1946.

But our Cooperative Program receipts are not sufficient to meet the imperative immediate needs of our causes. All our institutions are full and running over. Our colleges and seminaries turned away hundreds last year for lack of room. Then the property of our Foreign Mission Board calls for \$5,000,000 to put it back as it was before the war. Other millions are needed to care for pathetic calls and unprecedented opportunities.

To help meet these enlarged needs a special tithing campaign has been launched. All our conventions and agencies are cooperating in its promotion. Each state has adopted a tithing goal for 1947. Our state tithing goal is 50,000.

We urgently and prayerfully make the following recommendations:

1. That every church enter full-length and full-strength into the special tithing effort seeking to enlist at least one-fourth of its members as tithers, and to get all its members to bring their whole tithe into the Lord's house for at least three months, October, November and December.

2. That, where possible, all or a major part of the tithing receipts in October, November and December be given to the Cooperative Program causes to help meet the dire needs of our denominational agencies.

3. That the Every-Member Canvass be put on faithfully in every church and that every effort be made to maintain and enlarge the number of tithers.

4. That the plans and suggestions of our state organizations and Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention be used in seeking to enroll A MILLION SOUTHERN BAPTIST TITHERS FOR CHRIST.

HOME MISSIONS

There were 44,873 new members added to the churches as a result of the ministry of the 720 full-time missionaries of the Home Mission Board and the 200 summer workers from colleges and seminaries who served for ten weeks on the various fields. Of the number, 27,474 were reported as conversions.

To make the grand total of 920 missionaries (including 203 summer workers) 87 new missionaries were added during the past year. There was some turnover in personnel, but the net gain in the number of missionaries was 69. These workers delivered 94,145 sermons and addresses, made 222,281 religious visits, and did personal work with 166,701 individuals.

Literature played an important part in the ministry of home missions. The missionaries distributed 19,855 Bibles and Gospels, 2,014,885 pages of tracts. The magazine, Southern Baptist Home Missions, reached a peak circulation of 121,800; four issues carried 24 pages and the other eight carried sixteen. This would add 26,880,000 more pages to the amount of literature distributed. At the same time, more than 73,000 books placed 8,000,000 other pages of home mission literature in the hands of the people. In the first five months of 1947 over 80,000 home mission books have been sold by Baptist book stores.

Besides the 7,317 revivals conducted by home missionaries, there were 12,841 mission classes taught, 361 missions opened, 131 new churches organized, 36 kindergartens maintained, and 1,815 Vacation Bible Schools conducted in mission situations.

Building operations were rather extensive. The Home Mission Board built or improved 74 churches and chapels and 16 pastors' homes.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board is 102 years old, and faces the most significant opportunities of its history. It is now working in 19 countries, and is entering two more. There are 624 missionaries in active service. Fifty-six of these were appointed at the April semi-annual meeting and two more in May. Sixty were appointed last year. With all of these, we have only one foreign missionary to approximately 10,000 Southern Baptists.

There is a development of national leadership in practically all mission fields. There have been bountiful evangelistic harvests. Hundreds in Romania are confessing Christ and following him in baptism. Evangelical Christians are manifesting unusual interest and enthusiasm. Within recent days the way has been opened for the representatives of our Board to re-enter Japan.

For current missionary work this year the appropriations of the Foreign Board total \$2,276,000, an increase of approximately \$600,000 over last year, due largely to inflation in most areas of the Board's work. With a net increase of approximately 62 missionaries, long-range provision must

be made not only for their salaries year by year, but for hospitals and equipment, training schools, and missionary residences.

The Board is to be commended for its wisdom in providing the reserve fund with which to stabilize our work and maintain missionary personnel in any time of financial recessions.

The Board is considering a 10 per cent reduction in current appropriations to all foreign mission fields in 1948. To counteract this reduction, Southern Baptists need to tithe, at least 1,000,000 of us, with a larger percentage of increased local church gifts being made available for South-wide purposes. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is increasing year by year at a gratifying rate. For years this offering has provided the funds for practically all buildings and equipment of our Board in all our mission fields. As of May 1st this year, the 1946 Lottie Moon Offering received by the Foreign Mission Board had reached the high mark of \$1,381,098.76.

Receipts for foreign missions last year through the Cooperative Program amounted to \$2,033,872. The first four months of this year showed an increase of \$54,091.35 over the corresponding period last year. For foreign missions the Board received last year, not counting relief and rehabilitation funds an average of 64 cents per capita. For every 22½ cents spent on ourselves, we gave only one cent to world missions outside of our own country. In 1945, of 20 evangelical denominations, Southern Baptists ranked 18th in gifts to foreign missions.

Our people responded last year in a gratifying way to the appeal of relief and rehabilitation. The goal was \$3,500,000; the receipts totaled nearly \$4,000,000. From every mission field devastated by war have come messages of grateful appreciation. Thousands of lives have already been saved and our mission work set forward in a great way. It is heartening to know that during the war not one church, so far as we have learned, discontinued its work and worship even though church buildings were destroyed. Relief must be continued as multitudes in war-devastated lands will die this year of starvation unless relief is sent continually.

The Commission, the world mission journal published by the Foreign Mission Board, continues to grow in circulation. Already the 90,000 mark has been reached, with every indication that the goal of 100,000 will be attained within the next year. Every Baptist home should have first the Baptist state paper, and after that, the two Southwide missionary periodicals, The Commission and Southern Baptist Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

RAY Y. WALDEN

SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES

We find in 1946 with twenty-two churches that seventeen had revival meetings. Five churches did not have a revival. Nine churches did not have a baptism. Thirteen churches reported 216 baptisms.

1947 Report: Fifteen churches had seventeen revivals with 183 baptisms. Seven churches had no revival; two churches more than last year without a revival; thirty-three baptisms less than last year.

It is true that whatsoever we sow that shall we also reap. If we sow sparingly we shall reap according to what we have sowed.

May we pray for more laborers that the harvest may be greater the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. HEMINGWAY

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

World problems must be solved and Christian leadership is the answer. We cannot escape it, the responsibility is ours, thousands of our Baptist young people are crying for an opportunity to express their thoughts, emotions, desires, hopes, and dreams—not knowing where to go, if our own schools cannot care for them. True enough, they are going somewhere, and Florida Baptists must, through the support of their Denominational Schools, save these young people to our own Denomination.

Southern Baptists have three Seminaries: Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Florida Baptists have their own Baptist Institute at Lakeland, Florida; and their State Denominational University, John B. Stetson University at DeLand, Florida.

In reaching these young people who are the potential christian leadership, we need to consider and encourage their enrollment in our own Baptist Schools and Seminaries. We as Southern Baptists of Florida need to support with our loyalty and finances these institutions of higher learning. In Florida, we are more particularly concerned for the advancement and growth and attendance of our young people at our own Stetson University, which features its own department of Christian Education.

The department of Christian Education has continued to carry its message into the churches, stimulating interest and encouraging support of Stetson University—our Baptist school. This has been done through distribution of specially prepared tracts and other material. The Baptist Witness has carried from week to week reports of the work and progress of this department.

Growing Interest

Christian Education Sunday was observed by a larger number of churches than formerly. Every Sunday School in the State was supplied with a questionnaire sheet which brought to them information about our school. This effort has borne fruit. Pastors have expressed appreciation for this type of publicity. Many churches and students have been reached through this channel. Many friends are being found and cultivated. "Stetson is on the march."

Increased Enrollment

Stetson has entered upon its greatest year, with an enrollment that will reach approximately 2,300. Enrollment of last year, not including summer schol, was 1,648. There were 963 veterans, 755 Baptists, 83

ministerial students, and 106 preparing for special Christian service. We have on the campus the sons and daughters of more pastors and Christian leaders than ever before.

Christian Atmosphere

Quoting Reverend Lee Nichols in a recent article in the Witness "Stetson University is not yet the thoroughly Christian University that the President, Board of Trustees, and Faculty want it to be. Neither are our churches as fully Christian as we want them to be." But with a Christian faculty, a directed program of religious activities, a very active Baptist Student Union, Chapel and Vesper Services daily, special prayer and soul-winning groups, and in addition one of the best Bible Departments to be found in any college in the South, we are gradually building on the campus an atmosphere that is truly Christian.

The interest given in a series of doctrinal sermons and the messages given during religious focus week is a barometer of growing spiritual vitality.

Growth and Challenge

Stetson University is growing by leaps and bounds, and immediate action is imperative. We must have buildings and equipment. Florida Baptists will meet the challenge of this hour. We have raised about \$450,000 in cash and \$200,000 in substantial pledges.

To complete the million dollars pledged by the convention, we must first vigorously present Stetson to our churches; secondly, we must put Stetson in our church budget for next year. In the third place where the church budget plan is not used, it is suggested that a special offering be taken. With more than 850 churches working at this task, we could easily raise 75,000 to 125,000 dollars annually for endowment and for urgently needed buildings.

The convention last year adopted the recommendation that Stetson University be included in our church budget.

We call upon our churches, our associational leaders, and our State Mission Board to get solidly behind this undertaking, and the harvest of souls, trained preachers and leaders for the home and foreign fields justify all our efforts. We can't share this fellowship without participation.

Respectfully submitted,

O. R. EVANS

MUSIC REPORT

Music cleanses the understanding; inspires it and lifts it into a realm which it would not reach if it were left to itself. Music unites mankind in an ideal bond. Music is God's gift to man, the only art of heaven given to earth, the only art of earth we take to Heaven.

I have worked in four churches in this association as song leader in revival meetings, taught one singing school in another association this year. I found the young people in these churches to be very much interested in singing and become more interested when they begin to learn something about music.

If we have good church choirs and music, we must train them in our churches. The talent is there. All that is needed is the chance and opportunity to develop them.

I am sure the churches in this association would be taking a great step forward if they could have a singing school in their churches this year. When possible, secure a singer for your revival meetings. We would have more church song leaders if there was a demand for singers. The music fields are ripe to harvest the laborers are few because they have not been given a place to work.

Under the direction of the state department of music, several things have been done for the improvement of music in the churches. Summer field workers have been sent into about twenty churches to conduct schools of music. A large number of classes on music have been conducted in encampments.

Believing that a music director in this association could do much to help promote better music in the churches in cooperation with the state director.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. SIMS

ALCOHOLISM AND THE CHURCH: REPORT

The Church today should fight against alcoholism even in a "moderate" form. It is obvious that if the church fails in this task our nation will become as drunken as any nation of the world today. Many of our present-day church members and so-called christians see no harm in social drinking or moderate drinking in or out of the home. The facts state however that moderate drinking can and will destroy a man's relationship to God because drink first affects the higher brain centers which enables the man to establish his relationship with God. There is no such thing as a "moderate" drinker; we must face the issue and call him a little less of a drunkard than the sot. It is drunkenness if it is one drink or a dozen drinks. The only difference is that drunkenness differs in its degrees. We know that the Word of God condemns drinking. Wine is a mocker Prov. 20: 1. "Be not among wine bibbers" Prov. 23: 20. Num. 6: 3 tells us that all Nazarites were to separate themselves from strong drink and as they are a type of the christians today we should also abstain. When we say drunkenness we not only mean hard liquor but we also mean beer. Dr. D. H. Kress, a Neurologist of Orlando, Florida, says that "beer drinking even moderately is more injurious than other spirit drinking. It is a devitalized, devitalized, drugged, decayed, impoverished food and is nothing under the sun but poisoned water."

Maybe some figures and facts from the Department of Commerce will help to impress what has already been said. 90% of all venereal infections were contacted under the influence of alcohol. 40% of all those killed by accidents are by drunken drivers. 30% of all drinkers become alcoholics and it might be of interest to know that we now have 2½ million confirmed drunkards in America today. The people of the U. S. spend twice as much for alcohol as they do for education. 8 billion dollars were spent in 1946 for alcohol. 54 dollars per capita is spent on alcohol yearly; for religion, which includes all major church organizations, spend \$5.50 per capita yearly.

I might add that Southern Baptists give less per capita than any organized church body.

The church must take up the fight and press hard against the foe of home, school and church. The church must, for in many cases the home and school have quit the fight. If we fail how guilty will we be in the eyes of the God we serve and the Christ that saved us and seeks to present us faultless before the throne.

REV. B. L. EARNEST
Alachua, Fla.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Balance, 1946	\$ 32.24
Receipts from churches	159.50
Total receipts	191.74
Paid for minutes	\$150.00
Clerk's salary	50.00
Postage	1.60
Total expenses	\$201.60
Less total receipts	191.74
Balance due clerk	\$ 9.86

EVERETT C. LERCH
Clerk and Treasurer

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The World Must Have the Bible

1. Jesus Christ is the one hope of men and nations . . . and The Bible is the one primary source of knowledge of Christ.
2. In every missionary advance the Bible goes forward first.
3. The Bible itself is a missionary. It can go where the human missionary cannot go, stay when he must leave, and keep on working in a man's heart.

Giving the Bible to the World is a Missionary Task

1. Every man must have the Bible in his own native language if the message of Christ is to speak effectively to his heart.
2. Someone must translate the Bible into his language, print it, and send it to him wherever he lives. Since most people in the world are too poor to pay the cost of books, someone must also give to help those who can pay only part of the cost and many who cannot pay at all.
3. The American Bible Society, supported by gifts, serves as that "someone". As a missionary organization, it aids in Bible translation, publishes the Scriptures without note or comment, and distributes them, without profit and usually below cost, for use in mission work throughout the world.

During 1946 the American Bible Society—

Distributed at home and abroad over 11 million volumes of Scriptures; Sent to Japan more than one-third million Gospels and more than one-third million of the 2½ million New Testaments requested by Japanese Christian leaders;

Shipped to Germany over one million Scripture volumes and 205 tons of materials for a self-help plan by which the German people and the German Bible Societies will do the actual printing of at least one million full Bibles.

Southern Baptist Can Lead in Providing Enough Bibles for World Needs Now!

1. Hungry-hearted multitudes, especially in liberated countries, Germany and Japan, are eager for the Word of God. But it is a race against time. Their eagerness may not last indefinitely and opposing forces are actively at work.
2. The Bible is rationed throughout the world, as it has always been rationed in mission lands, because the supply is limited by gifts available.
3. In 1946, Southern Baptists gave \$130,550 to the American Bible Society; total church gifts were \$1,119,845. Increased gifts from Southern Baptists will help to provide **enough Bibles now** and will multiply their value by inspiring others to give more. Please send gifts to the Baptist state headquarters office, marked "for the American Bible Society."
4. A worldwide missionary advance, through increased Scripture distribution, waits!—Waits only for needed funds!

Respectfully submitted,

B. L. EARNEST

STATE MISSIONS

We are told the greatest hindrance to our State Mission work is the fact that our people do not understand the plan and program of our State Mission Board. It is then of prime importance that we keep explaining these to our people. The Cooperative Program is our south-wide plan by which we finance our mission work. It is also the state program. Our office in Jacksonville receives all that is contributed through the Cooperative Program. It is then divided between the state mission program and the south-wide program of missions. The state keeps 55% for work done in our state and the other 45% goes to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to be divided by them to the various causes fostered by Baptists around the world.

During the past year—October 1, 1946 to September 30, 1947—the various churches sent through the Jacksonville office more than \$500,000 for the Cooperative Program.

This year, only one special offering is advocated by our great Convention, that of "State Missions." The offering is jointly fostered by the W. M. U. and the Florida Baptist Convention. The women will observe the period September 22-24. The churches, through their Sunday Schools

will observe the day of October 26th. It is sincerely hoped that every church will observe this day and display prominently the wall chart explaining what the offering is to be used for.

Our state mission program is so large and so all-inclusive of the needs of our churches that it is essential that we have many departments under the direct leadership of a competent secretary. Dr. Jno. Maguire is the Executive Secretary and Supervises all the departments, and he is the Treasurer of our State Mission Board. There are seven departments under which our mission work is done, namely: Sunday School, Training Union, Music and Brotherhood, Missions, Evangelism and Stewardship, B. S. U. Administration and Christian Education. Each of these departments is separate and distinct in its purpose and work and maintains its own director and workers, totaling 35 missionaries all doing state mission work.

Besides these, there is the W. M. U. with its vast work of mission endeavor, the Florida Baptist Witness that reaches every corner of the state with its enlightenment and encouragement; John B. Stetson University, our own Baptist college, which is preparing hundreds for the evangelization of this state and the world and finally our great and merciful work of our Baptist Children's Home. A careful analysis of our state mission work will convince anyone that we are well organized and the progress of our denomination in Florida has justified this vast organization.

We beg you to pray daily for your 35 state missionaries.

Respectfully submitted,
L. A. SHEPARD

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY FOR BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS

Religious liberty and the separation of Church and State were written into the Constitution of the United States because of the influence of Baptist Associations and Presbyterian Synods. Baptists and Presbyterians had become numerous in the colonies through the Great Awakening Revivals, but they became articulate and influential in the affairs of the country through these denominational organizations.

Many of our Baptist forebears suffered mob violence and imprisonment in Virginia and at the instigation of a State Church. In 1770—just five years before the outbreak of the war for Independence—an attempt was made to dynamite the jail in Culpepper County, Virginia, because James Ireland, a Baptist preacher, was imprisoned there.

Because of their sufferings in the struggle for religious liberty, our Baptist people were sensitive to any encroachments upon their rights for many years. But we have come upon times when this heritage is lightly esteemed or taken for granted. In one generation we have lived through two wars and an economic depression. In these abnormal times our American people gave up voluntarily many of their liberties. This has opened the way for the Roman Catholic Church, the arch-enemy of religious liberty, to destroy this cornerstone of American life.

In 1942, Roman Catholics of the United States began a sinister campaign to destroy all non-Catholic missions in Latin America, under the

cloak of "The Good Neighbor Policy." They charged that our Baptist and Protestant missions in Latin America were "A work of pure destruction" and that the presence of our missionaries was an obstacle in the way of international good-will. They said that the Protestant missionaries were "The strongest reasons why South Americans do not like us." They also charged that the work of our missionaries "arouses even more enmity against the United States than did the activities of American big business in the old days of dollar diplomacy." One Catholic editor declaired that "There can be no freedom of religion where malevolent interference with the beliefs of Catholic peoples is allowed to run rampant."

This attack upon the right of Baptists and others to preach the Gospel in Latin America was so effective that the Department of State of our national government refused passports to missionaries of some time. This is how far our government has drifted from its own basic law! This is a warning of the grave menace to liberty of conscience in the United States today! As Baptists, we shall be ungrateful for the heritage which was bought by the blood and tears of our forefathers if we do not speak up and be heard in a time like this! If we allow freedom of conscience to be wrested from our posterity, we shall pass on to succeeding generations a curse which we have been saved from by the providence of God and the sufferings of our forefathers.

In view of the grave danger which confronts our nation and the world, we recommend:

First, that our denominational papers and leaders inform our people of this threat to religious liberty.

Second, that our pastors often expound the basic Scriptural principle of the separation of Church and State.

Third, that the public press utilized as often and as much as possible to inform our fellow Americans of the sinister efforts which are being made to destroy religious liberty.

TRAINING UNION REPORT

We have just closed a successful year in our Training Union. Most of our churches reported training union study courses in the past year.

Training Union Information about the Santa Fe River Association:

Number of Churches	22
Number with Training Unions	17
Number of Churches without Training Union work	5
Number of Adult Unions	13
Number of Young People's Unions	11
Number of Intermediate Unions	19
Number of Junior Unions	16
Number of Story Hours	8
Number of Churches requesting awards (Oct. 1, 1946 to Sept. 1, 1947)....	9
Number of Awards granted to the Association	318
Gain or Loss in Awards over last year	62
Gain or Loss in Churches having Study Courses over last year	1

Respectfully submitted,
E. E. EARNEST

I. REGULATIONS COVERING THE USE OF ASSOCIATION FUNDS

1. The Association Clerk shall be the custodian of all funds received from the churches of the Association for the work of the same.
2. The money is to be disbursed only at the discretion and under the direction of the Association Executive Committee, which is to meet once every quarter. (See By-Laws of the Association.)
3. The amount of each budgetary item, except the printing of the minutes of the Association meeting, is to be pro rated over the Association year, and no more than the pro rata amount of any one quarter may be spent in that quarter except as a surplus has accumulated from the previous quarters. The entire accumulation of funds under any budgetary item may, under the aforementioned conditions, i.e., the direction of the Executive Committee, be spent at a given time, in the interest of the given cause. The prorata share of the remaining portion of the year, at any time during the year, however, may not be considered as part of an "accumulation."
4. The apportionment of each church is to be paid either in one or two installments. If the latter is done, it is requested that the first installment be paid at the beginning of the new Association year and the second, as early as possible in the second quarter of the same year.
5. At the end of each Association year, all unused budgetary allotments are to be reallocated on the budget of the ensuing year.
6. The clerk is to keep an accurate record of the receipt and disbursement of all funds and is to present the same to the Executive Committee at each quarterly meeting and also to the annual meeting of the Association.
7. The budgetary allowances, excepting clerk hire and the printing of the minutes, shall be used, mainly for covering traveling expenses and shall not be used for promotional work in any one or group of churches, save as said promotional work is part of a campaign including all the churches of the association.
8. All travel expenses shall be paid on a mileage basis of five cents (5¢) per mile.

II. BUDGET AND APPORTIONMENTS

Clerk hire	\$ 50.00	Alachua	\$ 35.00	LaCrosse	\$ 5.00
Minutes	150.00	Archer	10.00	Island Grove	5.00
S. S.	150.00	Campville	5.00	Lake Butler	25.00
B. T. U.	75.00	Eden	5.00	Micanopy	5.00
Moderator's		Eliam	10.00	Orange Heights	10.00
Traveling		Fairbanks	5.00	Paran	10.00
Expense	50.00	Grove Street	60.00	Sardis	15.00
Association		Gainesville		Waldo	35.00
Program	40.00	First	160.00	Windsor	5.00
		Hampton	10.00	Immanuel	
		Hawthorne	35.00	Gainesville*	
		High Springs	60.00		
		Ochwilla	5.00		
	\$515.00				\$515.00

* This being a newly organized church, the amount of their contribution is left to their discretion.

REPORT OF OBITURARY COMMITTEE

Whereas God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved ones, we bow in humble submission to his will, and pray that we may faithfully carry on the work that they have passed to us.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

ALACHUA—Mr. Birt Powell, Mrs. E. E. Bell, Mrs. T. H. Cato.

ARCHER—Mrs. J. P. Simmons.

EDEN—Mrs. Edna Sutton, Mrs. Viola Silcox, Mrs. N. R. Addison.

ELIAM—Mrs. Nettie Huffman.

GAINESVILLE FIRST—Mrs. Nellie Sementon, Mrs. Ray L. Holder, Mr. C. E. Abbott, Mr. U. P. Davis, Mr. L. A. Johnson, Mr. T. E. McDonald, Mr. Nimrod Wells, Mr. S. B. Gaskins, Mr. C. L. Senn, Mr. W. S. Taylor (Deacon), Mrs. Laura Griffen.

GROVE STREET—Mr. Sam Wester.

HAMPTON—Mr. J. W. Watterson.

HAWTHORNE—Mr. Charles Guthrie, Mr. Noah G. Hall.

HIGH SPRINGS—Mr. Bryon H. Rimes (Deacon), Mr. E. E. Roberts, Mr. K. D. Breazeale.

LaCROSSE—Mr. J. T. Stokes.

OCHWILLA—Mr. Joseph Hammondtree.

ORANGE HEIGHTS—Mr. Arthur Adkins.

PARAN—Mrs. Pearl Lumpkin, Mrs. Irine M. Hutson.

SARDIS—Mrs. Jessie Will Dukes.

Signed:

WELDON BRANTLEY

MRS. W. H. GUNTER

L. WATTERSON

Committee

