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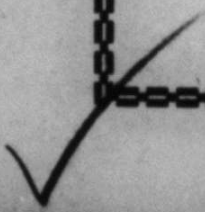
**Minutes**  
of the  
**Santa Fe River**  
**Baptist Association**  
**Florida**  
**1952**



**96th ANNUAL SESSION**  
held with  
**LACROSSE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
LaCrosse, Florida  
October 9-10, 1952



Next Session Will Be Held With  
**ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
R. F. D. Gainesville, Florida



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**ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY  
OFFICERS**

Moderator ----- Rev. J. Lacy Basham, High Springs  
 Assistant Moderator ----- Rev. A. R. Greene, Melrose  
 Clerk & Treasurer ----- Rev. A. E. Young, Lake Butler  
 S. S. Superintendent ----- Rev. R. T. Hughes, Gainesville  
 T. U. Director ----- Raymond L. Layne, Alachua  
 Brotherhood President ----- Doyle White, Gainesville  
 Music Director ----- Miss Margaret Rosenberger, Micanopy  
 Pianist ----- Mrs. C. G. Pope, Alachua  
 Chairman of Evangelism ----- Rev. F. D. Gant, Keystone Heights  
 W. M. U. President ----- Mrs. F. D. Gant, Keystone Heights

**MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD**

(All officers of Association, Pastor and one additional as follows)

Alachua, R. K. Cook	High Springs, E. W. Sweet
Antioch, E. T. Norris	Island Grove, E. E. Hester
Archer, H. H. Simmons	Keystone Heights, E. Altman
Campville, Andrew Woodard	LaCrosse, Mozelle Gainey
Eden, H. L. Baxley	Lake Butler, R. Epperson
Fairbanks, I. L. Touchton	Melrose, C. P. Perry
Gainesville, Eastside, L. B. Rivers	Micanopy, P. M. Stanley
Gainesville, First, E. F. DeBusk	Ochwilla, B. A. Barrington
Gaines. Immanuel, O. R. Evans	Orange Heights, Earl Daugherty
Gaines. No. Central, G. A. Barber	Paran, E. S. Brantley
Hague, J. W. Brooks	Waldo, W. H. Gunter
Hawthorne, Harry Baker	Worthington, J. H. Cason

**COMMITTEES TO REPORT — 1953**

Christian Education -----	Hawthorne Church
Christian Literature -----	Alachua Church
Cooperative Program -----	Lake Butler Church
State Missions -----	Antioch Church
Home and Foreign Missions -----	No. Central Church
Relief and Annuity -----	Eliam Church
American Bible Society -----	Archer Church
B B I -----	Micanopy Church
Evangelism -----	Chairman of Evangelism
Brotherhood -----	Brotherhood President
Music -----	Music Director
Sunday School -----	Ass'n. Superintendent
Training Union -----	Ass'n. Director
W. M. U. -----	Ass'n. President

**TO PREACH ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON**

Rev. Jack Noffsinger ----- Gainesville  
 Rev. C. L. Carroll, Alternate ----- Worthington

**TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

TIME: October, 8-9, 1953

PLACE: Antioch Baptist Church, R. F. D. Gainesville

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### CHURCH DIRECTORY PASTORS

Alachua	
Antioch, William L. S. Keen	Rt. 3 Gainesville
Archer, M. J. Ramie	Archer
Campville,	
Eden, Howard D. Baughcum	Rt. 4 Lakeland
Fairbanks, R. R. Carlton	Brooker
Gainesville, Eastside, R. B. Keyes	1501 E. Univ. Ave. Gainesville
Gainesville, First, J. R. Noffsinger,	1st. Baptist Ch. Gainesville
Gainesville, Immanuel, R. T. Hughes	617 N. E. 6th St. Gainesville
Gainesville, No. Central,	
Hague,	
Hawthorne,	
High Springs, J. Lacy Basham	High Springs
Island Grove, Lloyd H. Anderson	Osteen
Keystone Heights, F. D. Gant	Keystone Heights
LaCrosse, Barney Andrews	LaCrosse
Lake Butler, Allen E. Young	Lake Butler
Melrose (Eliam) A. R. Greene	Melrose
Micanopy	
Ochwilla, R. V. Hogarth	224 Benham St. Palatka
Orange Heights, J. T. Rawlins	319 N. W. 15th Ave. Gainesville
Paran, R. C. Gray	Hampton
Waldo, G. B. Van Allen	Waldo
Windsor	
Worthington, (Sardis) C. L. Carroll	Worthington

### CHURCH CLERKS

Alachua, Mrs. C. F. Stephens	Alachua
Antioch, Mrs. F. R. May	LaCrosse
Archer, Miss Eula McKinney	Archer
Campville, Mrs. Flora Sherouse	Campville
Eden, H. L. Baxley	Hawthorne
Fairbanks, I. L. Touchton	Rt 1 Box 36 Gainesville
Gaines. Eastside, Mrs. Carl Branch	1501 E. Univ. Ave. Gainesville
Gainesville, First, E. E. Gable	1st. Baptist Church Gainesville
Gaines. Immanuel, Mrs. Pauline Carter	228-R Flavet III Gainesville
Gaines. No. Central, G. A. Barber,	RFD 2 Box 150 Gainesville
Hague, Mrs. John W. Hamm	Rt. 3 Box 496 Gainesville
Hawthorne, Harry M. Baker	Hawthorne
High Springs, F. O. Rawls	High Springs
Island Grove, M. S. Higginbotham	Island Grove
Keystone Heights, A. E. Anthony	Keystone Heights
LaCrosse, Mrs. Mozelle Gainey	LaCrosse
Lake Butler, M. P. Geiger	Lake Butler
Melrose, (Eliam) C. M. Perry	Rt. 2 Hawthorne
Micanopy, Mrs. E. D. Rosenberger	Micanopy
Ochwilla, B. A. Barrington	Rt. 2 Hawthorne
Orange Heights, Mrs. Opal Brown	Orange Heights
Paran, Mrs. Susie Gornto	Grandin
Waldo, Miss Marie Harris	Waldo
Windsor, Bessie L. Snowden	Rt. 2 Gainesville
Worthington, (Sardis) C. D. Newbern	Worthington

### CHURCH TREASURERS

Alachua, Carl Williams	Alachua
Antioch, R. T. Hargrave	Rt. 2 Gainesville
Archer, W. T. Hawkins	Archer
Campville, Mrs. C. E. Long	Campville
Eden, E. W. Wilkinson	Rt. 2 Hawthorne
Fairbanks	
Gaines. Eastside, R. A. Stuebe	1501 E. Univ. Ave. Gainesville
Gaines. First, M. M. Parrish	First Baptist Church, Gainesville
Gaines. Immanuel, Clarence Melton	2113 N. W. 7th St. Gainesville
Gaines. No. Central, C. J. Reichardt	925 N. E. 7th Pl. Gainesville
Hague, Joel Trueluck	Rt. 2 Alachua
Hawthorne, Harry M. Baker	Hawthorne
High Springs, S. K. Lindsey	High Springs
Island Grove, Herman Westphall	Island Grove
Keystone Heights, C. T. Parker	Keystone Heights
LaCrosse, J. W. Imler	LaCrosse
Lake Butler, Mrs. D. T. McGill	Lake Butler
Melrose, (Eliam) Mrs. H. F. Preston	Melrose
Micanopy, E. D. Rosenberger	Micanopy
Ochwilla, Mrs. Lela Hammontree	Rt. 2 Hawthorne
Orange Heights, Jewell Rountree	Orange Heights
Paran, Mrs. Annie Sikes	Grandin
Waldo, Mrs. C. A. DeSha	Waldo
Windsor, Bessie L. Snowden	Rt. 2 Gainesville
Worthington, (Sardis) Mrs. Vera Hewitt	Dukes

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Alachua, B. F. Faulkner	Alachua
Antioch, D. M. Cellon	Rt. 3 Gainesville
Archer, W. I. Hawkins	Archer
Campville	
Fden, H. L. Baxley	Hawthorne
Fairbanks, I. L. Touchton	Rt. 1 Gainesville
Gaines. Eastside, L. B. Rivers	1501 E. Univ. Ave. Gainesville
Gaines. First, W. A. Gager	2960 Parkway Gainesville
Gaines. Immanuel, O. R. Evans	312 N. E. 1st. Ave. Gainesville
Gaines. No. Central, G. A. Barber	Rt. 2 Gainesville
Hague, H. L. Sommers	Rt. 3 Gainesville
Hawthorne, Walter Crown	Campville
High Springs, E. W. Sweet	High Springs
Island Grove, J. L. Harrison	Island Grove
Keystone Heights, Wm. M. Wolfe	Keystone Heights
LaCrosse, Paul K. Philpot	RFD Alachua
Lake Butler, A. L. Driggers	Lake Butler
Melrose, (Eliam) C. P. Perry	Hawthorne
Micanopy, E. B. Denton	Micanopy
Ochwilla, J. L. Turner	Hawthorne
Orange Heights, T. C. Rountree, Jr.	Orange Heights
Paran, E. S. Brantley	Grandin
Waldo, D. T. Webb	Waldo
Windsor, Jimmie Wilkerson	Rt. 2 Gainesville
Worthington, (Sardis) Thomas Rimes	Worthington

## TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS

Alachua, Raymond Layne .....	Alachua
Antioch, J. F. Parrish .....	Rt. 3 Gainesville
Archer, Mrs. J. W. Fennell .....	Archer
Fairbanks, W. W. Palmer .....	Rt. 1 Gainesville
Gainesville, Eastside	
Gainesville, First, Eugene Kitching --	705 N. E. 9th Ave. Gainesville
Gaines. Immanuel, Wayne Matthews ---	236B Flavet III Gainesville
Gaines. No. Central, Eugene Robinson	1720 NW 12th Ave. Gainesville
Hawthorne, Keith Burton .....	Hawthorne
High Springs, Fred Coates .....	High Springs
Island Grove, Mrs. Louise Hester .....	Island Grove
Keystone Heights, Mrs. C. T. Parker .....	Keystone Heights
LaCrosse, Mrs. G. E. Spires .....	LaCrosse
Lake Butler, C. Don Geiger .....	Lake Butler
Melrose, Albert T. Hinnant .....	Melrose
Micanopy, Carson Roberts .....	Micanopy
Orange Heights, Earl Daugherty .....	Orange Heights
Waldo, W. H. Gunter .....	Waldo
Worthington, Page McGill .....	Lake Butler

## BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENTS

Alachua, A. J. Knight .....	Alachua
Archer, R. H. Smith .....	Archer
Gaines. Immanuel, A. L. Pearce .....	2111 NW 6th St. Gainesville
Gaines. No. Central, Doyle White .....	1720 NW 12th St. Gainesville
High Springs, F. O. Rawls .....	High Springs
Worthington, J. H. Cason .....	Worthington

## W. M. U. PRESIDENTS

Alachua, Mrs. B. F. Faulkner .....	Alachua
Antioch, Mrs. D. M. Cellon .....	Rt. 3 Gainesville
Archer, Mrs. Ruby Rains .....	Rt. 4 Gainesville
Gaines. Eastside, Mrs. H. H. Squires --	1501 E. Univ. Ave. Gainesville
Gaines. First, Mrs. J. G. Hughes .....	402 SW 12th St. Gainesville
Gaines. Immanuel, Mrs. C. R. Shephard .....	Ruthlyn Dr. Gainesville
Gaines. No. Central, Mrs. I. C. Robinson	1720 NW 12th St. Gainesville
Hague, Mrs. Montez Sommers .....	Rt. 3 Gainesville
Hawthorne, Mrs. Leo D. Barnes .....	Hawthorne
High Springs, Mrs. W. H. Swilley .....	High Springs
Island Grove, Arnie Abstein .....	Island Grove
Keystone Heights, Mrs. W. B. McCrary .....	Keystone Heights
LaCrosse, Mrs. Raymond Imler .....	RFD Alachua
Lake Butler, Mrs. M. P. Geiger .....	Lake Butler
Melrose, Mrs. Nellie Rountree .....	Melrose
Micanopy, Mrs. J. E. Thrasher .....	Micanopy
Orange Heights, Mrs. Russell Dougherty .....	Orange Heights
Waldo, Mrs. W. H. Gunter .....	Waldo
Worthington, Mrs. Virginia Bielling .....	Worthington

## ASSISTANT PASTORS OR EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS

Gainesville, First, Fred G. Schofield .....	Gainesville
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## MINISTERS LICENSED THIS YEAR

Gainesville, Immanuel, W. R. Jones, Jr. ....	Fort Worth, Texas
Gainesville, No. Central, Vernon Ward .....	Gainesville, Florida
Lonnie Dobbs .....	Gainesville, Florida
Worthington, T. H. Waters .....	Worthington

## MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR

Gainesville, Immanuel, James L. Sumner .....	Forth Worth, Texas
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## ORDAINED MINISTERS

(Other than Pastors holding membership in the churches of Ass'n.)

Eden, .....	Robt. L. Kirby, E. W. Wilkinson
Gainesville, Eastside, .....	W. A. McMichen, H. C. Ridenour
Gainesville, First, .....	Ray Koonce, T. V. McCaul, Charles Millican, R. H. Willets, Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Ayers (Retired Missionaries) H. W. McGlamery, Fred Schofield
Gainesville Immanuel, .....	D. B. Allen, Isaac B. McDonald
Gainesville No. Central .....	Vernon Ward, Richard Barber
Hague .....	Charles E. May
High Springs .....	Morris Beck
Keystone Heights .....	W. B. McCrary, David Thomas
LaCrosse .....	T. S. Parrish
Lake Butler .....	Leslie Shepherd, L. O. Sheffield
Melrose .....	L. R. Brothers
Orange Heights .....	Judson Morgan, W. M. Weeks

*Church Data*  
*Choir*  
*Pianists*  
*Librarians*



## BUDGET FOR SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1952 - 1953

Monderator's Expense to State Convention -----	\$ 15.00
Moderator and Clerk Expenses to Evangelistic Conference ----	15.00
Clerk Hire -----	75.00
Printing Minutes -----	160 00
Sunday School -----	75.00
Training Union -----	50.00
Brotherhood -----	25.00
Association Programs -----	5.00
Postage and Stationery -----	20.00
Radio Committee -----	25.00
Miscellaneous -----	20.00
Baptist Hour Radio Program -----	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL -----</b>	<b>\$1,485.00</b>

## APPORTIONMENT TO CHURCHES

Church	Per Month	Per Year
Alachua -----	\$ 5.00	\$ 60.00
Antioch -----	5.00	60.00
Archer -----	5.00	60.00
Campville -----	1 50	18.00
Eden -----	1.50	18.00
Fairbanks -----	2.00	24.00
Gainesville (Eastside) -----	8.00	96.00
Gainesville (First) -----	30.00	360.00
Gainesville (Immanuel) -----	5.00	60.00
Gainesville (North Central) -----	10.00	120.00
Hague -----	1.50	18.00
Hawthorne -----	5.00	60 00
High Springs -----	5.00	160.00
Island Grove -----	2.00	24.00
Keystone Heights -----	5.00	60.00
LaCrosse -----	3.00	36.00
Lake Butler -----	4.00	48.00
Melrose (Eliam) -----	5.00	60.00
Micanopy -----	3 00	36.00
Ochwilla -----	1.50	18.00
Orange Heights -----	2.00	24.00
Paran -----	1.66 2/3	20.00
Waldo -----	7.00	84.00
Windsor -----	.16 2/3	2.00
Worthington Springs (Sardis) -----	3.00	36.00
<b>TOTAL -----</b>	<b>\$1,562.00</b>	

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES  
Santa Fe River Baptist Association  
1952 - 1953

1952	
October	
2	Annual W. M. U. Meeting, Alachua
12	Layman's Day
13	Pastor's Conference
23	Associational S. S. Conference
27-31	Ass'n. Group Training School. (S. W. Group)
November	
	Enlistment Day and Every member canvass During Month
3-7	State wide S. S. Group Training Schools
9-15	Royal Ambassador Focus Week
10	Pastor's Conference
10	B. W. C. Meeting, Alachua
20	Associational S. S. Conference
December	
1	Associational Executive Committee Meeting
1-5	W. M. U. Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions
8	Associational Training Union Mass Meeting (M Night)
15	Pastor's Conference and Brotherhood Meeting
26	Associational S. S. Conference
28	Student Night at Christmas, Local Church
1953	
January	
5-9	Special Bible Study Week
11	Training Union Executive Meeting
12	Pastor's Conference
18-23	W. M. S. Focus Week
22	Associational S. S. Conference
30	W. M. U. Quarterly Meeting and Ex. Com. Meeting
February	
8-14	Y. W. A Focus Week
10	Pastor's Conference
20	Associational S. S. Conference
23-25	Statewide S. S. Convention, First Church, Lakeland
March	
2-6	W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Home Missions
6	Associational Training Union Mass Meeting
9	Pastor's Conference and Brotherhood Meeting
13	Regional Conference and Laymen's Rally
19	Associational S. S. Conference
24-26	State W. M. U. Meeting, Jacksonville
29	Home and Foreign Missions Day in the S. S.
30	Associational Executive Meeting
April	
2-3	Regional Y. B. S. Clinic, Starke
5-12	Youth Week in the Churches

- 12 Associational Training Union Executive Meeting  
 13 Pastor's Conference and Ass'n V. B. S. Clinic  
 23 Associational S. S. Conference  
 W. M. U. Quarterly Meeting and Ex. Com. Meeting
- May
- 3-10 Southwide W. M. U. Annual Meeting and S. Southern Baptist  
 Convention Houston, Texas
- 3-10 Christian Home Week  
 6-10 Southern Baptist Convention, Houston, Texas  
 10-16 G. A. Focus Week  
 11 Pastor's Conference  
 21 Associational S. S. Conference
- June
- 1 Associational Executive Meeting  
 15 Pastor's Conference and Brotherhood Meeting  
 19 Associational Training Union Mass Meeting  
 25 Associational S. S. Conference  
 Vacation Bible Schools and Ridgecrest
- July
- 9 Young People's Rally and Ex. Com. Meeting  
 12 Associational T. U. Executive Meeting  
 13 Pastor's Conference  
 23 Associational S. S. Conference  
 Ridgecrest Conferences  
 State Camps for Young People
- August
- 9-15 Sunbeam Focus Week  
 10 Pastor's Conference  
 20 Associational S. S. Conference  
 25 N. E. District S. S. Planning Meeting, Palatka  
 31 Executive Committee Meeting  
 W. M. U. Week at Ridgecrest
- September
- 11 Associational T. U. Mass Meeting  
 13-20 Transfer Church Membership Week  
 14 Pastor's Conference and Brotherhood Meeting  
 15-16 W. M. U. Season of Prayer for State Missions  
 24 Ass'n. S. S. Supper Conference and Planning Meetings  
 27 Promotion Day
- October
- 8-9 Annual Association Meeting, Antioch Church  
 11 Associational T. U. Executive Meeting  
 11 Laymen's Day  
 18-25 Christian Stewardship Week  
 22 Associational S. S. Conference  
 25 State Mission Day

### CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I—NAME: The name of this association shall be called THE SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II—OBJECTS: The objects of this association shall be:  
 (a) To encourage the spirit of cooperation between the member churches in their Divinely appointed work.

(b) To provide direct missionary activity in reaching unevangelized areas within the bounds of the Association, and

(c) To effect a closer cooperation between the churches and the Florida Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, and a greater participation in the Denominational program of missions education, and benevolence.

### ARTICLE III—CHURCHES:

(a) This Association shall consist of Missionary Baptist Churches of regular faith and order, holding regular communication with the Association in its annual sessions, and subscribing to the beliefs of the Denomination and the objects fostered.

(b) Churches presenting petitionary letters from other Associations, and newly constituted churches presenting proper credentials of organization and articles of faith, accompanied by properly accredited messengers, may, by majority vote of the annual session, be received into membership in the Association.

(c) 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.

ARTICLE IV—MEMBERS: This Association in session shall be composed of:

(a) All officers elected by the Association,

(b) The Pastors of the Churches in the Association, and

(c) Messengers elected by their respective churches on the following basis, and certified to the Association in session in their annual letter or petitionary letter: Each church shall be entitled to a minimum of three messengers and two additional messengers for every twenty-five members or major fraction thereof over the first fifty members, except that no church shall be entitled to more than ten messengers.

### ARTICLE V—OFFICERS:

(a) The officers of this Association shall be: Moderator Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Women's Missionary Union President, Brotherhood President, Chairman of Evangelism, Music Director, and Pianist.

(b) Officers shall be elected at each annual session, from members of this Association, to take office immediately, except the Moderator and Vice-Moderator, who shall take office at close of final session. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be elected by ballot from nominations made on the floor of the first session of the annual session, and shall not hold office for a period longer than two successive years. All other officers shall be nominated by the nominating committee. If a vacancy occurs in any office between sessions, the Executive Committee shall elect an officer to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term. All officers shall serve until their successors have been elected.

### ARTICLE VI—MEETINGS:

(a) The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as the body shall have determined at its annual session. In emergen-

cies, the Executive Committee may make such changes in the time and place of the annual session as will best serve the interests of the Association.

(b) The Sunday School, \*Training Union, Women's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood officers shall conduct such meetings as are in keeping with the Denominational program.

#### ARTICLE VII—COMMITTEES:

(a) The Executive Committee shall be composed of:

- (1) All officers elected by the Association,
- (2) The Pastors of the Churches in the Association, and,
- (3) One additional member from each Church. These additional members to be nominated by their respective Churches and elected by the Association in annual session.

(b) The Program Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and Clerk.

(c) The following committees, and any other authorized by the association, shall, unless otherwise provided, each be composed of three members appointed by the Moderator: Nominating Committee, Resolutions Committee, Radio Committee, Budget Committee, and Obituaries Committee.

ARTICLE VIII—AMENDMENTS: These articles may be made, altered or rescinded at any annual session of the Association upon a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided however, that one day's notice shall have been given, and that the proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing.

#### RULES OF DECORUM

##### SECTION I—DUTIES OF CHURCHES

(a) It shall be the duty of each Church in the Association to forward with her messengers a written report on the forms provided, specifying the names of her messengers and giving statistical account of the work of the previous year. This report shall be presented on the first day of each annual session.

(b) Each Church shall nominate a layman for membership on the Executive Committee and shall report such nomination in writing to the annual session.

##### SECTION II—DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

(a) Moderator: It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at all sessions and appoint all committees not otherwise provided for. He shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee submitting a written report of its work to the annual session. He shall also be Chairman of the Program Committee. He shall countersign all checks of disbursement.

(b) Vice-Moderator: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to perform all the duties of Moderator in his absence. He may also preside at Moderator's request. He shall serve as Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee and of the Program Committee.

(c) Clerk:

(1) The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association, supervise the printing and distribution of the minutes, keep a regular file of the published proceedings of the Association, and deliver same, with all other materials belonging to the office, to his successor.

(2) He shall send to the clerks of the churches the "Associational Letter" report forms at least thirty days prior to the annual session.

(3) He shall notify in writing, immediately upon their election or appointment, all persons elected to office or appointed on committees.

(4) He shall serve as Secretary of the Executive Committee, keeping a correct record of its proceedings and notifying its members in writing of all regular and special meetings.

(5) The clerk shall receive remuneration for his service, the sum to be fixed by the association at its annual session. Additional funds may be provided for the expense of his office.

(d) Treasurer:

(1) The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all Association funds. All receipts shall be deposited in a public bank and all disbursements shall be made by check signed by Treasurer, countersigned by Moderator.

(2) All expenditures shall be authorized by the Executive Committee or the Association in annual session before disbursement is made.

(3) Permanent records shall be kept, including cancelled checks and bank statements, and shall be delivered to his successor.

(4) Written reports shall be made quarterly to the Executive Committee and annually to the Association in annual session.

(e) Other Officers: The officers of the Sunday School, Training Union, Women's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and Chairman of Evangelism shall perform the functions usual to their offices, following the plans outlined in their respective Denominational publications. The Executive officer of each department shall present at the annual session, a written report of the work of his department. The Music Director and Pianist shall have charge of the music at Association and Executive Committee meetings, and shall endeavor to promote the cause of good music at the Churches.

##### SECTION III—DUTIES OF COMMITTEES:

(a) The Executive Committee shall transact all business of the Association between annual sessions. It shall meet quarterly at a time and place decided upon by the committee, and at other times and places upon the call of its chairman. If a vacancy occurs in any office between sessions, the Executive Committee shall elect an officer to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

(b) The Program Committee shall suggest the order of business for the annual sessions. Persons expected to make reports or otherwise take part in the program shall be notified in writing at least one month prior to the session.

(c) The Nominating Committee shall, by written report at the first session of the annual session nominate all officers of the Association except as otherwise provided. The Committee shall have personally conferred with each nominee at least one week prior to his nomination. The committee shall serve throughout the year and if a vacancy occurs in any office between sessions, shall make nomination to the Executive Committee of an officer to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

(d) Other Committees shall perform the duties assigned them.

SECTION IV—AMENDMENTS: These Rules of Decorum may be made, altered, or rescinded at any annual session by a majority vote of the members present, all proposed amendments shall be presented in writing.

SECTION V: The parliamentary law which shall be used in the government of this Association shall be ROBERTS RULE OF ORDER (Revised).



**IN HONOR OF OUR BELOVED DEAD**

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain".

ANTIOCH: Mr. Phillip Dampier, Mrs. Susie Mae Crews

ARCHER: Norman Wagner

GAINESVILLE, EASTSIDE: Mrs. Sula Thomas

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HAWTHORNE: Mr. Frank W. Webb.

HIGH SPRINGS: Mr. W. J. Priest.

ISLAND GROVE: Mr. Jack Boyles.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS: Harriette Kelly

LACROSSE: Mrs. W. I. Carter, Mrs. J. W. Gann.

LAKE BUTLER: Mr. Esten Kirkland.

MELROSE, ELIAM: Mr. I. C. Yarbrough, Deacon; Mr. W. L. Perry, Mrs. Cava Snodgrass.

ORANGE HEIGHTS: Mrs. Eliza Ormond.

WALDO: Mrs. Roy Barker.

WORTHINGTON, SARDIS: Mrs. Emma Scaff.

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As Registered

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B. F. Faulkner, Raymond Layne, Mrs. C. G. Pope.

**ANTIOCH**

Rev. Wm. L. S. Keen, Mrs. Grace Norris, D. M. Cellon, Mrs. D. M. Cellon, J. C. Dampier, Mrs. J. C. Dampier, J. T. Kirby, Mrs. J. T. Kirby, Mrs. R. T. Hargrave, Mrs. William Keen, Mrs. E. T. Norris, Mrs. Fred May.

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**GAINESVILLE, FIRST**

Rev. J. R. Noffsinger, Rev. C. C. Black, Mrs. C. C. Black, Fred Schofield, Ray Koonce, Herbert McGlamery, Mrs. Reuben Turner, Mrs. C. R. Smith, Mrs. E. F. Debusk, E. F. Debusk, Barbara Jaskson, C. R. Smith, Sr., Rev. T. V. McCaul.

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Rev. R. T. Hughes, Mrs. Bill Phillips, O. R. Evans, Mrs. O. R. Evans, A. H. Sparks, Mrs. A. H. Sparks.

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**HAWTHORNE**

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**HIGH SPRINGS**

Rev. J. Lacy Basham, Mrs. Lacy Basham, Mrs. E. W. Sweet, M. M. Thompson, Mrs. M. M. Thompson, E. W. Sweet.

**ISLAND GROVE**

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## OCHWILLA

Mrs. Lela Hammontree, Mrs. Minnie Merriman, Mrs. Mary O. Shi.

## ORANGE HEIGHTS

Rev. J. T. Rawlins, Mrs. T. C. Rountree, Mrs. Russell Daugherty, Mrs. Earl Daugherty, Mrs. Ida Parrish.

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Mrs. Weldon Brantley, W. Brantley, Rebecca Brantley, Mrs. S. R. Griffin.

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Mrs. J. E. Williams, Mrs. J. D. Bielling, Rev. C. L. Carroll, Mrs. C. L. Carroll, C. D. Newbern, Mrs. C. D. Newbern, J. H. Cason.

## WALDO

Rev. G. B. Van Allen, Mrs. G. B. Van Allen, W. H. Gunter, Mrs. W. H. Gunter, Mrs. W. T. Wasdin, Mrs. G. E. Carter, Mrs. A. L. Stevens, Mrs. J. M. Porter, Mrs. H. M. Collins, L. F. Cosgrove, Mrs. L. F. Cosgrove.



## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Of The

## 96th ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

## SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

LaCrosse, Florida

October 9 - 10, 1952

## MORNING SESSION

1. Devotional conducted by Rev. A. E. Young  
Hymn - I am Thine O Lord.  
Scripture - Luke 5:1-11  
Prayer - Rev. William Keen, of Antioch.
2. Address of welcome given by Rev. Barney Andrews.
3. Response to the welcome given by Rev. R. T. Hughes.
4. Organization:  
Motion that those that know themselves to be messengers to this Association be known as the members of this body.  
Motion carried.  
Motion that program be adopted as printed with such changes as needed be made during the progress of the Association.
5. New Pastors introduced to Association: Rev. A. R. Greene, Melrose; Rev. C. L. Carroll, Worthington; Rev. G. B. Van Allen, Waldo; Rev. J. T. Rawlins, Orange Heights. Mr. Herbert McGlammery the Educational Director of the First Church, Gainesville was introduced.
6. Visitors: Rev. John Maguire, Jacksonville, Rev. Carmichael of Callahan, Rev. and Mrs. John Pearce (Regional Missionaries) The pastor of Antioch Church who in turn presented a petitionary letter.
7. A petitionary letter from Antioch was read asking for admission to the Association and also a supporting letter from the New River Association. A motion was made, seconded and carried that Antioch Church be admitted to the Association as members.
8. Appointment of Committees:
  - (1) Committee on Time, Place and Preacher.  
Rev. Barney Andrews  
Rev. Leo Barnes  
Mr. B. F. Faulkner
  - (2) Committee on Committee's  
Rev. H. L. Daniel  
Rev. J. L. Basham  
Mr. W. H. Gunter
  - (3) Obituary Committee  
Rev. C. L. Carroll  
Mr. I. L. Touchton  
Mr. O. R. Evans
  - (4) Resolutions Committee  
Rev. R. B. Keys  
Rev. A. R. Greene  
Rev. Dan Rivers
  - (5) Calendar of Activities Committee  
Rev. Fred Gant  
Rev. W. L. S. Keen  
Mr. Herbert McGlammery

Mrs. Fred Gant  
Mr. Raymond Layne  
Rev. R. T. Hughes

## (6) Committee on Order of Business

Rev. G. B. Van Allen  
Mr. Mondell Cellon  
Mr. George Barber

## 9. Election of Officers:

Rev. J. Lacy Basham nominated and elected Moderator  
Rev. A. R. Greene, nominated and elected Vice-Moderator

## 10 George Barber gave report of Nominating Committee as follows:

Clerk-Treasurer, Rev. A. E. Young  
Sunday School Superintendent, Rev. R. T. Hughes  
Training Union Director, Mr. R. L. Layne  
Brotherhood President, Mrs. Doyle White  
Music Director, Miss Margaret Rosenberger  
Pianist, Mrs. C. G. Pope  
W. M. U. President, Mrs. Fred Gant  
Chairman of Evangelism, Rev. F. D. Gant

## 11. Report of the Budget Committee read by Rev. A. R. Greene.

Report of committee accepted and adopted.  
(Listed with reports)

## 12. Report of Treasurer read and approved.

(Listed with reports)

## 13. Motion that time of sermon be advanced 30 minutes

Motion carried.

## 14. Association at Worship

Hymn - Marching to Zion  
Prayer by Dr. Tom McCaul  
Scripture - Neh. 4:6;17

Subject - Rebuilding the walls or repairing the breaches.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

14. Song, Scripture and Prayer by Rev. A. R. Greene  
Special music by Rev. A. R. Greene and Rev. F. D. Gant
15. Dr. T. M. Johns brought a report on the Florida Baptist Childrens Home. - Report adopted.
16. Report on Christian Literature given by Rev. G. B. Van Allen  
Rev. J. R. Noffsinger spoke to the report.  
Report was adopted.
17. Report on B. B. I. was given by A. E. Young, a trustee of the school.
18. Report on Cooperative Program brought by Dr. D. F. Debusk.
19. Report on State Missions brought by A. E. Young.  
Motion that report be placed in minutes without reading and the time be given to Dr. Maguire. Motion carried.  
Dr. John Maguire, State Executive Secretary brought an inspiring message on State Missions.
20. Ridgecrest report was given by Mr. O. R. Evans.
21. Report on Christian Education brought by Rev. J. L. Basham verbally, with a written report to be given second day of Association.  
Rev. Paul Carmichael spoke to the report.

## THURSDAY EVENING

22. Youth Inspirational program in charge of the local church.

## FRIDAY MORNING

23. Devotional by Rev. H. L. Daniel: Scripture 1 Peter I.
24. Sunday School Report given by Rev. R. T. Hughes.  
Report adopted.
25. Report on Christian Education which had been referred to second day for reading was read by Rev. J. L. Basham.
26. A report on Associational Missions and Missionaries was read by Rev. J. L. Basham.  
Motion made to adopt the report.  
Motion made that original report be amended to include the amount of money that would be required for expenses of the Ass'n. Missionary.  
Motion that the original motion and amendment be tabled until suitable time in afternoon session. Motioned tabled as made.
27. W. M. U. Report read by Mrs. J. E. Thrasher. Report adopted.
28. Report of Committee's:
- (1) Time, Place and Preacher.  
Time: October 8 - 9, 1953  
Place: Antioch  
Preacher: Rev. J. R. Noffsinger,  
Alternate Rev. C. L. Carroll.
  - (2) Radio Committee:  
Report read by Rev. Leo Barnes. Report adopted and request that contributors outside Association be thanked by letter.
29. Association at Worship:  
Hymn: Love Lifted Me.  
Prayer: Rev. C. L. Carroll  
Scripture: 1 Samuel 3.  
Hymn: Amazing Grace.  
Theme: When God Breaks His Silence.
30. Song, Scripture and prayer by Rev. R. B. Keyes.
- v1. Visitors recognized: Rev. and Mrs. Beard of Brooker and others.
32. Report of Baptist Hospital read and adopted.
33. Report of Obituary committee read by Rev. C. L. Carroll.
34. Report of Home and Foreign Missions by Rev. Barney Andrews.  
Report adopted.
35. Report of Relief and Annuity Board read by Rev. R. B. Keyes.
36. Motion that the report on Social Service be published in minutes if turned over to clerk.
37. Resolution committee's report read and adopted.
38. Training Union Report read by Mr. R. L. Layne. Mr. Layne spoke to the report - Report adopted.
39. Report of Committee on Committee's read and adopted.  
(Listed in front of book)
40. Representatives on the Executive Committee elected.
41. Motion that the Calendar of Activities be included in minutes when ready.
42. Time extended to hear report of Association Missions.
43. Report brought from table and amendment incorporated in original motion relating to the Associational Missionary Program. Motion that report be adopted as read and amended. Carried.
44. Motion that Program Committee plan a night program for the

Association next year.

45. Officers installed. (List on page 1)  
 46. The new Moderator appointed the following committee's:

- (1) Radio Committee  
 Rev. R. T. Hughes  
 Mr. Mondell Cellon  
 Mr. Fred Schofield.
- (2) Stewardship Committee  
 Rev. F. D. Gant  
 Rev. C. L. Carroll  
 Heads of all Departments.

47. Report of Evangelistic Committee read by Rev. R. B. Keyes.

- (1) Recommendation made that the Association hold a simultaneous revival this year. Revivals to follow the plan as outlined by Evangelistic conference in Jacksonville. Motion made and carried that this recommendation be referred to the Executive Committee.

48. Motion made and carried that Association Bank account be moved to Lake Butler.

49. Evangelistic Sermon: By Rev. Fred Gant.  
 Hymn: Wonderful Story of Life.  
 Scripture: John 1:15-34.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1951-52

Balance on hand October 1, 1951	\$ 213.93
Transferred from Radio Fund	29.00
Offering for Radio Fund	37.38
Received from outside the Association	162.21
Received from churches of the Ass'n.	1321.00
TOTAL	1763.52

#### Expenses:

Clerk hire	\$ 60.00
Printing Minutes	150.00
Moderators Expenses to Convention	15.00
Clerk-Moderator meeting	15.00
Training Union	41.00
Sunday School	67.00
Postage and Stationery	18.34
Radio Committee	15.44
Baptist Hour	1260.60
Printing Ass'n. Programs	5.00
Misc.	15.00

\$1664.24

Balance on hand October 8, 1952 ----- \$99.28  
 Received from Churches:

Alachua	\$ 60.00
Archer	88.00
Campville	18.00
Eden	18.00
Eliam	60.00
Fairbanks	24.00
Gainesville, Eastside	20.00
Gainesville, First	360.00
Gainesville, Immanuel	60.00

Gainesville, No. Central	80.00
Hague	18.00
Hawthorne	60.00
High Springs	60.00
Island Grove	24.00
Keystone Heights	40.00
LaCrosse	36.00
Lake Butler	48.00
Micanopy	36.00
Ochwilla	50.90
Orange Heights	24.00
Paran	20.00
Sardis	34.00
Waldo	84.00
Windsor	2.00

Gainesville, Florida  
 September 30, 1952

Santa Fe River Baptist Association  
 % LaCrosse Baptist Church  
 LaCrosse, Florida

Dear Friends:

In accordance with action taken in regular conference September 10, 1952, Antioch Baptist Church hereby applies for membership in your Association, having asked the New River Association for a letter recommending it to you.

Antioch Church feels that acceptance by you into the fellowship of the Santa Fe River Association will be a great help to Antioch, and it is sincerely hoped that Antioch may in some way contribute to the Association.

Very sincerely yours,  
 Antioch Baptist Church  
 By: William L. S. Keen, Pastor  
 R. T. Hargrove, Clerk

Starke, Florida  
 October 8, 1952

Santa Fe Association  
 Florida Baptist Convention

Dear Brothers:

The New River Association of the Florida Baptist Convention grants this letter to the Antioch Baptist for the purpose of joining with the Santa Fe Association.

This Church has cooperated in every phase of our work. They have responded quickly and wholeheartedly when called upon by the New River Association.

We heartily recommend this church, Antioch, to your Association.

Your Brothers in Christ,  
 C. F. Hooker, Moderator  
 A. Russell Norman, Clerk

Of The New River Association

**REPORT OF THE RADIO COMMITTEE**

Your Radio Committee begs leave to submit the following reports:

By action of the Association in its annual session a year ago, the work of Radio Gospel Broadcast was put in the Associational Budget. This has been a boon to the work of your Radio Committee and we greatly appreciate it.

The churches have, on the whole, responded most favorably, some even enthusiastically, to our broadcast of the "Baptist Hour" message of the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. This program has been broadcast over station WRUF, Gainesville, throughout the entire year.

Our broadcasts over WRUF have reached all parts of our Association territory and many areas lying far outside our own immediate communities. Responses to our call for cards and letters have come from as far away as Carrabell in the northwest and Lakeland in the south. We know that the gospel message is reaching into the homes of many that could not be reached by any other means, and that a territory is being served that would not be reached by any other station now carrying the "Baptist Hour".

Some help in the broadcast of the programs has been received from outside our Association.

We recommend that the Association take official notice of this assistance and that the Clerk be instructed to write an appropriate letter to these outside contributors.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert T. Hughes, Chairman  
Leo Barnes, Member

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS AND DISTRICT MISSIONARIES**

Growing out of the plan and proposal of The State Baptist Executive Board for Florida Baptists, that the Board will pay the salaries of a certain number of Missionaries if individual Associations or groups of Associations will pay the traveling expenses of such Missionaries and make same a cooperative enterprise, your committee makes the following report:

1. We have contacted the Committee from the Harmony Association and they are willing and desirous that the Santa Fe River Association join with them in forming a Missionary District comprising the churches of these two associations.
2. It is the sense of your committee that the plan of our State Board is a wise one and we look with favor upon it.
3. If we should enter the plan it would necessitate the appointment or election of a joint committee composed of representatives of both Harmony and Santa Fe River Associations for further planning and implementing said plan.
4. It is the thought of your committee that if, and when a Missionary is elected he should be well qualified, should live on the field and pursue his task under a definite plan of activities that should be well defined and understood, and that he should be responsible to both Associations and therefore be under the general direction and supervision of a wise committee elected by both Associations.
5. Some of the duties of such missionary would be:

- a. Initiate and foster missions in destitute fields where no individual local church can or will do so along with personal effort in soul winning among families far removed from a church.
- b. Work with local pastors and churches in surveying prospects and instituting new churches and mission Sunday Schools.
- c. Stimulate missionary zeal and endeavor among all the churches and thus endeavor to challenge local churches to establish new mission Sunday Schools and mission preaching points.
- d. Working with the heads of every department of our Associational work to encourage and improve the efficiency of every department.
- e. Organize and promote a worthy program stewardship and missionary education reaching every church if possible.
- f. Counsel with pastors upon their request on any problems confronting them on their respective fields.
- g. Work for unity and cordination among all the churches in all our Baptist enterprises.
- h. Be a servant of the churches not a ruling dictator.

We recommend:

1. That a committee of not less than three persons be elected by this association to meet with a like committee of their choosing from the Harmony Association to further explore and implement the plan of our State Board in its effort to render greater service by increasing the missionary force in this newly devised plan.
2. That this committee comprised of representatives from Harmony and Santa Fe River Associations constitute a permanent committee to function during the current Associational year and that it report to, inform, and recommend to the Executive Boards of these associations facts and proper procedure to take to implement the above mentioned plan, if this Association tentatively decides to endorse and enter this enterprise.
3. That the Executive Board of this Association be authorized to act for this Association in this matter during the current year.
4. That before the plan is put into execution and a Missionary employed that each church be contacted and asked for its decision, counsel and support.

Respectfully submitted by your committee.

J. Lacy Basham, Chairman  
Jack Noffsinger  
A. R. Greene

**Amendment No. 1 -**

It is our information and studied judgement that if we enter this plan it will require \$300.00 to be paid by this Association and a like amount by the Harmony Association. The State Board has agreed to pay the Missionaries salary and has set same at \$4.290 00 per year.

**REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE**

We as a Christian body believe strongly in Christian literature. We foster and encourage the reading of papers that enlighten the mind and animate the soul.

A good slogan for this year would be "A BAPTIST PAPER IN EVERY HOME BY 1953."

Southern Baptists have made available for us the following periodicals:

**HOME MISSION MAGAZINE**, this magazine is a paper published monthly by the Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention. This magazine carries a blessing into every home that it enters. J. B. Lawrence is the Editor.

**THE COMMISSION**: Jesus said: ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the world. This paper will keep you posted on the Lords work around the world. This paper is published monthly by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

**HOME LIFE**: Home Life is one of our periodicals that is rather new, however after just a few brief years, this magazine is a MUST if you would have the best in a family magazine. Joe W. Burton is the Editor.

**STATE DENOMINATIONAL PAPER**: Our State paper is known to the thousands who subscribe as the "FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS". With the help of the Witness, Florida Baptists are Marching toward success.

The State paper is;

1. Vital in Promotion
2. Essential in Unification
3. Foremost in the preservation of Church history
4. Indispensable in the preservation of our doctrines
5. Antidote to the sensational tendencies calculated to weaken our cause.

Respectfully submitted,  
G. B. Van Allen

**REPORT COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND STEWARDSHIP**

The records show that Southern Baptists have given more for all missionary, educational and benevolent causes thru the Cooperative Program during the past year than ever before in their history. But they must do even better to meet the growing needs in home missions and foreign mission fields, Christian education, hospitals, children's homes and state missions.

To meet this urgency, all Christians need training in stewardship. They must be ever reminded that the main business of life is that of stewardship. The stewardship of possessions must be seen in the setting of the stewardship of all of life, and must be governed by a response to the love of God in Christ.

"For several years Baptist leaders from the twenty-two states and from the Southern Baptist Convention agencies have felt the urgency of training all Christians, not only to give more for Christ, but to LIVE more for Christ. Through much prayer, these leaders now feel that the Lord has led them in the development of plans for Southern Baptist Advance in Stewardship in 1953, as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention. The central feature in this plan is: "A School of Stewardship in Every Church in the Southern Baptist Convention, October 18-25, 1953."

It is reported that the plan has met with enthusiasm everywhere. Every organization and agency is cooperating actively. Every state convention has taken action to give hearty cooperation. Pastors and churches are enthusiastic. It is necessary to take steps NOW for the success of this Stewardship Advance in our association. It is suggested that every pastor and committee member secure copies of the tract, "Southern Baptist Advance in Stewardship, 1953", from the office of the State Executive Secretary. This tract sets forth the plan in detail.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. "That we reaffirm our conviction that the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists is the fundamental, effective, and indispensable channel of providing for the needs of all our work; and that we continue through every means at our disposal to urge all our people to join in giving the Cooperative Program their loyal and undivided support.
2. "That we urge each church to increase the percentage of its budget going into the Cooperative Program in 1953.
3. "That this association approve the plans for Schools of Stewardship, October 18-25, 1953, that we urge every church to make plans for such a school, and that we request every association officer and organization to give full cooperation and support.
4. "That the association hereby authorize the moderator to name before the close of these sessions an associational stewardship committee, to be composed of seven persons, which may include two pastors, the superintendent of the Sunday School Association, the director of the Training Union Association, the president of the Brotherhood, or representatives of these organizations, and others. The duties of this committee will be to make overall plans for the School of Stewardship in the Association for 1953, and to enlist each church in conducting a School of Stewardship, October 18-25, 1953.
5. "That we urge each church to appoint a church stewardship committee before the beginning of the 1953 church year. This committee should include representatives of all church agencies. Its duties are to make plans for the School of Stewardship in the church, and enlist the membership of the church in attendance upon the school."

Respectfully submitted,  
E. F. DeBusk

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

Your Associational Sunday School Officers beg leave to submit the following report:

Everywhere in our association progress is evident in Sunday School work. All churches have had Sunday Schools for a number of years; today they are, on the whole, bigger and better than ever before.

Attendance at the regular Associational Sunday School meetings indicates a widespread interest in up-to-date methods and standard organizations.

Statistics from our letters of this year are not as yet available but they will no doubt justify our anticipation of larger schools and better work. The only phase in which statistics are available is that of Teacher Training Awards. Our state office reports that in 1951 there

were 247 awards granted workers in the churches of our association. In 1952 they record 392, an increase of 145 awards or of 60 percent over the previous year. North Central Church led in this field with 140 awards, Immanuel was second with 49 and Eliam third with 45.

Our organization is now fairly complete with only a few of the places of leadership yet to be filled. Regular meetings are planned and promotion of the work is to be pushed. Some goals of attainment have been set, as follows:

1. To increase the enrollment in our Sunday Schools by 600 this year.
2. To have four Group Training Schools in the association in November.
3. To start at least three Branch Sunday Schools by the end of March, 1953.
4. To try to lead every church to participate in the January Bible Study.
5. To lead every church to adopt and use the Standard of Excellence as a program of work in their Sunday School.
6. To attain at least 600 Training awards in our association this year.
7. To attain the Associational Standard of Excellence.
8. To have a Vacation Bible School in every church.

We recommend that the churches be urged to co-operate with the Associational Sunday School officers in attaining these goals.

We further recommend that each church have its own Planning Meeting for its Sunday School and that they set themselves goals of attainment and strive to reach those goals.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert T. Hughes, Supt.

#### FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

Our Home continues to expand its facilities. We have recently added a cottage for children of pre-school age. This cottage houses both boys and girls and has enabled them to increase the enrollment by 12. The number taken care of in the building has been propiously kept low because of the attention required by a little child. Those who do group work with children have found that a small child gets along better and develops more rapidly when he is given considerable personal attention. This is the seventh cottage for children and completes the first unit of the new Institution.

The farm and dairy are important in the operation of the home. They get many of the vegetables used in their dining rooms from the farm and all the milk they can use from the dairy. The average milk production for the past four months has been about 260 quarts per day. The calves are kept for future dairy cattle and for beef. There are 96 head in the herd. They expect to produce a large per cent of the meat used on the campus. The Home has an excellent pasture of 130 acres, 40 of which are planted with improved pasture grass.

Applications for admission from October 1, 1951 to September 1, 1952 have exceeded those of any similar period for which there are records. The total number of applicants for the 11 months was 478. This indicates a feeling on the part of many people throughout the state that they can help at the Children's Home, and it also shows a need for better care than the child can receive in his local situation. They admitted 92 children during the year which left 386 applications that were withdrawn, dropped because of a lack of interest on the

part of those making them, and for a lack of space in the Institution. They turned away some children who should have been admitted because they did not have the room. Mother's Aid was given in some cases, if there were wholesome family ties, and the child was permitted to stay with his parent.

They admitted 92 and discharged 52 children during the year. The total number under the care of the Institution during the past Associational year was 168.

The Apostle Paul in his charge to the elders of Ephesus said, in Acts 20 and 35, "I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

#### REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

While spiritual salvation is dependent on faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the religion that He implants in human hearts is one of knowledge, understanding and enlightenment. The Baptist faith is Christian faith, therefore Baptists believe in teaching and training. This Association is a Baptist body, and is thereby bound to a program of Christian education.

Baptists, not being content with local and associational programs, have moved beyond to provide education for Christian living through Baptist schools. Our own Stetson University, located at Deland, Florida is our state-wide school of higher learning supported by our Denomination and offering educational opportunities under Baptist Christian promotion and spiritual guidance.

Stetson reports an endowment of \$1,284,246.65; property value \$1,744,407.44. Income this year \$1,170,937.03; Expenses \$1,310,693.48; Deficit \$139,754.45; Enrollment 1,784. Graduates 339. Ministerial students 110. Those preparing for mission fields and special service 90.

In the broad South-wide field of Christian education we take delight that we have developed a system of schools, colleges and seminaries that insure for our people a future trained leadership that shall profoundly bless us as a people. These schools have given to our denomination 806 missionaries now serving on the foreign field, more than seventy percent of our trained leaders and a host of laymen and women that are leaders in every section of the country and in every phase of our national life.

We have acted wisely in providing these Christian institutions for the training of our youth but we are derelict in duty and lacking in spiritual interest and wisdom when we fail to send our youth to our own schools. Youth trained in secular schools alone or in schools sponsored by other denominations or by interdenominationalism can not possibly offer to Baptists the same kind of service and leadership they can if trained in the fundamental vital principals held by Baptists across the centuries.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Lacy Basham

#### RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD REPORT

This year the 34th Annual report of the Relief and Annuity Board was made before the Southern Baptist Convention. 1951 was a year of growth and enlarged services to the constituency.

Total income in 1951 was over 5 million dollars with total benefits

paid, amounting to one and a half million dollars.

According to the letters received from the Churches, eleven Churches in our Association are participating in the Retirement program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Two Suggestions:

1. All Churches should consider seriously their participation in the plan.
2. All ministers should take advantage of the opportunity provided for financial security upon retirement.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. B. Keyes

#### TRAINING UNION REPORT

We now have 19 churches with Training Unions. There are 127 individual unions, 54 General Officers and a total enrollment of 1,684. There was an average attendance of fifty-three and two-thirds members.

We have held regular quarterly rallies with Executive Committee meetings in between to plan these mass meetings. Our "M" night was held in the Gainesville First Church with an attendance of 216 followed by quarterly rallies in the Micanopy First Church March 12 with 156 in attendance, the High Springs First Church June 13 with 68 attending, and the Alachua First Church September 19 with an attendance of 82.

After elimination tournaments for Better Speakers and Intermediate Bible Sword Drill in the Micanopy Rally, we were represented by the winners of these contests in the District Training Union Convention in St. Augustine (The Ancient City Baptist Church) in April.

Respectfully submitted,  
Raymond L. Layne, Director

#### STATE MISSION REPORT

1. State Missions is Scriptural  
In his last words to the disciples Jesus made plain that his commission was to all the world.  
This means we are responsible for the community where we live, the area or state in which our community is located, the areas or states adjacent to our state, and the world beyond our national borders.
2. State Missions is Practical.  
State missions strengthens the home base without which world missions would perish, for surely no world program can long endure if the home foundations are not secure.  
State missions builds the home base through its program of building churches.  
In the process of sending the gospel beyond their borders, these strong churches at home were made still stronger.  
What could be more practical?
3. State Missions Gets the Job Done.  
State missions has a threefold task:
  - (1) Establish churches,
  - (2) nurture churches and
  - (3) enlist churches.
4. State Missions Fits into Our Baptist Way of Life.  
State missions creates a healthy, vigorous atmosphere for Christian work. It keeps us believing in world missions by constantly revealing what missions can do at home.

A well-balanced state mission program has several wholesome effects.

- (1) It puts a responsible promotional force close to the people.
- (2) It gives the people mission objects close to home where they can see.
- (3) It keeps the neighboring churches in touch with each other in a work that is important.
- (4) It makes a small, workable group, the state convention, responsible for expansion—more churches, more converts, more tithing Christian and more missionary support.

Every phase of our work here in Florida is a part of State Missions. The various workers in all our departments are all State Missionaries. Yes, Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, etc., are State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. E. Young

#### W. M. U. REPORT

Two new societies, Orange Heights and Hague, have been added to our roster, making a total of eighteen. Membership has grown to seven hundred and twelve women.

All Executive Board and regular meetings have been held in conjunction, also clinic and associational classes and conferences have been conducted. The associational standard has been reached except in the point requiring reports from each society quarterly. Two societies are A-1.

Five officers and several members attended the Convention in Orlando, and the President and Young People's Leader were in Daytona last week for State Leader's Conference. Our associational W. M. U. was well represented at the Miami Convention and members contributed one hundred souvenirs for Florida's guests there.

Our five Business Women's Circles are doing good work, under leadership of Miss Janie Lee Tyson, Gainesville.

Much community missions work has been done: Literature and other helps given Negro leaders, and some taken to State Road Camp, many visits made to unsaved and unchurched, Vacation Bible School Work done, needy cared for and cottage prayer meetings held. Eleven of our Societies are engaged in directed community missions with definite goals of soul winning. One ministerial student and two tubercular patients have been helped and handwork materials sent to Florida Farm Colony. Several societies put on programs for the women of State Prison, sent reading material for them and contributed to the buying of chimes for "All Soul's Chapel" there. The Associational W. M. U. donated hymnals. Thirty gifts were sent to State Hospital.

There are forty auxiliaries with membership of five hundred and sixteen and with two hundred and sixty-one tithers reported. The Summer Youth Rally was held in Immanuel Church with Mrs. S. E. Ayers, Missionary to China, speaker, at which time a number of boys and girls received recognition for work done in the ranking system. They report directed community missions.

Forty-eight mission study classes were held and many books on missions have been read.

We had no special project this year for the Children's Home. Sent twenty six thousand, three hundred and fifty-two coupons, boxes valued at one hundred seventy-eight dollars and cash for individual children and for the home.

Eight boxes and some cash were sent to Florida girls at W. M. U. Training School.

Cash Offerings reported:  
Lottie Moon, Foreign Missions ----- \$1500.39



Annie Armstrong, Home Missions -----	911.62
State Missions -----	472.16
Training School -----	16.00
Children's Home -----	140.79
Margaret Fund Student -----	3.00
Burney Gifts -----	8.00
Love Offerings to Missionaries -----	86.00
Korean Relief -----	50.00
Nigerian Boys -----	20.64
All Soul's Chapel, Raiford -----	29.00
Other Objects -----	278.07
Local Missions -----	282.49

As we move into a new year we have for our Watchword a special admonition in these words, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest" John 4:35b

Respectfully submitted  
Mrs. J. E. Thrasher  
Associational President

#### REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

##### Resolved:

**First**, that we hereby express our appreciation to LaCrosse Baptist Church for the gracious hospitality and warm welcome shown the messengers and visitors by inviting and entertaining the Associational meeting.

**Second**, that we appreciate the planning and leadership of our Associational officers during this past year. And further, that we pledge cooperation and loyalty to the Associational officers for the year before us.

**Third**, that we urge each of the Churches within our Association to lay increasing emphasis upon Evangelism, and missions during the days that lie ahead.

**Fourth**, that the Moderator instruct the Clerk to write a letter of appreciation from this Association to Bro. E. E. Earnest for his splendid service as our Moderator for the past two years and to bid him God's blessing in his present field of service

Respectfully submitted  
R. B. Keyes  
A. R. Green  
Dan Rivers

#### REPORT ON MEMORIALS

According to the letters from the Churches we find that there have been thirty-five who have passed on to their eternal reward from the membership of the Churches of the Santa Fe River Baptist Association.

All of them have been and will continue to be missed. Some of the places made vacant by their going will be difficult, if not impossible, to fill. Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to sorrowing loved ones. Of the departed we say: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord". Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of the Saints". To die is the Christian's gain while his loved ones may suffer a loss by his going. God welcomes his children home and has prepared a place for them and in due time will richly reward them for all their labors.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. L. Carroll  
O. R. Evans

## HISTORICAL TABLE

YEAR	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	SERMON
1917	Alachua	Dr. A. A. Murphree	I. S. Futch	J. H. Jandon
1918	Gainesville	Dr. A. A. Murphree		E. M. Henderson
1919		Dr. A. A. Murphree		
1920		Dr. A. A. Murphree		
1921		Dr. A. A. Murphree		
1922	Orange Heights	Dr. A. A. Murphree	E. R. Simmons	T. H. Gibson
1923	Island Grove	Dr. A. A. Murphree	E. R. Simmons	
1924		Dr. T. V. McCall		
1925	1st. Gainesville	Rev. O. T. Moncrist	E. B. Perry	W. B. Hicks
1926	Lake Butler	E. R. Simmons	E. B. Perry	R. D. Bevis
1927	Alachua	E. R. Simmons	E. B. Perry	E. A. McDowell
1928	High Springs	E. R. Simmons	E. B. Perry	J. M. Lewis
1929	Sardis	E. R. Simmons	A. L. Proctor	R. D. Walker
1930	Hampton	E. R. Simmons	A. L. Proctor	W. J. Meade
1931	Hawthorne	E. R. Simmons	M. D. Jackson	M. D. Jackson
1932	Archer	E. R. Simmons	C. W. Moore	D. F. Sutley
1933	Waldo	E. R. Simmons	C. W. Moore	
1934	Alachua	E. R. Simmons	C. J. Reichardt	T. D. Denham
1935	Sardis	H. E. Ridenour	C. J. Reichardt	J. M. Sullivan
1936	High Springs	H. E. Ridenour		
1937	Lake Butler	J. M. Lewis	B. J. Meadows	H. H. Link
1938	Melrose	J. M. Lewis	B. J. Meadows	J. A. Kelly
1939	Hampton	J. A. Kelly	B. J. Meadows	
1940	Fairbanks	J. A. Kelly	B. J. Meadows	
1941	High Springs	T. V. McCall	B. J. Meadows	J. H. Hardee
1942	1st. Gainesville	W. M. Sentell	B. J. Meadows	F. T. Pratt
1943	Sardis		B. J. Meadows	
1944	Waldo	J. H. Hardy	B. J. Meadows	B. L. Earnest
1945	Alachua	J. H. Hardy	B. J. Meadows	Charles Davis
1946	Archer	Ray Y. Walden	E. C. Lerch	C. B. Stallings
1947	Hawthorne	E. H. Ham	C. B. Stallings	C. B. Stallings
1948	Melrose	Fred Schofield	C. B. Stallings	E. E. Earnest
1949	Alachua	W. L. Rollins	A. E. Young	R. G. Hughes
1950	North Central	W. L. Rollins	A. E. Young	Leo Green
1951	Island Grove	E. E. Earnest	A. E. Young	R. B. Keyes
1952	LaCrosse	R. T. Hughes	A. E. Young	Leo Barnes

# SUMMARY TABLE

CHURCHES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Sunday School Enrolment	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Training Union Enrolment	W. M. U. Enrolment	Brotherhood Enrolment	Local Gifts (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Cooperative Program	Total Mission Gifts	Grand Total Gifts for All Causes
Alachua	5	8	13	205	87	292	192	0	82	68	25	\$1942	\$3180	\$330	\$532	\$5654
Antioch	0	5	17	187	137	314	125	77	64	21	0	3371	2577	282	418	6366
Arcber	26	29	11	183	77	260	139	87	62	45	16	2191	3205	239	370	5766
Campville	3	4	5	19	19	38	26	22	0	0	0	185	170	31	90	446
Eden	0	2	4	30	36	66	33	0	0	0	0	104	120	25	64	208
Fairbanks	8	2	4	28	101	127	54	0	36	0	0	104	650	25	36	794
Gainesville, Eastside	12	40	32	219	33	252	400	108	73	56	0	5535	3580	355	618	9733
Gainesville, First	88	346	309	1793	671	2464	1833	396	492	368	12	59050	8000	15296	19713	86762
Gainesville, Immanuel	12	46	34	107	26	133	161	75	87	23	0	2334	3000	605	738	6071
Gainesville, N. Central	41	95	27	476	110	586	659	158	172	184	25	206	3900	1682	2007	6112
Hague	10	5	1	44	32	76	74	68	0	43	0	644	1310	15	55	2008
Hawthorne	8	28	1	191	118	309	128	68	44	52	0	444	2600	15	633	6241
High Springs	12	10	8	450	47	450	364	141	112	64	20	3008	3600	1547	2100	15010
Island Grove	0	5	6	65	47	112	59	37	32	11	0	446	1079	27	648	2174
Keystone Heights	10	5	8	450	118	309	128	68	44	52	0	3008	3600	1547	2100	15010
LaCrosse	6	39	7	85	54	139	131	114	48	56	0	3413	3656	117	372	7441
Lake Butler	1	12	20	103	75	178	70	78	32	39	0	744	2621	78	891	3497
Melrose (Eliam)	10	16	15	145	38	183	143	79	54	52	0	2041	2730	515	832	5603
Micanopy	4	15	8	102	41	143	95	61	50	29	0	2595	2600	253	398	5594
Ochvilla	0	0	0	16	2	18	8	0	0	0	0	98	367	122	222	688
Orange Heights	7	4	10	58	37	95	68	37	55	31	0	50	868	135	164	1081
Paran	11	1	2	45	30	85	68	64	0	0	0	1103	945	237	498	2347
Waldo	5	25	16	192	77	269	199	0	88	67	0	846	2755	739	1042	4643
Windsor	0	0	0	6	12	18	17	0	0	0	0	19	9	19	9	38
Worthington (Sardis)	13	11	3	112	66	178	68	0	70	43	24	3673	2103	169	346	6122
TOTAL	306	738	573	4953	1966	6929	5174	1668	1684	1262	122	106506	58585	23989	34481	197152

