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held with
ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
R. F. D. Gainesville, Florida
October 8 - 9, 1953

Next Session Will Be Held With

First Day - Waldo Baptist Church Second Day - Alachua Baptist Church

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TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

TIME:	October 14 - 15, 1954
PLACE:	First Day Waldo Baptist Church
	Second Day Alachua Baptist Church

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	S. E. Jenkins	
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Hague		
Lake Butler		
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Micanopy —	1	R. M. Parhan
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BUDGET FOR SANTA FÉ RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Moderator's Expense to State Convention	_ \$ 15.00
Mod. & Clerk Expenses to Evangelistic Conference	
Clerk Hire	75.00
Printing Minutes	175.00
Sunday School	75.00
Training Union	50.00
Brotherhood	25.00
Associational Programs	5.00
Postage and Stationery	_ 20.00
Radio Committee	25.00
Miscellaneous	20 00
Baptist Hour Radio Program	1000.00
	1509.00

APPORTIONMENT TO CHURCHES

CHURCHES	PER YEAR
Alachua	Ψ 04.00
Antioch	
Archer	57.00
Campville	8.00
Eden -	15.00
Fairbanks	28.00
Gainesville, Eastside	55.00
Gainesville, First	542.00
Gainesville, Immanuel	30.00
Gainesville, North Central	
Hague	17.00
Hawthorne	
High Springs	99.00
Island Grove	25.00
Keystone Heights	
LaCrosse	31.00
Lake Butler	39.00
Melrose (Eliam)	40.00
Micanopy	31.00
Ochwilla	
Orange Heights	21.00
Paran	
Waldo	
Windsor	4.00
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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1—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 eduction, 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 doing so. 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 followbasis, and certified to the Association in session in their annual letter or petitionery letter: Each church shall be entitled to a minimum of three messengers and two additional messengers for every twentyfive 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, Brother-hood 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 cen nittee. If a vacarcy 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 emergencies, the Executive Committee may make such changes in the time and place of the annual session as will best serve the interests of 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.

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(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 Associational 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 Associational 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."







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ALACHUA: Mrs. M. L. Maynard, Deacon I. S. Futch

ANTIOCH: Franklin O. Cox, Mervin Chesser, Willie E. Cellon

ARCHER: Mrs. Alice Simmons, Mrs. E. C. Wear

FAIRBANKS: Hernando Bonnell

GAINESVILLE EASTSIDE: Mrs. S. D. Cowart

GAAINEVILLE FIRST: Mrs. R. P. Blasingame, W. F. Fordham, William Asbell, Truman Bigham, Mrs. M. L. Coleman, S. J. McRae, Mrs. S. A. Means,

GAINESVILLE NO. CENTRAL: Mrs. W. M. Cassels

HAWTHORNE: Flara Strange, Lorenzo Dyess

ISLAND GROVE: Mrs. John Ergle

LACROSSE: A. Deloach

LAKE BUTLER: Deacon Calvin B. Hayes, Tom J. Andrews, A. T. Gregory

MELROSE: Eddie Alderman Elijah Beck, Mrs. Gertrude Guthrie, Abner T. Hinnant

OCHWILLA: J. W. Fowler

WALDO: A. D. Tison, Thomas Dowling

WORTHINGTON: Smith Waters

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATION

(As listed on letters and registered)

ALACHUA

Rev. A. D. Martin, Mrs. A. D. Martin, M. N. Strickland, Mrs. M. N. Strickland, Mrs. A. J. Knight, Raymond Layne.

ANTIOCH

Rev. Tom Capell, D. M. Cellon, J. B. Dampier, Mrs. J. F. Parrish, Mrs. F. May, Mrs. R. T. Hargrave, Mrs. Metz Cason, Mrs. Clarence Strickland, S S. Kirby, Mrs. S. Rogers, Mrs. J. T. Kirby.

ARCHER

Rev. M. J. Ramey, Mrs. Carl Moore, Mrs. W. D. Kinzer.

EDEN

Mr. A. Terrell, Mrs. Albert Terrell, Mrs. G. W. Wiilkinson.

FAIRBANKS

I. L. Touchton, Mrs. I. L. Touchton, Mrs. Reather Padgett.

GAINESVILLE EASTSIDE

Rev. R. B. Keyes, Mrs. R. H Youmans.

GAINESVILLE FIRST

Rev. J. R. Noffsinger, Ray Koonce, H. W. McGlamery, Mrs. Bessie Wynn, Mrs. R. E Turner, Rev. C. C. Black, Mrs. C. C. Black, C. R. Smith, Mrs. Grinnelle Hughes.

GAINESVILLE IMMANUEL

Rev. R. T. Hughes, Mrs. M. L. Tilghman.

GAINESVILLE NORTH CENTRAL

Rev. P. R. Wimberly, Mrs. Pat Wimberly, Mrs. I. C. Robinson, Mrs. W. A. Wester, W. A. Wester, Mrs. Lyman Thomas, Mrs. Mrs. Bill Phillips, Mrs. H. M. Lovett.

GAINESVILLE SOUTHSIDE

Mrs. Clyde Gay, Mrs. Walter Stewart, Mrs. J. B. Young, Mrs. Ruby Dobbs, Mrs. Lonnie Dobbs.

HAWHTORNE

Rev. Chas. Smith, George Whitcombe, Mrs. L. C. Bates, W. J. LeBlanc, Mrs. W. J. LeBlanc, Mrs. Earl Grant.

HIGH SPRINGS

Rev. J. Lacy Basham, Mrs. W. H. Swilley, Mrs. J. D. Logan, Mrs. J. T. Markey, Mrs. Thmopson, Mr. M. M. Thompson, Mrs. M. L. Hickox,

ISLAND GROVE

Rev. Clifford Priest, W. M. Thomas, Mrs. H. C. Westphal, George Bishop, Mrs. L. L. White,

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Rev. W. B. McCrary, Mrs. W. B. McCrary, Mrs. A. G. Loudon, E. L. Howerton, Mrs. E. L. Howerton, Mrs. John Roberts, Mrs. I. B. Tyre.

LACROSSE

Rev. Warren Nubern, Mrs. Warren Nubern, Mrs. Jimmy Imler, Mrs. J. C. Pellicer, Mrs. Sam Taylor, Mrs. Raymond Imler.

LAKE BUTLER

Rev. A. E. Young, Mrs. A. E. Young, Mrs. C. B. Hayes, E. E. Shallar, Mrs. E. E. Shallar,

MELROSE

Mrs. Edna Price, C. P. Perry, Mrs. H. F. Preston, Mrs. J. O. Dann, Mrs. I. C. Yarbrough.

MICANOPY

Rev. F. D. Gant, Mrs. J. E. Thrasher, Mrs. E. D. Rosenberger, Mrs. Maude Roberts, J. G. Reaves.

· OCHWILLA

Mrs. Lela Hammontree, B. A. Barrington.

ORANGE HEIGHTS

Rev. J. T. Rawlins, Mrs. R. L. Dougherty, Mrs. T. C. Rountree, Mrs. B. E. Rountree, Mrs. Dan Brown.

PARAN

Rev. Robert Gray, Mrs. D. F. Tunner, Mrs. Weldon Brantley, Mrs. Alma Griftin, Mrs. C. B. Matthews, W. Brantley, Mrs. Rebecca Brantley.

WALDO

Rev. G. B. Van Allen, Mrs. L. B. Alexander, W. H.Gunter, Mrs. A. L. Stevens, Mrs. G. B. Van Allen, Mrs. Virginia Cosgrove.

WORTHINGTON

Rev. C. L. Carroll, Mrs. Virginia Bielling, Mrs. Sarah Williams, Mrs. C. L. Carroll, Mrs. J. E. Williams, Mrs. Ruby Richardson, Mrs. J. P. Watkins, Mrs. Raymond Brown.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Of The

97th ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Antioch Baptist Church October 8 - 9, 1953

MORNING SESSION OCTOBER 9th

Moderator opened session by singing hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

1. Program adopted

 Devotional conducted by Rev. G. B. Van Allen, Scripture: I Peter 3:12 Prayer: Rev. Van Allen

3. Address of welcome given by Rev. Tom Capell.

4. Response given to the welcome by Reve A. E. Young.

5. Appointment of Committees:

(1) Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher. Rev. Tom Capell Rev. Warren Nubern W. H. Gunter

(2) Committee on Committee's: Rev. R. B. Keyes Rev. M. J. Ramey D. M. Cellon

(3) Obituary Committee: Rev. A. D. Martin Rev. G. B. Van Allen Rev. F. D. Gant

(4) Resolutions Committee: Rev. J. R. Noffinger Rev. Clifford Priest Rev. C. L. Carroll

(5) Calendar of Activities Committee: Robert T. Hughes, Chairman All heads of Departments

6. Visitors and new pastors introduced.

(1) Visitors: Dr. J. E. Southerland, Jacksonville; Dr. O. L. Walker, Deland; Dr. Dotson Mills, Ft. Pierce; G. A. Ratterree, Jacksonville.

(2) Pastors: A. D. Martin, Alachua; Tom Capell, Antioch; M. J. Ramey, Archer; P. R. Wimberly, North Central; Charlie T. Smith, Hawthorne; Clifford D. Priest, Island Grove; W. B. McCrary, Keyşton Hghts, Warrnen Nubern, LaCrosse.

7. A petitionary letter from Southside Baptist Church, Gainesville was read asking for admission to the association. A motion was made by Rev. J. R. Noffsinger that the church be admitted to the association and that messengers be seated. Motion seconded and carried.

 Motion made and seconded that the association meet next year in two different locations. Motion carried.

9. Election of Officers:

Moderator: Rev. Jack Noffsinger, nominated and elected.
 Asst. Moderator: Rev. C. L. Carroll, nominated and elected.

10. Report of Budget Committee read and adopted.

 A resolution from Alachua Baptist Church read and referred to Resolution Committee.

12. Partial report of Nomination Committee read by Rev. R. T. Hughes and Adopted.

(listed on officers page)

13. Association at worship:

Hymn: "My Jesus I Love Thee".

Scripture: John 1: Read by Rev. C. L. Carroll.

Hymn: "Amazing Grace".

Sermon: Rev. J. R. Noffsinger

Therme: "THE AMAZING GOSPEL"

AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn Sing

14. Devotional led by Rev. Clifford Priest.

15. Report of Treasurer read and adopted.

16. Children's Home report.

Rev. Dotson Mills, First Church, Ft. Pierce, gave the report.

 Report on Baptist Literature read by Rev. A. D. Martin. Rev. James Southerland, Avondale Baptist Church, Jacksonville spoke to the report.

B. B. I. report given by F. D. Gant.
 Motion made and carried that Rev. P. R Wimberly make a written report for the clerk. Bro. Wimberly spoke to the report.

19. Hymn, "Loyalty to Christ".

 Report on Cooperative Program read by Rev. A. E Young. Report on State Missions read by Rev. Tom Capell. Rev. G. A. Ratterree State Secretary of Brotherhood spoke to the report.

 Final report of Nomination Committee given by Rev. R. T. Hughes, Chairman

 R. T. Hughes reported that a Regional Missionary had not as yet been secured.

 Motion made and carried that Executive Committee be authorized to set up a permanent Missions Committee.

 Report of the Stewardship Committee read by Rev. F. D. Gant and adopted.

Report on Christian Education given by Rev. Chas. Smith.
 Dr. O. L. Walker of Stetson University brought an inspiring message on Christian Education.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Program given by B. S. U. of the University of Florida. Song Leader: Norman Pollitt.

Trio: Jill Elmer, Ann White, Marguerite Priolean.

Speakers: Larry Carroll, Helen Bangott, Bill Gunter, and Betty Lewis.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Hymn Sing:

 Devotional given by Rev. Warren Nubern using Scripture 1 John 4:7-8.

 Report on American Bible Society given by Rev. M. J. Ramey. Hymn: "Send The Light".

28. Report on Sunday School work given by Rev. R. T. Hughes.

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Report accepted and officers recommended to Associational Sunday School were approved.

29. Training Union Report given by Mr. Raymond Layne.

30. W. M. U. Report read by Mrs. J. E. Thrasher for Mrs. F. D. Gant.

31. Motion that Time, Place, and Preacher Committee's report be postponed until afternoon, and a committee be appointed to study advisibility of having Association meet only one day. Committee; Rev. R. B. Keyes, Rev. Tom Capell, Rev. J. R. Noffsinger.

32. Report of Radio Committee read by Rev. R. T. Hughes.

33. Motion made and carried that the Sunday School Association at their first meeting agree on time and places of the Associational Sunday School meetings for the year.

34. Association at Worship:

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Hymn: "Marching to Zion".

Scripture: Luke 14:32, Jer. 3:23-24, II Samuel 11:1.

Prayer: Rev. R. C. Grav. Sermon: Rev. C. L. Carroll.

Closing Hymn: "Rescue the Perishing".

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

35. Devotional by Rev. I. T. Rawlins.

36. Report on Home and Foreign Missions given by Rev. P. R. Wimberly.

37. Motion made and carried that Executive Committee study and make suggestion for Associational Simultaneous Evangelistic Revivals.

38. Nominating Committee presented three names for election to the Executive Board for Churches that did not make nominations.

39. Report of Committee appointed to study advisibility of changing next Associational meeting to one day received. Motion made that change be made to one full day and evening service. After discussion motion was withdrawn and a motion was made that Moderator appoint a committee at first Executive Committee meeting to make a study as to the advisibility of having only one day for the association meeting and findings be reported at next years session. Motion carried.

40. Motion made and carried that next years Associational meetings not have night sessions.

41. Motion made and carried that a vote of thanks be entered in the minutes thanking the B. S. U. of the University of Florida for their splendid program at the night session of this Association.

' + 42. Report of Time, Place and Preacher:

Sermon: Rev. Charles Smith, Hawthorne. Alternate: Rev. M. J. Ramey, Archer.

Time: October 14 and 15, 1954.

Place: October 14, Waldo. October 15, Alachua

- 43. Report of Resolution Committee: * * (1) The resolution as presented by the Alachua Baptist Church referred to the Resolution Committee, adopted.
 - (Resolution listed with reports) (2) Resolution adopted of thanks to host Church and others adopted.
- 44. Report of Obituary Committee given by Rev. A. D. Martin, prayer offered by Rev. A. E. Young. Names listed on page

set aside for same.

45. Inspirational Message brought by Rev. P. R. Wimberly. Hymn: "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross".

Scripture: Psalms 126. Eavngelistic Sermon.

46. Association Adjourned:

October 9, 1953, Executive Committee met in short session following the adjournment of the association for the purpose of deciding dates for Executive Committee meetings and naming of Committees.

Dates of meetings to be as follows:

Monday night following the 5th Sunday. Committees: RADIO COMMITTEE

Rev. R. T. Hughtes, Rev. A. D. Martin, Rev. G. B. Van Allen MISSIONS COMMITTEE:

Rev. R. B. Keyes, Rev. W. J. Nubern, Rev. M. J. Ramey Moderator and Clerk

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. F. D. Gant, Rev. Tom Capell, Rev. R. T. Hughes, Mrs. F. D. Gant, and Mr. Paul Philpot

Committee to study the Advisibility of changing the Annual Associational meetings to one day

Rev. C. L. Carroll, Ch., Mrs. J. E. Thrasher, Mr. W. H. Gunter

Gainesville, Florida October 6, 1953

Moderator

Santa Fe River Baptist Association

Dear Sir:

This is to certify that on September 27, 1953 the Southside Baptist Church was organized in the regular manner. The Church Covenant was adopted, Bro. Lonnie Dobbs was elected Pastor and the following Deacons were elected: Walter Matthews, John Camp, C. J. Bush and James Harrell. On Sunday, October 4, the Articles of Faith were adopted, and we are hereby making application for membership in the Santa Fe River Baptist Association.

> Respectfully submitted. Southside Baptist Church Gainesville, Florida Signed: Lonnie Dobbs, Pastor Gainesville, Florida October 6, 1953

Moderator

Santa Fe River Baptist Association

Dear Sir:

The following named people have been elected official Messengers from the Southside Baptist Church, Gainesville, Florida to the Santa Fe River Baptist Association meeting October 8-9, 1953.

Mrs. J. B. Young Mrs. Ruby Dobbs Mrs. Clyde Gay Mrs. Frances Dobbs Mrs. Lillion Rogers Mrs. Monette Stewart Southside Baptist Church Gainesville, Florida Signed: Lonnie Dobbs, Pastor

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1952-53

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Balance on hand October 8, 1952 -		\$ 99.28
Received from No Central on 19	51-52 Budget —	40.00
Received from churches for budg	get	1520.63
Received from churches for bud Received from sources outside	Association ——	222.00
Received from churches for Mis		
	TOTAL	1959.91
Total received p	ast year	1860.63
Expenses:		* 15.00
Moderator's Expense to State	Convention —	- \$ 15.00
Clerk's Expense to Clerk-Mod.	meeting	7.50
Clerk Hire —		75.00
Printing Minutes		150.00
Sunday School -		74.00
Training Union -		22.00
Printing Ass'n. Programs —		5.00
Postage and Stationery -		14.95
Baptist Hour		993.20
Missionary travel for conferen	ce	20.00
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B. t Land Coursel Budget		524,60
Balance on hand General Budget — Balance on hand Missionary Fund		58.00
Total Balance on	hand 10.7.53	582.60
	nand 10-7-55	202.00
Itemized receipts for budget		60.00
Alachua		60.00
Antioch		60,00
Archer		18.00
Campville		18.00
Eden		24.00
Fairbanks		25.00
Gainesville, Eastside		360.00
Gainesville, First		60.00
Gainesville, Immanuel		120.00
Gainesville, No. Central		18.00
Hague		60.00
Hawthorne		
High Springs		165:00
Island Grove		24.00
Keystone Heights		60.00
LaCrosse .		18.00
Lake Butler		48.00
Melrose		60.00
Micanopy		36.00
Ochwilla		61.63
Orange Heights		24.00
Paran		20.00
Waldo		844.00
Worthington		36.00
Windsor	222.0	2.00
Outside Ass'n.	222.00	
Williston	4 125.00	
Cross City	20.00	
Harmony Ass'n.	75.00	
Listener	2.00	
· A.	E. YOUNG, Tro	easurer

REPORT ON THE FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the past fifty years the Florida Baptist Children's Home has extended a helping hand to hundreds of boys and girls who have needed its assistance and could profit by institutional care. During the past year help was given to 201 children: 168 in the Home and 33 on Mother's Aid. So far as we are able to determine this is the largest number assisted in a given year since the opening of its doors in 1904.

Since bring our last report a cottage for pre-school boys and girls has been opened making a total of seven cottages for children. Other achievements for the year include the improvement of 40 acres pasture land which will assure a bigger and better dairy herd. The grove will bear enough fruit next year to provide all the oranges and grapefruit needed. There is a total of 182 acres in the Lakeland property.

Christian men and women with the ability to provide guidance, skillful leadership, and make "a home within a home" are employed as houseparents. The accomplishments of our children indicate the fine training and care they receive. The children are making satisfactory progress in the schools. Many have received commendation for perfect attendance, citizenship, and excellent scholarship. They attend First, Southside, and Central Avenue Baptist Churches in Lakeland. They have their membership in these churches and take an active part in the various organizations. One of our boys served as pastor last spring during Youth Week and one of the girls is serving as student organist at First Church this year. The first Homecoming in the history of the institution was held last July. The different vocations and professons of those attending the meeting and their success in their chosen fields of work and Christian service proved the value of our assistance to them as children.

We, your Committee, ask each church to have a part in the special offering for the Home, November 22. Last year the Cooperative Program provided only 51 percent of the expenses of the Home. The remainder came from wills, personal gifts and special offerings. As we return to our churches let us stress the importance of the Thanksgiving offering. We can express our appreciation and thanks to God for our happy homes by providing a home for these children:

Write to the Home in Lakeland for envelopes, posters, and bulletin inserts and use them in preparing your church for the offering. Let us "Give as God has prospered us", that many boys and girls who are seeking a home may find it.

Respectfully submitted,

REPORT ON BAPTIST LITERATURE AND THE FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS

The past year has seen an awakened consciousness throughout our nation to the tremendous dangers in the wrong kind of literature, the wrong use of the printed page. More bills than ever before have been introduced into state legislatures with a view to controlling the rising tide of obscene literature. As grateful as we are for the success which has been achieved in some quarters, we must all recognize that this is still very much the negative approach to the problem. We must not only try to stop the flow of the wrong kind

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of reading material, -- we must supply the readers with something Christian to take its place.

In their publication efforts Southern Baptist are trying to do this for their people. For example, last year the Sunday School Board printed and distributed more than 50 million copies of its periodicals plus 3,459,076 books, plus more than 200 million tracts.

The publications of various agencies and auxiliaries of the Southern Baptist Convention have a total circulation of 770,099 copies per issue.

Baptist State Papers reported to the Convention this year for the first time a total circulation in excess of one million, 1,044,819 to be

Our own state paper, the Florida Baptist Witness has shown a net increase of 3,494 during the past year to bring the present total circulation (as of August 1, 1953) to 33,244. The Witness Commission has set a goal of 36,000 by the time the Southern Baptist Convention meets in St. Louis next June, and urgently requests the co-operation of every church in reaching it.

One of the finest investments that can be made is to send the Baptist Witness to every family in the church membership through the simple Church Budget Plan, to be paid in easy monthly installments.

Our association is requested to elect an Associational Witness Representative who will help to enlist the churches in a wider and more effective use of the paper and to whom the editor may look for counsel in the important work of increasing the circulation in this association

> Respectfully submitted. A. D. Martin

REPORT ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Co-operative Program simply means the combined efforts of the Southern Baptist to make adequate provision for the support of our work in an intelligent and systematic way. This plan enables the individual to have a part in the whole program as outlined by our Lord.

The Co-operative Program is a means and a splendid means, but it is not an end in itself. We do not give to the program or for the program itself, but we give through the program and according to the program for the support of the Kingdom causes.

Both State and Southside denominational causes are included in the Co-operative Program. The aim and desire is to provide funds sufficient to care for all our causes and to contribute to each according to its relative need.

This past year our state office received from the churches of the state for the Co-operative Program \$1,263,058.36. Of this amount our Association gave \$28922.00.

> Respectfully submitted, A. E. Young

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The first act of the Florida Baptist State Convention in 1854 was to raise funds for state missions and to appoint two missionaries. These missionaries went over Florida, preaching the gospel and establishing churches. Today Florida is a great Baptist stronghold. much of which is due to the work of those early mi-sionaries and certainly those who have followed in their train, covering the state for nearly 100 years.

Florida continues to be a mission field for Baptists.

Florida Baptists have today the most extensive and comprehensive state mission program in their history. The work of state missions has come to cover a wide scope of actvities. It not only does the work of missions in Florida but is also the chief agency for promotion of all missions as fostered by Florida Baptists and the Southern Baptist Convention. It is the agency through which Baptists promote all phases of kingdom work, including evangelism, teaching, training, and enlistment.

The work of State Missions is carried on in Florida under six different heads or departments. These six departments are: Cooperative Missions; Sunday School; Training Union; Brotherhood; Music; Camps and Assembles; and the Student work, and working closely along the side of these departments is the W. M. U. All of these departments and agencies are actively engaged in promoting every phase of mission work done by our Convention.

The work of state missions is showing results. During the past few years, we can point with pride to the establishment of at least 200 new churches. Thus you see that when you are having a part in State Missions, you are having a part in everything that Florida and Southern Baptists do.

> Respectfully submitted, Tom Capell

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Your committee wishes to place in nomination the following for office in our association the year 1953-'54:

To Be Clerk: Rev. A. E. Young, Lake Butler

To Be Treasurer: Rev. A. E. Young, Lake Butler

To Be Training Union Director: Rev. Tom Capell, Antioch

To Be Sunday School Superintendent: Rev. Robert T. Hughes, Immanuel

To Be President, Woman's Missionary Union: Mrs. F. D. Gant, Micanopy

To Be President of the Brotherhood: Mr. Paul Philpot, LaCrosse

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For The Association

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of reading material, -- we must supply the readers with something Christian to take its place.

In their publication efforts Southern Baptist are trying to do this for their people. For example, last year the Sunday School Board printed and distributed more than 50 million copies of its periodicals plus 3,459,076 books, plus more than 200 million tracts.

The publications of various agencies and auxiliaries of the Southern Baptist Convention have a total circulation of 770,099 copies per issue.

Baptist State Papers reported to the Convention this year for the first time a total circulation in excess of one million, 1,044,819 to be exact.

Our own state paper, the Florida Baptist Witness has shown a net increase of 3,494 during the past year to bring the present total circulation (as of August 1, 1953) to 33,244. The Witness Commission has set a goal of 36,000 by the time the Southern Baptist Convention meets in St. Louis next June, and urgently requests the co-operation of every church in reaching it.

One of the finest investments that can be made is to send the Baptist Witness to every family in the church membership through the simple Church Budget Plan, to be paid in easy monthly install-

ments.

Our association is requested to elect an Associational Witness Representative who will help to enlist the churches in a wider and more effective use of the paper and to whom the editor may look for counsel in the important work of increasing the circulation in this association

> Respectfully submitted, A. D. Martin

REPORT ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Co-operative Program simply means the combined efforts of the Southern Baptist to make adequate provision for the support of our work in an intelligent and systematic way. This plan enables the individual to have a part in the whole program as outlined by our Lord

The Co-operative Program is a means and a splendid means, but it is not an end in itself. We do not give to the program or for the program itself, but we give through the program and according to the program for the support of the Kingdom causes.

Both State and Southside denominational causes are included in the Co-operative Program. The aim and desire is to provide funds sufficient to care for all our causes and to contribute to each according to its relative need.

This past year our state office received from the churches of the state for the Co-operative Program \$1,263,058.36. Of this amount our Association gave \$28922.00.

Respectfully submitted, A. E. Young

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The first act of the Florida Baptist State Convention in 1854 was to raise funds for state missions and to appoint two missionaries. These missionaries went over Florida, preaching the gospel and establishing churches. Today Florida is a great Baptist stronghold, much of which is due to the work of those early missionaries and certainly those who have followed in their train, covering the state for nearly 100 years.

Florida continues to be a mission field for Baptists.

Florida Baptists have today the most extensive and comprehensive state mission program in their history. The work of state missions has come to cover a wide scope of activities. It not only does the work of missions in Florida but is also the chief agency for promotion of all missions as fostered by Florida Baptists and the Southern Baptist Convention. It is the agency through which Baptists promote all phases of kingdom work, including evangelism, teaching, training, and enlistment.

The work of State Missions is carried on in Florida under six different heads or departments. These six departments are: Cooperative Missions; Sunday School; Training Union; Brotherhood; Music; Camps and Assembles; and the Student work, and working closely along the side of these departments is the W. M. U. All of these departments and agencies are actively engaged in promoting every phase of mission work done by our Convention.

The work of state missions is showing results. During the past few years, we can point with pride to the establishment of at least 200 new churches. Thus you see that when you are having a part in State Missions, you are having a part in everything that Florida and Southern Baptists do.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Capell

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Your committee wishes to place in nomination the following for office in our association the year 1953-'54:

To Be Clerk: Rev. A. E. Young, Lake Butler

To Be Treasurer: Rev. A. E. Young, Lake Butler

To Be Training Union Director: Rev. Tom Capell, Antioch

To Be Sunday School Superintendent: Rev. Robert T. Hughes, Immanuel

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For The Church

1. CHURCH COUNCIL OF EVANGELISM

Each church is urged to have a council on evangelism, composed of the pastor and heads of each church agency, to plan a program of evangelism a year in advance.

TWO REVIVAL MEETINGS

Each church is urged to have two revivals, one in connection with your Association-wide Simultaneous Crusade.

TRAINING COURSE IN SOUL-WINNING
 Each church is urged to have at least one training course in soul-winning.

4. PROGRAM OF CONSERVATION OF EVANGELISTIC RESULTS Each church is urged to begin a program for conserving evengelistic results.

For The State

STATEWIDE EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE The sixth, annual Statewide Evangelistic Conference will be held in the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, January 12-14, 1954.

OUR ASSOCIATIONAL RECORD FOR '52-'53

- 1. Our records show that 22 churches held revivals.
- 2. Our churches reported 451 baptisms.
- 3. 1 church reported no baptisms.
- 5. There were 1273 additions to our churches.

ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

ROBERT T. HUGHES, Superintendent

Interest in the work of the Sunday School has increased throughout the association during the year just past, as is indicated by increased number of schools increased enrollment in the existing schools and increased attendance at the regular Sunday School Conference conducted by the association. Seventeen schools showed an increased enrollment, seven reported a decrease, one remained the same and one new school was reported. There is a net increase in enrollment of 723.

Four school have added a Cradle Roll 14 have none Five schools have added a Nursery Roll 8 have none There is one less school with a Beginner Dept. 5 have none There are 2 additional Primary Dept's. 1 has none There is one Sunday School without a Junior Department Three have no Intermediate Dept.; 1 less Dept. than last year There is an increase of 1 Y. P. Dept., six schools having none All schools have Adults.

Seventeen churches present at the Planning Meeting September 15, announced goals of a increased enrollment of 1123, which was an increase over the tentative goal of 1000 suggested there. On the basis of reports from churches absent that night a goal of 1300 increase in net enrollment has been set for next year. This will make our enrollment goal for next year 7291.

Eighteen churches reported Vacation Bible Schools; 1 more than reported last year.

Fourteen schools reported having Training Classes, an increase of 2. These received 392 awards, an increase of 145.

There were six Standard Sunday Schools, an increase of 5.
We commend the Enlistment Campaign of "A Million More in '54" and urge every church to help themselves by joining in the

'54" and urge every church to help themselves by joining in the promotion plans of the Convention. Set your own class and department goals and strive by visitation and training to reach them.

We recommend the election of the following to lead in the Sunday School work of our Association for the coming year.

Associate Superintendent of Evangelism - Rev. Charlie Smith Associate Superintendent of Training - Bro. F. E. DeBusk Group Superintendent of N. W. Group - Rev. C. L. Carroll Group Superintendent of N. E. Group - Bro. W. L. Gunter Group Superintendent of S. E. Group - Bro. Clifford Priest Group Superintendent of S. W. Group - Bro. Herb. McGlammery Superintendent of Adult Work - Bro. B. F. Faulkner Superintendent of Y. P. Work - Bro. Ray Koonce Superintendent of Intermediate - Mrs. Sam Taylor, LaCrosse Superintendent of Beginners - Mrs. Brence Roberts Superintendent of Cradle Roll - Mrs. F. E. DeBusk

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Since the founding of Stetson University seventy years ago, Florida Baptist have carried on a program of Christian education in the school which is of vital importance to our denomination, and we are indebted to our Christian institutions which have supplied trained, consecrated leadership through the years.

Enlarging and improving the physical properties of the institution and increasing the endowments have been matters of major emphasis for some time past, and definite progress has been made in these efforts during the past year.

During the past convention year Florida Baptist provided \$145,247.85 for current operations at Stetson University. The university also received \$78,077.54 for capital improvements.

Nevertheless, the trustees of Stetson University reported that their operational expenses of 1952-53 exceeded all receipts, including the convention contributions, by \$133,170.79.

President Edmunds reports that because of the increased generosity of old and new friends of the University, the operational deficit for 1952-53 was almost eliminated. He predicts a balanced budget in 1953-54. However, Florida Baptist will not be able to match the job being done in most of the other Southern Baptist States.

Three-fourths of the Baptist students attending Stetson have moved their letter to a Deland church and are engaged in the activities of the church. They conducted thirteen youth revivals during the year in which thirty-three professons of faith were made. Two youth revival teams worked throughout the summer. The ministerial association furnished both candidates for the presidency of the Student Government. The Stetson Baptist Students contributed \$325.00 (over and above their church contributions, to world-wide mission projects during the year.

We solicit the hearty response and active participation of all Florida Baptist to achieve a new level of personal interest in the Bartist youth of our state. During the past year approximately 4,183 high school graduating seniors were members of Baptist Churches. Two-thirds of them expressed a desire to go to college. Yet, only 539 enrolled at Stetson. These boys and girls are the men

and women of tomorrow. Let us turn to them with greater interest, deeper understanding, more helpful council, and unselfish devotion

We are grateful to know that we have students from this Association attending Southern, Southwestern, New Orleans, and Southeastern Seminaries. Six students from Alachua County attended Stetson in 1952-53. Baptist students out number all other at the University.

Let us be careful when choosing our grade school teachers and when college years come, don't just leave them to whatever school may come, but continue that same painstaking care and prayer throughout the college career.

Respectfully submitted, Charlie T. Smith

REPORT ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Home and Foreign Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention are inserparable twins in the work of spreading the Gospel around the world. While much pride and joy has been manifested in the work of foreign missions as the fulfillment of Jesus' command to go into all the world, the work of foreign missions is made more effective and secure by a strong home front offered by the work of Home Missions. Both have made great progress in the year 1952.

The Home Mission Board has been represented by 1,274 missionaries this year, a gain of 104 in personnel. 362 of these were student summer workers employed for ten weeks only.

In addition to these, our Southern Baptist Convention has been represented by 425 chaplains in the armed services, reporting 11,284 professions of faith. 6,626 conversions were reported in crusades led by the personnel of the Home Mission Board's evangelistic staff, to add to the 30,565 conversions reported by the Missionaries. Many others have been won to Christ through the Radio ministry.

One of the most far-reaching and effective phases of work was the Department of Evangelism headed by Dr. C. E. Matthews. During "Transfer Church Membership" week, sponsored by this department, 481,879 united with our Southern Baptist Churches. All departments of work in the Convention cooperated in this gigantic move.

Other accomplishments by the Home Mission Board include work among the Negroes, which is being accelerated considerably. Work in the BSU among Negroe Colleges was promoted through Dr. S. E. Grinstead, South-wide Secretary. The work of evangelism was increased by the selection of an evangelist to serve on the staff of the Department of Evangelism; a worker for home counseling and juvenile delinquency; a church ministry to the members of the armed forces; and the employment of missionaries to the Russians in California and in the H-Bomb center in South Carolina.

FOREIGN MISSION WORK has shown definite advancement. Southern Baptist have 911 foreign missionaries distributed in 32 counties as follows:

Argentina 44, Brazil 180, Chile 32, China (Hong Kong and Macao,) 48, Colombia 30, Costa Rica 4, Ecuador 6, Formosa 26, Gold Coast 6, Guatemala 10, Hawaii 47, Honduras 4, Indonesia 16, Israel 13, Italy 10, Japan 98, Jordan 5, Korea 13, Lebanon 6, Malaya 9, Mexico 30, Nigeria 159, Paraguay 16, Peru 4, Phillippines 25, Southern Rhodesia 12, Spain 6, Switzerland (Seminary) 9,

Thailand 15, Uruguay 12, Venezuela 8, Spanish publishing House 8. About 29 percent of these missionaries are ordinaed ministers, of whom about a third serve as pastors of churches. 10 percent are members of the medical profession, including doctors, dentists, nurses, and technicians, who work in eight hospitals, seven clinics, and eleven dispensaries maintained by Southern Baptists and other institutions.

All missionaries are active in churches on the field of their labors, teaching Sunday School classes, leading youth work, W. M. U. work, and other church activities. They join with 195,067 National Baptists, including 1,276 National pastors in serving the almost 2000 churches on the mission fields. More than 200,000 are reached through their Sunday Schools, 96,099 through their Training Unions and missionary groups, and 47,292 women through their missionary societies. 18,154 converts were reported baptized in their churches in 1952. To maintain these missionaries, Southern Baptists gave in the year 1952, \$7,785,699.64, through the Cooperative Program, Lottie Moon offering and other designated gifts.

Southern Baptist maintain 460 schools, including 17 theological seminaries, and 6 women's training schools, in their far-flung mission fields. 48 percent of the missionaries are engaged in this work, which includes a total enrollment of 61,705. Five orphanages report 136 and 9 Good Will centers report 398 children and 116 adults.

The chief aim of both Home and Foreign Mission work is the winning of lost people to the Lord Jesus Christ, and the encouragement of christian growth. Our missionaries are Christian Witnesses who are carrying out the command of our Lord to preach the Gospel to all creatures.

Respectfully submitted, P. R. Wimberly

W. M. U. REPORT

There are 19 Women's Missionary Societies in our Association with a membership of 733. All Executive Board and Regular meetings (including annual meeting) were held in conjunction quarterly. An Associational school of instruction was conducted. Conferences were held at the regular meetings. All points on the standard have been reached except two, that of the required percentage of Associational Officers and Societies in attendance at the quarterly meetings and all societies reporting each quarter.

Nine associational officers and a good number of members were in attendance at the state meeting in Jacksonville. Three associational officers attended a state leaders conference in Daytona September 22-24.

Community Missions: Sixteen societies report they were engaged in directed community missions. The following 4 projects were adopted for special empahsis during the year: Soul-winning visitation: improving interracial relationships; christian living in the home and alcohol education. The following are some of the accomplishments made through these projects: Soul-winning visitation - 16 societies made community mission surveys, seeking to determine the needs of their communities: (At the beginning of the year a goal of 60 percent of societies in the association making Community Mission surveys was set. We are happy to report we reached this goal). Many visits to the unsaved were made; prayer meetings were held; a mission Vacation Bible School was held; 61 Bibles were given to the Hospital; A cash gift given to a Ministerial student; services

were held in institutions; work with shut-ins. Christian living in the home was emphasized with special effort made toward promot-

ing family worship.

A good work was done through the Young People's organization. There are 4 young women's auxiliaries; 15 girl's auxiliaries; 5 Royal Ambassador chapters; and twelve Sunbeam Bands. The Annual Youth Rally was held in July at the High Springs Baptist Church with Miss Mary Gould, Missionary from Bangkok, Thailand, as speaker. A new associational office was created, that of Associational R. A. Councelor to work with the Associational Young People's leader in promoting R. A. work among our boys.

41 Mission study classes were conducted with many reporting

having read Mission Books.

The project for the Children's Home in Lakeland, this year, is coupons. Each Association that sent 10,000 which is the equivalent of \$60.00 would receive a certificate of recognition from the home. This Association reported having sent 19,165 coupons and received the award. 10 boxes were reported having been sent. The reported evaluation on the boxes was \$124.92.

Miss Janie Lee Tyson, president of Business Women's Circles reports: 1 new BWC organized, 2 Federation Banquets held, a State Federation meeting at the Park of the Palms near Keystone Heights. This was described as an outstanding meeting. There

are 7 BWC's in the association.

Realizing our past deficiencies and their deteriorating effect on our work, we are determined by the Grace of God, they will be stepping stones to greater efficiency in the coming year. Our 60th Anniversary scripture could very appropriately be used at this point. "And let the beauty of the Lord, Our God, be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it." Psalm 90:17

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. F. D. Gant Ass'n. President

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY REPORT

If the people of the world are to know Christ, they must have the Bible. The Bible is the Missionary's tool. The Bible itself is a missionary. It can go where the human missionary cannot go and stay when the missionary must leave.

Every man must have the word of God in his own native language if God is to speak to his heart. In most countries of the world the income is so low that people cannot afford even the bare cost of the cost of th

printed scriptures.

The American Bible Society aids in Bible translation, publishes the scripture without note or comment, and distributes them without profit and usually below cost, for mission work around the world.

The American Bible Society is an active partner of Southern Baptists, in their worldwide mission program. The Society serves

every form of missions at home and abroad.

Increased gifts from Southern Baptist will help to provide enough Bibles now and will inspire others to give more. Send the gifts from your churches to Dr. John Maguire, 208 Florida Baptist Building, Jacksonville, Florida, marked "American Bible Society".

Respectfully submitted, M. J. Ramey

REPORT OF RADIO COMMITTEE

The work of the Radio Committee has been made easy this year by the increased interest of the churches and of neighboring churches to our association. We have continued to broadcast the Baptist Hour of the Southern Baptist Radio Commission throughout the entire year over station WRUF.

The hour of broadcast has received careful consideration and it is recommended that we continue to use the 9:00 A. M. hour on Sunday morning. While this is a time when many of our own church members are preparing for and traveling to their own services in their churches, it is the time when those who are not going to church are the most effectively reached. When we consider our radio ministry as an evangelistic ministry we remember that, it is the one who is not being reached by our local church service that we hope to reach by our broadcast. We must gague our time to reach him rather than to cultivate our own spiritual lives. No better time is available for this purpose than the one we now have.

We recommend that the committee be instructed to broaden the scope of its ministry by advertising the Broadcast in the newspapers, using the sum in the budget for that purpose, and other

funds that may be secured for radio work.

We further recommend that the clerk be instructed to write the church at Williston and the church at Cross City, Harmony Ass'n., and other out-ide contributors recognizing their assistance in this work and thanking them for their interest and for their contributions.

Respectfully submitted, Robert T. Hughes, Chairman

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION

We have a total number of 19 Training Unions including a new one at Southside Church in Gainesville which gave no enrollment. The other 18 have a total enrollment of 1840 persons.

We had three mass meetings beginning with "M" night in the North Central Church in Gainesville with attendance, 216, in Lake Butler church with 124 present and the Island Grove church with 57 in attendance. The As ociational Speakers' and Intermediate Bible Sword Drill Tournaments were held in the Lake Butler meeting, with the winners going as entrees in the District Tournaments in the Main Street Church in Jacksonville. The young man in the speaking contest also won for our district and won a trip to Ridge-crest in the Deland Assembly. He was entered in the Southwide Speakers Tournament during the third Training Union Week as Florida's entry.

Respectfully submitted, Raymond L. Layne Ass'n. Training Union Director

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: FIRST, that we express our heartfelt thanks to the Antioch Baptist Church for the gracious hospitality which they have shown to us as host to the associational meeting.

SECOND, that we formally add to all of the other commitments

which we have made our resolution to do everything in our power to enlist our portion of "A Million More In '54".

THIRD, that we express our deep gratitude to our associational leaders for their superior service during this last year and to our moderator, Rev. Lacy Basham, for his excellent guidance and unexcelled skill in presiding over our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Noffsinger Clifford Priest C. L. Carroll

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has been recognized by the Alachua Baptist Church that our newstands and bookstores are filled with material conducive to the deterioration of the morals and mental hygiene of our people; and

WHEREAS, it is not to the benefit of the education of our people; and

WHEREAS, this influence is felt first in the homes of our people; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Fe River Baptist Association, assembled this 8th. and 9th. days of October, 1953, go on record as deploring the advertising or printing of this material which is destined to exert a most unfortunate influence upon our young people and we urge that ways be found to prohibit from circulation this material in our state;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call this matter again to the urgent attention of our Florida Baptist Convention and urge them to do everything in their power to combat this increasing danger to Christian Home Life.

Respectfully submitted, Alachua Baptist Church

Approved by Santa Fee River Baptist Ass'n, Oct. 9, 1953.

REPORT ON MEMORIALS

According to the letters from the churches we find that there have been thirty-three 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,

A. D. Martin G. B. Van Allen F. D. Gant

HISTORICAL TABLE

YEAR PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	SERMON
1917 Alachua 1918 Gainesville 1919 1920	Dr. A. A. Murphee Dr. A. A. Murphee Dr. A. A. Murphee Dr. A. A. Murphee	I. S. Futch	J. H. Jandon E. M. Henderson
1921 1922 Orange Heights 1923 Island Grove	Dr. A. A. Murphee Dr. A. A. Murphee Dr. A. A. Murphee	E. R. Simmons E. R. Simmons	T. H. Gibson
1924 1925 1st. Gainesville 1926 Lake Butler 1927 Alachua 1928 High Springs 1929 Sardis 1930 Hampton 1931 Hawthorne 1932 Archer 1933 Waldo	Dr. T. V. McCall Rev. O. T. Moncrift E. R. Simmons	E. B. Perry E. B. Perry E. B. Perry A. L. Proctor A. L. Proctor M. D. Jackson C. W. Moore C. W. Moore C. J. Reichardt	W. B. Hicks R. D. Bevis E. A. McDowell J. M. Lewis R. D. Walker W. J. Meade M. D. Jackson D. F. Sutley T. D. Denham
1935 Sardis 1936 High Springs 1937 Lake Butler	H. E. Ridenour H. E. Ridenour J. M. Lewis	C. J. Reichardt B. J. Meadows	J. M. Sullivan H. H. Link
1938 Melrose 1939 Hampton 1940 Fairbanks 1941 High Springs 1942 1st. Gainesville	I. M. Lewis J. A. Kelly J. A. Kelly T. V. McCall W. M. Sentell	B. J. Meadows	J. A. Kelly J. H. Hardee F. T. Pratt
1943 Sardis 1944 Waldo 1945 Alachua 1946 Archer 1947 Hawthorne 1948 Melrose 1949 Alachua 1950 No. Central 1951 Island Grove 1952 LaCrosse 1953 Antioch J. H. Hardy L. Hardy E. H. Ham Fred Schofield W. L. Rollins E. E. Earnest R. T. Hughes J. L. Basham	B. J. Meadows B. J. Meadows E. C. Lerch C. B. Stallings C. B. Stallings A. E. Young	B. L. Earnest Charles Davis C. B. Stallings E. E. Earnest R. G. Hughes Leo Green R. B. Keyes Leo Barnes J. R. Noffsinger	

Alachma Antioch Archer Campville Eden Fairbanks Gainesville, First Gainesville, Immanuel Gainesville, No. Central Gainesville, Southside Hague Hawthorne High Springs Island Grove Keystone Heights LaCrosse Lake Butler Melrose, (Eliam) Micanopy Ochwilla Orange Heights Paran Waldo Windsor Worthington (Sardis)	CHURCHES
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SUMMARY TABLE



