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REV. T. M. SMILEY  
Moderator of Association



E. T. HORNE  
Clerk of Association

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

- 10:00 A. M.—Devotional.
- 10:15 A. M.—Organization. Enrollment of Messengers. Election of Officers. Report of Executive Committee. Reading of Petitionary Letters. Recognition of Visitors. Announcements.
- 11:00 A. M.—Introductory Sermon.
- 12:00—Noon.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:30 P. M.—Devotional. Announcement of Committees.
- 1:45 P. M.—Religious Literature.
- 2:15 P. M.—Temperance Report. Address.
- 2:45 P. M.—Reports on: Co-Operative Program, State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions. Address on "World Missions."
- 4:30 P. M.—Adjourn.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

- 9:30 A. M.—Devotional.
- 9:45 A. M.—Reading of Minutes of Previous Day. Recognition of Visitors.
- 10:00 A. M.—Children's Home Report. Address.
- 10:15 A. M.—S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Report.
- 11:00 A. M.—Missionary Sermon.
- 12:00—Noon.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:15 P. M.—Devotional.
- 1:30 P. M.—Christian Education.
- 1:45 P. M.—Reports on Obituaries, Finance, Nominations, Resolutions, Miscellaneous.
- 2:15 P. M.—Doctrinal Sermon.

## DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION

### OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

Rev. T. M. Smiley, Moderator	Live Oak, Fla.
Rev. W. H. Gray, Vice-Moderator	Live Oak, Fla.
E. T. Horne, Clerk and Cor. Sec.	Live Oak, Fla.
A. O. Dorsett, Treasurer	Branford, Fla.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Moderator, Rev. T. M. Smiley	Live Oak, Fla.
Vice-Moderator, Rev. W. H. Gray	Live Oak, Fla.
Clerk and Cor. Sec., E. T. Horne	Live Oak, Fla.
Treasurer, A. O. Dorsett	Branford, Fla.
ANTIOCH—F. B. Brinson	Live Oak, Fla.
BELLEVILLE—Geo. H. Perry	Lake Park, Ga.
BETHEL	
BEULAH—W. A. Jordan	Live Oak, Fla.
BRANFORD—A. O. Dorsett	Branford, Fla.
BRIGHT POND—B. M. Smith	Jasper, Fla.
CLAYLAND—Oscar Brimm	Live Oak, Fla.
CORINTH—L. C. Driggers	Jasper, Fla.
DIVONIA—W. A. McCall	Live Oak, Fla.
FRIENDSHIP, HAMILTON—Dunk Matthes	Jasper, Fla.
FRIENDSHIP, SUWANNEE—W. R. Turner	Live Oak, Fla.
JASPER—W. M. Hunter	Jasper, Fla.
JENNINGS—S. E. Hewitt	Jennings, Fla.
LIVE OAK—Jacob A. Johnson	Live Oak, Fla.
MARY BELLE—F. G. Carroll	Live Oak, Fla.
MT. GILEAD—C. A. Griffin, Sr.	Falmouth, Fla.
MT. OLIVE—Lamar Johns	Wellborn, Fla.
MT. PISGAH—I. J. Williams	Pine Mount, Fla.
NEW HOPE—J. E. Bland	Jasper, Fla.
O'BRIEN—J. M. Kite	O'Brien, Fla.
ORANGE—J. M. N. Clark	Live Oak, Fla.
PHILADELPHIA—F. L. Newmans	Live Oak, Fla.
PINE LEVEL—Drew Holmes	Live Oak, Fla.
PINE MOUNT—H. B. Goff	McAlpin, Fla.
PLEASANT HILL—W. D. Long	McAlpin, Fla.
ROCKY SINK—H. B. Brown	Live Oak, Fla.
ROSE MARY—Alton Williams	Live Oak, Fla.
SHADY GROVE—S. P. Simens	Live Oak, Fla.
SUWANNEE—Claude Jones	Live Oak, Fla.
TIGER LAKE—J. M. Robinson	Live Oak, Fla.
UNION—W. H. Holmes	O'Brien, Fla.

### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY OR PAID EMPLOYEE

None

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN TO REPORT IN 1942

Baptist Training Union	Mrs. Carnelia Boatright, Live Oak, Fla.
Brotherhood	J. L. McMullen, Live Oak, Fla.
Christian Education	Rev. A. M. Parker, Mayo, Fla.
Cooperative Program	Rev. J. E. Dupre, Live Oak, Fla.
Evangelism	Rev. W. L. Rawlings, Branford, Fla.
Finance	Mr. A. O. Dorsett, Branford, Fla.
Children's Home	Mrs. Spivey McCloud, Live Oak, Fla.
Foreign, Home and State Missions	Mrs. A. P. Goff, Live Oak, Fla.
Ministerial Relief and Annuities	W. H. Gray, Live Oak, Fla.
Nominations	H. V. Johns, Live Oak, Fla.
Obituaries	Mrs. T. M. Smiley, Live Oak, Fla.



Religious Literature .....	Mrs. T. J. Fletcher, O'Brien, Fla.
Resolutions .....	Rev. T. J. Ellis, Live Oak, Fla.
Social Service .....	Mrs. R. V. Scott, Live Oak, Fla.
Sunday School .....	Julian Robinson, Live Oak, Fla.
Woman's Missionary Union .....	Mrs. Kerby Sandlin, Jasper, Fla.

**NEXT SESSION**

Philadelphia Baptist Church, Live Oak, Fla. .... October 1, 2, 1942

**SERMONS**

Introductory Sermon .....	Rufus L. Robinson, Live Oak, Fla.
Alternate .....	R. W. Henry, Live Oak, Fla.
Missionary Sermon .....	H. O. Hughes, Jasper, Fla.
Alternate .....	R. J. McPherson, Jennings, Fla.

**MESSENGRS TO FLORIDA BAPTIST CONVENTION**

C. A. Griffin, Jr. ....	Falmouth, Fla.
T. M. Smiley .....	Live Oak, Fla.
J. D. Robinson .....	Live Oak, Fla.

**OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATIONAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**

Mrs. Kirby Sandlin, President .....	Jasper, Fla.
Mrs. A. P. Goff, Vice President .....	Live Oak, Fla.
Mrs. W. B. Lewis, Sec.-Treas. ....	Jasper, Fla.
Mrs. J. H. Corbett, Supt. Hamilton Co. ....	Jasper, Fla.
Mrs. A. H. Hunter, Supt. Suwannee Co. ....	Live Oak, Fla.

**CHAIRMEN OF W. M. U. COMMITTEES TO REPORT IN 1942**

Personal Service .....	Mrs. J. L. McDaniels, Jennings, Fla.
Hundred Thousand Club .....	Mrs. Jimmie Dees, Jasper, Fla.
Margaret Fund .....	Mrs. Robert Tuten, Jennings, Fla.
Training School .....	Mrs. B. G. Bell, Falmouth, Fla.
Publicity .....	Mrs. W. W. Miller, O'Brien, Fla.
White Cross .....	Mrs. W. B. Newburn, Branford, Fla.
Mission Study .....	Mrs. O'Neal Boatright, Live Oak, Fla.
Children's Home .....	Mrs. A. W. Ross, Live Oak, Fla.
Members At Large .....	Mrs. W. M. Wetherington, Jasper, Fla.
	Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Live Oak, Fla.

**AUXILIARY MEETINGS W. M. U.**

The March Rally will be held with the Philadelphia Baptist Church and the Annual Rally Meeting will be held with the New Hope Baptist Church next year. The time for the annual meeting to be set at the March Rally.

Full report given elsewhere in this book under W. M. U. report.

**WE HAVE NO OTHER ASSOCIATIONAL AUXILIARY MEETINGS WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.**

**WE HAVE NO ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION, BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION, REPRESENTATIVES OF BROTHERHOOD, BAPTIST SCHOOLS, HOSPITAL, ENCAMPMENT OR ORPHANAGE, STATE OR SOUTH-WIDE BOARD OR INSTITUTION WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE SUWANNEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**

**List of Messengers, 1941 Session**

**ANTIOCH**—J. D. Sapp, V. E. Bevan, Mrs. V. E. Bevan, Mrs. Florence Brinson.

**BELLEVILLE**—Geo. H. Perry.

**BETHEL**—No report.

**BEULAH**—D. L. Murphy, Mrs. D. L. Murphy, J. A. Wilder, Mrs. J. A. Wilder, Mrs. W. J. Starling.

**BRANFORD**—R. B. Williams, G. R. Carver, Mrs. J. T. Dunkin, Mrs. A. O. Dorsett, A. O. Dorsett.

**BRIGHT POND**—Mrs. Carrie M. Vann, Mrs. Jessie Goolesby, Mrs. Mary F. Smith, B. M. Smith, Ray Jenkins.

**CLAYLAND**—Mrs. Drew Land, F. T. Watson, Mrs. Della Ragans, Mrs. Lattie Brim, Mrs. Delma Brim.

**CORINTH**—N. Morgan, Mrs. Annie Burnett, Mrs. Myrtie Morgan.

**DIVONIA**—W. A. McCall, J. W. McCall, Sarar McCall.

**FRIENDSHIP, HAMILTON**—By letter no Messengers.

**FRIENDSHIP, SUWANNEE**—A. A. Smith, Mack Todd, Heber Brannan, Hugh Green.

**JASPER**—H. O. Hughes, Mrs. H. O. Hughes, Harry T. Reid, Mrs. D. T. Smith.

**JENNINGS**—R. W. McCall, Mrs. S. E. Hewitt, Mrs. A. H. Culbreth, Mrs. J. L. McDaniel.

**LIVE OAK**—G. A. Lee, J. A. Johnson, F. W. Brenan, T. M. Smiley, Mrs. T. M. Smiley, Mrs. G. A. Lee, Mrs. A. P. Goff, Mrs. F. W. Brenan, Mrs. W. T. McCullers, Jim Allen.

**MARYBELL**—H. V. Mixon, Mrs. Flossie Mixon, Joe Robinson, Mrs. Myrtice Robinson, Miss Ruth Holmes.

**MT. GILEAD**—Mrs. C. A. Griffin, Mrs. J. W. Bland, Miss Iris Bland.

**MT. OLIVE**—H. V. Johns, Mrs. H. V. Johns, Thomas Zipperer, Mrs. Loretta Foster.

**MT. PISGAH**—J. J. Williams, M. F. Chesheir, Mrs. M. F. Chesheir, J. M. Carver, J. M. Carver.

**NEW HOPE**—J. E. Bland, Kate Bland, R. H. Halton, Luma Halton, Jim Deas, Ophelia Deas.

**O'BRIEN**—C. P. Thomas, J. T. Fletcher, Jr., J. M. Kite, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. D. M. Garrett.

**ORANGE**—A. B. Jones, Mrs. A. B. Jones, A. C. Landen, T. E. Mercer, Mrs. T. E. Mercer, J. M. N. Clark, Mrs. J. M. N. Clark.

**PHILADELPHIA**—W. H. Wilson, Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Joel Wadsworth, Mrs. Joel Wadsworth, Mrs. Oneal Boatright, R. L. Lord, W. D. Clark, Mrs. W. D. Clark.

**PINE LEVEL**—E. S. Palmer, Mrs. E. S. Palmer, Mrs. Lilla Mosley, M. J. Lepper.

**PINE MOUNT**—H. B. Goff, Mrs. H. B. Goff, Mrs. Ruby Goff, Mrs. M. L. Fletcher.

**PLEASANT HILL**—Colie Prevatt, Mrs. Colie Prevatt, T. A. Sessions, Mrs. T. A. Sessions.

**ROCKY SINK**—Mrs. T. D. Tison, Mrs. Mae Scott, Mrs. Iva Templin, T. D. Tison, Gus Brown.

**ROSE MARY**—Mrs. W. H. Stephens, T. J. Yawn.

**SHADY GROVE**—W. L. Pool, Mrs. W. L. Pool, S. P. Symens, Mrs. S. P. Symens, Ira Ross, Mrs. Ira Ross.

**SUWANNEE**—T. J. Phillips, Mrs. Lola Gamble, Claude Jones, Mrs. Claude Jones.

**TIGER LAKE**—H. J. Horne, Lee Robinson, J. M. Robinson, Arther Skinner, J. R. Mills, Mrs. J. V. Brown.

**UNION**—Rev. W. H. Holmes, Julian Duglas.

#### **VISITORS**

Rev. A. M. Glission, Rev. J. H. Griffin, Rev. C. H. Bolton, Rev. G. E. Jones, J. D. Blanton, Howley Ridenour, Supt. T. M. Johns, S. W. Smith, Rev. Waldo Wood.

## **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

### **1. OF THE SCRIPTURES**

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men Divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its Author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

### **2. OF THE TRUE GOD**

We believe that there is One, and only One living and true God, an Infinite, intelligent Spirit, Whose Name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth; inexpressibly glorious in Holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the Unity of the Godhead there are Three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every Divine Perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious Offices in the great work of Redemption.

### **3. OF THE FALL OF MAN**

We believe that Man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all Mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God; positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

### **4. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION**

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of Grace; through the Mediatorial office of the Son of God; Who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature, yet without our sin; honored the Divine law by His Personal obedience, and by His death made a full Atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in His wonderful Person the tenderest sympathies with Divine Perfections, He is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and all-sufficient Saviour.

### **5. OF JUSTIFICATION**

We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is Justification; that Justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Faith in the Redeemer's Blood; by virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

### **6. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION**

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial penitent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel; which involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

**7. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION**

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with Divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, and faith, and newness of life.

**8. OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH**

We believe that Repentance and Faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable Graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him alone as the Only and All-sufficient Saviour.

**9. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE**

We believe that Election is the Eternal purpose of God, according to which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's Sovereign Goodness, being Infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

**10. OF SANCTIFICATION**

We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the Will of God, we are made partakers of His Holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially, the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

**11. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS**

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

**12. OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL**

We believe that the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just, and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy Law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible Church.

**13. OF THE GOSPEL CHURCH**

We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a Congregation of baptized believers, associated by Covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the Ordinances of Christ; governed by His Laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word; that its only Scriptural officers are Bishops or Pastors and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

**14. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER**

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the Name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, with its effects, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is a pre-requisite to the privileges of a Church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the Church by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

**15. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH**

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations, by the devout observance of all the means of Grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

**16. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT**

We believe that Civil Government is of Divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the Will of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

**17. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED**

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of Our God, are truly righteous in His esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

**18. OF THE WORLD TO COME**

We believe that the end of this world is approaching; that at the Last Day, Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

## CONSTITUTION

### Article 1—Name

This Organization shall be known as the SUWANNEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

### Article 2—Purpose

The Purpose of this Association shall be: To furnish a medium of Co-operation for the Churches of the Association in their Divinely commissioned work of Missions, Education, and Benevolences; and to this end we seek to bring into co-operative fellowship the energies of our Churches; and to secure the moral and financial support of our Churches for the Objects and Institutions fostered by the Florida Convention of Baptist Churches, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

### Article 3—Churches

The Constituents of this Association shall be Missionary Baptist Churches of regular order, presenting petitionary letters from other Associations in due form; and Churches which may be constituted within the bounds of the Association, presenting proper credentials of organization and Articles of Faith, accompanied by properly accredited Messengers.

### Article 4—Messengers

This Association shall be composed of Messengers holding membership in the Churches which constitute the Association; these Messengers having been duly elected by their respective Churches on the following basis: Each Church shall be entitled to Three Messengers without reference to their numerical strength; and one additional Messenger for each Twenty-five members or fraction thereof, after it has attained a membership of Fifty members.

### Article 5—Officers

The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be elected annually at the beginning of each Annual Meeting and shall be installed at the close of the session and shall serve until and through the next session of the Association and no person shall be elected Moderator for more than two consecutive years.

### Article 6—Meetings

1. This Association shall meet Annually at such Date, Time and Place as the Association shall have selected at its last Annual Session.
2. In addition to the Annual Meeting, there shall be held a Union Meeting each Fifth Sunday; the Time, Place, and Program to be provided for by the Executive Committee.
3. In the event of an emergency, the Executive Committee is authorized to make changes in the Time and Place for the Annual Meeting, as will best serve the interests of the Association.

### Article 7—Amendments

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Association may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the Association, by a two-thirds majority vote of the Messengers.

## BY-LAWS

### Section 1—Duties of Officers

1. The Duties of the Moderator shall be to preside, preserve order, and appoint all Committees not otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws.
2. The duties of the Vice-Moderator shall be to assist the Moderator; and to preside in the absence of, or at the request of, the Moderator.
3. 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 other material belonging to the office to his successor.

The Clerk shall send to the clerks of the Churches of the Association the Associational Letter Form Blanks thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting; also the material to the Chairmen of the Standing Committees, who are to submit reports of our work at the Annual Session.

The Clerk shall notify after the adjournment of the Association, all Persons, Committees, and Chairmen of Standing Committees, of their elections or appointments of service.

The Clerk shall receive remuneration for his services, the sum to be fixed by the Association at each Annual Meeting; also he shall receive additional funds from the Association for the expenses of his office.

4. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all Associational Funds received and disbursed by his Office; and shall submit a record of all transactions of his Office to the Association at its Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall be the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

5. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to transact all business of the Association between its Annual Meetings; and a written report of its work shall be submitted to the association at its Annual Session.

The Moderator and Clerk of the Association shall serve as Chairman and Secretary of the Executive Committee between the Annual Sessions of the Association.

In the event a vacancy occurs in any office of the Association between the Annual Meetings; the Executive Committee is authorized to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term of office; if not otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws.

### Section 2—Committees

1. The Standing Committees of the Association shall be: 1—Executive Committee; 2—Order of Business; 3—State Missions; 4—Home Missions; 5—Foreign Missions; 6—Religious Literature; 7—Christian Education; 8—Sunday Schools; 9—Baptist Training Union; 10—Woman's Missionary Union; 11—Laymen's Work—Brotherhood; 12—Florida Baptist Children's Home; 13—Ministerial Relief and Annuities; 14—Social Service. Also other Committees as the Association shall deem advisable.

2. The Special Committees of the Association shall be: 1—Nominations; 2—Finance; 3—Resolutions; 4—Obituaries; 5—Digest of Letters—State of Religion. Also other Committees as the Association shall deem advisable.



**Section 3—Committees. Appointment Of**

1. All Standing Committees shall consist of Three Members; who shall be appointed by the Moderator; the Chairman being selected in advance; the others at each Annual Session.

2. All Special Committees shall consist of not less than Three nor more than Five Members; who shall be appointed by the Moderator at each Annual Session.

3. The Committee on Order of Business shall consist of Three Members, Two of which shall be the Moderator and the Vice-Moderator. The third shall be appointed by the Moderator at each Annual Meeting.

The Executive Committee of this Association shall be composed of:

1. One member from each church elected by the church and reported to the association in the regular church letter each year.

2. The pastor of each and every church in the association.

3. The presiding officer of each associational organization.

The Executive Committee shall meet on the Second Tuesday p. m. of each of the months of December, March, June, and September at a place that may be decided by the committee itself.

The officers of the Executive Committee, together with the presiding officers of the associational organizations, shall constitute a Steering Committee that shall have the power to transact any business of the association that may be necessary during the time between the regular meetings of the Executive Committee; providing, that in the event the association is not organized as indicated above, then the Steering Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Executive Committee and four other such members of the Executive Committee as shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

The Steering Committee shall meet once each month or as often as the Chairman may call it into session.

**Section 4—Committees. Duties Of**

1. The duties of the Standing Committees and the Special Committees, shall be those which are commonly understood, and observed by Baptist Associations and Conventions, as suggested by their names.

2. The duties of the Committee on the Order of Business shall be to prepare the Program for each Annual Meeting; and to select the Speakers not otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws.

3. The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be:

To name the Time and Place for the Annual Meeting.

To name the Preachers and Alternates for the Annual Introductory and Missionary Sermons.

To name the Associational Messengers to the Florida Baptist Convention.

All nominations subject to adoption by the Association.

**Section 5**

The Association shall have an Introductory and a Missionary Sermon at each Annual Meeting, on the first and second days respectively; the hours for the sermons to be provided for in the Order of Business.

**Section 6**

The fiscal year of the Association shall begin September first of each year, and end August thirty-first of the following year, both dates inclusive; and all reports to the Association shall conform to these dates.

**Section 7**

All written reports of Committees shall be limited to a maximum of six hundred words; and the Clerk is authorized if necessary, to edit reports to conform to this word limitation.

**Section 8**

When a Church fails to send an Annual letter, the Clerk shall use the report of the previous year, with reference only to record of membership of Church and organizations.

**Section 9**

The Association requests that Church clerks prepare and mail to the Clerk of the Association their Annual Church Letter, ten days before the Annual Meeting.

**Section 10**

The Parliamentary Law which shall be used by this Association in the government of its business proceedings, shall be Kerfoot's Parliamentary Law.

It is also understood, that this Association shall ever adhere to the Principles and Practices of recognized Baptist Policies in all its procedures, its methods, and its work.

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

*Of The*  
**Seventieth Annual Session**  
*Of The*  
**Suwannee Baptist Association**  
*Held With The*  
**Tiger Lake Baptist Church**  
**Live Oak, Florida**

**FIRST DAY**

**Thursday, October 2nd, 1941, 10:00 A. M.**

1. The Seventieth Annual Session of the Suwannee Baptist Association convened with the Tiger Lake Baptist Church, Live Oak, Fla., Thursday, Oct. 2, 1941, at 10:00 A. M.
2. The Moderator, Rev. T. M. Smiley, called the meeting to order.
3. After singing that good old hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Rev. A. M. Parker gave a brief address of welcome followed with Devotional led by Rev. T. M. Smiley reading Scripture from Acts 1: 1-8. Afterward a very inspiring Prayer was offered by Dr. C. H. Bolton.
4. A motion and second to adopt tentative order of business as presented.
5. Motion and second that all messengers present and those to come later compose this session of the association.
6. The following committees were appointed by the Moderator to report at this session of the association.

**Sunday School**

Harry T. Reid, Chairman, J. M. Carver, Kate Bland.

**Woman's Missionary Society**

Mrs. C. E. Lawrence, Chairman, Mrs. G. L. Dorman, Mrs. Robert Evans.

**Baptist Training Union**

Mrs. Oneal Boatright, Chairman, Miss Callie Dorman, Mrs. C. P. Mills.

**Brotherhood Work**

G. A. Lee, Chairman, J. A. Johnson, Jim Deas.

**Florida Baptist Childrens Home**

S. C. Kierce, Chairman, A. B. Jones, J. W. McCall.

**State, Home and Foreign Mission Reports**

F. W. Brenan, Chairman, W. H. Gray, J. M. Kite.

**Cooperative Program**

E. T. Horne, Chairman, Mrs. W. T. McCullers, H. B. Goff.

**Hundred Thousand Club**

Mrs. A. P. Goff, Chairman, Mrs. Otto Nelson, Rev. J. E. Dupre.

**Christian Education**

H. O. Hughes, Chairman, H. V. Mixon, F. B. Brinson.

**Religious Literature**

Mrs. T. J. Fletcher, Chairman, Mrs. T. W. Brenan, Mrs. C. M. Harrell.

**Ministerial Relief and Annuities**

A. M. Parker, Chairman, H. Burnett, D. T. Murphy.

**Obituaries**

Mrs. T. M. Smiley, Chairman, Mrs. T. D. Tison, Mrs. Colie Prevatt.

**Finance**

A. O. Dorsett, Chairman, J. M. Robinson, W. M. Hogan.

**Digest of Letters**

E. T. Horne, Chairman, Miss Callie Dorman, Mrs. J. V. Brown.

**Resolutions**

Rev. J. D. Robinson, Chairman, T. D. Tison, R. H. Holton.

**Nominations**

H. V. Johns, Chairman, A. M. Parker, J. D. Robinson.

7. The following officers were elected without opposition: Rev. T. M. Smiley, Moderator, Rev. W. H. Gray, Vice Moderator, E. T. Horne, Clerk, and Cor. Sec., A. O. Dorsett, Treasurer.

8. Report of Executive Committee read by E. T. Horne, and was adopted.

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee has conducted regular quarterly meetings throughout the year, and has conducted the following business:

1. Planned and conducted the annual Bible Conference which was held at the First Baptist Church, Live Oak. It was a most successful Conference in every way.

2. Supervised the collection of the annual produce contribution for the Children's Home at Arcadia. The gift was considerably above the previous year.

3. Has planned for and sponsored fifth Sunday meetings, also the mid-year Associational meeting which was held at Bright Pond Baptist Church.

4. Has also maintained a vigorous spirit in promoting Missions and Evangelism among the Churches.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. We recommend the adoption of the attached resolution of policy on the Ordination of candidates for the Ministry.

2. We also recommend that the Bible Conference be held in February 1942 beginning on Monday after the second Sunday and closing Friday night following.

T. M. SMILEY, Chairman  
E. T. HORN, Secretary.

**RESOLUTION**

We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Suwannee Baptist Association, in session this 10th day of June, 1941, fraternally request all Churches of this Association to co-operate in the adoption of this resolution as a policy with regard to Ordination of candidates for the Ministry.

1st. That the Church of which any one desiring to enter the Ministry is a member, shall give due consideration and encouragement to the point of giving license to preach.

2nd. If the candidate shall be called to the pastorate of a Baptist Church and Ordination is called for, the Church of which the candidate is a member shall request the Moderator of the Association, to call an examining counsel to be composed of the pastors and others of the Association before which the Candidate shall appear and be questioned as to his understanding of the Bible Doctrines and Baptist belief and practice.

3rd. If the Candidate shall give satisfactory evidence to the Counsel that he is qualified for Ordination he shall be recommended to the Church and the Church shall set a date and invite the pastors to form a presbytery and Ordain the Candidate on the given date.

The above resolution was passed and recommended to our Churches as a safeguard against indiscriminate ordaining of men who are unprepared for the Sacred Ministry.

T. M. SMILEY, Chairman  
E. T. HORN, Clerk.

9. The Moderator called for petitionary letters. Not any reported.

10. Report on Brotherhood work was read by Jacob A. Johnson and was adopted.

**BROTHERHOOD REPORT**

October 2nd, 1941

At the time of the former meeting of our association in October 1940 there were two Baptist Brotherhoods, the Brotherhood of the First Baptist church of Live Oak and the Brotherhood of the Mount Olive Baptist church.

On September 23rd, a group of men met at New Hope and organized a Brotherhood for New Hope Church and also a Brotherhood for the Bright Pond Church. This meeting was presided over by our Associational president, Bro. J. L. McMullen, and the number of the New Hope charter members was twenty. Nine men were present from Bright Pond. They all enrolled as charter members of the Bright Pond Brotherhood and it was stated that others, who could not be present but desired to become charter members, would be added to the list.

The Brotherhood at Live Oak has a membership of 72, Mt. Olive has 15, New Hope 20, and Bright Pond 26, making a total membership of 133.

There is an inter-denominational Brotherhood at Branford. I do not know how many Baptists belong to that brotherhood.

The aim of the association is to organize, and assist in the work of getting well established for Christian service, as many Brotherhoods as is possible during

the church year we are now entering. It is hoped that all of the churches in the association will either have a brotherhood or will participate in the work of a brotherhood. However, it would be a serious mistake for any church to attempt to have a brotherhood just for the sake of having the organization. Definite Christian service should be the aim of any such organization.

Respectfully,  
G. A. LEE

11. After singing the song "Stand Up For Jesus" Rev. A. M. Glisson led in prayer.

12. The Moderator announced that the hour had arrived for the Introductory sermon. Rev. W. H. Gray brought the message of the hour. Using Scripture found in Samuel 1:30. Using the subject "What Man can do for God."

Adjourned for lunch.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 P. M.

13. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. T. M. Smiley. After singing "Oh How I Love Jesus" Bro. Dupre led the devotional by reading scripture found in John 15 1-8, the central thought being "Man's nothingness without God."

14. Report on Hundred Thousand Club was read by Mrs. A. P. Goff, and was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

The Hundred Thousand Club is the debt paying plan of Southern Baptists adopted at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention which was held in Washington, D. C., in 1933. It was a dark day in Southern Baptist life and work when this plan was presented by Dr. Tripp, who was then pastor in St. Josephs, Mo. The debt of Southern Baptist was bewildering to the Spirit and initiative of all our Denominational agencies and stood as a great bulwark in the way of progress. We believe this plan came at the right time to strengthen the morale of our work and give Baptist a new day for service.

The object of the Hundred Thousand Club, was to enlist one hundred thousand Baptists to give one dollar per month over and above the regular gifts to apply on the debt. This goal of one hundred thousand has never been reached but a sufficient number have come into the plan to make possible for us to see the fulfillment of our dreams of "A debtless Denomination by 1945". Florida gave more than seventy five thousand dollars through this plan from June 1933 to May 1, 1941. Our Association including all 31 Churches gave last year \$203.70 toward the retirement of the debts through the Hundred Thousand Club. We are hoping that this year will show a worthy increase over last year. We heartily commend the Woman's Missionary Union of our Association for the part they are having by individual memberships and also with the Centennial gifts. We urge all of our pastors to encourage membership in the Hundred Thousand Club in order to hasten the day for a debtless Denomination.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. A. P. GOFF, Chairman  
MRS. OTTO NELSON  
REV. J. E. DUPRE

15. Report on Evangelism read by Rev. W. H. Gray.

#### REPORT ON EVANGELISM

We feel honored in one sense that we are making the first report on Evangelism in our Association for a long time, yet there is a solemn indictment against our Association for neglect in the great field of Evangelism about us which is so white unto harvest. At the first meeting of the Executive Committee

following the last annual meeting a committee to promote and assist in Evangelistic work was appointed as follows: Rev. T. M. Smiley, Chairman, Rev. H. O. Hughes, Rev. W. H. Gray, and H. H. Link, who moved away and Rev. Charles Griffin was appointed in his place. Your committee has worked in close harmony with our State Evangelistic Committee, as well as with our Churches and pastors giving assistance where it was needed. We planned for and assisted in conducting a Conference on Evangelism under the direction of the State Evangelistic Committee at the First Baptist Church of Live Oak.

We feel that the work of your Committee has aroused an interest in Evangelism which has been absent in our work too long. Last year our Churches had a total of 156 Baptisms, with 26 Churches having revival meetings. This year we have but eleven months to report due to the change in the Associational year which will prevent several of our Churches reporting the revival meetings and the number of Baptisms but according to reports brought to this meeting we have Baptised 126 and 22 of our Churches have had revivals. May Evangelism be the watch word for all of our Churches. We urge every Church to plan for a revival not only in the Church but in the unchurched and out of the way places in our Association. We recommend a revival in an abandoned School House, or brush-arbor, or any where that we may reach one Soul or more. We also recommend soul winning groups be organized in every Church.

W. H. GRAY, Chairman  
T. J. ELLIS

Address on Evangelism by Rev. W. E. Wood. Report adopted.

16. Report on Co-operative Program was read by E. T. Horne.

#### REPORT ON CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Co-operative Program is the plan of Southern Baptists to adequately carry out the great commission of our Lord of preaching, teaching and healing. It includes the regular and organized State and Southwide work of our denomination.

It seeks to provide for our Missionary, Educational and Benevolent causes by enlisting each of our churches in a co-operative effort to support them. For information the following divisions of the funds are listed: State Missions 40 percent, Florida Baptist Children's Home 9 percent, Stetson University 9 percent, Rogers Building 5 percent, Student Aid 2 percent, Southwide objects Foreign Mission Board 50 percent, Home Mission Board 23 1-3 percent, Relief and Annuity Board 10 1-3 percent. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary 4 1-5 percent. W. M. U. Training School 8.15 percent, American Baptist Theological Seminary 1 percent, Southern Baptist Hospital 2 1-5 percent.

We recommend and urge that each of you as individuals loyally and systematically co-operate in the support of this our very worthy program.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. T. HORNE, Chairman  
MRS. W. T. McCOLLERS  
H. B. GOFF

17. Report on Foreign, Home and State Missions was read by F. W. Brenan.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Through our separate missions we are following Christ's command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel shown in this report.

Despite the threat of war and actual war, the Foreign Mission Board is able to report that the convention year just closed was one of the best of its long history of 96 years.

Through its 457 active missionaries and the nearly 3000 native workers the Board has been doing the work of teaching and preaching and healing in 16



countries of Africa, Asia, Europe and South America. 35,291 students have been taught, 136,994 patients have been ministered to and innumerable thousands have had the Gospel preached to them. The membership of the churches was increased by 18,542 who came by baptism. The 251,734 members contributed a total of \$379,896.00.

When Dr. Maddry assumed the duties of the executive secretaryship, the Board was in debt to the amount of \$1,110,000.00. At the present time the indebtedness is \$205,000.00. Since the last report was written, \$40,000.00 has been applied to debt reduction. It is confidently expected that the Foreign Mission Board will be a debtless institution when its 100th anniversary is observed in 1945.

Vitally related to the achievements mentioned herein are the women of the Southern Baptist Convention. Year by year their Lottie Moon gifts have increased until last year they reached the unprecedented height of \$363,743.30. With the Board's share of this amount, missionaries have been sent to the lands of their hearts' desires, homes have been built for these messengers of light and schools and churches and hospitals have been made possible to those who desperately needed them.

### HOME MISSIONS

The ninety-sixth annual report of the Home Mission Board reveals marked progress on every field, as shown by the following brief summary:

Total receipts from all sources, \$560,168.09; number of missionaries, 391; number of churches and mission stations, 915, new mission stations opened, 71; new pieces of property acquired, 14; number of sermons preached, 31,403; number of persons touched in personal work, 77,440; number of people making profession of faith, 5,375; number of Bibles and Testaments distributed, 4,443; number of tracts distributed, 724,505.

The most marked achievement of the year financially was the refinancing of the Board's total debt of \$850,000, interest saving alone by reducing the rate to 3¼% and 3½% amounting to \$9,000 a year.

### Missionary Achievements

On the Cuban field, according to the report of Superintendent M. N. McCall, there are fifteen more workers than were reported a year ago. The present force of 87 missionaries in Cuba delivered last year 9,815 sermons, made 55,714 missionary visits, baptized 261, and ministered to 4,544 church members in the 57 churches on the island.

Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary, reports 260 workers in the department of missions in the homeland. Thirty new missionaries have been appointed. The 260 workers serve 186 churches and 498 mission stations. The 186 churches report a membership of 16,900. Our workers report 4,932 conversions, 2,468 baptisms, 21,726 contacted in personal work, 302 Sunday schools, 256 revival meetings.

### Pentecostal Results in Soul-Winning

"Marvelous and multitudinous victories" in soul-winning have come from God, according to Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, superintendent of evangelism. Tentative figures indicate that approximately a quarter of a million people have been won to Christ and baptized in the past year, thus making our church membership more than 5,000,000.

### STATE MISSIONS

The Program of State Missions for the last year has been one of the best in the history of Florida Baptists—And the outlook for the future is most encouraging.

The program work carried on in Florida is varied and far-reaching. Teaching, preaching, enlistment and the care of orphans are a part of the activities. And every department of the work supports the whole program.

The student work carried on at the University at Gainesville by Brother Sabin P. Landry, and at the Woman's College at Tallahassee by Miss Billie Ruth Currin is of such nature as to not only conserve the religious work of the churches with the Baptist Students but also to increase the activities in the local churches serving the student bodies.

The Baptist Witness, Florida's denominational paper, is edited by Dr. E. D. Solomon, and is the medium of dispensing Baptist information of all Southern Baptists. This paper ought to be in every Baptist home.

The Ministers Retirement Plan is one of the finest things ever proposed for the care of aged and disabled preachers. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. C. H. Bolton is working on a revision of the Plan whereby every pastor may be entitled to a pension upon retirement. This revised Plan will be submitted to the State Convention in January by a special committee composed of the following brethren: Wallace Rogers, Pensacola, Chairman; W. H. Rittenhouse, Melbourne; C. Roy Angell, Miami; C. E. Rodgers, Tampa and Otis Hagler, Jacksonville Beach.

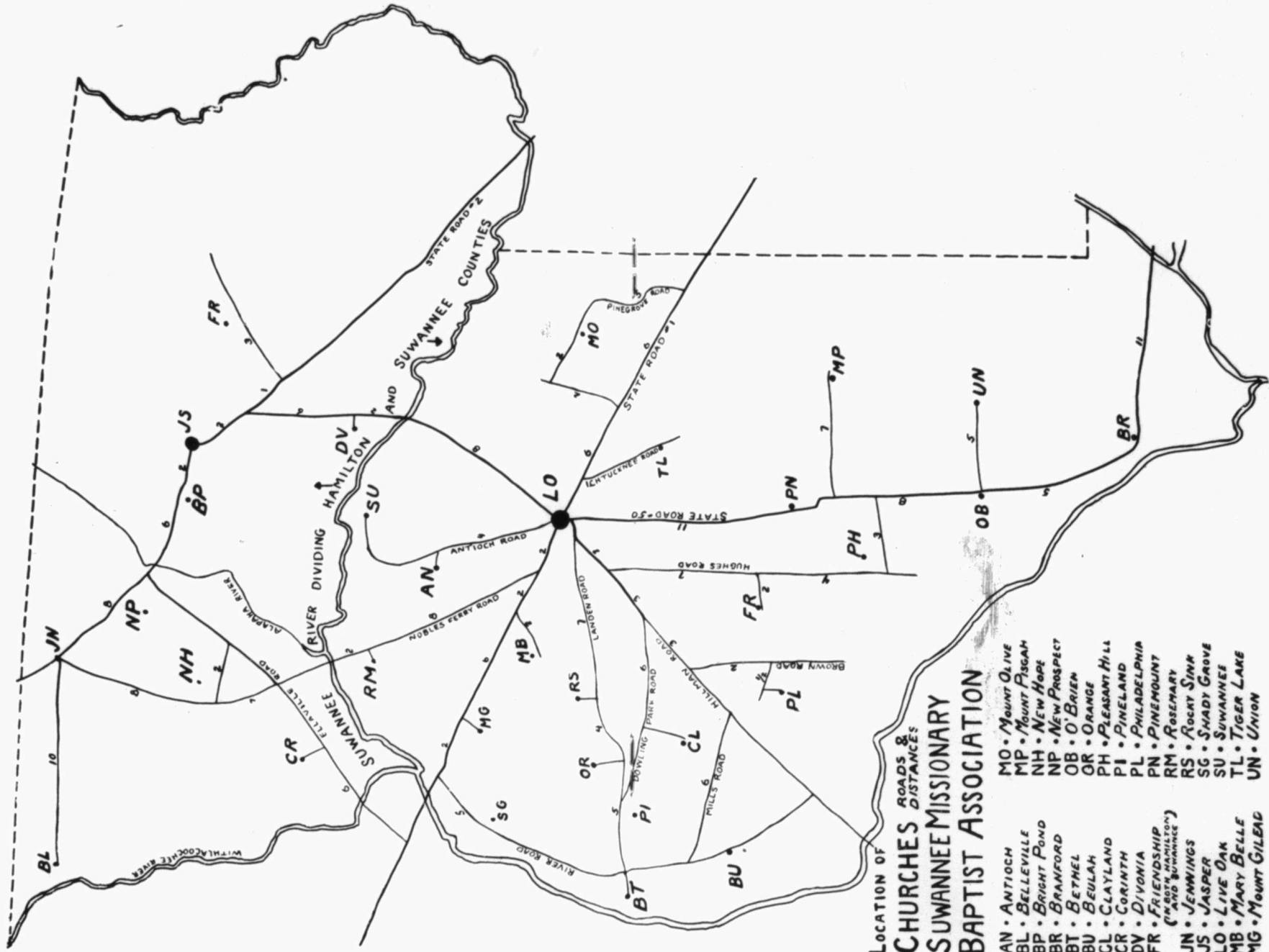
We recommend the Every Member Canvass as the best means of enlisting the members in the financial program of the churches, and the Cooperative Program as the best method of supporting every phase of Southern Baptist work.

F. W. BRENAN, Chairman  
W. H. GRAY  
J. M. KITE

A wonderful address was made on World Missions by Dr. C. H. Bolton.

All above reports adopted.

Adjourn until 9:30 tomorrow.



LOCATION OF  
 CHURCHES  
 ROADS & DISTANCES  
 SUWANNEE MISSIONARY  
 BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**SECOND DAY****FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3rd 9:30 A. M.****Morning Session**

18. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. T. M. Smiley. The Congregation sang "Come Thou Fount." Rev. S. F. Young led in prayer.

19. Report on Religious Literature was read by Mrs. T. J. Fletcher. Spoken on by Rev. E. D. Soloman, and adopted.

**REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE**

To help combat the flood of filthy literature in our land, we as Southern Baptists should give fuller support to the denominational press.

The doubling of crimes during the past decade can be traced directly to the reading of "smutty magazines" which are bought by millions of Americans each month.

Ex-warden Lewis E. Lawes of Sing Sing, J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI and others denounce this degrading literature which evilly inflames the minds of youth, yet the news stands are filled with it.

The only force strong enough to rout these powers of evil is the Bible, and literature inspired by God's Holy Word. President W. W. Hamilton has said "The Bible needs no defense: just turn it loose, and, like a roaring lion, it will take care of itself."

Also important are those splendid Southern Baptist Publications which tell of modern acts of present day apostles.

At the forefront are the State Baptist papers, and Missionary magazines.

As Dr. Hamilton said in his last presidential address: "Having the state papers and mission publications in every Baptist home is a vision to which we cannot be disobedient—our editors and our papers are missionaries and teachers, and they are co-workers with us in all things pertaining to the cause of Christ."

The circulation of the eighteen papers, is about 240,000, but should be pushed on up to 500,000 by the convention centennial in 1945.

A list of the many splendid publications can be secured from any denominational office.

Every denominational journal should be made self-supporting at once.

The pen is mightier than the sword. Hitler has said: "I shall do more with paper and ink than Napoleon ever did with gun-powder." The power of propaganda and publicity has been exploited by forces of evil: it now should be used to promote God's world-wide kingdom. Baptist readers are Baptist leaders.

M. E. Dodd has said:

- "A non-reading Baptist is a non-informed Baptist;
- A non-informed Baptist is a non-interested Baptist;
- A non-interested Baptist is a non-cooperating Baptist;
- A non-cooperating Baptist is just not much of a Baptist."

Certainly the members of this association will not want to be that kind of Baptists but will want to give hearty support to the denomination's program of worthwhile religious literature.

MRS. T. J. FLETCHER, Chairman  
MRS. F. A. BRENAN  
MRS. C. M. HARRELL

20. Report on Florida Baptist Children's Home was read by S. C. Kierce. Spoken on by Supt. T. M. Johns. Report adopted.

**FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

Dr. C. M. Brittain in "RECOLLECTIONS—Baptist Work in Florida, 1901-1906", as related in the Florida Baptist Witness of October 2, 1941, says that at the convention held in Marianna in 1901, Dr. J. C. Porter read the first annual report of the Trustees of the Florida Baptist Orphanage, mentioning that the orphanage had been located at Arcadia and that the sum of \$5,450 had been subscribed towards equipping and maintaining the institution. In the convention report of 1904, it was reported that Rev. B. M. Bean and his efficient wife had been elected superintendent and household manager respectively, and that the Home was now ready for the reception of children. The Home was officially opened on the first day of February, 1904. On that opening day, an orphan was received and another the next day. By March 1, 10 had been received, and at the end of the first year Superintendent Bean was able to report 23 children—11 boys and 12 girls—had been accepted. The orphanage was officially dedicated during the convention which met in Bartow, January 17, 1906.

This year, 1941, when there was a special campaign put on to raise funds to relieve some of the indebtedness, our Association did its share by subscribing approximately \$500 as our goal. Florida Baptists contributed \$25,000.00. Our Association contributed a fine truckload of produce; Branford leading the list of Suwannee Baptists in contributions. Other contributions are sent from the various churches regularly.

Under the able supervision of Brother T. M. Johns, our children's home has developed into one of the best children's homes in the entire Southern Baptist Convention. We appreciate his leadership and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,  
S. C. KIERCE

21. Report of W. M. U. was read by Mrs. C. E. Lawrence. See report under W. M. U. section of the minutes

22. Rev. W. H. Gray, Vice-Moderator, serving as Moderator. The Congregation sang "Trust and Obey." Rev. T. M. Smiley preached the Missionary Sermon using scripture found in John 20:21. "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent Me, even so send I you."

23. After the Missionary Sermon, a mission offering was taken for State Missions. The amount was \$22.66.

Adjourned for lunch.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 P. M.**

24. The Association was called to order promptly by the Moderator, Rev. T. M. Smiley. After singing the hymn "Throw Out the Lifeline" Rev. T. J. Ellis led the devotional by reading F. h. 2, 2nd Peter 2 and led in prayer.

25. Report on Relief and Annuities was read by Rev. A. M. Parker. Spoken on by Rev. Dupre, and adopted.

**RELIEF AND ANNUITIES**

Your committee submits the following report.

About 22 years ago a vision by many of our brethren, was put into action through the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and has kept growing under the wise leadership of our capable leaders until it has now 7,024 churches co-operating and 4,316 pastors participating, out of the 18 States, that are now co-operating in the ministers retirement plan. The financial

condition of our Board is encouraging. The report as of December 31, 1940 shows assets \$5,149,663.24 while the annuity roll at the beginning of 1941 calls for \$399,255.60 and the relief roll \$102,253.30. It is expected by the end of 1941 that the benefits will exceed \$500,000.00.

There are twelve plans through which the Relief and Annuity Board is rendering valuable service.

1—The Relief Plan for those who could not participate in the contributory Annuity plans of the Board.

2—The (old) Annuity Fund. This plan was closed to new members Sept. 20, 1930, but the benefits last year amounted to \$220,298.94. There are nearly 800 active paying members now.

3—The Service Annuity Plan: There are several beneficiaries receiving monthly checks through this plan, but it was closed to new members Jan. 1, 1938. It was superseded by other more workable plans.

4—The Special Deferred Annuity Plan: This plan is an individual plan based on monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual payments with earned annuities payable at the end of any year, but preferably in old age.

5—The Special Annuity: This form of certificate is issued by the Board for those who wish to pay in lump sum payments of \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 or even larger sums and receive specified Annuities at once or at a deferred date.

6—Age Security Plan: This plan is specifically for the unordained workers of our churches and the dues on the basis of 3% of the monthly salary are paid by the employee and also the employer. The plan will produce worthy living incomes at age 65.

7—Savings Annuities: This plan is for the missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board and other salaried workers of our denomination, their widows and orphans to conserve their funds for educating the children, and for hospitalization and to purchase life Annuities.

8—Foreign Mission Board Pension Plan: This plan is for the Missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board. Each Missionary upon retirement receives \$500.00 per year or \$1,000 for a couple, if they become permanently disabled they receive \$500.00.

9—Institutional Employees, Pension Plan: (a) For Orphanages: This group plan 3% is paid by the employee and 3% by the Institution. The minimum benefit is \$500.00 and a maximum of \$1,200.00 for 25 years of service and a maximum disability benefit of \$500.00 per year.

10—Baptist Board employees retirement plan: This plan to take care of all the State Boards and many other agencies and institutions of our Southern Baptist Convention, 3% being paid by the employee and 3% by the employer. For 25 years of service, the minimum benefit \$600.00 and the maximum is \$2,000.00. The maximum disability benefit is \$500.00.

11—The Convention Ministers Retirement Plan: This plan is now in operation in 18 States, 3% of the pastor's salary paid by him and 3% by the church and 2% by the State Convention. After this plan has been in operation for twelve years 50% of the average salary received by the minister the last 25 years of service will be paid, however \$600.00 is the maximum benefit for those who retire the first 5 years of operation of the plan. This plan is to be increased \$200.00 per year until the maximum is reached of \$2,000.00, this is the limit regardless of the salary received, no dues collected on salaries above \$4,000.00 per annum.

12—Gift Annuity Plan—This is the plan to take care of those who wish to make donations to the Relief and Annuity Board, other than ministers and employes of our denomination, who need the income of their gifts while they live or their dependants, the contractual Annuities will be paid with regularity, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. Ample reserves are made to take care of the beneficiaries as long as they may live.

We believe this to be a plan that will take care of our ministers and Denominational workers in a way that will make them happy when illness and old age takes our earning capacity away from us. Therefore we urge every pastor and church who have not joined the Ministers Retirement Plan to do so at once.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. PARKER  
H. BURNETT

26. Report on Christian Education was read by E. T. Horne, and adopted.

### REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In the Southern Baptist Convention, there are 65 Schools, Junior and Senior Colleges; Universities and Seminaries, owned and controlled by Southern Baptists. The property value of these Institutions is \$45,165,412.83. The Endowment Fund of these totals \$28,789,477.63. There was an enrollment last year in these schools of 35,661.

We may boast of ownership of our Baptist Schools and Colleges; but let us remember that ownership involves both moral and financial support. We have been rather loud and long on our boast of ownership; but too silent and short on the matter of support.

There is Education, and there is also Christian Education; which recognizes God in every realm of life; in every branch of science, and learning; for God is the God of Truth everywhere. And when we endeavor to educate ourselves or others, to discover and develop the resources of the human heart and life; to find and know truth; to liberate the powers latent within our being by knowledge which is applied; how much better to do all this in an atmosphere charged with religious influence and truth, than in an atmosphere where God is not felt or recognized.

If we are to have trained leaders in all walks of life, then we must maintain our own Institutions where our men and women can be educated and trained. In our effort to keep the Church and State separate, we have all but forgotten God; but in our own Institutions of learning, we can put God first; and consecrate all our knowledge to Him and His service, and that of our fellowmen.

We must realize that the days of ignorant leadership are over. If we are to be leaders of people, we must know at least as much, and more than they do. Now knowledge may puff one up in pride; but there is a type of ignorance that is also puffed up with pride. But Christian Education brings in something else; it is Education plus; Education plus religion and grace and consecration.

Jesus taught the people; He trained the twelve; His disciples were not wholly ignorant, blank; as some believe them to have been. Moses was an educated man; they were all great leaders; and all their knowledge and learning was consecrated to God and His service.

Baptists have a heritage of which they should be grateful. In the realms of business and commerce, science and medicine, law and government and diplomacy; Baptists have never had to play second-fiddle to anyone. And the world is still ready to hear, and to follow, the man and the woman who knows something; especially if that knowledge reveals God within the heart and life of the one who would lead.

Christian Education, consecrated and applied, would have averted World War number one and the present conflict number two. An observation of the leaders among the nations responsible for the present world carnage; shows wholly a lack of Christian knowledge and education. Christian education in the lives of the leaders and diplomats of the governments of the world, would have brought in world peace rather than another World War. But Christian education must be applied, it must be made practical in every walk of life, to be effective.



Stetson University, under the leadership of Dr. Allen during the past few years; is a concrete illustration of what Christian Education applied will do for a people. Thousands of dollars in the form of endowment gifts, have enabled many young men and women to secure an education, which will make them good leaders in society.

We may make our reports and adopt them, and endorse Stetson University; but Stetson needs more than that. Stetson needs our financial support; and if there is any truth in the saying that money talks, it would be a fine thing for more of our Baptist money to say "Stetson, here I come." That is an endorsement that everybody knows and understands and will accept. Let us stand by our Educational Institutions; and as Florida Baptists, stand by Stetson with greater moral and financial support.

Respectfully submitted,

H. O. HUGHES  
H. V. MIXON

27. Report on Sunday School was read by Rev. T. M. Smiley, and adopted.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

In our Association we have 22 Sunday Schools; with an enrollment of 7421. In Florida we have in our Convention, 750 Sunday Schools; with an enrollment of 119,276. In our Southern Baptist Convention we have 23,754 Sunday Schools; with an enrollment of 3,523,853. Baptisms from S. S. in Association last year 39.

In our Association we held the past year, 1 Daily Vacation Bible School; with an enrollment of 117. In Florida in our Convention we had 122 Schools; with an enrollment of 14,519. In the Southern Baptist Convention there were 4349 of these Schools; with an enrollment of 421,377. These statistics for the State and Southern Conventions are from Southern Baptist Handbook, 1940 edition.

We will never be able to value the good work of our Sunday Schools, or estimate their worth in the teaching of the Word of God. We will never be able by statistics to evaluate the services rendered by thousands of men and women, Officers and Teachers in our Sunday Schools; who give their services to this great and noble work, of teaching classes and conducting Sunday Schools each week.

The Sunday Schools are the only organizations in our Baptist Churches where anyone can be a member from the cradle to the grave. And parents and grandparents are never too old to attend Sunday School for the teaching of the word of God. Adults are inclined to forget this; but if Sunday Schools are good for children, they are good for adults.

The Sunday School is the teaching service of the Church; and let us not forget this. We may be promoted from one class to another but we are never graduated from the Sunday school. We need a revival of Sunday School going among our Churches; especially the adults.

The claim has been made that the majority of baptisms of the Churches come from the Sunday Schools. This is beyond a doubt true. But the Sunday School is not an organization apart from the Church; it is in the church, a part of the church. All honor to whom honor is due; but if the Sunday School is responsible for the greater number of baptisms in our Churches; then who is responsible for the great multitude outside our churches and Sunday Schools; who never go to Church or Sunday School, and therefore are not baptized into the fellowship of our churches?

The responsibility rests upon the members of the Churches, regardless of whether they are members of the Sunday School, or Baptist Training Union, or the Woman's Missionary Society. For we are to exist for only one purpose:—To evangelize; to teach and train. And our Sunday Schools afford us one of the most fruitful fields for the work of evangelization.

The Daily Vacation Bible School affords us an opportunity that we do not have in any organization of our Churches. A two weeks Daily Vacation Bible School, of three hours each day, for five days in each week; will give more time for Bible Study by the members; than the average member gets from the Sunday School in the entire year; allowing for irregular attendance. Let us give practical consideration to the Daily Vacation Bible School work.

We believe the emphasis in our Church work should be placed upon the children and young people. The church that neglects this will lack leaders and workers in the future.

We believe that it is a good work to have in addition to the regular revival meeting our churches each year; to have a week's meeting for young people; call it a revival or a conference, or what you may like. And get the Sunday School members to attend; and make it a great opportunity for decision for Christ, and His Kingdom, and His Church.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY T. REID

28. Report on Baptist Training Union was read by Mrs. O'Neal Boatright and adopted.

### REPORT ON BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

We think that we took the greatest step ever taken in our Baptist Training Union work of the Suwannee Association when we organized the Baptist Associational Training Union in March.

We believe through this that we can make a great gain with our Training Union work.

We set a great goal toward which to work. By this we will earnestly strive to do more and better work and reach our goal and make better progress in the future with our Baptist Training Union work.

The following report is the report of the Training Unions in the Suwannee Association:

Number of churches having Training Union work, 21.

Number of churches with no Training Union work, 10.

	1940	1941	Gain
Number of Adult Unions in Association .....	3	5	2
Number of Y. P. Unions in Association .....	19	17	
Number of Intermediate Unions in Association .....	9	10	1
Number of Junior Unions in Association .....	9	7	
Number of Story Hour Unions in Association .....	2	6	4
Total Number of organizations .....	42	45	3
Number churches receiving Study C. awards .....	7	6	
Number of awards issued in Association .....	138	145	7
Total number of Unions of the State .....	2,454		
Total enrollment of the State .....	39,074		
Total number of Unions of the Southern Baptist .....	51,503		
Total enrollment .....	919,689		

We are delighted not only with the splendid progress made in our association, in our own State, but throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. We still think that every church should provide a place of training for every new and old member of the church. Our churches have many converts during the year, but they are not encouraged to enter a school of training so they may become useful Christians.

Let us as Training Union workers help these churches with no Training Union to organize a Training Union to enlist these Christians and carry out our

Training Union Aim, "Training in Church membership."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O'NEAL BOATRIGHT, Chairman  
CALLIE DORMAN  
MRS. C. P. MILLS

29. Report of Finance Committee was read by J. M. Robinson, and adopted.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee, beg to report that we have collected from the various churches of the Association the following amount: \$123.35, and same has been turned over to A. O. Dorsett, Treasurer.

Plus \$4.00 from Royal Crown Cola Company for Drinks.  
Plus \$10.00 for Co-Operative Program from Beulah Church.  
Plus \$22.66 Special offering for State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. DORSETT, Chairman  
J. M. ROBINSON  
W. M. HOGANS

30. Report on Nominations was read by H. V. Johns and adopted.

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We the Committee recommend that the Association hold its 1942 session on Thursday and Friday before the first Sunday in October, October 1st and 2nd, with Philadelphia Church.

Preacher for Introductory Sermon, Rufus L. Robinson, Alternate R. W. Henry.  
Preacher for Missionary Sermon, Rev. R. O. Hughes, Alternate R. P. McPherson.

Association Messengers to Florida Baptist Convention, C. A. Griffin, Jr., T. M. Smiley, J. D. Robinson.

Brotherhood President, J. L. McMullen, Associational Sunday School Superintendent J. M. Robinson, B. T. U. Director Mrs. Oneal Boatright.

Respectfully submitted,

H. V. JOHNS, Chairman  
A. M. PARKER  
J. D. ROBINSON

31. Report on Resolution read by J. D. Robinson, and adopted.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee, feel that God has blessed us in allowing us to meet in this 70th Session of the Suwannee Baptist Association.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we give thanks to our Maker of all good and perfect gifts for His blessing in the past year, and pray for a continued blessing throughout the years to come: And to thank the officers of this association for their efforts in making this one of the best meetings held in years. May the memory of this meeting and the good deeds of the people together with the Tiger Lake church never be forgotten.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE  
J. D. ROBINSON, Chairman

Report on Digest of Letters was read by E. T. Horne, and adopted.

#### REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION AND DIGEST OF LETTERS

Churches reported 1941 session 30; membership 3475.  
Additions during the year 238; Baptisms 130.  
Sunday Schools reported 22; Enrollment 1421.  
B. T. U.'s reported 9; enrollment 354.  
Brotherhoods reported 4; enrollment 133.  
Number Revival meetings 23.  
Number Families taking State Paper 133.  
Number Tithers 143.  
W. M. U. organizations reporting 12; enrollment 440; Gifts \$1,447.87.  
Pastors Salary \$6,637.67; Mission Gifts \$2,611.75.  
Number Churches giving to Co-operative Program 18; Co-operative Gifts, \$1,511.06.  
Local Church Expenses \$11,721.46.  
Grand total all Gifts for all purposes \$15,844.27.  
Mission Gifts per member 80c.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. HORNE, Chairman  
MISS CALLIE DORMAN

33. Motion made and carried that the Clerk be paid \$25.00 for his services this year.

34. Motion made and carried that the Association adjourn after the reading of the Obituary report and the Memorial service which was held at the grave of G. L. Dorman.

35. Report on Obituaries was read by Mrs. T. M. Smiley.

#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Whereas in the Providence of God, He has seen fit to call from our midst since the last annual meeting of our Association 34 of our devoted members we therefore pause to pay our tribute to their precious memory with humble hearts and bowed heads, not in sorrow and weeping as those who have no hope but rather because we acknowledge that God who has called them makes no mistakes but doeth all things well and has called them because precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. We realize that their estate is far better than ours for our Master said to his weary hearted Disciples that they should not entertain troubled hearts. For I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there may ye be also. This can imply nothing less than Heaven, and we would not if we could call them back again.

There isn't room to mention each one of these and give due credit for their serving and devotion to the Saviour whom they LOVED AND SERVED, but it is fitting that special reference should be made of our beloved Brother G. L. Dorman, who served as clerk of our Association for twenty-four years and then was called from labor to his eternal rest and refreshment in that Home where sickness, tears, suffering, and death shall no more disquiet the solemn peace and glory of reigning with the Lord.

We recommend that a special page be set apart in the annual minutes to preserve a memorial to these our fellow workers and loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. T. M. SMILEY, Chairman

This being a very impressive report we wish to make special mention of it that our memories may be refreshed and for those who were deprived of attending our Association at the close of the session.

This report was thoughtfully, lovingly and sympathetically prepared and presented by Mrs. T. M. Smiley together with a beautiful wreath with flowers attached by Miss Celia Goff and Miss Mercedes

Futch as the names of our deceased members were called, together with a duet, "Will the Circle Be Unbroken".

This being the closing hour of the session the wreath was carried and placed on the grave of Bro. G. L. Dorman by E. T. Horne, the present Clerk, after which the audience gathered at the grave for the closing prayer offered by Rev. T. M. Smiley, Moderator.

REV. T. M. SMILEY, Moderator  
E. T. HORNE, Clerk

*1940-1941 Annual Report Of  
Suwannee Baptist Woman's Missionary Union  
Auxiliary To  
Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association*

Nov. 14, 1940 an Association wide Mission Study Institute and Methodist Clinic was held with the Live Oak church. Miss Louise Smith, State Executive Secretary, Miss Elsie Renfro, State Young People's Secretary and Mrs. Boatright of South Carolina were our instructors. About 60 ladies attended and received the instruction.

Feb. 3, 1941 Miss Wilma Bucy, Southwide worker, conducted an Association wide Mission Study Class. About 60 ladies attended and studied the book on Home Missions, "The Trail of Seed".

Miss Mary Wilson taught the New Way and How of WMU to about 8 of our ladies during the Bible Conference held with the Live Oak church. 9 ladies of the Association also studied the Correspondence Course under Miss Wilson at this time.

Our Regular mid-year Rally was held with Tiger Lake church Mar. 25. This was a day of inspiration for us. Rev. A. M. Parker, Rev. Dies of Mayo were present and responded to calls on them for talks. Rev. T. M. Smiley was our inspirational speaker for the morning and Miss Elsie Renfro, State Young People's secretary for the afternoon service.

Our Association was asked to pledge \$175 to the Centennial Fund. \$321.00 has been pledged and \$76.20 paid this year.

We met with Jasper church for our Annual Meeting Sept. 26. The following report was made:

We have a membership of 268, 77 tithers.  
10 subscriptions to The Commission.  
17 subscriptions to Home Mission Magazine.  
69 subscriptions to The Witness.  
89 subscriptions to Royal Service.  
13 subscriptions to The Window of Y. W. A.  
41 subscriptions to World Comrades.  
119 Mission Study Awards.  
14 Mission Study Courses held.  
219 ladies engaged in Personal service.  
420 Coupons given to Children's Home.  
\$109.87 Cash and boxes to Children's Home.  
\$317.18 given to Cooperative Program.  
\$160.54 given to H. T. C.  
\$52.50 given to Home Missions.  
\$38.56 given to State Missions.  
\$71.79 given to Foreign Missions.  
\$277.81 Church used locally.  
\$147.91 Local Charity.  
\$215.99 other objects.  
\$6.80 Margaret Fund.  
\$26.58 White Cross.

Two societies were organized this year, making a total of 12 societies in our Association. The societies were organized in Mt. Olive Church and Bright Pond Church. We have 14 Auxiliaries with a membership of 237.

**MEMORIAL PAGE**

This page is dedicated to the memory of our comrades who have answered the last roll call since October first, 1940.

**ANTIOCH:**

Rev. A. K. Evans

**BRANFORD:**

Mrs. J. H. McCall  
Mrs. Jim Landrum

**CLAYLAND:**

Rev. E. O. Floyd  
Havoce Coward  
R. E. Merrit

**DIVONIA:**

Mr. Buford Wheeler

**FRIENDSHIP—  
SUWANNEE:**

Mrs. Bessie Smith  
Mr. A. S. Hogan

**JASPER:**

Deacon B. B. Johnson  
Miss Mattie Reid  
Mrs. Mary Adams

**LIVE OAK:**

Mrs. Martha A. Sessions  
Mr. H. H. Hair, Sr.  
Mrs. J. E. Bell  
Mr. James W. West, M.D.  
Mrs. W. H. Hull  
Mrs. J. D. Demedicis

**MT. OLIVE:**

Mrs. Bessie Smith  
Mr. A. S. Hogan

**MT. PISGAH:**

Mrs. W. J. Clemons  
Mrs. Hamelton

**NEW HOPE:**

Mrs. Snythy Robinson

**O'BRIEN:**

Miss Nova Curl  
Mrs. F. W. Grant  
Mrs. O. D. Puryer

**PHILADELPHIA:**

Mr. A. J. Boatright  
Mrs. W. T. Stokley

**PLEASANT HILL:**

Deacon E. W. Bozeman  
Mrs. R. P. Kitchens  
Mrs. L. L. Lee

**SHADY GROVE:**

Mrs. Gus Weigel

**SUWANNEE:**

Mrs. Anna Berry

**TIGER LAKE:**

Deacon G. L. Dorman

**UNION:**

Deacon J. W. Kirby

**CHURCH DIRECTORY****ORDAINED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE  
CHURCHES OF THE SUWANNEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Name and Address	Church of Which Member	Ministerial Work
Brown, L. L., Live Oak, Fla. ....	Live Oak	Pastor
Dupre, J. E., Live Oak, Fla. ....	Live Oak	Retired
Ellis, T. J., Live Oak, Fla. ....	Mt. Olive	Pastor
Gray, W. H., Live Oak, Fla. ....	Beulah	Pastor
Griffin, C. A., Jr., Live Oak, Fla. ....	Live Oak	Pastor
Henry, R. W., Live Oak, Fla. ....	Beulah	Pastor
Holcomb, E. H., Live Oak, Fla. ....	Suwannee	Pastor
Holmes, W. H., O'Brien, Fla. ....	Union	Inactive
Hughes, H. O., Jasper, Fla. ....	Jasper	Pastor
Hunter, Hal, Live Oak, Fla. ....	Live Oak	Student Minister
Lowe, Dewey, Live Oak, Fla. ....	Suwannee	Inactive
McInnis, W. D., O'Brien, Fla. ....	O'Brien	Inactive
McPherson, R. P., Jennings, Fla. ....	Jennings	Pastor
Mixon, E. L., Live Oak, Fla. ....	Mary Bell	Student Minister
Nelson, L. W., Live Oak, Fla. ....	Divonia	Inactive
Platt, H. G., Live Oak, Fla. ....	Orange	Pastor
Robinson, J. D., Live Oak, Fla. ....	Pine Mount	Pastor
Robinson, R. L., Live Oak, Fla. ....	Philadelphia	Pastor
Rollins, W. L., Branford, Fla. ....	Branford	Pastor
Smiley, T. M., Live Oak, Fla. ....	Live Oak	Pastor
Sperring, David, Live Oak, Fla. ....	Live Oak	Student Minister
Wheeler, D. M., Jasper, Fla. ....	Divonia	Pastor
Wise, E. R., Live Oak, Fla. ....	Antioch	Inactive

WE HAVE NO ASSISTANT PASTORS OR EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE SUWANNEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

**MINISTER ORDAINED THIS YEAR**

Name and Address	Church of Which Member	Work
Mixon, E. L., Live Oak, Fla. ....	Mary Bell	Student Minister

**DIRECTORS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOOD**

Church	Director	Address
Live Oak	H. H. Hair	Live Oak, Fla.
Mt. Olive	H. L. Johns	Wellborn, Fla.

Note: No others reporting.

**CHOIR DIRECTORS OR LEADERS**

Church	Name	Address
Branford	Lamar Carver	Branford, Fla.
Bright Pond	B. M. Smith	Jasper, Fla.
Jasper	Mrs. F. S. Bamberg	Jasper, Fla.
Jennings	R. M. Bush	Jennings, Fla.
Live Oak	Mrs. W. R. Slaughter	Live Oak, Fla.
Mary Bell	Myrtice Robinson	Live Oak, Fla.
Mt. Olive	W. M. Hogan	Live Oak, Fla.
New Hope	Jim Deas	Jasper, Fla.
Orange	J. H. Brown	Live Oak, Fla.
Pine Level	Doris Mosley	Live Oak, Fla.
Pine Mount	J. D. Robinson	Live Oak, Fla.
Shady Grove	Fred Bray	Live Oak, Fla.
Tiger Lake	J. M. Robinson	Live Oak, Fla.

Note: No others reporting.



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**TABLE NUMBER ONE**  
**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., SUWANNEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1941**

CHURCHES	Is It in a Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES					CHURCH MEMBERSHIP				Families Receiving State Baptist Paper	
			Country	Town, City or Village	When Constituted	GAINS		LOSSES		Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meetings Held During Year		Observances of Lord's Supper During Year
						Restorations	Statements	Restorations	Exclusions				
1 Antioch	No	1851	No	Pastor	43	1	39	1	39	1	None		
2 Bethleville	No	1848	No	Pastor	141	1	144	2	230	1	3		
3 Bethel	Village	1829	No	Pastor	239	3	242	2	444	1	11		
4 Beulah	Country	1897	S. F. Young	Lake City, Fla.	154	14	168	1	170	1	11		
5 Bradford	Town	1886	W. J. Rollins	Bradford, Fla.	179	16	195	1	161	1	1		
6 Bright Pond	Country	1890	W. H. Gray	Live Oak, Fla.	96	2	98	1	98	1	1		
7 Ciasland	"	1873	W. H. Gray	Live Oak, Fla.	27	1	28	1	27	1	1		
8 Corinth	"	1894	John Collins	Cherry Lake, Fla.	81	2	83	1	86	1	1		
9 Divonia	"	1921	D. M. Wheeler	Live Oak, Fla.	259	1	260	3	254	4	12		
10 Friendship, Hamilton	"	1883	T. J. Ellis	Live Oak, Fla.	80	11	91	7	84	2	2		
11 Friendship, Suwannee	Town	1872	R. W. Henry	Live Oak, Fla.	468	18	486	2	511	2	31		
12 Jasper	Village	1882	H. O. Hughes	Jasper, Fla.	128	4	132	1	131	1	3		
13 Jennings	City	1897	R. P. McPherson	Jennings, Fla.	44	1	45	1	45	1	2		
14 Live Oak	Country	1868	T. M. Smiley	Live Oak, Fla.	159	8	167	3	163	1	2		
15 Mary Belle	"	1878	J. D. Holcomb	Live Oak, Fla.	122	4	126	1	121	1	1		
16 Mount Gilgoad	"	1892	W. H. Gray	Live Oak, Fla.	172	3	175	1	169	1	3		
17 Mount Olive	"	1878	R. W. Henry	Live Oak, Fla.	182	5	187	1	182	1	3		
18 Mount Pisgah	"	1878	R. W. Henry	Live Oak, Fla.	174	1	175	1	172	1	1		
19 New Hope	"	1892	A. M. Parker	Mayo, Fla.	317	23	340	4	338	2	24		
20 O'Brien	Town	1892	C. A. Griffin	Live Oak, Fla.	63	1	64	1	55	1	None		
21 Orange	Country	1899	W. H. Gray	Live Oak, Fla.	58	3	61	3	60	1	None		
22 Philadelphia	"	1876	Rufus L. Robinson	Live Oak, Fla.	12	2	14	2	11	1	None		
23 Pine Level	"	1926	C. A. Griffin	Live Oak, Fla.	42	2	44	1	43	1	None		
24 Pine Mount	"	1828	R. W. Henry	Live Oak, Fla.	95	1	96	1	91	1	None		
25 Pleasant Hill	Country	1884	J. D. Robinson	Live Oak, Fla.	62	1	63	1	68	1	3		
26 Rocky Sink	"	1872	J. D. Robinson	Live Oak, Fla.	190	3	193	3	190	2	16		
27 Rose Mary	"	1899	No Report		16	5	21	1	21	1	1		
28 Shady Grove	Village	1933	E. H. Holcomb	Live Oak, Fla.	3	1	4	2	2	2	1		
29 Suwannee	Country	1883	A. M. Parker	Mayo, Fla.	3,665	129	3,794	7	2,109	9	14		
30 Tiger Lake	"	1900	L. L. Brown	Live Oak, Fla.	94	3	97	2	95	1	35		
31 Union	"	TOTALS			3,665	129	3,794	7	2,109	9	14		
					94	3	97	2	95	1	35		
									8,780	26	35		

E. T. HORNE, Clerk of Suwannee Baptist Association, Live Oak, Florida.  
T. M. SMILEY, Moderator of Suwannee Baptist Association, Live Oak, Florida.  
NEXT ANNUAL MEETING: Time, October 1-2, 1942. Place, Philadelphia Church.

**TABLE NUMBER TWO**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF SUWANNEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1941**

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Sunday School Enrollment								Special Information				Vacation Bible School		
		Cradle Roll, Under 3 Years	Beginners, 3-5 Years	Primaries, 6-8 Years	Juniors, 9-12 Years	Intermediates, 13-16 Years	Young People, 17-24 Years	Adults, 25 Years and Up	General and Departmental Officers	Total Enrollment—Including All Officers, Teachers and Pupils	What Is Your Average Attendance?	Baptisms from Sunday School	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Diplomas	Enrollment of Vacation Bible School
1 Antioch	No	19	12	20	25	6	25	17	120	75	27	No	No	No		
2 Bethleville	No	10	17	18	21	12	18	17	84	43	43	Yes	No	No		
3 Bethel	O. T. Wade, Live Oak, Fla.	22	19	32	59	52	25	76	285	130	14	Yes	No	No		
4 Beulah	A. O. Dorsett, Bradford, Fla.	8	12	8	12	15	15	4	62	50	8	Yes	No	4		
5 Bradford	Kenneth McLeod, Live Oak, Fla.	8	5	11	13	15	5	6	60	48	5	Yes	No			
6 Bright Pond	No	15	12	20	25	6	25	17	120	75	27	No	No	No		
7 Ciasland	No	10	17	18	21	12	18	17	84	43	43	Yes	No	No		
8 Corinth	No	4	4	10	10	8	12	6	39	20	3	Yes	No			
9 Divonia	No	11	10	10	21	21	8	12	31	20	1	Yes	No			
10 Friendship, Hamilton	Robert Holmes, Live Oak, Fla.	15	12	20	25	6	25	17	120	75	27	No	No			
11 Friendship, Suwannee	Harry T. Reid, Jasper, Fla.	22	19	32	59	52	25	76	285	130	14	Yes	No	4		
12 Jasper	Geo. H. Perry, Jennings, Fla.	4	4	10	10	8	12	6	39	20	3	Yes	No			
13 Jennings	Jim Allen, Live Oak, Fla.	11	10	10	10	8	12	6	31	20	1	Yes	No			
14 Live Oak	H. E. Martin, Live Oak, Fla.	14	8	8	10	10	8	12	43	40	5	No	No			
15 Mary Belle	C. A. Griffin, Falmouth, Fla.	11	6	5	5	15	18	4	60	50	2	No	No			
16 Mount Gilgoad	W. M. Hogan, Live Oak, Fla.	14	8	8	10	10	8	12	31	20	1	No	No			
17 Mount Olive	H. T. Howell, Pine Mount, Fla.	15	13	10	17	8	18	3	85	50	5	No	No	3		
18 Mount Pisgah	J. J. E. Bland, Jasper, Fla.	6	7	8	9	12	16	16	33	20	2	No	No			
19 New Hope	T. J. Fletcher, Jr., O'Brien, Fla.	11	7	7	7	17	18	18	80	67	2	No	No			
20 O'Brien	Malcolm Lanier, Live Oak, Fla.	6	7	24	15	12	16	16	80	67	2	No	No			
21 Orange	Lamar Gamble, Live Oak, Fla.	6	7	7	7	17	18	18	53	42	2	No	No			
22 Philadelphia	M. J. Lepper, Live Oak, Fla.	11	7	7	7	17	18	18	87	79	4	No	No			
23 Pine Level	No	6	7	7	7	17	18	18	80	67	2	No	No			
24 Pine Mount	M. D. Howard, Pine Mount, Fla.	6	7	7	7	17	18	18	80	67	2	No	No			
25 Pleasant Hill	No	6	7	7	7	17	18	18	80	67	2	No	No			
26 Rocky Sink	F. R. Jenkins, Live Oak, Fla.	6	7	7	7	17	18	18	80	67	2	No	No			
27 Rose Mary	S. P. Symens, Live Oak, Fla.	6	7	7	7	17	18	18	80	67	2	No	No			
28 Shady Grove	Proctor Phillips, Live Oak, Fla.	6	7	7	7	17	18	18	80	67	2	No	No			
29 Suwannee	D. S. McLean, Live Oak, Fla.	6	7	7	7	17	18	18	80	67	2	No	No			
30 Tiger Lake	No	22	154	132	245	277	185	349	55	1,419	801	39	No	No	11	117
31 Union	TOTALS	22	154	132	245	277	185	349	55	1,419	801	39	No	No	11	117

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**TABLE NUMBER THREE  
BAPTIST TRAINING UNION, THE SUWANNEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1941**

CHURCHES	BAPTIST TRAINING UNION (B.Y.P.U.'s and B.A.U.'s)																		
	Adult Unions	Young People's Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Story Hours	Total Unions and Story Hours	Adults Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hours Enrolled	Total Enrolled Unions and Story Hours	Bible Readers	Total Number Daily	Number Taking Study Course in All Unions	Has Training Union Been A-1 for One Quarter?	Number of Unions A-1 for One Quarter	Students in College from Your Church	Number General and Departmental Officers
1 Branford	1	1	1	1	1	2	14	34	15	14	49	12	23	12	14	Yes	1	3	3
2 Bright Pond	1	1	1	1	1	2	10	10	10	10	30	30	12	14	Yes	1	3	7	10
3 Jasper	1	1	1	1	1	2	12	12	9	21	12	12	12	12	Yes	1	3	10	7
4 Jennings	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	18	21	4	56	26	34	32	Yes	1	3	9	10
5 Live Oak	1	1	1	1	1	4	18	33	10	43	18	18	18	6	Yes	1	3	4	4
6 Mount Olive	1	1	1	1	1	2	18	33	10	43	14	14	6	6	Yes	1	3	4	4
7 New Hope	1	1	1	1	1	5	18	9	31	19	7	84	39	32	Yes	1	3	9	11
8 O'Brien	1	1	1	1	1	3	10	7	10	27	8	10	10	Yes	1	2	9	31	31
9 Philadelphia	3	5	6	7	3	24	50	75	112	94	25	356	140	88	Yes	1	2	9	31
10 Tiger Lake	3	5	6	7	3	24	50	75	112	94	25	356	140	88	Yes	1	2	9	31
TOTALS	3	5	6	7	3	24	50	75	112	94	25	356	140	88	Yes	1	2	9	31

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**TABLE NUMBER FOUR  
W. M. U. ORGANIZATIONS AND GIFTS AND MEN'S BROTHERHOODS OF SUWANNEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,  
YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1941**

CHURCHES	W. M. U. WORK															Men's Brotherhoods			
	Number of Women's Missionary Societies	Number of Y.W.A.'s	Number of G.A.'s	Number of R.A.'s	Number of Sunbeams	Total W.M.U. Organizations	W.M.S. Members	Y.W.A.'s Members	G.A.'s Members	R.A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Courses	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W.M.U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.	Grand Total for All Purposes (Given by W.M.U. and All Its Organizations)	Number Brotherhoods	Enrollment Brotherhoods	Number Men in Church 21 and Up	Number in Some Position of Service
1 Branford	1	1	1	1	1	3	22	20	12	12	54	24	\$	\$ 35.00	35.00	1	26	50	12
2 Bright Pond	1	1	1	1	1	5	16	16	8	8	16	8	76.37	288.18	314.55	1	26	50	12
3 Clayland	1	1	1	1	1	5	78	19	10	15	26	148	39.03	62.96	101.99	1	26	50	12
4 Jasper	1	1	1	1	1	5	96	96	69	185.43	69	185.43	586.91	722.34	1,222.34	1	26	50	12
5 Jennings	1	1	2	2	1	11	11	11	6	5.75	6	5.75	23.00	28.75	31.50	1	26	50	12
6 Live Oak	1	1	1	1	1	5	17	17	6	3.38	6	3.38	15.00	18.38	21.76	1	26	50	12
7 Mount Olive	1	1	1	1	1	5	16	16	16	42.89	16	42.89	68.20	111.09	179.29	1	26	50	12
8 Mount Olive	1	1	1	1	1	5	15	15	10	30.00	15	30.00	34.50	64.50	99.00	1	26	50	12
9 New Hope	1	1	1	1	1	5	18	18	18	16.40	18	16.40	16.40	32.80	49.20	1	26	50	12
10 O'Brien	1	1	1	1	1	5	12	12	12	29.82	12	29.82	29.82	59.64	89.46	1	26	50	12
11 Philadelphia	12	2	4	3	2	34	131	130	15	38	415	203	\$899.25	\$1,060.06	\$1,459.31	4	133	195	44
12 Tiger Lake	12	2	4	3	2	34	131	130	15	38	415	203	\$899.25	\$1,060.06	\$1,459.31	4	133	195	44
TOTALS	12	2	4	3	2	34	131	130	15	38	415	203	\$899.25	\$1,060.06	\$1,459.31	4	133	195	44

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TABLE NUMBER FIVE  
CHURCH PROPERTY OF SUWANNEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1941

CHURCHES		CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES										Insurance Carried		
		Does Your Church Own Its Rooms of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	pt. Assembly Rooms	No. Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property		
1	Antioch	Yes	1906	Wood	200	1	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$			
2	Belleville	Yes	1848	Wood				500.00	500.00					
3	Bethel	No Letter												
4	Beulah	Yes	1902	Wood	300	1	1	10,000.00	2,000.00	10,750.00				
5	Branford	Yes	1928	Brick	350	1	1	1,000.00		12,000.00				
6	Bright Pond	Yes	1932	Wood	300	1	1	1,000.00		1,500.00			1,000.00	
7	Clayland	Yes	1873	Wood	200	1	1	1,000.00		1,000.00				
8	Corinth	Yes	1894	Wood	350	1	1	800.00		1,000.00				
9	Divonia	No	1893	Wood	150	1	1	100.00		500.00				
10	Friendship, Hamilton	Yes	1882	Wood	150	1	4	1,500.00		1,500.00				
11	Friendship, Suwannee	Yes	1892	Wood	150	1	1	1,500.00		1,500.00				
12	Jasper	Yes	1907	Brick	250	8	2	20,000.00		24,000.00			9,500.00	
13	Jennings	Yes	1897	Wood	300	6	5	1,500.00		1,800.00				
14	Live Oak	Yes	1894	Brick	400	15	6	17,500.00	3,750.00	21,250.00	2,100.00		14,045.00	
15	Mount Olive	Yes	1892	Wood	200	1	1	700.00		820.00				
16	Mary Belle	Yes	1878	Wood	250	1	1	1,700.00		1,700.00				
17	Mount Gilead	Yes	1914	Wood	300	1	1	1,000.00		1,000.00				
18	Mount Pisgah	Yes	1878	Wood	300	1	1	2,000.00		2,000.00				
19	New Hope	Yes	1907	Wood	400	1	1	950.00		950.00				
20	O'Brien	Yes	1892	Wood	300	1	1	1,000.00		1,000.00				
21	Orange	Yes	1890	Wood	150	1	1	1,300.00		1,400.00				
22	Philadelphia	Yes	1901	Wood	200	5	5	2,500.00		2,500.00				
23	Pine Level	Yes	1939	Wood	450	1	1	600.00		600.00				
24	Pine Mount	Yes	1928	Wood	250	1	1	1,000.00		1,075.00				
25	Pleasant Hill	Yes	1892	Wood	150	1	1	1,000.00		1,000.00				
26	Rocky Sink	Yes	1892	Wood	300	1	1	900.00		900.00				
27	Rose Mary	Yes	1909	Wood	150	1	1	500.00		500.00				
28	Shady Grove	Yes	1883	Wood	200	1	1	250.00		300.00				
29	Suwannee	Yes	1883	Wood	200	1	1	225.00		250.00				
30	Tiger Lake	Yes	1883	Wood	250	3	5	1,500.00		1,500.00				
31	Union	Yes	1894	Wood	250	1	3	500.00		500.00				
TOTALS		7,200	70,225	\$74,615.00	\$9,750.00	\$85,420.00	\$2,100.00	\$24,545.00						

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TABLE NUMBER SIX  
GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF SUWANNEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1941

CHURCHES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK												SPECIAL INFORMATION				
	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Buildings and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. and W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total for Local by Church and All Its Organizations	Cooperative Program	Pledged to Associational Mission	Number of Others	Every Member Annual Budget?	Value Food and Clothing Given to Orphanage	
1	Antioch	\$ 75.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2	Belleville																
3	Bethel																
4	Beulah	150.00		50.00	18.88	9.56	105.00	131.00	4.00	7.00	239.44			3	No	34.69	
5	Branford	995.00		68.25		185.40	21.06	15.00	7.00	70.47	1,212.12			9	No	62.92	
6	Bright Pond	150.00		75.20		5.79	30.00		5.00		272.05			6	No	58.06	
7	Clayland	100.00									135.00						
8	Corinth	100.00		45.00					3.70		148.70						
9	Divonia	50.00		60.00					1.00		141.00						
10	Friendship, Hamilton	72.00		18.23					2.00		122.23						
11	Friendship, Suwannee	1,500.00		2.00					2.50		1,522.81						
12	Jasper	2,100.00		44.20	56.40	18.4	49.27	4.89	3.00	547.55	4,052.94						
13	Jennings	1,933.26	32.60	329.54	99.25	297.45	175.49	30.01	3.00	6.94	2,500.00	1,000.00	50.00	30	Yes	20.00	
14	Live Oak	60.00							3.50		184.53			3	No	25.10	
15	Mary Belle	58.88	19.60						3.50		230.27			6	No	8.65	
16	Mount Gilead	137.50		34.00	68.40	5.75	29.46		5.00		215.44			2	No	24.80	
17	Mount Olive	111.84		35.00	35.60	6.14	18.48		4.00		396.10			12	No	19.27	
18	Mount Pisgah	190.00		100.00	35.60	29.00			5.35	4.59	444.09			2	No	43.43	
19	New Hope	163.90		107.76	35.65				5.05		588.69			1	No	48.48	
20	O'Brien	108.97		7.47					3.00		32.00			4	No	21.59	
21	Orange	359.70	3.00	113.74					3.00		15.00			4	No	17.00	
22	Philadelphia	72.00		27.40	53.98	34.25			5.00					3	No	2.60	
23	Pine Level	85.00		30.00	8.80				5.25	2.00				6	No	5.50	
24	Pine Mount	57.72		21.47	2.40				10.00					3	No	6.52	
25	Pleasant Hill	72.00		23.00					3.00					6	Yes	42.72	
26	Rocky Sink	75.00		17.70					3.00					19	Yes	6.52	
27	Rose Mary	50.00	6.00	10.00	34.37				10.00					3	No	2.60	
28	Shady Grove	85.00							5.00					6	No	5.50	
29	Suwannee	165.00		64.06					10.00					19	Yes	6.52	
30	Tiger Lake								3.00					19	Yes	42.72	
31	Union								3.00					19	Yes	42.72	
TOTALS		\$6,882.67	\$61.20	\$1,132.82	\$567.65	\$388.10	\$1,046.60	\$660.00	\$342.18	\$123.35	\$803.27	\$12,007.87	\$1,093.00	\$52.00	113		\$585.05

Note: Names of Church Treasurers will be found in Table 7.

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Name of Sunday school Pleasant Hill Enrolment 35

This Sunday school is in Suwannee Association

Is enrolment listed in associational minutes? NO

Has a church been organized from the school?

Is the school fostered by some Baptist church? yes

If so, please give name of church Pleasant Hill

Superintendent M. S. Howard Address Pine Mountain Ga

Signed by (Pastor) Address Live Oak Fla

State Florida Association Suwannee

Church Suwannee

Sunday School Supt. Rev. Dewey Lowe

P. O. Address of Supt. Rt. B. Box 193 Live Oak Fla.

Number of Officers and Teachers six

Number of Pupils 55

Total enrollment of Sunday Schools 43

Filled out by Rev. Dewey Lowe.