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## ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

### GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Rev. Gene Hitchcock, Wildwood
Vice-Moderator.....	Rev. Josh Long, Webster
Clerk .....	Mr. Richard Kaufman, Inverness
Treasurer.....	Mr. W. E. Crum, Bushnell

### DEPARTMENT HEADS

S. S. Superintendent.....	W. K. Jenkins, Inverness
Training Union Director.....	Mrs. E. W. Gideons, Hernando
W. M. U. President.....	Mrs. S. L. Lloyd, Inverness
Brotherhood President.....	Stanton Gideons, Webster
Music Director.....	Rev. Harold Harlee, Oxford
Historian .....	Mrs. Will O'Dell, Oxford
Chairman of Evangelism.....	Rev. Thomas Channell, Inverness

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee consists of all general officers, department heads, all pastors, holding membership within the Association and one member from each cooperating Church.

### TRUSTEES, ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSEMBLY GROUNDS

Rev. D. D. Townsend, Bushnell; James Barefield, Brooksville; H. M. Leninger, Brooksville; Earl Ward, Oxford; G. B. Tompkins, Bushnell.

### NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Rev. C. E. Simpkins..... Eden, Brooksville, Florida

### MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Robert Johnson, Jr..... T. N. Channell..... Josh Long

### FIELD SECRETARY

H. Clyde Harless..... 934 Hill Street, Ocala, Florida

### REPRESENTATIVE ON STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U.

Mrs. S. L. Lloyd, Inverness .....	President
Mrs. Maxie Watson, Wildwood .....	Vice-President
Mrs. Richard Kaufman, Inverness .....	Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Dwight Rushing, Floral City.....	G. A. Leader
Mrs. J. C. Graham, Istachatta .....	Community Missions
Mrs. W. A. Holloway, Eden .....	Mission Study
Mrs. Will O'Dell, Oxford .....	Stewardship
Mrs. J. P. Jernigan, Eden .....	Prayer

### ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD

Stanton Gideons, Webster .....	President
C. A. Henderson, Bushnell .....	Program Vice-President
Marcus Dugger, Oxford .....	Attendance Vice-President
Irvin Vaughn, Brooksville .....	Promotion Vice-President
Gordon Craig, Center Hill .....	Secretary-Treasurer
Preston Devall, Webster, .....	Royal Ambassador Counselor
James Barefield, Brooksville .....	Royal Ambassador, Assistant
Jack Harris, Linden .....	Song Leader

## ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

W. K. Jenkins, Inverness	Superintendent
E. W. Gideons, Hernando	Secretary
Harold Harlee, Oxford	Song Leader
Robert Johnson, Jr., Brooksville	Training Superintendent
Josh Long, Webster	Vacation Bible School Superintendent
Evelyn Kilgore, Gulf Ridge Park	Cradle Roll Superintendent
Mrs. Murray Grubbs, Brooksville	Nursery Superintendent
Mrs. Chloe Smith, Oxford	Beginner Superintendent
Mrs. Essie Martin, Gulf Ridge Park	Primary Superintendent
Mrs. Will O'Dell, Oxford	Junior Superintendent
W. A. Holloway, Eden	Intermediate Superintendent
Jack Harris, Linden	Young People Superintendent
Shirley Jernigan, Eden	Adult Superintendent
J. E. McGraw, Gulf Ridge Park	Extension Superintendent
T. N. Channell, Inverness	Evangelism Superintendent
Gene Hitchcock, Wildwood	Enlargement Superintendent
John Perry, Oxford	North Sumter Group Superintendent
Stanton Gideons, Webster	South Sumter Group Superintendent
C. E. Simpkins, Eden	Hernando Group Superintendent
T. N. Channell, Inverness	Citrus Group Superintendent

## ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION

Mrs. E. W. Gideons, Hernando	Director
George Bigelow, Inverness	Associate Director
Miss Marie Hayes, Istachatta	Secretary-Treasurer
Harold Harlee, Oxford	Chorister
Mrs. Faye Hunt, Bushnell	Pianist
D. D. Townsend, Bushnell	Pastor-Adviser
Josh Long, Webster	Adult Leader
James Barefield, Brooksville	Young People's Leader
Jack Harris, Linden	Intermediate Leader
Mrs. George Bigelow, Inverness	Junior Leader
Mrs. Rossie Morris, Bushnell	Primary Leader
Mrs. J. C. Graham, Istachatta	Beginner Leader
Mrs. Evelyn Kilgore, Gulf Ridge Park	Nursery Leader
<b>Group Directors:</b>	
Jerold Reid, Wahoo	South Sumter Group
Bill Holloway, Eden	North Sumter Group
Paul Whittenback, Inverness	Hernando Group
	Citrus Group

## COMMITTEES

1. Time, Place, Preacher: D. D. Townsend, H. H. Harlee, Stanton Gideons.
2. Nominating: T. N. Channell, Gene Hitchcock, Robert Johnson, Jr.
3. Audit and Budget: Josh Long, W. E. Crum, Richard Mazanec.
4. Missions: Robert Johnson, Jr., T. N. Channell, Josh Long.
5. Resolutions: Jack Harris, Gordon Craig, J. H. Palmer.
6. Children's Home: Mrs. Pittman Jernigan, Mrs. E. W. Gideons, Mrs. John Hayes.
7. Obituaries: J. H. Perry, Dwight Rushing, W. J. Gideons.
8. Christian Education: C. E. Simpkins, D. D. Townsend, Jack Harris.
9. Christian Literature: G. B. Tompkins, Mrs. S. L. Lloyd, C. L. Martin.

## MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR

Richard F. Mazanec	Brooksville
Horace DeWitt	Homosassa
Paul Haubert	Homosassa
Paul Hoffmeister	Wahoo

## MINISTERS LICENSED THIS YEAR

Ralph Outler, Sr.	Center Hill
Johnnie Driggers	Crystal River
Joe Rowe	Eden
Gaylord Haubert	Homosassa

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH	CLASSIF'N
S. V. Proctor	Summerfield	Adamsville	P
Robert M. Johnson, Jr.	Bx. 585, Brooksville	1st. Brooksville	P
Richard F. Mazanec	Rt. 1, Bx 318, Brooksville	Massaryktown Mission	P
D. D. Townsend	Bushnell	Bushnell	P
Howard Long	Center Hill	Center Hill	P
C. K. Byerly	Center Hill	Center Hill	R
Ralph Outler, Sr.	Center Hill	Center Hill	LM
H. E. Goodman	Bx. 74, Homosassa Spgs.	Citronelle	P
J. Marvin O'Berry	Homosassa Springs	Citronelle	OM
Johnnie Driggers	Crystal River	Citronelle	LM
C. L. Martin	Coleman	Coleman	P
C. E. Simpkins	Rt 2 Bx 303H, Brooksville	Eden	P
B. F. Brooks	Rt. 2, Brooksville	Eden	OR
James D. Johnston	Floral City	Floral City	P
Dwight Rushing	Floral City	Floral City	OM
Charles Hale	Floral City	Floral City	LM
Charles Moore	8901-40 St., Tampa	Garden Grove	P
J. E. McGraw	Rt 4, Bx 800, Brooksville	Gulf Ridge Park	P
Cecil Dierden	Rt. 1, Valrico	Hebron	P
William J. Ochsenbein		Hebron	OM
Dock Brittle		Hebron	LM
W. J. Gideons	Bx. 633, Hernando	Hernando	P
W. S. Wade	Bushnell	Indian Hill	P
Thomas N. Channell	Inverness	Inverness	P
Glen H. Thompson	Bx. 24, Istachatta	Istachatta	P
Jack W. Harris	Webster	Linden	P
Virgil T. Smith		Linden	OM
Harold Harlee	Oxford	Oxford	P
J. H. Palmer	Aripeka	Pleasant Hill	P
Martin L. Hayes	Bushnell	Pleasant Hill	OM
A. L. Flury	Inverness	Sumterville	P
Paul Hoffmeister	Rt. 1 Bushnell	Wahoo	P
L. J. Norman	Bushnell	Wahoo	OM
Josh Long	Webster	Webster	P
Gene Hitchcock	Box 252, Wildwood	Wildwood	P
Charles Roesel	Louisville, Ky.	Wildwood	S
Ralph Harris	Wildwood	Wildwood	MP

## MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

- ADAMSVILLE: J. A. Millsap, Mrs. J. A. Millsap, F. G. Allen, Mrs. F. G. Allen.
- BROOKSVILLE: Mr. and Mrs. T. J. K. Funderburk, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gittings, Rev. and Mrs. Robert M. Johnson, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. Richard Mazanec, Mrs. H. E. Bracey, Mrs. F. P. Newell
- BUSHNELL: Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crum, Mrs. Faye Hunt, Mrs. Ruth Dixon, Mrs. June Gideons, Mrs. Willie Harris.
- CENTER HILL: Mrs. Faye Jones, Mrs. Etta Strickland, Mrs. Genevieve Lairsey, H. D. Outlaw Jr., Rev. H. L. Long, Mrs. Lena Craig.
- CITRONELLE: Rev. H. E. Goodman, George Goodman, Pauline Hamilton, Bessie Hamilton, Herbie Cross, Mary Goodman, Edna Mae Roddenberry, Ollie Hamilton, Rosa Lee Roddenberry, Andrew Goodrich.
- COLEMAN: Mrs. Mae Remington, Mrs. Dovie Remington, Mrs. Harold Sjoblom, Mrs. Leland Godwin, Mrs. Doris Martin.
- EDEN: Mrs. Gleaton, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Messer, Mrs. Simpkins, Mrs. Clayville.
- FLORAL CITY: Rev. and Mrs. James Johnston, Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Rushing, Mrs. Mae Harrison.
- GARDEN GROVE: Mrs. Tyler Hall, Mrs. Pauline Turner.



GULF RIDGE PARK: Rev. and Mrs. J. E. McGraw, Ray Jennings, Evelyn Kilgore, Ellen Skinner.  
 HEBRON: none listed.  
 HERNANDO: Nat. V. Anthony, Mrs. Nat V. Anthony, Mrs. A. B. Dunn  
 HOMOSASSA: none listed.  
 INDIAN HILL: Anita Wade, Marie Branch, Alice Wade.  
 INVERNESS: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kaufman, Mrs. Paul Whittenbeck, W. K. Jenkins, Rev. T. N. Channell.  
 ISTACHATTA: Mrs. M. H. Peterson, Mrs. Floyd Hayes, Mrs. J. C. Graham.  
 LECANTO: Mrs. Annie Langley, Mrs. Ed Phelps, Mrs. Margaret Allen, Mrs. Alex Rogers, Mrs. Inez Riggs.  
 LINDEN: Mrs. John Outlaw, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Gideons, F. W. Akins, Sr.  
 OXFORD: R. E. Word, Mrs. Ruby Floyd, Mr. J. H. Perry, Mrs. W. M. O'Dell Sr., Rev. H. Harillee.  
 PLEASANT HILL: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Peterson, Mrs. Jessie M. Bennett, Mr. E. Johnson.  
 SUMTERVILLE: Mrs. Blanche Hogan, Mrs. Hazel Walker, D. C. Tompkins.  
 WAHOO: Mrs. Edith Heller, Mrs. Ida Lovett, Mrs. Paul Woodard, Mrs. Mary Peterson, Miss Tillie Roesel.  
 WEBSTER: Mrs. John Hayes, Mrs. Charles Beville, Preston Devall, Stanton Gideons, J. W. Barber.  
 WILDWOOD: Rev. Gene Hitchcock, Rev. Ralph Harris, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Brooks.

## CONSTITUTION

1. This Body shall be known as the Alachua Baptist Association of Florida.
2. It shall be composed of Southern Baptist Churches of the same faith and gospel order, voluntarily banded together for missionary, educational and benevolent service.
3. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be nominated from the floor and elected by ballot, and by a majority of vote, on the first day of the Annual Meeting; but the Association may, by a unanimous vote, instruct the Clerk to cast the ballot of the body as a whole. Officers elected shall assume office at the close of the Annual Session which elects them. No person elected Moderator shall hold office for a longer period than two consecutive years, not counting an unexpired term. The Association in annual session, shall elect or approve all departmental heads for the ensuing year.
4. Each Church shall be entitled to two messengers, and shall be entitled to one additional messenger to every twenty-five additional members over the first fifty, provided no Church may have more than ten messengers. These duly elected messengers who are present shall constitute the Association in annual session.
5. The Executive Committee of this Association shall be composed of the following: the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Superintendent of the Associational Sunday School, Director of the Associational Training Union, President of the Associational Woman's Missionary Union, President of the Associational Brotherhood, Director of the Associational Music Department, together with all pastors who hold membership within the Association and one other member from each cooperating Church.
6. This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the Body. When necessary, the time and/or place of any meeting may be set or changed by the Executive Committee.
7. The Association shall recognize the independence of Churches and shall not in any wise seek to exercise jurisdiction over them yet shall have power to drop from its connection any Church found to be unorthodox in faith or practice.
8. Churches may be admitted into this Body by petitionary letter provided they shall have been found orthodox and of a cooperative spirit. Each Church, before being admitted, must make application through the Moderator or the Executive Committee at least three months before the annual Associational meeting, provided however, that the Association may waive the three months period by unanimous vote of the members present. The Church making petition shall set forth in writing their doctrinal belief and willingness to conform to the rules and regulations by which the Association is governed. Upon reception, the Moderator shall, for the Association extend to the messengers the hand of fellowship.
9. Any Church shall be at liberty to discontinue its connection with the Association if desired, by giving proper notice of such intention. If any Church fails to be represented in annual meetings for three years in succession, it may be dropped from active membership.
10. The Association in annual session, may alter or amend this constitution by a three-fourth vote of members present and voting.

## BY-LAWS

1. All sessions of the Body shall be opened and closed reverently in duly approved form.
2. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of this Association, keep order, present for discussion and vote all motions properly ordered, and perform all other duties usually appertaining to this office. He shall not vote except in the case of a tie. The Vice-Moderator shall preside in the absence of the Moderator or when asked by the Moderator to preside.
3. Robert's Rules of Order shall be recognized as authority in all matters of parliamentary procedure.
4. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a fair and correct record of the proceedings, prepare the manuscript for the press, have minutes printed, and distribute them to the churches as early as possible after the annual meetings and shall keep a complete file of minutes for use of the Association.
5. The Treasurer, who also may be Clerk, shall keep an accurate record of all moneys received and disbursed, shall pay out money only upon instruction from the Body and shall make an itemized report of all receipts and disbursements to the Association in annual session. If requested, the Treasurer shall make a quarterly statement to the Executive Committee.
6. The Executive Committee, which is the Association ad interim shall have general supervision of all work initiated and fostered by the Association. It shall meet at least quarterly to plan for the promotion of all phases of the work, the time and place of meeting to be set by the Executive Committee. It shall use its best efforts to stimulate the spirituality and activities of the Churches and shall report its work to the Association in annual session.
7. The Vice-Moderator shall be program Chairman for all Annual Sessions of the Association. Upon a vacancy occurring in the office of Moderator, the Vice-Moderator shall assume all duties of the Moderator.
8. The Clerk, Treasurer, Music Director, Historian, Chairman of Evangelism, and the Trustees of the Assembly Grounds will be nominated by a committee appointed by the Moderator.
9. These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote the Body in annual session.

## PROCEEDINGS

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### ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. The One Hundred Twelfth Annual Session of the Alachua Baptist Association was called to order by the Moderator, James D. Johnston, pastor of the Floral City Baptist Church. The Association sang "Jesus Saves" led by Gene Hitchcock, accompanied by Mrs. James D. Johnston.
2. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the messengers, as registered, compose this session of the Alachua Baptist Association.
3. On motion of Howard Long the printed program was adopted subject to any necessary changes.
4. The Association sang "Rescue the Perishing" led by Gene Hitchcock, accompanied by Mrs. James D. Johnston.
5. Bro. A. L. Flury led the morning devotion followed by prayer.
6. A warm welcome was extended to the Association by Jack Harris, representing the Linden Baptist Church. Response to the welcome was given by Gordon Craig, representing the Association.
7. D. D. Townsend presented the following new pastors and their wives: Richard Mazanec, Massaryktown Mission; J. E. McGraw, Gulf Ridge Park. The right hand of Christian Fellowship was given these workers by James D. Johnston on behalf of the Association.
8. C. E. Simpkins recognized the following visitors, along with others from the audience: Jack Mabry, Madison Avenue Church, Starke; Richard Bills, 1st Church, Plant City; Gus Johnson, State director of Promotion.
9. The Moderator appointed the following committees for the coming year:  
Time, Place, Preacher—D. D. Townsend, H. H. Harlee, Stanton Gideons.  
Nominating Committee—T. N. Channell, Gene Hitchcock, Bob Johnson.  
Audit and Budget—Josh Long, W. E. Crum, Richard Mazanec.  
Missions—Bob Johnson, T. N. Channell, Josh Long.  
Resolutions—Jack Harris, Gordon Craig, J. H. Palmer.  
Childrens Home—Mrs. Pittman Jernigan, Mrs. E. W. Gideons, Mrs. John Hayes.  
Obituaries—J. H. Perry, Dwight Rushing, W. J. Gideons.  
Christian Education—C. E. Simpkins, D. D. Townsend, Jack Harris.  
Christian Literature—G. B. Tompkins, Mrs. S. L. Lloyd, C. L. Martin.
10. Motion by Mrs. Richard Kaufman that the Christian Literature Report be adopted as reads in the Summary of Reports (See Page 22). Motion carried. Jack Mabry, Pastor of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Starke, Florida, spoke to the report.
11. Harold Harlee led the Association in singing "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations," accompanied by Mrs. James D. Johnston.
12. The Association sang "To The Work."
13. The Treasurer's Report was read by W. E. Crum. (See Page 19). Motion that the Report be adopted as read carried.
14. D. D. Townsend moved that the Assembly Grounds Report be adopted as printed in the Summary of Reports. (See Page 23). Motion carried. Bro. Townsend gave some of the Highlights of the Assembly Grounds and invited everyone to visit this property.
15. Announcements were made by the Moderator, James D. Johnston.
16. The Report of the Florida Baptist Foundation was read to the Association by Gene Hitchcock. Motion that the report be adopted as read, carried.
17. Howard Long led in prayer followed by a recess and coffee served by the Host Church.



18. The Association sang a hymn led by Harold Harlee, accompanied by Mrs. James D. Johnston.

19. The Report on Evangelism was given by Robert Johnson, Jr. Motion was made and carried that the report be adopted as given. Bro. Johnson introduced Thomas N. Channell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Inverness, who spoke to the report. Following the address Bro. Channell led the Association in a prayer of rededication. Members present came forward to give Brother Channell their hand. (See Page 20).

20. The Moderator, James Johnston, declared the floor open for nominations for Moderator and Vice-Moderator. Robert M. Johnson, Jr. nominated Gene Hitchcock for Moderator. Motion was made and carried that the nominations for Moderator cease and Bro. Hitchcock be elected. The Clerk, Richard Kaufman, was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Gene Hitchcock to serve as Moderator for the 113th year of the Alachua Baptist Association.

20. Jack Harris nominated Josh Long of Webster to serve as Vice-Moderator. Motion was made and carried that the nominations cease and Bro. Long serve as Vice-Moderator for the ensuing year. The Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Bro. Long.

21. Bro. Hitchcock and Bro. Long spoke words of thanks to the Association for their votes of confidence and also thanked Bro. Johnston for his service to the Association.

22. W. E. Crum read the report of the Budget Committee and moved that the report be adopted as read. Motion carried. Josh Long reported that the Adult Committee found the Treasurers books in order. (See Page 21).

23. Gene Hitchcock read the report of the Nominating Committee. Motion was made and carried that the nominations cease and these named by the committee be elected.

24. Bro. Gus Johnson spoke to the Association on the Report on Home for the Aged.

25. G. B. Tompkins read the report of the Brotherhood. Motion carried that the report be adopted as read. (See Page 15).

26. Prestn Duvall reported to the Association on the work of the Royal Ambassadors.

27. On recommendation of D. D. Townsend, the Association recognized Bro. J. H. Palmer on his 50th Anniversary of service in the ministry. Bro. Palmer spoke to the Association relating some of his varied experiences.

28. C. E. Simpkins called our attention to Bro. B. F. Brooks who has been in the ministry since 1903.

29. Harold Harlee gave the Church Music Report. (See Page 23). He moved the adoption of the report. Motion carried.

30. The Association sang "The Light Of The World Is Jesus" led by Harold Harlee, accompanied by Mrs. James Johnston.

31. The Moderator called for a motion that the Report on the Childrens Home be accepted as stated in the Summary of Reports. Motion was made, seconded, and passed. (See Page 21).

32. Josh Long gave the report on United Christian Action. (See Page 15). Motion carried that the report be adopted as given.

33. H. Richard Bills, pastor of First Baptist Church, Plant City, spoke to the report.

34. Gus Johnson led the Association in a prayer of Thanksgiving.

35. THE TUESDAY EVENING SESSION was opened with the Association singing "Whosoever Will," led by Richard Mazanec, accompanied by Mrs. James Johnston. Following this Bro. Mazanec led in a song-fest.

36. The Moderator, James Johnston, announced that Bro. A. L. Flury could not serve on the Resolutions Committee as elected, so Bro. Gordon Craig was named to take his place.

37. The Vice-Moderator, Howard Long, presided, introducing T. W.

Harrison, Floral City, who read the scripture and led the Association in prayer.

38. The Association sang "Holy, Holy, Holy," led by Harold Harlee.

39. The Annual Missionary Sermon was presented by Bro. Stanton Gideons, layman from the Webster Baptist Church.

40. Thomas N. Channell led the Association in the Missionary Prayer.

41. Motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to do something for the James D. Johnstons, (recently appointed missionaries to Nigeria) in the name of the Association.

42. Bro. and Mrs. James D. Johnston were asked by the Vice-Moderator, Howard Long, to come to the front of the auditorium. As the Association sang "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations," each one present came giving the Johnstons, and T. W. Harrison Jr. (representing the Floral City Baptist Church) the right hand of fellowship. D. D. Townsend led in prayer for the Johnstons and their new work.

43. Bro. Johnston spoke expressing his appreciation to the Association for their cooperation, and asking for prayers as he and Mrs. Johnston go to meet the challenge.

44. The Vice-Moderator named Gene Hitchcock, Thomas Channell, C. E. Simpkins, D. D. Townsend, and Harold Harlee as a committee to plan for the Association to help the Johnstons.

45. Clyde Harless, Field Secretary, gave the Report of Regional Missions. (See Page 17). Motion was made and passed that the report be adopted as given.

46. The Home, State, and Foreign Missions Report was given by Harold Harlee. (See Page 16-7). The Association voted to adopt the report as given.

47. The Cooperative Program Report was given by D. D. Townsend. (See Page 23). Motion carried that the report be adopted as given.

48. The Association sang "Rescue the Perishing," led by Harold Harlee, accompanied by Mrs. James D. Johnston.

49. A Choir composed of all preachers present sang "Breathe On Me" as special music.

50. Gus Johnston, State Promotional Director, addressed the Association using Matt. 10:25 as text.

51. The Tuesday Session was closed with prayer led by Bro. Gus Johnston.

52. THE WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION was opened with the Association singing "Jesus Shall Reign," led by Harold Harlee, accompanied by Mrs. James D. Johnston.

53. Bro. S. V. Proctor led the Association in the Scripture Reading, followed by prayer.

54. A warm welcome was extended the Association by Br. C. E. Simpkins, pastor of the Eden Baptist Church. S. V. Proctor gave the response to the welcome on behalf of the Association.

55. A motion was made by D. D. Townsend that the Training Union Report be adopted as printed in the Summary of Reports. (See Page 24). Motion carried. Mrs. E. W. Gideons, Training Union Director for the ensuing year, spoke to the Association, telling of the Training Union plans for the coming year.

56. Hawley Ridenour from the Training Union Department in Jacksonville, spoke to the Association concerning the plans for the Training Union Clinic to be held in Miami.

57. Mrs. Pittman Jernigan moved that the Report on Hospitals be adopted as printed in the Summary of Reports (See Page 21). Motion carried.

58. The American Bible Society Report was given by Richard Mazanec. Motion carried that the report be adopted as given. (See Page 17).

59. Harold Harlee introduced Bro. Erling C. Valerius, Clermont, Florida, to the Association. Bro. Valerius is presently at Southwestern Seminary.

60. The Vice-Moderator declared the floor open for any miscellaneous business.

61. Motion was made that the Alachua Association use One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of its funds to set up a film strip and slide library to be used by the Associational Churches. The Moderator to appoint a committee to work out the plans. Insertion was made in the motion to state that the \$100 come from the Miscellaneous fund. After much informative discussion the motion carried.

62. Josh Long moved that the Associational nominating committee elect the departmental leaders of the Association instead of each department electing their own heads. Addition to the motion said that the heads of each department serve as a part of the nominating committee to select further officers. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the motion be tabled until the afternoon session.

63. D. D. Townsend read a portion of a letter he received from Bro. and Mrs. Raymond Brothers, Missionaries in Nigeria, who were in our Associational Schools of Missions last fall.

64. It was announced that the Coleman Baptist Church is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on Sunday, October 25.

65. Motion was made that the Association provide funds for a nursery for the Annual Association meetings. Motion carried.

66. The Association sang "Blessed Assurance," led by Harold Harllee, accompanied by Mrs. James Johnston.

67. The Report on Television and Radio was given by Jack Harris. Motion was made and carried that the report be adopted as given. (See Page 14).

68. The Executive Committee report was given by the Moderator, James Johnston. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the report be adopted as read. (See Page 14).

69. The James D. Johnstons asked that they be sent a copy of the Associational Minutes each year. The Clerk was instructed by the Vice-Moderator to do this.

70. Gene Hitchcock gave the Sunday School report. Motion carried that the report be adopted as given. Bro. Hitchcock introduced the Sunday School Superintendent for the coming year, W. K. Jenkins, Inverness, who gave the goals for the coming year.

71. The Association sang "Bringing In The Sheaves," led by Harold Harllee, accompanied by Mrs. James Johnston.

72. Harold Harllee favored the Association by singing "In The Old Fashioned Way," accompanied by Mrs. Harllee.

73. S. V. Proctor led the Association in reading the Scripture.

74. C. L. Martin, Coleman Baptist Church, delivered the annual Doctrinal Sermon.

75. THE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION was opened with special music by Harold Harllee and his accórdian.

76. The session was called to order by the Moderator.

77. The Association sang "Send The Light," led by Harllee, accompanied by Mrs. James Johnston.

78. Bro. J. H. Palmer led the afternoon devotion period by reading scripture concerning the greatness of God, followed by prayer.

79. Howard Long made a motion that the Relief and Annuity Report be adopted as stated in the Summary of Reports (See Page 25), with a correction to read—leaders widows. Motion carried.

80. Mrs. Paul Whittenbeck moved the adoption of the W.M.U. report as stated in the Summary of Reports. (See Page 24). Motion carried.

81. "In Memoriam" of our beloved dead service was conducted by John Perry. A moment of silence was observed honoring those who have gone on, followed by special accordion music by Harold Harllee. (See Page 26).

82. The Digest of Letters was given by James Johnston. Motion that the Report be adopted as read carried. (See Tables in Index).

83. D. D. Townsend read the report of Time, Place, and Preacher on behalf of the committee. The report was adopted by the Association.

TIME: Tuesday, October 20, and Wednesday, October 21, 1959.

PLACE: Tuesday—Hernando; Wednesday—Oxford.

PREACHER: Missionary—

Alternate—

Doctrinal—

Alternate—

84. Jack Harris gave the report of the Resolutions committee. Motion that the report be adopted, carried. (See Page 14).

85. Josh Long led in a prayer of Thank You for those who have worked so hard to make these meetings so successful.

86. Jack Harris made a motion that the Association set aside One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for the host churches to provide the entire meal for the meetings. Following the discussion Bro. Harris receded his motion and replaced it with a motion that the Association appoint a Social committee to notify the Churches, just before the next meeting, as to what to bring. Motion carried.

87. A motion was made and passed that the Association send a letter of recommendation to Howard Long's new Association (Royal Palm). The motion was amended to include a letter to Ray Brothers in Nigeria, on behalf of James Johnston.

88. Josh Long referred back to the motion made in the morning session concerning the nominating committee (See No. 62). He moved that the nominating committee of the Association be appointed by March to serve for the rest of the Associational year. That they work with the executive committee of each department to nominate the heads of the departments to the executive committee of the Association by June, and that these heads then work as a part of the nominating committee to bring the rest of the workers to the Association. Motion carried.

89. Harold Harllee expressed his appreciation, on behalf of the Oxford Church, to the Association and individual churches for their love in giving of prayers and money to the church in their time of need. He also reported on the progress being made by the church toward replacing their loss.

90. The Association sang, "Brethern, We Have Met To Worship," led by Harold Harllee, accompanied by Mrs. Johnston. Bro. Harllee expressed the Associations "Thank You" to Mrs. Johnston for her service at the piano.

91. Motion was made that the Report on Christian Education be adopted as printed in the Summary of Reports. Motion carried.

92. The Moderator introduced Bro. and Mrs. H. C. Garwood from Stetson University. Bro. Garwood spoke to the report on Christian Education.

93. The Chair was turned over to the Vice-Moderator, Howard Long.

94. The Outgoing Moderator, James D. Johnston, installed the officers for the ensuing year.

95. The One Hundred Twelfth Annual Session of the Alachua Baptist Association was closed with a prayer of Thanksgiving and rededication.

There were 258 registered visitors and messengers to the meeting.

### THANK YOU

The Alachua Association wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Linden Baptist Church and the Eden Baptist Church for being host churches during the 1958 meeting. It was their fine cooperation that made our meeting the success that it was.

Thank you,

JAMES D. JOHNSTON, Moderator



## SOUTHERN BAPTIST RADIO AND TELEVISION REPORT

For more than two years now, Southern Baptists' dramatic television series, **THIS IS THE ANSWER**, has been used of God to bring the truth of the Gospel message into 90 percent of the homes in America which have television. With this impressive history, **THIS IS THE ANSWER** steps into a more ambitious role next year, in the efforts of our denomination to take Christ to the lost through a project called **TELEVANGELISM**.

Televangelism's purpose is to provide a positive, unified plan of action for the local churches to add to and supplement preparation for the 1959 Simultaneous Revival Crusade—and to launch the Baptist-Jubilee Advance.

Early this year 13 moral and spiritual problems were selected, and projected into forceful half-hour TV dramas in a new **THIS IS THE ANSWER** film series.

**THE BAPTIST HOUR** reaches an ever-increasing audience now estimated at 50 million over the 465 stations which broadcast it weekly.

Dr. Herschel Hobbs, pastor of Oklahoma City's First Baptist Church, will begin his ministry as preacher on **THE BAPTIST HOUR** the first Sunday in October.

A plan for the wider distribution of sacred music by **THE BAPTIST HOUR** Choir and its members was begun early in 1958. Called the Christian Home Music Plan, it makes a new record available each quarter at low cost to its members.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

This time last year, we accepted another Church into our Alachua Association and have been thankful for their contribution to our fellowship. We pray that they will continue to cooperate with us and with our Convention in every way.

During the year, the Oxford Church building burned and the Church people got on fire for the Lord. Our Association aided them in a small way with some gifts from the Churches, and in a larger way with our moral support.

It has been gratifying to see two of our Churches dedicate new sanctuaries to the glory of God. We thank God for this time of building and improvement in most of our Churches. May the Lord continue to lead all of us to do more for him.

I have counted it a privilege to be a part of this Association and for the honor of being the Moderator. God can and will do many mighty and wonderful things here if each Church, and each member, will cooperate with those who have been chosen to lead in the various departments for this coming year.

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. That we petition the Florida Baptist Convention to take action against the statement made by the Episcopal Bishops, and appearing in a Miami paper, October 14, 1958, in support of smoking and Social drinking.

2. That we resolve now to take a public stand for God in all endorsements of political candidates. Mr. Smathers and Mr. Collins have issued statements that we have risen above that state wherein we have to consider a man's religion before we cast our ballot for him.

We contend that we now, more than ever, do need to, and must, if we are going to live for Christ, consider above all a man's relationship with God. And that we let them know by letter and by vote, that we consider a man's relation to God all important.

3. That we write into the Associational minutes a note of thanks to the host Churches for their hospitality to the Association.

4. That letters of appreciation and recognition be sent to the State workers and to all who had a part on our program.

## REPORT FROM BROTHERHOOD

Meetings held—Four

Time and Place of meetings:

Nov. 19, 1957, Bushnell—

Guest Speaker, Rev. E. C. Tyner, Dade City

Feb. 24, 1958, Oxford—

Guest Speaker, Rev. Thomas Channell, Inverness

May 26, 1958, Brooksville—

Guest Speaker, B. A. Oswalt, Zephyrhills

Aug. 25, 1958, Center Hill—

Guest Speaker, Tommy Knotts, Jacksonville  
Assoc. State Leader

Twelve Churches with Brotherhood.

Our meetings have been well attended. Average attendance, 75. Brotherhood voted at beginning of year to invite Royal Ambassadors to meet at same time as men. Boys have been meeting.

Our men have been encouraged to back the Royal Ambassador program. We hope that our Brotherhood program has enlisted more men to active participation in our great Baptist program.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF UNITED CHRISTIAN ACTION, INC. FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 1, 1958

To

## THE CHURCHES OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST CONVENTION

God's people and churches in Florida are in a fight for their existence. Never before in our history have so many morally destructive forces been competing for the talents and souls of the children, teen-agers, and adults of our state. The past year brought an encouraging and commendable increase in interest, support, and personal concern to United Christian Action, as Florida Baptists faced the tremendous problems caused by the sale and use of alcoholic beverages, other narcotics and gambling.

Florida has a shameful record, one of the worst in the nation. With 16,000 legalized bars, wine, and whiskey outlets, we consumed more than 75,000,000 gallons of Alcoholic degradation (18.7 gallons per capita), at a cost of more than \$400,000,00 (\$66.45 per capita), and produced a known crop of over 110,000 alcoholics (derelicts to man—pitiful, shackled souls to God). The gambling, prostitution, crime, and degeneracy spawned in these cesspools of hell is an affront to God and a disgraceful legacy for the churches of Florida to pass on to future generations.

Gratefully and encouragingly we can report that Florida Baptists increased their financial support to United Christian Action over last year, contributing \$7,260.77 through the State Missions Offering, \$8,127.13 through local church budget support from 144 individual Baptist Churches, \$460.71 through 3 associational and 50 local church WMU groups.

1. Well over 2 million pieces of educational and informational material was prepared, printed and distributed throughout the state.

2. Executive Secretary traveled approximately 50,000 miles in the state speaking to more than 20,000 young people through school assembly programs, church camps, etc., plus many thousands of contacts through church worship services and other such meetings. The work has been established and is now an accepted part of our denominational programs.

3. On the local option front, victories were won in Polk and Union counties, while Taylor County voted to remain wet. In many city and county areas, zoning battles were successfully fought by our Church groups.

4. We have employed a full-time Director of Education, Dr. Durward Long, who holds a Ph. D. and is experienced in college and high school teaching, to begin September 1st, to enlarge and expand our school and church educational activities. Rev. Fred Dies, formerly Director of Narcotics Education for the United Tennessee League, was employed beginning June 1st, for the Polk County Division. We will add other workers as funds are available. An urgent need exists for expanded work in the West Florida and the South Florida, areas.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSH LONG, Chairman

### REPORT OF STATE MISSIONS

I want to present for your prayerful consideration our three-pronged spearhead of our Missionary Advance, State, Home and Foreign.

In our own state, our population is growing faster than any other state east of the Mississippi, according to Chamber of Commerce figures, over 4,000 persons a week. Our percentage gain in the last three years is 18% compared with a national average of 6%.

Baptists of Florida, we must rise to meet this challenge with our prayers, Mission gifts, and every church being alert for the golden opportunity of opening a mission outpost, many of which will become self supporting churches in a short time. Our state goal to keep pace with this tremendous growth, is 75 new missions, and 50 new churches during the next year. If we fail, there is no other Mission Agency to come and do the work for us. God is depending on you and me to "stand in the gap" in this our state so bountifully blessed by Him. With earnest prayers and His help, we must not fail!

We need to strengthen our efforts to Christianize the multitudes of college students who will be our leaders of tomorrow, Satan is making a massive bid for them, and many are being swept off their feet by his insidious appeal. Our future as a state and nation will depend largely on what we do or fail to do for them now, spiritually.

### HOME MISSIONS

Our Home Mission Board has 1,723 missionaries, including 452 student missionaries who worked ten weeks in the summer under our missionary personnel. There were approximately 36,500 professions of faith. In addition, our 425 chaplains reported 13,500, a total of 50,000.

We are beginning new work in Juvenile Delinquency, a liaison work among Baptists in Canada, and since the Billy Graham Crusade a vast new field of service has opened to us in New York City. Dr. C. C. Warren is working with the Board in directing the "30,000 movement."

In connection with this effort, we are striving to increase the church loan funds to keep pace with our "king-size" goal of "2,888 in '58", new churches, that is.

Three thousand Schools of Missions reached over a million of our people, and 300,000 home mission books were read. Ministry among the minority and language groups in our own borders is being increased by 169 new workers, as well as strengthening our work among migrants, Jews and the deaf. Our goal is 2,000 Home Missionaries by 1964. Will you help reach it?

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

ESPECIALLY CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS this year is the cause of foreign missions, for from our own Association, a couple beloved by us all will be going to Nigeria. Our moderator, Brother James Johnston, and his lovely wife Marie, have just received their appointment from the Board, and are now in midst of preparation for departure. Surely we will all want to do more than ever for the cause of Foreign Missions. Many of us covet their high privilege, but for various reasons cannot go ourselves. Let us do the next best thing, and by earnest prayers and sacrificial giving, back up those who have gone. An up-to-the minute report by Bro. Johnston reveals that we now have 1,267 missionaries on the field and under appointment. We are working in 38 countries, and will soon open work in Northern Rhodesia and Nyassaland, in eastern Africa. Our ADVANCE PROGRAM goal calls for 1,800 missionaries by 1964.

During the past year, \$14,350,000 (round figures) came in for our foreign work, including a record Lottie Moon Christmas offering of \$6,122,000. This is an increase over last year, but it will take an even greater increase to finance our "giant-step of faith," the ADVANCE PROGRAM.

### FIELD SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR DISTRICT SEVEN

October 1, 1957, September 30, 1958

Marion, Alachua and Pasco Associations

During the past year I spent a total of 347 days in the work, traveled 23,514 miles, visited 333 Churches and missions, had conferences with 275 pastors. I have attended 58 Associational meetings, 10 State and Southern Baptist Convention meetings, 71 Committees meetings and 73 prayer meetings. I have taught 15 classes and conducted 3 Revivals, (3 evangelistic and 5 Stewardship) set up 6 Church Budgets. I attended 6 assemblies and distributed 4,780 tracts. I have mailed 823 letters and cards and delivered 205 sermons and addresses, resulting in 23 professions of faith, 8 transference of church membership and 18 volunteers for Special Service. I have conducted 2 Schools of Missions and assisted in one other. Also assisted in 2 V. B. S. Within the past year there has been 7 Churches sponsoring Missions. As of Oct. 1st there are 5. The following Churches have been organized in the last year: Oak Crest, Holder, Highlands and Southside-Zephyrhills. Every Church with the exception of 1 had a part in the World-Wide Mission Program of Southern Baptist.

### AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

This year, 1958—Year of Preparation for the Baptist Jubilee Advance—is an appropriate time to include in the program of each Church the need for support of the American Bible Society. Southern Baptists recognize the American Bible Society as a vital part of their own worldwide mission program. In every missionary advance the Bible goes forward first!

The home and foreign missionary largely depends upon the Bible Society to supply the Scriptures in the language of his people. The local pastors can and do depend upon the Society for Scriptures for special needs—such as large-type Scriptures for persons with failing eyesight. You may have a blind friend or relative who uses the services of the Bible Society in supplying Scriptures in Braille and on Talking Book records.

In 1956, Southern Baptists gave \$120,732 to the American Bible Society, but in 1957, we only gave \$118,815. The Methodists gave \$174,447 in 1956 and only \$136,499 in 1957. With the increasing demand upon our Bible Society for Scriptures, our Southern Baptists should rise to meet the need and give more that more people may have the truth which shall set them free. Every Church can have a part in meeting this need.



# REPORT FOR THE ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK Alachua Association, 1957-1958

The Sunday School work of our association for this past year centered on the twelve monthly meetings held on the third Sunday of each month. At these meetings there was an average of 70 people present, representing an average of 11 churches. Seven pastors and four superintendents on the average, attended these meetings. At all except one meeting departmental conferences were held.

In Vacation Bible School work there have been 11 churches reporting work with 885 enrolled, average attendance of 782 and 23 professions of faith. \$271.71 was given to the cooperative program.

Our goals for the coming year are as follows:

## Associational Sunday School Goals, 1958-59

PLANS: Oct. 1958 thru Dec. 1959, as adopted at planning meeting Friday night, Sept. 5, Inverness, Florida.

1. We agreed to complete the Sunday School Associational organization to where all 16 officers would be elected.
2. We held the one night clinic this year Sept. 5 and at the request of our State Secretary adopted the date he requested for next year, September 11, 1959.
3. Our goal as set for training awards for next year, 1,000. We believe this a worthy goal however we feel it can be easily met.
4. We have a goal of 16 churches participating in January Bible Study Week Jan. 5 thru 9, 1959. Let's make it 24.
5. Please make our GROUP SCHOOL FOR OCTOBER a big success.
6. Our Vacation Bible School clinic is March 1959 in Wildwood.
7. Our goal for increase enrollment in the various Sunday School is 10% with 15% increase in attendance. We are counting upon each of you to help us attain this worthy goal.
8. Our goal for churches observing preparation week next Sept. 20-27, 1959 is 10 churches.
9. A goal of one new Sunday school during the year.
10. The Associational Standard was adopted as a guide for our work during this year.
11. A goal of 8 Standard Sunday Schools this year is a worthy goal considering that we only had one this year.
12. Twenty vacation Bible Schools was set. We should have 24.
13. Conduct regular meetings as follows, with emphasis shown.
 

Oct. 19, 1958, Linden	Visitation
*Nov. 16, 1958, Brooksville	Standards
Date to be set, Bushnell	Training
Jan. 26, 1959, Wildwood	Stewardship
Feb. 15, 1959, Floral City	Evangelism
Mar. 15, 1959, Webster	Effective Organization
*April 19, 1959, Oxford	Christian Home Week
May 17, 1959, Eden	Better Bible Teaching
June 21, 1959, Wahoo	Audio-Visual Aids
*July 19, 1959, Inverness	Essential Meetings
Aug. 16, 1959, Wildwood	Grading
Sept. 20, 1959, Hernando	1959-60 Sunday School Prog.
Oct. 18, 1959, Hebron	Standard of Excellence
Nov. 15, 1959, Garden Grove	Training
Dec. 13, 1959—Annual Banquet to be set up later.	

With your support and co-operation we should be able to reach these goals. If these Goals are to be attained we will need the assistance of all pastors, Superintendents, Teachers and officers of each of the 24 Sunday Schools in this association as well as that of the officers of the Association.

PLEASE KEEP THESE DATES AND GOALS WHERE THEY WILL MEAN THE MOST TO-YOU AND YOUR WORKERS.  
W. K. JENKINS

# TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT October 1, 1957 to September 30, 1958

## CURRENT FUND:

Balance in Florida Bank at Bushnell, October 1, 1957 ..... \$436.98

## RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES:

Adamsville	\$ 10.00
Brooksville	160.00
Bushnell	130.00
Center Hill	70.00
Citronelle	5.00
Coleman	50.00
Eden	130.00
Floral City	50.00
Gulf Ridge Park	40.00
Hebron	5.00
Indian Hill	5.00
Inverness	100.00
Istachatta	12.00
Lecanto	45.00
Linden	5.00
Oxford	100.00
Pleasant Hill	5.00
Sumterville	20.00
Wahoo	5.00
Webster	117.00
Wildwood	235.00

Church Receipts ..... \$1299.00  
Miscellaneous Receipts:

Money Taken up "M" Night at bushnell	46.05
Money taken up at Music Festival in Brooksville	18.75
Money taken up at Hymn Sing at Bushnell	13.13
Refund on six (6) meals at Inverness VBS Clinic overcharge	2.50
Check No. 61 to Rev. Glenn Stephens never cleared	
Misc. Receipts	85.43

Bank - re-entered as cash 5.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS ..... 1384.43  
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CURRENT FUND ..... 1820.51

## Expenditures:

Miscellaneous	\$156.10
Clerk	112.16
Moderator	75.00
Training Union	179.13
Music Department	60.00
Brotherhood	39.80
Moderator & Clerk Conf.	25.00
Minutes and Programs	217.07
Sunday School	49.86
W. M. U.	100.00
Total Expd.	1499.12

Schools of Missions ..... 485.00  
Balance on hand, September 30, 1958 ..... 321.39  
Total Reserve Fund, September 30, 1957 ..... \$2536.59  
Interest to June 30, 1958 ..... 76.65  
Interest to June 30, 1958 ..... 76.65  
Grand Total all Funds, September 30, 1958 ..... \$2934.63

Respectfully Submitted,  
W. E. CRUM, Treasurer  
P. O. Box 293  
Bushnell, Florida

## REPORT ON EVANGELISM: 1957-58

In the Alachua Baptist Association, our records indicate the following facts:

24 Churches with a total resident membership of 3161;  
15 Churches reporting a total of 16 revivals;  
15 Churches reporting a total of 159 baptisms;  
15 Churches reporting a total of 329 additions, 155 re-dedications and 26 dedications for full-time Christian Service;

### Results From Revivals Include The Following

Of 13 Churches reporting revivals, there were 84 additions as direct result of the revivals.

Of those churches reporting, there were 14.2 RESIDENT members for each baptism, which is well below the Convention goal of 18.1.

Last year the Convention had 5,320 churches which reported no baptisms. In our own Association one of the churches reported no baptisms. Certainly we want to do our best to increase our number of those won to the Lord through an increased emphasis on Evangelism. It is recommended that every church of our Association participate in the 1959 Evangelistic Crusade as promoted by our Convention. Committee Chairmen have been named to promote all phases of this endeavor through the promotion of the "Step By Step Preparation for 1959 Crusades" with the Gospel being presented through an emphasis under the theme "New Life For You."

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT M. JOHNSTON, JR.  
Chairman of Evangelism

## THE FLORIDA BAPTIST FOUNDATION

The Foundation is an Agency of the Florida Baptist Convention, its Trustees are elected by the Convention, it bears the relationship of a "non-Departmental Agency" and as such its operating costs are derived from the overall Budget of the Convention.

The Foundation, through its Promotion Office and through the Columns of the Florida Baptist Witness, seeks to publicize all the objects of work engaged in by our people, State and Southwide, and commends these objects to our people as fit and proper responsibilities of good stewards of God's gracious gifts.

The Legal Counsel of the Foundation will advise with those who desire to leave property, by Will, Bequest, etc., to any of the State or Southwide Baptist Agencies and will assist in preparing such documents.

Through an arrangement with the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Foundation can arrange the purchase of Annuities to be funded by the Relief and Annuity Board and by these contracts the Annuitant is given the right to designate the gift portion of such Annuity to any Baptist object of their choice. By this plan the Annuitant receives the income of the Annuity for their life time and is privileged to make a substantial gift to a cherished object of their interest, as well.

Since our last report, one substantial Annuity has been arranged, the gift portion being divided equally between the Home and Foreign Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. Through our Legal Counsel we have assisted in drawing six (6) Wills, another one now in process, and we have fourteen (14) pending files.

We stand ready to assist any of our people wherever they may be in respect of the above matters.

## BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the budget committee, certify that we have looked over the records of our budget and its needs from Oct. 1, 1957 through Sept. 30, 1958. Therefore, we recommend that the following budget be adopted.

Moderator .....	\$75.00	Music Department .....	50.00
Clerk .....	125.00	Minutes and Programs .....	325.00
Sunday School .....	150.00	Moderator's and Clerk .....	
Training Union .....	150.00	Conference .....	50.00
WMU .....	100.00	Miscellaneous .....	300.00
Brotherhood .....	50.00	<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,375.00</b>

Respectfully submitted  
Josh Long  
W. E. Crum  
Richard F. Mazanec

## FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

The associational year ending September 30, was one of great importance in the work of the Home. It was the first time in its history that we had a social service department with enough workers to give our children and their relatives the full benefit of casework.

The results of the casework department for the year may be judged in part by the following: There were 208 children on the campus at Lakeland and the branch Home in greater Miami. 9 were cared for in foster homes; 13 were given emergency assistance in their homes, and 19 were enrolled in Mother's Aid for a total of 349. There were 1685 office interviews with children and their relatives, 740 visits to the homes of children and 636 collateral visits. There were 286 applicants for admission, each of whom received every consideration. Those who could not be admitted were referred to public or private agencies or in other ways were assisted in getting the help they needed when possible. Many of the applicants remained in their homes. Some were given assistance by near relatives.

The greater service of the case work department was in helping the child understand his placement, the reason for separation from his family, and counseling with relatives that they might realize their responsibility to the child. It also made it possible for children to return to their homes through counseling with parents.

Your Children's Home entered an expansion program in 1957. This calls for more financial assistance. We must have your help. We receive only 58% of our operating budget from the cooperative program. The remaining 42% must be gotten from other sources, principally from the churches through the Thanksgiving offering. We realize the reluctance of many churches to take an offering for any cause but we would remind you that the operation of the Home is based on this offering.

Please help the Home that it may help your children. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION HOSPITALS Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville

Opened in September 1955, this modern well equipped hospital has nearly doubled its service record over last year. It cared for 31,044 admissions in 1957 as compared with 17,023 admissions in 1956. Of this total 11,732 patients were admitted for in-service care, 1,823 births were recorded, and 17,489 people received service in the out-patient department and emergency rooms. Baptist Memorial Hospital rendered \$49,674.12 in free service. They received \$20,000.00



from the Cooperative Program to be applied against the cost of services. They also received \$11,968.79 from churches in the Jacksonville area.

A beautiful five-story modern office building has been erected by Mallin Developers, Inc. on land leased from the Baptist Memorial Hospital and doctors began moving into the space in December. At the end of the fifty-two year lease, the building becomes the property of the Hospital Board.

Construction is under way on an additional two floors to the Woldson Memorial Children's unit at the Jacksonville hospital.

#### **Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans**

During the year ending December 31, 1957 our 32 year old New Orleans hospital cared for 41,912 persons. There were 4,512 births recorded and 20,286 patients were admitted for in-patient care, while 17,114 out-patients received care. During the year, \$147,882.24 was spent in free services, to patients unable to pay. They received toward the cost of these services, \$20,000.00 from the Cooperative Program.

The New Orleans hospital has modernized and air conditioned the first floor of the original building and built a new one-story addition to be used for administrative offices, new and enlarged lobby, general business office and prayer room for chaplains. The roof of the new building will be a sun deck for patients.

The Mather School of Nursing operated by the hospital had 171 students enrolled and 58 young women graduated in the September class.

#### **CHRISTIAN LITERATURE**

Southern Baptists can look with justifiable pride at their work with the printed page.

Our press at Nashville, Tennessee is busy turning out books, literature, tracts, and pamphlets. These, plus other materials to help win people to Christ, train them and put them to work to advance the Cause of Christ. Our Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas, is doing the same in a smaller way for our Spanish speaking people.

Sufficient literature will be published just as far as our people make use of the publications. Last year the Sunday School Board printed and distributed 89,380,000 copies of its periodicals, 6,461,491 books, 60,099,800 pre-printed Church bulletins and millions of tracts. Circulation of the Commission is now 132,759, Home Mission Magazine 175,000, Home Life Magazine 789,666, Brotherhood Journal 112,500, WMU Publications 586,042.

At the 1958 Convention in Houston, Texas the 24 Baptist State papers reported a combined circulation of 1,313,843 copies each issue for a total of more than 65,000,000 of these papers mailed out last year.

The Florida Baptist Witness, as of August 1958, is going into 50,703 homes in 734 different churches, with 647 of these using the budget plan for at least a portion of their membership. However, there are still some 29,000 Baptist homes in Florida in which the churches are not sending the paper. There are yet 414 Florida Baptist Churches that are saving a little and losing a lot by failing to take advantage of the most economical medium of information which they can provide their members.

We urge every church that now sends the paper into only some of their homes, to enlarge its subscription list to include every resident family; and every church that does not now have the Witness in its budget to promptly consider sending it into the homes of its members. Please subscribe for your members !!

#### **STEWARDSHIP AND THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM**

Dr. Baker James Cauthen and Dr. Courts Redford have a tremendous burden on their shoulders in regards to meeting the needs of our two mission fields, Home and Foreign. They have both stressed the fact that the Cooperative Program is the Life-Line to our mission work. Everything we do in State Missions is dependent on the Cooperative Program.

If we are to reach higher goals of achievement in mission work we must set higher goals in giving. The 17.6% out of each church dollar must be exceeded. That is what we gave last year.

Goals have been set by our Southern Baptist Convention but they can never be reached until the churches adopt them and set up machinery to see that they are reached.

In 1955, the Florida Baptist Convention voted to ask each of our churches to increase their gifts through the Cooperative Program by 1% if it was at all possible. This was to be done each year. This we still think is a reasonable suggestion. However, in 1958 our Southern Baptist Convention has voted to ask that our churches that can increase the percentage to 2% for the World Mission Program through the Cooperative Program for this year.

The question is asked, "just how can all this be done?" The answer is a ready one. PRAY, PLAN, PARTICIPATE. Simply, is it not? The Forward Program of Church Finance is the answer to many cases. To use this plan you just order the tailor-made plans and religiously execute them. The work is mostly done when you get the plans. You just finish the job.

##### **Recommendations:**

1. Every church include the Cooperative Program on a % basis.
2. Every church increase the percentage by 1% each year.
3. Every church that possibly can increase the percentage by 2% this year.
4. Every church carefully and prayerfully investigate the possibilities of the Forward Program of Church Finance.

#### **REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF ALACHUA ASSOCIATION**

The idea of a good roadway to the spring and property is still in the future with prospects growing better. The State Road Department has a way of taking plenty of time to work out its program, so we might as well figure our access road on that basis. However, there has been a lot of clearing-out done on the present road through Mr. Sander's pasture gate. The spring has been used quite a bit this year and shows improvement in flow and clearing because of this activity.

The Association has been offered \$500.00 worth of bull dozer work on the property. Mr. Franklin Wade of Coleman, Fla. made the offer and it was accepted and acknowledged by the trustees. Mr. G. B. Tompkins has also offered some heavy timber of durable variety for construction of suitable dam on the spring run.

We have a very small investment in a very big possibility but it will never pay for us to make any foolish attempts at development. These attempts should be carefully thought out and planned for the future.

The trustees feel that, initially, there should be more clearing around the head of the spring and a couple of out-door toilets built. Probably a temporary rain-shelter would be very desirable. Suggestions and prayers are always in order from any interested person.

#### **MUSIC REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION**

Our Annual Associational Music Festival was conducted on Jan. 26th, at First Church, Brooksville. It was well attended and there were several church music choirs and groups participating, but we

were disappointed that only a few churches had units entered. We hope that many more will begin now preparing groups for the one next January.

Two Sunday Afternoon Hymn Sings were presented, one at Wahoo, the other at Bushnell. At the latter, young participants who gave special musical selections, were judged, and the two winners awarded a tie. We had promised the winner an expense paid "scholarship" at our State Music Camp, Harmony Bay, at Panama City. It was decided to send both of them, and at a later Training Union Rally, both gave a glowing report of the wonderful blessings and training received. We feel that their reports will encourage others to want to go.

Our State Music Department Leader, W. G. Stroup, congratulated us on the idea of the Associational "scholarship," and said he planned to publicize the idea thru the state. From what he said, it seems that Alachua Association scored a "first" with the idea.

In connection with next year's simultaneous revivals we want to re-emphasize the importance of a good musical program with the evangelistic meetings, as well as the general worship services of the churches. Many a person has been melted to surrender to Christ thru the influence of gospel music.

We want to encourage more churches to sponsor children's and youth choirs. If your church is weak in its choir now, why not begin to build better future choirs in the church by getting your young people interested and having a choir for them. It can also be used thru the year in Sunday services, particularly on special days, as Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, etc.

Please call on us if we can be of any help musically to you or your church. Let us make much more of Sacred Music in our churches and our association this year.

#### TRAINING UNION REPORT

Although two of our churches in the Association still seem to be unable to engage in training their members in church membership, the other 22 and two missions are at least making a show. We are not as proud of our record as we might have been if all churches had had some special training in study courses. We are short of our awards goal of 900 to 177. This is truly regrettable and the failure rests primarily with the pastors, as no church is going to rise much higher than is encouraged by its pastor.

We had all twelve of our scheduled meetings with "M" Night, December 2, being the highlight, 384 in attendance.

Two of our fine young people had a tuition-free trip to Ridgecrest. One of them was from the Intermediate Department and the other was from the Young Peoples Department.

In order for a child to grow properly it must have a coordinated program of living. Just so, if a church would achieve its purpose it must have a well coordinated program of work which includes first, a good program of training for its leadership. 85% of our converts come from the Sunday School, but 87% of those who won them came from the Training Union. It is not a matter of which is the most important, the horse or the carriage, but how they are connected.

Our goals should be 900 awards in study course training and 24 churches and two missions with Training Unions.

#### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

The Alachua Baptist WMU Association met in Wildwood, First Baptist Church on Feb 19 with a large attendance. Miss Josephine Jones was the guest speaker and she brought a very heartwarming message on missionary work. A School of Instruction was held at Bushnell on January 30, 1958 with 75 members present. A very interesting program titled "The Open Door of Opportunity" was

presented.

The Spring meeting was at Hernando, First Baptist Church with a very interesting program. Guest speaker was Rev. C. J. Smyly of the Sunday School Board. Despite the stormy weather there was a record attendance.

The summer meeting of the WMU Met at Oxford on July 8. In the absence of the President, Mrs. S. L. Lloyd, the meeting was conducted by Mrs. Maxine Watson, Vice-President. The program was in charge of the Youth Organizations. The guest speaker was Miss Pearl Todd, missionary to China and Japan. Miss Todd presented a very interesting talk using one of the GA girls as a model for some of her Japanese costumes.

The Annual meeting was held at Eden Baptist Church with 65 members present. As a part of the program, a recording by Mrs. John McGuire, on the 3rd Anniversary Jubilee was enjoyed by all. Officers for the 1958-59 year were installed by Mrs. Newman of Brooksville.

The Associational WMU has had its Mission Study Institutes, days of instruction, Executive Board meetings and conferences. We have added 8 new Youth Organizations and some new members.

A free weiner roast and day of entertainment was given for each of the Youth Organizations.

A contest on "The Evils of Alcohol" was sponsored by the Associational WMU and the winner was Miss Donna Vaughn of Brooksville.

We challenge each member of the WMU to make this coming year the best one yet.

#### REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It has been said, "That knowledge is power" so education determines the kind of power it produces. We know that a call to preach or serve is a call to prepare. (11 Timothy 2:15)

We have our Baptist colleges and seminaries and also the Baptist Bible Institute, and these are among the best for our Christian training and preparation. In our State we have Stetson University at Deland and the Bible Institute at Graceville. Surely we realize that both of these schools are in great need and we must do our part in helping them that we may support the cause of Christian Education. Let us join Southern Baptists in gratitude to God for our Christian Colleges and Seminaries. We have great men of God on the staffs of these schools and we must support them with our prayers and help them with the teaching program financially if we are to meet the needs of God-called servants.

#### RELIEF AND ANNUITY REPORT

Since its organization 40 years ago, the Relief and Annuity Board has paid out benefits totaling nearly \$27 million. In 1957 alone, \$2,245,861 in benefits was received by more than 5,000 retired or disabled ministers and denominational widows.

At the close of 1957, there were approximately 17,500 active members in the Board's various retirement plans, with nearly 20,500 churches, Boards and agencies cooperating. During the year, membership in the plans increased by 2,454.

Each year continues to show an increase in the number of retirement, disability and widow annuities. Last year, 503 persons were added to the Board's annuity roll, 136 more than the previous year.

The Board's financial security is dependent on the work of the Investment department. It is this department's duty to safeguard and increase by interest additions, the funds belonging to the members of the retirement plans. Last year, 97.55% of the Board's total assets were invested for this purpose. Because of the splendid program of investments, the Board was able to add an additional credit of 1/2 of 1% to all the Board's reserves at the end of 1957. The basic rate of interest is 3%.



## In Memoriam

**BROOKSVILLE**—Mrs. R. W. Underwood, Jr., Mrs. J. B. Hancock,  
Mr. Clyde Lanier, Mr. A. D. Mountain

**CENTER HILL**—Mrs. Minnie Wolf, Mrs. W. W. Mathais

**CITRONELLE**—Master Larry Jilton O'Berry

**EDEN**—Mrs. Jenny Green, Mrs. Sarah Tankersley

**FLORAL CITY**—Mrs. Maude Clements, Mr. T. W. Harrison, Sr.,  
Mrs. Odessa Beverly

**GULF RIDGE PARK**—Mrs. M. L. Dennis

**HEBRON**—Mrs. Martha Miley

**HERNANDO**—John J. Bird, Mrs. Lue Esther Davison

**HOMOSASSA**—Mr. Wiley Locklear, Mr. Robert Murkerson

**INDIAN HILL**—Mr. Alfred Wade, Mrs. Sophie Crawford

**INVERNESS**—Mrs. John Deitz, Mrs. Corine Hendrix, Mrs. Mattie  
Holifield, Mrs. Mae Zimmer, Mr. J. T. Bearden

**ISTACHATTA**—Mrs. Huldah Swain Spivey, Mr. Rufus Swain

**LINDEN**—Mr. J. Wesley Wall

**PLEASANT HILL**—Mrs. Lucy Connell

**SUMTERVILLE**—Mrs. H. O. Rickerson

**WAHOO**—Mr. S. C. Hayes, Mr. Reginald Hayes, Mr. Henry Wade

**WEBSTER**—Mr. A. Capanas, Mrs. I. C. Hall, Mrs. W. B. Wilson

**WILDWOOD**—Mr. J. C. West, Mr. E. R. Ward, Mr. M. E. Brown

**TABLE "A" CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP**

Churches	Loc.	Org.	Mt.	Pastors and Addresses	Gains		Losses	Total	Special Information									
					Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions			Number Tithers	Church Have Budget?	Every Member Canvass?	State Paper in Budget	No. Local Missions Operated by Church	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor for full year or not)				
Adamsville	R	1946	4	S. V. Proctor, Summerfield, Fla.	0	6	1	63	8	no	no	no	0	2080				
Brooksville	C	1852	4	Robert M. Johnston, Jr., Bx. 585, Brooksville	16	40	51	470	75	yes	no	yes	1	4800				
Bushnell	T	1887	4	D. D. Townsend, Bushnell	17	20	17	214	1	50	yes	no	0	4120				
Center Hill	T	1903	4	Howard L. Long, Center Hill	22	20	7	129	2	20	yes	no	0	3294				
Citronelle	R	1952	4	H. E. Goodman, Bx. 74, Homosassa Spgs.	9	14	10	34	1	9	no	yes	0	567				
Coleman	T	1905	4	C. L. Martin, Coleman	6	12	5	93	1	20	no	yes	0	3120				
Eden	R	1878	4	C. E. Simpkins, Rt. 2, Bx. 303H, Brooksv.	12	10	3	214	3	50	yes	no	0	2912				
Floral City	R	1956	4	James D. Johnston, Floral City	11	9	3	98	0	40	yes	no	0	3120				
Garden Grove	R	1956	4	J. E. McGraw, Rt. 4, Bx. 800, Brooksville	8	10	2	42	0	21	no	no	0	859				
Gulf Ridge Park	C	1956	4	Cecil Darden, Rt. 1, Valrico	9	19	15	165	1	yes	no	no	0	3375				
Hebron	R	1895	4	W. J. Gideons, Bx. 623, Hernando	1	2	10	58	7	no	no	yes	0	1121				
Hernando	R	1954	4	W. S. Wade, Bushnell	17	5	8	63	1	no	no	yes	0	2000				
Homosassa	T	1895	4	Thomas N. Channell, Inverness	11	19	10	62	10	yes	no	no	0	1104				
Indian Hill	T	1945	4	Glen H. Thompson, Bx. 24, Istachatta	34	42	20	42	53	yes	no	yes	0	4400				
Inverness	T	1907	4	Jack W. Harris, Webster	1	13	30	34	10	no	no	yes	0	1266				
Istachatta	R	1893	4	Harold Harliee, Oxford	0	4	8	54	30	no	no	yes	0	1850				
Lecanto	R	1894	4	J. H. Palmer, Arpeka	0	5	9	83	33	no	no	yes	0	2340				
Linden	T	1889	4	A. L. Flury, Inverness	3	2	5	183	16	yes	yes	yes	0	3900				
Oxford	R	1894	4	Paul Hoffmeister, Rt. 1, Bushnell	4	6	4	86	12	no	no	no	0	1364				
Pleasant Hill	R	1873	4	Josh Long, Webster	0	4	9	59	24	no	no	no	0	1440				
Sumterville	V	1946	4	Gene Hitchcock, Bx. 252, Wildwood	7	9	11	96	41	no	no	no	0	1170				
Wahoo	R	1904	4		13	4	6	168	44	yes	no	no	0	3120				
Webster	T	1892	4		60	20	14	524	182	yes	yes	yes	1	4800				
Wildwood	T	1887	4															

ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

STATE OF FLORIDA

FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1958

CLERK, RICHARD KAUFMAN, Box 668, Inverness, Florida

MODERATOR, JAMES D. JOHNSTON, Floral City, Florida

TABLE "B" BUILDING—GOALS FOR COMING YEAR—SPECIAL INFORMATION

ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION STATE OF FLORIDA FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1958		Chairman of Recreation Committees and addresses		Value of Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property including Pastor's Home	Money Spent on New Construction, Property and Equip., Church	Money Spent on New Construction, Property and Equip., for Mission Operated by Church	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Cooperative Program, % of Total Budget	Association Mission Goal Coming Year	Church Have Library	Church Have Recreation Committee?	Does Church Have Week-day Kindergarten?	Does Church Have Day School?
Churches														
Adamsville				10,000	5,500	555	14,165	9,688	3 1/2	120	no	no	no	no
Brooksville				8,000	100,000	637			18	yes	no	no	no	no
Bushnell				5,000	55,000	3,173			12	yes	no	no	no	no
Center Hill					22,000	675			25	no	no	no	no	no
Citronelle					4,000	204					no	no	no	no
Coleman				6,875	25,000	1,063		2,442	12 1/2	110	no	no	no	no
Eden				15,000	55,000	1,542		10,700	14	yes	no	yes	no	no
Floral City				10,000	29,000	1,551		2,140	5	yes	no	no	no	no
Garden Grove					15,000	4,087		1,300	10	no	no	no	no	no
Gulf Ridge Park				3,500	30,000	733					no	no	no	no
Hebron											no	no	no	no
Hernando					20,000	4,313		1,980	105		no	no	no	no
Homosassa					5,000						no	no	no	no
Indian Hills					4,000						no	no	no	no
Inverness				7,000	63,000	602		14,561	11	60	yes	no	no	no
Istachatta					12,000	78			11	10	no	no	no	no
Lecanto				7,500	25,000	2,833		2,250	10	no	no	no	no	no
Linden				2,500	10,000	2,431		2,500	2	200	no	no	no	no
Oxford				7,500	23,500	970	300		12	60	yes	no	no	no
Pleasant Hill					10,000						no	no	no	no
Sumterville					13,398	2,098		2,500	10		no	no	no	no
Wahoo				6,000	9,000				12	72	yes	no	no	no
Webster				7,500	25,500						no	no	no	no
Wildwood				14,365	183,865	103,163	1,439	59,167	2050	195	yes	no	no	no

TABLE "C" BROTHERHOOD

ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION STATE OF FLORIDA YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1958 Associational Brotherhood President, STANTON GIDEONS, Webster, Florida		Chmn. Royal Ambassador Co. and Address		Grand Total Enrollment
Churches	Presidents of Men's Brotherhoods and Addresses			
Adamsville	Knute Delk, Rt. 2 Ex 345 Brooksville	James Martin, Rt. 2, Box 130 Brville	41	41
Brooksville	R. B. Dixon, Bushnell	Herbert Heath, Bushnell	20	20
Bushnell	A. B. Jones, Center Hill	H. D. Outlaw, Jr., Center Hill	14	14
Center Hill				
Citronelle				
Coleman	Edland Godwin, Coleman	C. L. Martin, Coleman	10	10
Eden	Lee Jones, Brooksville	Cleero Smith, Rt. 2 Box 418, Brville	22	22
Floral City	Charles H. Hale, Floral City	James D. Johnston, Floral City	11	11
Garden Grove				
Gulf Ridge Park	Holland Speight, Brooksville		10	10
Hebron				
Hernando				
Homosassa				
Indian Hills				
Inverness	Geo. W. Scofield, Box 362, Inverness	John White, Box 668, Inverness	20	20
Istachatta				
Lecanto				
Linden				
Oxford				
Pleasant Hill				
Sumterville	Bob Tillman, Rt. 1, Bushnell		12	12
Wahoo	S. M. Gideons, Webster	L. G. Green, Webster	8	8
Webster				
Wildwood				
Total R. A. Enrollment				8
Intermediate R. A. Enrollment				2
No. Intermediate R. A. Chapters				1
Junior R. A. Enrollment				6
No. Junior R. A. Chapters				1
Total Men				41
Young Men's Brotherhood Enrollment				20
Men's Brotherhood Enrollment				14











# HISTORICAL TABLE

1958-Time: October 21-22, 1958  
 Place: October 21—Linden Baptist Church  
 October 22—Eden Baptist Church  
 Preacher: Missionary Sermon, Stanton Gideons, Webster  
 Doctrinal Sermon—C. L. Martin, Coleman

1957-Time: October 15-16, 1957  
 Place: October 15—Floral City Baptist Church  
 October 16—Sumterville Baptist Church  
 Preacher: Missionary Sermon, Harold Harlee, Oxford  
 Doctrinal Sermon—Kenneth Hawkins, Gulf Ridge Pk.

1956-Time: October 16-17, 1956  
 Place: October 16—Coleman Baptist Church  
 October 17—Pleasant Hill Baptist Church  
 Preacher: Missionary Sermon, D. D. Townsend, Bushnell  
 Doctrinal Sermon—Dwight Rushing

1955-Time: October 18-19, 1955  
 Place: October 18—Webster Baptist Church  
 October 18—Eden Baptist Church  
 October 19—Gulf Ridge Park Baptist Church  
 Preacher: Missionary Sermon—Perry Edwards, Oxford  
 Doctrinal Sermon—Richard Parker, Gulf Ridge Park

1954-Time: October 19-20, 1954  
 Place: October 19—Inverness Baptist Church  
 October 20—Linden Baptist Church  
 Preacher: Annual Sermon—Charles Lahon, Floral City  
 Evangelistic Sermon—E. S. Anderson, Wildwood

1953-Time: October 20-21, 1953  
 Place: October 20—Oxford Baptist Church  
 October 21—Center Hill Baptist Church  
 Preacher: Annual Sermon—Gardner Walker, Wahoo

1952-Time: October 21-22, 1952  
 Place: Eden Baptist Church  
 Preacher: Annual Sermon—Loys Frink, Inverness

1951-Time: October 23-24, 1951  
 Place: Wildwood Baptist Church  
 Preacher: Annual Sermon—J. Paul Kessler, Linden

1950-Time: October 24-25, 1950  
 Place: Wahoo Baptist Church  
 Preacher: Annual Sermon—Desso Bowens, Eden

1949-Time: October 18-19, 1949  
 Place: Oxford Baptist Church  
 Preacher: Annual Sermon—O. G. Hall, Wildwood

1948-Time: October 19, 1948  
 Place: Inverness Baptist Church  
 Preacher: no record