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ASSOCIATION TIME IS HERE

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Clerks and moderators have been busy, the good women have been baking pies, frying chicken, and preparing potato salad all over the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Reports will be heard with joy and thanksgiving. Plans for progress in the name of Christ will be discussed and voted. Consideration will be given the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade which is gathering momentum. Stewardship will be discussed as speakers present the claims of a lost world.

The Cooperative Program is the plan of co-operation between the states and the Southern Baptist Convention which makes possible mission work in your state, in the Southland, and around the world. The association is an excellent place to discuss the Cooperative Program and to furnish information to those who attend to plan increased support. Your state secretary will be happy to furnish you with full and complete information for a discussion of the Cooperative Program on your associational program.

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FLA. NEW MEMBER CLASS
NOW IN SIXTH YEAR

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.--(BP)--Sunday, August 22, marked the sixth anniversary of the beginning of the New Member Class in the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., Homer G. Lindsay, pastor. This class taught by the pastor's wife has been going continuously without a break at the Training Union hour for six years. It requires six Sunday nights to complete the course, and an average of 350 complete the course each year. This is 70 per cent of those uniting with the church annually.

When members are received into the church the pastor stresses the fact that First Baptist Church expects them to enrol and complete the course, and then as a follow-up they receive a card the next week inviting them to attend the class. The attendance of each person is kept and those missing the class are contacted by the teacher the following week.

Baptism, the New Testament church, privileges, opportunities, and obligations of church membership, the church covenant, Baptist history and Baptist distinctives, salvation by faith, Scriptural baptism, and the proper observance of the Lord's Supper are some of the many things taught in the school.

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