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Proceedings of the Fifty-second Annual Session of the New River Baptist Association, which convened with Watroak church October 30, 1923.

The appointee being absent, Bro. Barnes was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, which he did in a very able manner, from the 5th chapter of 2nd Corinthians. Noon refreshments.

### Tuesday Afternoon Session

Association called to order at 1:30, and Mrs. H. C. Peelman was present and was given the floor. She gave a very interesting talk on her trip to the Stockholm meeting.

### Election of Officers

Roll call of churches and reading letters and enrolling delegates. Next in order was the election of officers for next year, which resulted as follows:

Rev. L. W. Kickliter, Moderator.

D. W. Moore, Clerk and Treasurer.

Dr. Mitchell and Mrs. H. C. Peelman were recorded as visitors from Jacksonville Association; J. W. Woods from Central Association.

Committee on Religious Exercises made their report that Bro. Boyer preach tonight at 7:30, and that Bro. C. M. Brittain preach tomorrow at 11 a. m.

Committee appointments announced.

Mrs. J. J. Bullen was appointed president of W. M. U., and was requested to make her report at next annual session of Association.

Adjournment.

Preaching Tuesday night by Bro. Boyer.

### Wednesday Morning Session

Wednesday morning at 10 a. m., Association called to order. Moderator read 63rd Psalm and prayer by Bro. H. M. McRae. Roll call of churches renewed and delegates enrolled. Letters read.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the four committees, namely, Committee on Sunday Schools, Missions, Education and Religious Literature, be made a stand-

ing committee and to report at next annual session of Association.

Bro. C. L. Carter and W. H. Carter and wife and mother were recorded as visitors from Black Creek Association.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. Barnes and discussed by Bro. Barnes, Bro. Boyer, Rev. C. M. Brittain, Rev. Kickliter, Dr. Bullen, and was adopted as read.

Committee on Missions made their report and Association gave way for preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. C. M. Brittain from 15th chapter John; text, I am the vine, ye are the branches.

Missionary collection taken, amounting to \$7.21.  
Refreshments.

#### Wednesday Afternoon Session

Met pursuant to adjournment at 1 p. m.

Prayer by Bro. Barnes. Dr. Bullen presented a supplementary report to the regular mission report, which was adopted as read.

#### Committees Report

Committee on Education made their report and was discussed by Bro. Boyer.

Committee on Letters and Queries made their report and was adopted as read.

Committee on Temperance made their report and was discussed by Bro. Barnes, Dr. Bullen, Dr. Brittain and Rev. Kickliter, and was adopted as read.

Committee on Nominations made their report and was adopted as read.

Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons made their report and was adopted as read.

Executive Committee made their report and was discussed by Bro. Boyer, Bro. Barnes, Rev. Kickliter, Rev. Brittain, and was adopted as read, with an amendment to the report that we make the amount \$50.00 to send to Dr. Rogers.

Treasurer made his report and was adopted as read.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Bro. E. D. Boyer represent New River Association on State Board.

#### Election of Delegates

The following were elected delegates to State Convention which meets at DeLand Dec. 11, 1923: Dr. J. J. Bullen, Bro. J. T. Barnes, Bro. D. W. Moore, Bro. J. F. Kickliter, Mrs. T. J. Terry.

Rev. L. W. Kickliter was elected delegate to Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Atlanta May, 1924; alternate, Bro. J. T. Barnes.

A vote of thanks was tendered Wateroak church for their kind hospitality extended the Association while convening with them.

It was voted to pay clerk \$25.00 for compiling minutes and to leave the matter of printing minutes up to clerk.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the same Executive Committee be re-elected to serve for 1924.

Adjourned to meet with Pine Level church on October 30, 1924.

L. W. KICKLITER, Moderator.  
D. W. MOORE, Clerk-Treasurer.

#### W. M. U. Session

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p. m.

Inspirational address by Mrs. H. C. Peelman, corresponding secretary of Florida W. M. U.

An associational W. M. U. was organized and the following officers elected:

President, Mrs. J. J. Bullen.

Vice President, Mrs. A. M. Darby.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Kickliter.

Superintendents, Mrs. T. J. Terry, Mrs. F. A. Scott.

#### List of Dead—New River Association

Nancy Lee, Mrs. Lucy Hemingway, Starke; E. C. Wynn Elizabeth Phillips, Theresa; Jesse Reddish, Lizzie Green, Lawtey; Celia McKinney, New River; G. D. Dyal, Lake Butler.

#### Chairmen of Committees for Next Association

On Missions—E. D. Boyer.

On Education—J. J. Bullen.

On Sunday Schools—J. F. Kickliter.

On Religious Literature—J. T. Barnes.

## Reports of Committees

### Executive Committee

Your committee met soon after the last association and took under consideration the proposition made by the chairman of the Black Creek Association, Brother Godwin, requesting our Association to co-operate with Black Creek and Jacksonville Associations in putting a man in Baker county to do missionary work, it being territory adjoining the three Associations.

Your committee promised \$50.00 for that work with the understanding that the other Associations, in co-operation with the State Board of Missions, employ a man for that work and put him in the field and that our \$50.00 would be turned over to them. For some cause the proposition was never carried into effect and the money was never called for during the year.

Hope church asked for \$25.00 to help on their church building, and the committee met at the union at Corinth church and granted them \$25.00.

There is now a petition before your committee for help to repair Wateroak church building, with which the Association is now in session, and your committee recommends that they be given \$25.00 out of the funds on hand.

We recommend that \$50.00 be sent to Brother Rogers for State Missions out of the funds that we have on hand.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. KICKLITER,  
E. D. BOYER,  
J. F. KICKLITER,  
J. T. BARNES,  
D. W. MOORE, Committee

### Missions

Christian missions are a divine enterprise. They had their initiation in the infinite heart of Jehovah God, and whatever achievement has attended the various forms of missionary activity, in whatsoever parts of the earth, is because of the presence and the purpose of God. Christian missions is God at work; at work upon His own plan, which no man, by active opposition, by shameful neglect, by willful indifference, or by designing hostility, can permanently hinder. "He that is our God is the God of salvation."

The great task to which the Son of God has called His people is a task demanding all the virility possible to man. All honor to the baby bands and children's Sunbeam organizations which have gathered up the pennies; all honor to the women's circles which have struggled with husbands and fathers and sons in their effort to secure from them the mites for women's work; what the church would have done without these no man dares to guess. But the conviction has become rampant, thank God, that the redemption of the world is not a children's entertainment, nor only a woman's task, but an undertaking huge enough, heroic enough, to be a man's job. The man who can dream of world empires in politics, and of open doors in commerce, and then turn to measure Christianity's task by the boundaries of his own little church property has grievously missed the meaning of that salvation which he claims to have received. Blessed is the man who knows that he has a religion that is worth the value of the whole world; but thrice blessed is the man who realizes that his gifts in the name of that religion are not to be counted in occasional nickles and dimes. The object for which Jesus Christ gave His life is worth the whole life of man; indeed, it is satisfied with, it demands, nothing else. The evangelization of the world, the proclamation of the story of the one and best God, the one and best Saviour, who is the Holy One and Just, is not a holiday's undertaking. It is the most stupendous, the most exalting task that confronts redeemed men today. Each disciple of Christ must assume responsibility for his share of the task; the work must be done or the church goes down to defeat in a spiritual paralysis. The devil never put upon the lips of man a more pernicious falsehood than when he induced men to proclaim from platform, pulpit and press that Christianity has failed. No, when the heavens are draped in black, and some angel swift of wing announces to the world that God is dead, then, and only then, can Christianity fail. God fails not, man, His servant, does. God has no limitations in Himself, the limitations that define the slow movements of God's forward purpose in the world are in His people. The day of God's power shall dawn, the Psalmist says, when His people are "willingnesses;" when they become volunteers.

In seeking to carry out in something like an adequate way our Lord's commission to the church, Southern Baptists have contributed \$44,000,000 toward the goal of their 75 million campaign. The task that confronts the hosts that comprise the Baptist household of faith today is the necessity of raising \$31,000,000 more by the close of the campaign period in 1924, if the minimum goal is to be reached. Brethren, the task is not impossible. Our material resources are sufficient. The question is: Will this body of people, a people who have been so signally blessed from above in all their missionary endeavors at home and abroad, will this people give God a chance to show to the world that His arm is not shortened that it cannot save, and that thru a consecrated, sacrificing, evangelistic people He can bring the nations to His feet?

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. BULLEN,  
ALONZO STRICKLAND,  
H. M. McRAE, Com.

### Religious Education

We are living at the fastest age in the history of the world, an age that requires us to think and act quick in every vocation of life, we must move on or get out of line. The uneducated do not stand any show and must stay at the foot of the ladder, while the educated climb round by round to the top. What is education? God's word tells us that the wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and the beginning of wisdom is to fear God. Jesus says, Search the Scriptures, for in them (not in text books, daily papers, magazines or other periodicals) we think we have eternal life and they testify of Him. The Bible is the greatest Book in the world. It tells us of the past, present and future, and without its teachings we cannot be truly educated. What the world calls an educated man often in the sight of God is a fool. One sided education is dangerous and often leads men and even nations into trouble as in the case of Germany. In our state penitentiary you will find men educated as high as our schools can carry them, but void of the real wisdom. We cannot stress too much on religious education, and it should begin in the home and carried on in our public schools. Every parent should teach their children the Bible, the divinely inspired, living Word of God, then to our fellow man. Not only should we read and study our

Bible, but good religious books and periodicals, especially our denominational paper, as that is the only way we can keep in touch with the great work of the Baptists of Florida. We cannot afford to go on in ignorance; it is our blessed privilege as well as our duty to God to keep informed, and if we love the Lord and His great work as we should we will keep informed. There is too much literature of the wrong kind going into Christian homes. Brethren, let's obey the divine command, Watch and pray. Not only keep pure out but provide our homes with good, pure literature. He that provideth not for his own means the soul as well as the body. The Sunday school is a great educational institution for our children. Don't send, but carry them. Our public schools, as important as they are and they are important, are not as important as our religious training, for it is far better to go to heaven just knowing our A B C's, than to go to hell reading Greek.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. BOYER, Chairman.

### Nominations

We, your committee, make the following report:

We find that only one request is made for the next session of this Association. Therefore, we recommend that the next session of this Association meet with Pine Level church, and that Dr. Bullen preach the introductory sermon.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. BARNES, Chairman.

### Temperance

We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

That while the manufacture, sale and use of moonshine is carried on all over our land and country, and even church members are engaged in it, yet we are not discouraged, for God has promised to answer prayer and God's people are praying. We prayed and in answer God closed the open saloon. We prayed and God put the local option out of business. We prayed and the state dispensary was closed. We earnestly pray all pastors to see that none of their members manufacture, sell or drink the damnable stuff, as they make themselves outlaws and no outlaw should be in the church of Jesus Christ.

3. That we advise that local current expenses within the churches and outside general interests supported by the churches be kept separate in all of the accounting and reporting by the churches.
4. That we suggest an every-member canvass be put on in each church as early as possible to provide funds in cash and pledges to finance the unified budget.
5. That we urge regular and systematic giving, including the tithe together with all higher standards of Christian stewardship be applied in the churches as far as possible.
6. That we request the churches to remit in a regular and systematic way through the established denominational channels all money given to outside co-operating interests.
7. That we request the churches to pay their pastors' and other current expenses in a regular and systematic way.

Your committee calls attention to the fact that tracts and text books on stewardship and envelopes for budgeting the churches may be secured from the state headquarters of the Conservation Commission, 161 Eighth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. BOYER,  
L. W. KICKLITER,  
E. L. WILSON,  
J. J. BULLEN.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call of Association to order.
3. Singing and prayer.
4. Reading letters and enrolling Messengers.
5. Election of Officers: Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
6. Inviting visiting brethren to seats.
7. Call for correspondence from other Associations.
8. Call for Petitionary Letters.
9. Appointing committees.
10. Report of committees.
11. Report of executive committee.
12. Report of treasurer.
13. Appointment of messengers to State and Southern Baptist Convention.
14. Miscellaneous business.
15. Adjournment.

## OFFICERS

L. W. Kickliter, Starke, Fla.-----Moderator  
D. W. Moore, Theresa, Fla.-----Clerk and Treasurer

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

L. W. Kickliter      J. F. Kickliter      J. T. Barnes  
L. C. Powell      J. L. Harrell      E. D. Boyer      D. W. Moore

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

L. W. Kickliter, F. B. Johns, J. J. Bullen, C. A. Crosby,  
Starke; D. L. Phillips, E. D. Boyer, Lawtey; B. Dyal, Samp-  
son City; J. T. Barnes, Miller; P. M. Riggs, Jacksonville;  
A. S. Jones, Lake City.

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## CHURCH DIREC

CHURCHES	When Constituted	Pastors and Postoffices	Clerks and
Beulah	1850	L. L. Thomas, Green Cove Springs	L. F. Thomas, Green
China Grove	1895	L. W. Kickliter, Starke	G. M. Minton, Starke
Corinth		J. W. Woods, Starke	E. C. Lewis, Starke
Dedan	1882		I. S. Fowler, Brook
Graham	1916	N. T. King, Hampton	W. P. Birt, Louis
Heilbronn	1908		J. S. Norman, Law
Hope	1876	A. S. Jones, Lawtey	C. Sullivan, Starke
Kingsley Lake	1869		S. S. Silcox, Starke
Lawtey	1904	E. D. Boyer, Lawtey	J. L. Harrell, Law
New River	1833	S. S. Proctor, Lake Butler	J. J. Colson, Lake
Pine Level	1914	J. T. Barnes, Starke	H. M. McRae, Star
First, Starke	1873	J. J. Bullen, Starke	
Water Oak	1916	J. T. Barnes, Starke	Elley Sapp, Starke
Total			



# TABLE SUMMARY OF ASSOCIATION

## DIRECTORIES

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Churches and Postoffices	Treasurers and Postoffices	Regular Days of Meetings	Baptisms	Total Membership	Number Enrolled	S. S.				B. Y. P. U.				W. M. U.				Total Value of Church Property	Value of Pastors' Homes
						Enrolled	Total Number	Total Enrolled	Total Organizations	Total Contributions	Home Purposes	75 Million & all Missions	Education & Benevolences	Total Contributions	Total Value of Church Property	Value of Pastors' Homes			
As, Green Cove Springs	L. F. Thomas, Green Cove Springs	1st	2	48	--	--	--	--	--	65.25	14.75	80.00	500.00						
on, Starke	G. M. Minton, Starke	1st	--	47	--	--	--	--	--	42.00	13.62	55.62	800.00						
s, Starke	W. J. Crosby, Starke	4th	--	58	32	--	--	--	--	30.09	9.45	39.54	1200.00						
, Brooker	W. R. Hodge, Brooker	1st	--	46	--	--	--	--	--	14.80	--	14.80	400.00						
Louise	O. W. Sparks, Louise	2nd	1	35	--	--	--	--	--	112.00	--	112.00	--						
an, Lawtey	M. D. Carter, Lawtey	2nd	1	48	58	--	--	--	--	101.98	8.48	110.46	500.00						
Starke, R. F. D.	D. W. Moore, Starke	4th	26	94	61	--	--	--	--	169.09	9.00	178.09	500.00						
s, Starke	S. S. Silcox, Starke	3rd	--	108	--	--	--	--	--	139.46	2.66	142.12	--						
l, Lawtey	J. L. Harrell, Lawtey	1st	12	145	133	2	2	320.16	--	855.50	12.56	868.06	2500.00						
, Lake Butler	J. J. Colson, Lake Butler	2nd	--	55	--	1	--	--	--	66.00	--	66.00	2500.00		2000.00				
ae, Starke	J. L. Underhill, Starke	1st	5	47	--	--	1	--	--	188.47	5.00	193.47	1500.00						
, Starke	J. W. Morgan, Starke	Every	7	232	168	2	2	392.08	--	2248.44	888.71	3137.15	8000.00		4000.00				
, Starke	J. C. Alvarez, Starke	3rd	--	48	--	--	--	--	--	113.90	2.00	115.90	700.00						
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**Other Ordained Ministers**  
A. A. Crosby, Starke  
Berrien Dyal, Sampson City  
D. L. Phillips, Lawtey  
L. W. Kickliter, F. B. Johns