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**ASSOCIATIONAL MESSENGERS**

The following delegates were enrolled from the different churches:

ANTIOCH—J. T. Kirby, R. T. McDavid, R. B. Simmons, D. F. Conerly.

BEULAH—Kenny Thomas, Elry Hickey, Elbert Britt.

BROOKER—L. A. Brown, L. L. Parker, Mrs. Jessie Wilson, Mrs. O. W. Barry.

CHINA GROVE—By letter.

CORINTH—By letter.

GRAHAM—O. W. Dyal.

GADARA—By letter.

DEDAN—P. A. Crosby, Lloyd Padgett, Ressie Carlton.

HEILBRONN—Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Carter, Clyde Johns, Miss Carrie Belle Norman.

HOPE—By letter.

KINGSLEY LAKE—By letter.

LAWTEY—G. E. Cutshaw, O. J. Phillips, Mrs. J. T. Quigley, Mrs. Lois Wyrick, Mrs. T. J. Terry.

NEW RIVER—J. J. Colson, Reddish Andrews, Eustice Kelley.

NORTH PLEASANT GROVE—H. L. Harrell, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Earl Hill.

PINE GROVE—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Neal, Mrs. F. J. Thomas.

RAIFORD—Mrs. A. L. Crews, Mrs. W. K. Jenkins, Mrs. J. M. Conner, Mrs. Lonnie Dobbs.

STARKE—A. J. Thomas, Mrs. P. M. Barefoot, Mrs. C. B. Price, J. F. Kickliter, Mrs. J. H. Pitts.

WATER OAK—Frank Norman, William Sapp, Russell Norman.

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the New River Missionary Baptist Association, and shall be composed of accredited messengers who are members of constituted churches, and of such others as may be invited to a seat by the consent of the body.

Article 2. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty members. Any church wishing to sever its connection with this body may be allowed to do so upon an application duly made to the Association while in session, and a letter granted thereon. All members of standing committees shall be honorary members of this Association.

Article 3. Churches are expected to send with their messengers letters to the Association, containing an account of their state, particularly of the additions and diminutions of the past year, and other statistics of interest, together with full statistics of the Sunday Schools under their charges. The letters should show what churches are doing for the cause of Christ at home and abroad, and generally whatever relates to their own peace and prosperity; and with them each church should forward money for the printing of the minutes, and also their contributions for missions.

Article 4. Baptist churches desiring admission into this body shall petition by letter and messengers, and on giving satisfactory evidence of their being sound in their faith of the Gospel, and correct in practice, may be received by a vote of the Association; and the Moderator, in behalf of fellowship.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen by separate ballots, and shall continue in office until others are chosen and discharge the duties usually incumbent upon such officers.

Section 2. There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall be composed of seven members; the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of the Association being members and officers ex-officio, the other five members to be elected by the Association.

Article 6. We acknowledge the independence of particular churches, and that no authority or jurisdiction is to be exercised over them by this Association, and therefore we would disclaim all power of making laws for them under any pretext whatever, but deem it our duty to disown any church that we may consider unworthy of our fellowship.

Article 7. This Association will be governed while in session by regular and proper rules and every motion made and seconded shall command attention to the body unless withdrawn by the mover.

Article 8. Every question asked in the letters from the churches must be based on Scriptures, and may relate to faith, practice and church discipline, but the same shall not be taken under consideration except by a majority vote of the body.

Article 9. Churches composing this Association shall be entitled to as many copies of the minutes of its proceedings as the money sent up with the letters calls for, but each constituent church shall have at least one copy.

Article 10. When a church shall neglect to make a communication to the Association for at least three years it shall be considered as having withdrawn and shall be dropped by a vote from the minutes, unless two or three members of the Association request its continuance and will engage to inquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the churches what they think most expedient to be done to promote the spread of the Gospel in the world, and to give the best advice possible in cases of difficulty, and to inquire into the cause of failure on the part of any church to report itself by letter and messenger at the annual meeting.

Article 12. This Association, when convenient, shall appoint the time and place of next annual meeting—taking into account the convenience of the churches and the interest of the cause. This Constitution may be altered from time to time as experience may suggest, by two-thirds vote of those present.



# MINUTES

OF THE

NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

WHICH CONVENE WITH

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, OCTOBER 14-15, 1936

Wednesday, October 14

9:30 A. M.—The congregation sang “All Hail the Power” and “Take the Name of Jesus With You.” After which Rev. G. W. S. Ware led in prayer.

Rev. C. A. Crosby, pastor of the entertaining church, read the 47th Psalm and led in Devotional Exercises.

10:00 A. M.—The Moderator called for petitionary letters after which the roll of churches was called. Upon motion the organization of the Association was postponed until afternoon.

Rev. C. F. Hooker, pastor of Pine Grove Church was welcomed into the Association as a new pastor. Brother Hooker's wife was also present and given a welcome as a co-worker with her husband.

Brethren G. W. S. Ware, Santa Fe Association, H. F. Latimer, Jacksonville Association and Pastor Evans from Arcadia Baptist Church were welcomed as visitors from sister Associations.

10:30 A. M.—Brother Latimer made a short address relative to the “Brotherhood” work among the Baptist laymen of the state after which Brother J. T. Harris led in a song and devotional service.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Dr. J. Dean Adcock, President of the Baptist State Convention.

12:00 M.—Refreshments served on the grounds.

1:30 P. M.—Rev. G. E. Cutshaw read a portion of the 17th Chapter of St. John and led in Devotions.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: “Nominating”—C. A. Crosby, G. E. Cutshaw, Herman Harrell; “Our Dead”—C. H. Hunter, Mrs. J. T. Quigley, J. J. Johnson; “Sunday School”—L. G. Hemingway, J. T. Harris, L. A. Brown.

1:45 P. M.—Brother Evans, pastor of the Arcadia Baptist Church, made a short talk in behalf of our Baptist Children's home.

2:00 P. M.—After a roll call of the churches, it was moved and carried that the Association proper be composed of the delegates now enrolled and also those that should be enrolled during the session.

With a few minor changes the program prepared by the Program Committee was adopted.

Brethren C. B. Price and O. J. Phillips were approved to read a digest of the church letters. Nearly all the different churches presented letters during the sessions of the Association. Those that failed to respond have later mailed their letters in to the Associational Clerk.

At this time Rev. C. B. Price read his report on Temperance. The report was discussed by brethren, C. F. Hooker, G. W. S. Ware, J. L. Norris, C. W. Wilkes and adopted.

The report on “State Missions” was made by Rev. C. A. Crosby. This report was discussed by several of the brethren and adopted.

Rev. C. W. Wilkes read the report on “Foreign Missions.” After discussion the report was adopted.

Owing to sickness in the community the Association upon motion decided to dispense with the Evening Service provided by the adopted program.

4:30 P. M.—Adjourned to meet again Thursday A. M. at 9:30 o'clock.

Thursday, October 15

9:30 A. M.—After a short song service Rev. J. L. Norris read a portion of the 40th Chapter of Genesis and led in De-

votional Exercises. His subject was "The Man That Forgot."

10:00 A. M.—The Moderator declared the session in order and the reports on "Home Missions" and "Evangelical Brotherhood" were read. The reports were discussed by J. T. Quigley, J. T. Harris and adopted.

10:30 A. M.—Brother J. T. Quigley made a short oral report on our denominational work in general.

10:45 A. M.—The "Christian Education" report by Brother A. J. Thomas was read and adopted.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. Lee Case Bennett from the "Baptist Rescue Station" in Jacksonville.

12:00 M.—Refreshments served at the church.

1:30 P. M.—Rev. L. G. Hemingway read the 49th Psalm and led in Devotions.

The report on "Our Orphanage" was made and adopted.

2:15 P. M.—Brother J. L. Norris read the report on "Aged Ministers." The report was adopted.

It was moved and carried that a page in our minutes be dedicated to the memory of "Our Honored Dead" and that one page each be designated for a photo of Rev. D. L. Phillips and Rev. F. M. Taylor.

The report on the W. M. U. work was read by Mrs. Pitts. The report was discussed by Mrs. W. K. Jenkins and adopted.

2:40 P. M.—At this time the "Treasurer's" report was read and adopted.

2:45 P. M.—Rev. L. G. Hemingway read the "Sunday School" report which was adopted.

3:00 P. M.—At this time Rev. J. L. Norris read the report of Our Honored Dead. After a short memorial service the report was adopted.

Brother J. L. Norris made an oral report for the Executive Committee relative to a petitionary letter from Bethel Church asking to be admitted into the Association. Bethel Church presented their letter at our Associational meeting at Heilbronn Baptist Church, 1935. The letter was held over for further consideration by a special committee composed of all the pastors of the Association and one layman from each

church. The special committee met and after prayerful consideration voted not to accept the letter. The report by Brother Norris was adopted and the Special Committee relieved from further duty.

The Moderator appointed the following annual committees: "Program"—G. E. McGauley, C. A. Crosby, G. E. Cutshaw; "Foreign Missions"—Starke Church; "State Mission"—Brooker Church; "Home Missions"—Water Oak Church; "Temperance"—Antioch Church; "Aged Ministers"—Lawtey Church; "Orphanage"—North Pleasant Grove Church; "Christian Education"—Raiford Church; "Evangelical Brotherhood"—H. H. Lewis.

The Nominating Committee made the following report and recommendation; "Executive Committee"—Moderator and Clerk, H. L. Harrell, C. B. Price, L. A. Brown, C. H. Hunter, J. M. Reddish. Member of the "State Board"—J. T. Quigley. Messengers to the State Convention—J. T. Quigley, J. T. Harris, G. E. Cutshaw, C. B. Price, C. A. Crosby. Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention—J. L. Norris. Introductory Sermon by the pastor of the entertaining church. The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted.

J. T. Quigley was re-elected Moderator and T. B. Pinholster was re-elected Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing Associational year.

Upon motion the treasurer was requested to forward \$25.00 to the Baptist Children's Home at Arcadia, Florida.

After extending a vote of thanks to the entertaining church, the Association adjourned to meet with the Brooker Baptist Church Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1937.

J. T. QUIGLEY, Moderator  
T. B. PINHOLSTER, Clerk.



## REPORTS

### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The committee on Temperance begs to make the following report;

During the entire history of our country efforts by governmental agencies to regulate the liquor business have failed. Since the Whiskey Rebellion of 1791, in Western Pennsylvania, our nation has been plagued and cursed by a group of individuals who seek to acquire wealth by depraving and debauching our citizenry. History labels this crowd as lawless, defiant, and the corrupter of good morals. With full knowledge of this vicious past, our government brought about the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment which automatically turned these people loose to degrade and destroy. The sections of our country that wished to keep this evil in check, by refusing to license the business, have received no protection and in turn have become the victims of these workers of iniquity. It is common knowledge to all that local officers in dry areas are NOT ENFORCING the law and liquor can be purchased freely.

The purpose of the liquor business is to continue to get more of our citizens to imbibe in beer and wine, thus creating an appetite for alcoholic drinks, and then lead them to indulge in hard liquor. Their present field of endeavor is the twenty-six millions of our young men and women in this country. Millions are being spent annually to accomplish this purpose by advertising in newspapers, national magazines and on radio programs. If they succeed, and at present there seems to be nothing to stop them, our people are doomed.

What are the Christian people to do in the face of these terrible conditions? Your committee makes the following recommendations:

**FIRST:** That the pastors of this association make a study of local temperance conditions, keeping their congregations informed of existing evils, and call upon them to demand that law enforcement officers bring pressure upon offenders.

**SECOND:** That the Sunday school teachers and other church workers embark upon an educational program of instruction, teaching both the young and old of our churches the evils of alcohol.

**THIRD:** That the Christian people abstain from the sale or use of

intoxicating drinks and refuse to patronize establishments engaged in handling liquor.

**FOURTH:** That the Christian mothers and fathers enter upon a program of teaching in the HOME, enlightening and warning their children about the use of intoxicating liquor.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. PRICE, Chairman

J. F. KICKLITER

J. H. PITTS.

### FOREIGN MISSION REPORT—1936

Ninety-one years ago our fathers met in Augusta, Georgia, and launched the foreign mission enterprise of Southern Baptists. We are profoundly grateful to Almighty God for the marvelous way in which he has led us through these years.

Reports from our missionaries tell of splendid progress in all of our mission fields. 13,982 baptisms were reported last year.

**A SURVEY OF OUR MISSION WORK IN LATIN AMERICA—**The Foreign Mission Board is making a careful and accurate survey of its work in all lands so that an intelligent and adequate program of rehabilitation and enlargement can be undertaken as soon as possible. To this end, the Executive Secretary, accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Scarborough of Texas, sailed from New York on May 23rd for a visit to our mission work in Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, and Chile.

**DEBT ACCOUNT—**On January 1, 1935, the debt in the banks totaled \$924,500.00. At the 1935 Convention, the debt stood at \$594,000.00. During the past year we reduced the debt by \$150,000.00 which brings the debt down to \$444,000.00.

**LOOKING AHEAD—**During recent months the Foreign Mission Board, through a special committee, has made a careful and detailed study of the minimum needs of each mission and station in the fifteen foreign countries where we are carrying on mission work. During the past ten years we have been compelled to cut in a very drastic way the work in all lands. At the same time we have been unable to send any considerable number of new missionary recruits. The property of the

Board has not been repaired in any adequate way and much of it is rapidly going to pieces for lack of repairs.

At home we have been handicapped with a paralyzing debt. With all of these facts in view, the Board has formulated a minimum forward looking plan for the next three years ahead. The first item in this program calls for the payment of the debt,—all of it, by the end of the year 1938. We propose to set aside for application on the debt all funds received from the Hundred Thousand Club, Wade Bryant Plan, gifts through wills and annuities and all other special gifts that can be applied on our debt. In addition to this, we propose to put a definite and fixed sum in the budget for debt curtailment so that all of the debt will be retired within the three-year period.

**OUR PLEDGE**—The Foreign Mission Board has pledged itself before the Convention to live within its income and pay its debt. We will be unable to send the missionaries at home on furlough back to their fields of labor and fulfill this pledge unless our receipts increase during the next few months.

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**—Each year an increasing number of friends are remembering the Foreign Mission Board in their wills. We ask Southern Baptists to take this matter under prayerful consideration and invite correspondence with those desiring information concerning this matter or those willing to take out an annuity without Board.

**OUR PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT**—In an effort to secure more accurate and worth-while information about our work in the Orient, the Board granted Miss Inabelle G. Coleman, Publicity Secretary, a leave of absence for five months to visit the Orient at her own charge on a tour of our missions and stations. She is back now with new information and inspiration that will result in greater and more attractive publicity for our foreign mission work.

**EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY**—For many years the Foreign Mission Board has felt the need for a more comprehensive and intensive policy of missionary education in the churches as well as in the schools, colleges and seminaries of the South. With this in view the Board created the position of Educational Secretary and elected Rev. Claud B.

Dowen, a young man of fine equipment and splendid qualifications to fill this position.

**MISSION STUDY BOOKS**—The sale of books for last year has been most gratifying. A third edition of W. C. Taylor's book, *SHARING WITH NEIGHBOR AMERICA*, and a second edition of J. C. Quarles' book, *CHRIST IN THE SILVER LANDS*, have been necessary. Those who did not study these books last year are using them this year.

This year we will study Africa, the second series in the graded course of mission study. Books for the different ages are available. **FASIL LEE LOCKETT—A BELOVED PHYSICIAN**, by Mrs. Lockett, promises to be one of the most popular mission study books we have had for years.

REV. C. W. WILKES, Chairman  
C. H. HUNTER  
MRS. A. L. CREWS.

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS—1936

The fundamental purposes in missions is the projection of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ into all time and into all lands. This never changes. The disciples of Christ of every age are to go into all the world and into all the life of the world, sent by Christ as Christ was sent by the Father, to carry to its consummation the redemptive work of Christ.

The point of approach to this world-task for Southern Baptists is the homeland. Keep the homeland evangelized, and we have the hope and the assurance of the world's evangelization. Let apostolic faith perish from the homeland and our missions in far away fields will fail for lack of support. Home missions are essential to world missions.

### Great Missionary Need

The home mission task is greater today than ever. Millions of people in the homeland are waiting for the word of life. The negroes of our land, 10,000,000 of them, are looking to us for help; 5,000,000 foreigners spiritually marooned on our shores are a challenge to our



passion for the lost. In Oklahoma and New Mexico 200,000 Indians will never have a chance if we do not send the Gospel to them; Spanish-speaking people in New Mexico will never know about Christ as a personal Savior unless someone goes to them with the Gospel; 800,000 Mexicans this side of the Border are crying out for the Light; the Great Acadian section in French Louisiana with its more than 600,000 souls should know about the Savior. There is much land to be possessed.

#### **A Glorious Work**

The Home Mission Board last year appointed 27 new missionaries, making a total of 283 missionaries working in 894 mission churches and mission stations. There were over 4,000 conversions and baptisms, eighteen new churches were organized and 62 mission stations opened.

In Cuba, the missionaries made 31,855 visits, held 2,802 prayer meetings, and conducted 4,987 preaching services. In the homeland, additional to the multiplied thousands of prayers and preaching services conducted 5,563 individuals were reached by personal evangelism. Of these 578 were Italians, 1,610 were Indians, 1,974 were Mexicans, and nearly 1,000 were negroes; moreover, 9,326 Bibles and Gospels were distributed.

In the Ministry of Teaching, the Board is maintaining 566 Sunday Schools with 11,554 pupils. It also maintains Acadia Baptist Academy in Southern Louisiana; the Anglo-Mexican Institute at El Paso, Texas; The Mexican Baptist Institute at Bastrop, Texas; and does other efficient and effective work in Christian Education.

Time would fail us to tell of all the benevolent work being done by our Board such as that of our Southern Baptist Sanatorium at El Paso, the Orphanage for Mexican children at Bastrop, Texas, the free clinics for poor children in Cuba, and almost innumerable other services, the spiritual ministries back of which, as Miss Kelley suggests, cannot be estimated until Judgment Day.

#### **The Budget of Operations**

In 1935 the Board received from all sources \$416,576.85. This was \$82,880.82 more than was received in 1934. The Budget for 1936 is \$150,000 for Mission work and \$194,896.67 for interest and principal on

debt. The Board is operating within the budget, and for two years has operated without borrowing money.

The Board received from the Hundred Thousand Club up to May 1, 1936, \$98,766.37, all of which has been paid on the principle of its debt.

The Home Mission Board was never more conscious of its Stewardship and never more determined to meet that Stewardship than it is right now. We believe that the paramount issue before Southern Baptists is whether the Homeland is to be made Christian, or is to become progressively Pagan and go the way of all nations that forget God. The Home Mission Board is set for the saving of the Homeland. So let us every one as individuals get busy and help to win this great Homeland of ours for Christ that every soul will be ready and looking for his coming when we all shall meet him in the air and reign with him for ever and ever.

Humbly submitted,  
J. R. NEAL, Chairman  
J. T. HARRIS.

### **REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS**

To the New River Baptist Association to be held with Antioch Baptist Church, October 14th, 1936:

We your Committee submit the following report. In March of 1936 Brother F. M. Taylor, the oldest ordained minister of the New River Association went home to his Eternal reward. We miss his Godly life, fellowship and wise council, and also Brother D. L. Phillips another of our aged ministers. After laboring in the Master's vineyard for more than forty years, pastoring churches and organizing five or six churches in Bradford and adjoining counties, he went home to his Eternal reward. We miss his Godly life and wise council, and are reminded their departure is just a gentle reminder that we too soon must pass this way.

Respectfully and Fraternaly submitted,  
J. L. NORRIS.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

As your Committee on Christian Education, I respectfully offer the following: And in the beginning may I call your attention to Second Timothy, Second Chapter, Fifteenth Verse; "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Thus we have an eminent authority of the Holy Scriptures preaching education, and as Paul was preaching and teaching this great truth into the heart of Timothy, his words are now teaching the same great truth into the hearts of all followers of Christ.

The three Great American institutions of today are the Home, the School, and the Church; truly all being sources of learning within their respective spheres, and where respect for things of a divine nature should be inculcated into the hearts of our people.

In the home where the earliest impressions are formed, earnestly and prayerfully do we recommend the re-establishment of the family altar, the daily Scriptural lesson, and we long to see the day when our parents lead their children to the Sunday School instead of sending them, thereby teaching a silent lesson that will speak louder than words or admonitions.

As to our Church activities we would earnestly recommend that we enter into the cooperative program of our denominational boards, studying their plans, keeping ourselves informed, and offering from time to time such constructive suggestions that we feel competent to give that they may be assisted, informed, and supported along their way.

It is also imperative that we be concerned about our schools, for after all they are second only to the home in constructive force within the lives of our people.

The average child is in some form of Church activity to say the most; not more than one hundred hours each year while being in some kind of Educational Institution for approximately eight hundred hours, so the time for influential results is correspondingly greater within our institutions of learning.

Therefore we should be vitally concerned about the schools our

children attend; being satisfied only with the highest type of manhood and womanhood as instructors.

We should encourage, sustain, and support these great molders of American Citizenship and Thought, for such are our school Teachers of today, and help them to keep our schools upon the highest standards of efficiency, and at the same time we should be alert to stamp out all damnable theories which, often seek to enter our school systems, denying the divine origin of man and the Creative Accomplishments of a Divine Creator.

We should also be alert to assist in keeping our schools and universities free from dark forces seeking to undermine our Great Government and its institutions and advocating a regime of destruction, ignomy, and suffering, totally ignoring the rights of a sovereign people and the will of God.

We should also support our denominational Institutions wholeheartedly, for it is only by and with such support that they can exist and carry on. It is to them that we are to look for our Spiritual leaders of tomorrow, those who are to be properly trained and equipped to carry out our great denominational plans, and this support of ours should be not only by our means, but also by soliciting prospective students of the highest type to take their college training within our Denominational Universities.

And finally may we not lose sight of our Great Mission, that of Soul Winning for Christ; and may we by study, thought, and prayer, strive to carry out that great mission in a manner and spirit that will keep us humble; and may our efforts be pleasing in the sight of God.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. THOMAS.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR STATE MISSION REPORT—1936

During 1935 we made some advances in our gifts to missions, as compared to the year before. Our Secretary reported to the Conven-



tion in Arcadia this year that 678 churches sent in mission offerings as compared to 562 during the preceding year.

The Treasurer's report made to the Convention in January showed that Florida Baptists gave to all missionary and benevolent causes for 1935 the splendid sum of \$158,581.26, including gifts made to the Cooperative Program, which amounted to \$84,967.07. All of the Program funds received were distributed according to the instructions of the Convention, and all special funds were sent to the departments designated by the donors, without deducting one cent for charges.

The State Mission budget for the year calls for an expenditure of \$56,930.00, which is to be used exclusively for the work of our Board, through its various departments, in our own state.

The Board depends on three sources for its income: first, the 30% allocated to it from Cooperative Program receipts; second, special gifts in October from the W. M. U. Week of Prayer and the Sunday Schools; third, a donation of \$5,500.00 made by the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, to assist us in maintaining our Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, and Baptist Student Union departments.

This year the Board is helping financially 87 churches and mission stations, including a missionary to the Indians. Another full-time missionary is employed in the Lake Okeechobee region, and two full-time evangelists for the entire state. A Brotherhood Secretary has recently been added to the roll of workers.

The Cooperative Program goal for this year has been set at \$100,000.00. Receipts thus far seem to indicate that Florida Baptists will give more to missions and benevolences this year than any previous year since 1931. Every church is urged to accept its part of the goal and send in money regularly to the Mission Office in Jacksonville.

Signed:

J. E. NEWTON, Chairman.

J. T. BARNES

C. A. CROSBY.

## REPORT OF THE WORK FOR 1936 OF THE W. M. U.

In the year of 1936, we have five churches in our association that

have active W. M. U. organizations namely: Starke, Raiford, Pine Grove and Lawtey also Brooker recently organized a missionary society. Encouraging reports have been received from these societies.

We want to commend our president, Mrs. W. K. Jenkins, for her consecrated efforts in making our W. M. U. year such a success. We are also pleased to have her as our president in the following year.

Our principal aim for the year was "enlistment" and "personal soul-winning" in which we feel we were successful. May God give us grace to do even greater service in the coming year.

In our societies we have 108 members, six circles. We have had 13 mission study classes with 96 awards; number of subscriptions to our denominational magazines; Royal Service 35; Home and Foreign Fields 3, Baptist Witness 22, World Comrades 11; a number of boxes to the Childrens' Home at Arcadia 10, valued at \$65.89; cash \$4.00; number of boxes to W. M. U. Training School 3, valued at \$8.11; amount contributed to Margaret Fund \$3.31; Forget-me-not offering for the Margaret Fund and Training School \$5.70; White Cross work \$3.04; Hundred Thousand Club \$75.00; Week of Prayer, \$59.22; apportionment, \$203.15. Local \$169.37; other objects, \$139.39; two boxes New Orleans Baptist Hospital valued \$1.07.

We have five young people's organizations with a membership of 40; 2 study classes, 16 awards, 7 subscriptions to World Comrades; one box to orphan's home valued at \$1.49; amount sent to apportionment \$4.40. Week of Prayer offerings \$3.49; Local \$4.00.

The opportunities for missionary service have never appeared larger than in this present day, nor personal responsibility greater. Jesus is still saying "Ye are my witnesses," no single individual christian is left out, women are included, therefore the Woman's Missionary Societies are obligated to witness to the limit of our ability to give, our influence and strength to serve by joining with the forces of our churches, association and denominational agencies to magnify Christ to the lost wherever our influence may reach.

Only the encouragement of a solid backing of all the influences of the united cooperative forces of the churches can accomplish the task of winning the world to Christ. Therefore, in the name of Christ, we, again beg the pastors and women of the churches of New River As-

sociation that they will join forces with us in organizing W. M. U.'s in your respective churches, thereby interesting women in missions and helping them to become more useful christians, and having a share in bringing in Christ's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. H. PITTS, Secretary,

MRS. W. K. JENKINS, President.

### FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Our Home at Arcadia has made considerable progress in the last year. The painting program that was instituted and paid for by the W. M. U. organizations in the state has been completed. Two of the dormitories have been reroofed and much of the physical equipment has been renewed. This was made possible by the help of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Trustees of the Home. Their interest in the welfare of the children has been constructive and helpful.

The farm and dairy continue to play an important part in caring for our children. They show a profit from year to year. The cost of maintaining these departments of the work is carefully kept and all income from them is credited on a basis of the prevailing wholesale prices. The actual cost of production of vegetables is about one half that of the wholesale market and milk is about one third. The dairy herd has increased until they have all the cows necessary for an ample supply of milk. They also keep hogs from the refuse of the kitchen.

The children attend the city schools of Arcadia. The teachers are paid by the state and county. Those in charge feel that this affords better instruction and a more normal life for the child. It is reported that the grades of our boys and girls rank slightly above the average for that of the student body.

Our children attend the First Baptist Church of Arcadia for preaching services, mid-week prayer services, and Sunday School. All other religious instruction is given on the campus where each Friday night chapel is held and, on Sunday afternoon, B. T. U. Systematic

Bible reading is encouraged and each morning the Bible is read and prayer offered before the whole assembly. Six of our children assisted with the city wide Daily Vacation Bible School during the summer. Several are teachers and officers in the Sunday School in our church.

The finances of the Home for the past year have been very satisfactory. They have been able to meet all expenses, in spite of the fact that several hundred dollars were spent on repairs and adding to the equipment. This was made possible by the monthly offerings of about one-fourth of our Sunday Schools which were joined by others bringing the total number of schools making an offering each month to 27.1% of the total in the state. If this number could be increased by only a slight margin they would be able to do much more for the children of our denomination than they are now doing.

The superintendent reports that the number of applicants for admission has been unusually large and, because of a lack of funds and equipment, many worthy cases have had to be denied for the present. It is their hope that something will be done to allow them to open the vacant dormitory that will accommodate eighteen or more children who should by all means have a home. Several applications for admission are now pending. None can admit them but the Baptist people of this state. What will our answer be to the calls of our children for help?

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. ARWOOD, Chairman.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg to report that we find twelve of our churches reporting Sunday Schools with a combined enrollment of eight hundred and thirty-five teachers and pupils. Over last year this shows a gain of two Sunday Schools and one hundred and seventy-one pupils.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. HEMINGWAY,

C. A. CROSBY,

L. A. BROWN.



### OUR HONORED DEAD

We your committee on "Our Honored Dead" beg to make the following report. It hath pleased our Almighty God to visit eleven of our churches and summon from our midst nineteen of our beloved brethren. Their names will be found on a special page dedicated to their memory.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. HUNTER,

J. J. JOHNSON,

MRS. J. T. QUIGLEY.

### W. M. U. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR, 1936

#### RECEIPTS

Oct. 4th, 1935, Offering Rally at Starke .....	\$ 2.55
Jan. 4th, 1936, Quarterly Rally at Lawtey .....	2.55
April 4th, 1936, Quarterly Rally at Pine Grove .....	2.09
June 10th, 1936, Quarterly Rally at Raiford .....	5.70
(This was a Forget-me-not offering)	

TOTAL .....

\$12.89

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Oct. to Nov. 1936, Postage .....	.47
Nov. 21, 1936, To Margaret Fund Student .....	1.00
Jan. 18, 1936, For Postage & Writing Material .....	.20
Jan. 4th, 1936, Expenses to Rally .....	.50
March 8th, 1936, Postage .....	.30
March 28, 1936, Postage .....	.12
April & May, 1936, Postage .....	.43
June 10, 1936, Expenses to Rally .....	.25
July 16, 1936, Postage for box to Training School .....	.55
July 17, 1936, Offering "Forget Me Not" to Margaret Fund and Training School W. M. U. ....	5.70
July 17, 1936, Money order and postage .....	.20

August 19, 1936, Postage .....	.26
Sept., Envelopes, Postage .....	.38
TOTAL .....	\$10.36

BALANCE ON HAND.....\$ 2.53

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. H. PITTS, Sec. & Treas.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### RECEIPTS

Oct. 17, 1935, Amount brought forward.....	\$ 56.68
Oct. 17, 1935, From Association at Heilbronn .....	33.18
Dec. 29, 1935, From Union at Water Oak .....	19.47
Mar. 29, 1936, From Union at Brooker .....	33.82
May 31, 1936, From Union at N. Pleasant Grove .....	29.75
Aug. 30, 1936, From Union at Pine Grove .....	28.45

TOTAL RECEIPTS .....

\$ 201.35

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Oct. 17, 1935, To Raiford Church Building Fund .....	25.00
Nov. 20, 1935, Postage .....	.66
Dec. 2, 1935, Clerk's Salary .....	25.00
Dec. 7, 1935, Minutes for the Association .....	39.85
Dec. 28, 1935, For programs at Water Oak .....	2.50
Dec. 29, 1935, J. T. Harris, Moderator of Union .....	2.00
Dec. 29, 1935, T. B. Pinholster, Clerk of Union .....	2.00
Jan. 31, 1936, Postage .....	.45
Feb. 4, 1936, For programs at Brooker .....	2.50
Mar. 29, 1936, J. T. Harris, Moderator of Union .....	2.00
May 2, 1936, For programs at N. Pleasant Grove .....	2.50
May 6, 1936, Postage .....	.40
May 31, 1936, J. T. Harris, Moderator of Union .....	2.00
May 31, 1936, T. B. Pinholster, Clerk of Union .....	2.00

July 30, 1936, For programs at Pine Grove .....	2.60
July 30, 1936, Postage .....	.65
Aug. 24, 1936, Postage .....	.64
Aug. 30, 1936, J. T. Harris, Moderator at Pine Grove .....	2.00
Aug. 30, 1936, T. B. Pinholster, Clerk at Pine Grove .....	2.00
Aug. 31 1936, Aged Ministerial Relief .....	6.15
Oct. 10, 1936, Programs for the Association .....	2.75
Oct. 13, 1936, Programs for Union at Dedan .....	2.50

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....\$ 128.15

Oct. 13, 1936, Balance on hand .....\$ 73.20

The following churches presented to the Association the following amounts for minutes and Associational purposes: Antioch, 2.50; Beulah, 2.25; Brooker, 2.00; China Grove, 1.25; Corinth, 3.00; Dedan, 2.00; Graham, 1.00; Heilbronn, 3.00; Hope, 1.00; Kingsley Lake, 3.00; Lawtey, 2.00; New River, 2.40; North Pleasant Grove, 3.00; Pine Grove, 2.00; Raiford, 3.00; Starke, 3.00; Water Oak, 1.00.

Total amount from the churches .....\$ 37.40

T. B. PINHOLSTER,

Treasurer of the Association.

## THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF THE FOLLOWING ONES WHO HAVE  
ANSWERED THE FINAL CALL  
SINCE OCTOBER 16, 1935

Mrs. Josephine Cason

Mrs. Dola Thompson

Mr. Will Warren

Rev. F. M. Taylor

Mrs. Margaret Dyal

Rev. D. L. Phillips

Mrs. Hettie Bennett

Mr. Irvin Rouk

Mr. L. D. Hill

Mr. S. G. Lewis

Mrs. Lorena Hickey

Deacon J. D. Baxter

Mrs. O. W. Dyal

Deacon S. M. Joyner

Mr. Grover Batten

Mrs. Elna Whitehead

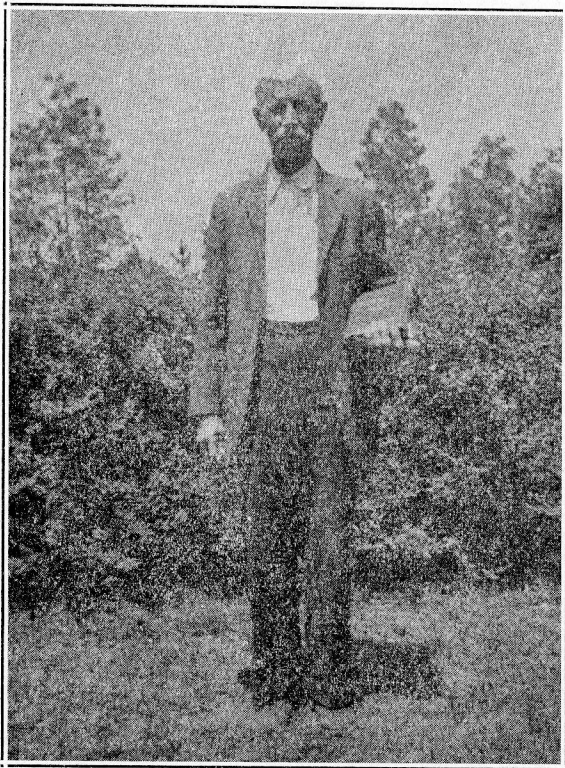
Mr. F. A. Andrews

Mrs. Anna M. Hill

Deacon W. J. Epperson

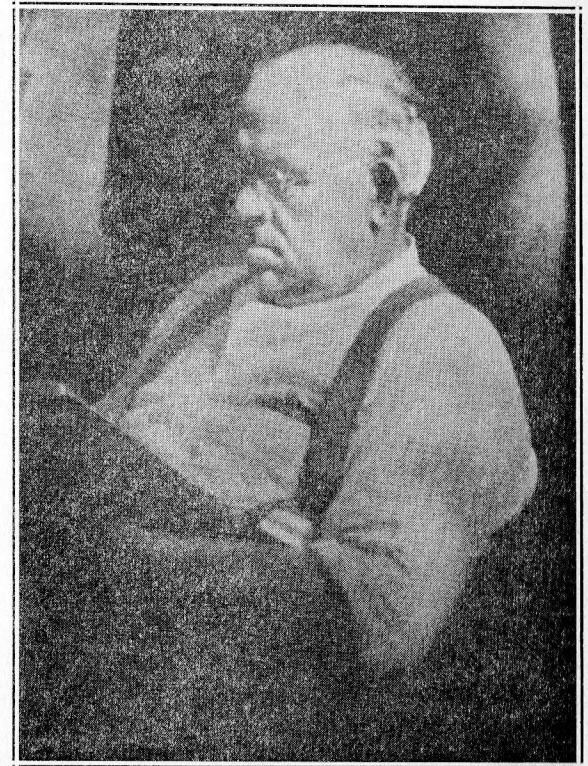


*In Memoriam*



THE REV. D. L. PHILLIPS

*In Memoriam*



THE REV. F. M. TAYLOR

Statistics of New River Association, State of Florida, for Year Ending October 15, 1936

Church Directories		Baptisms, Mem- bers, Etc.					S. S.	B. Y. P. U.'s		W. M. U.	Church Finances		Missions, Etc.	Church Property						
CHURCHES	When Constituted	Regular Days of Meeting	Baptisms	Total Membership	Revival Meetings Held	Observance of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper	Number of Schools	Total Enrolled	Total Number B. Y. P. U.'s	Total Enrolled in B. Y. P. U.'s	Total Women's and Child- ren's Organizations	Total Women's Contributions All Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Total Local Church Expenses Including Pastor's Salary and all Other Expenses	Gifts to Cooperative Program	Total for all Missions Includ- ing Cooperative Program and "Specials" or Designated Gifts to Missions, Orphans, Home, etc.	Value of Church Houses and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Homes	Total Value all Church Property
Antioch	1872	1st-3rd	3	143	1	2	3	1	33											
Beulah	1850	1st-3rd	1	64	1	4						2		191.58	489.58		16.07	2,000.00		2,000.00
Brooker	1900	1st-3rd	5	58	1	1			70					261.80	295.50		31.95	500.25		525.00
China Grove	1905	2d-4th		47	1	1	1	1	39		1			168.20	184.76	11.88	11.88	2,500.00		2,650.00
Corinth	1895	2d-4th	1	142	1	4			36		1	8.00		84.23	124.78	12.85	12.85	50.00		75.00
Dedan	1882	1st	1	63	1	1			28					280.13	411.93		45.27	2,500.00		2,500.00
Gadara	1874	1st		17	1	1								20.00				500.00		500.00
Graham	1916	3rd	1	31	1	1			31					12.00	17.00			500.00		500.00
Heilbronn	1908	2d-4th		50	1	4	1	1	52					204.53	261.03	10.00	10.00	750.00		750.00
Hope	1876	2nd		92				1						9.00			19.62	500.00		500.00
Kingsley Lake	1864	4th		65		2								54.47	102.02		7.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
Lawtey	1904	Full	3	125				1	79	1	1	33.03		516.37	693.03		56.50	3,600.00		3,600.00
New River	1833		3	56										47.23	77.23	6.95	6.95	1,000.00		1,000.00
N. Pleasant Grove	1891	2d-4th	8	84	1	2								161.70	176.70	16.17	16.17	1,500.00		2,000.00
Pine Grove	1906	Full	4	110	1	3	3	1	50		4	22.05		375.53	706.91		25.87	1,000.00		1,000.00
Raiford	1904	1st-3rd	6	98	1	2	12	1	177		3	59.24		315.82	1,058.12	38.50	72.98	2,500.00		2,500.00
Starke	1877	Full	7	264		4	12	1	211	3	34	422.65		1,560.00	2,084.72	361.36	587.07	2,800.00	3,800.00	6,600.00
Water Oak	1816	1st-3rd		48	1	3		1	29					63.27	127.27			800.00		1,000.00
TOTALS			43	1557	13	34	32	12	835	4	34	12	544.97	4,325.86	6,810.58	457.71	920.18	25,500.25	3,800.00	30,200.00