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**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

ANTIOCH—Pastor, Rev. C. A. Crosby, Brooker, Florida; Clerk—J. T. Harris, Rt. 3, Gainesville, Florida.

BEULAH—Pastor, Rev. J. A. Saunders, Middleburg, Florida; Clerk—Miss Elma Thomas, Green Cove Springs, Florida.

BROOKER—Pastor, Rev. G. E. McGauley, Brooker, Florida; Clerk—L. A. Brown, Brooker, Florida.

CORINTH—Pastor, Rev. H. M. Tillman, 1319 Rosselle Street, Jacksonville, Florida; Clerk—T. N. Norman, Starke, Florida.

DEDAN—Pastor, Rev. C. A. Crosby, Brooker, Florida; Clerk—H. L. Gatlin, Brooker, Florida.

GADARA—Pastor \_\_\_\_\_; Clerk—W. C. Hall, Lake Geneva, Florida.

GRAHAM—Pastor, Rev. L. G. Hemingway, Starke, Florida; Clerk—Berry Dyal, Graham, Florida.

HEILBRONN—Pastor, Rev. J. L. Norris, LaCrosse, Florida; Clerk—E. C. Johns, R. F. D., Lawtey, Florida.

HOPE—Pastor, Rev. J. N. Hayman, Orange Heights, Florida; Clerk—D. W. Moore, Starke, Florida.

KINGSLEY LAKE—Pastor, Rev. Ivan Bohannon, Rt. 5, Box 622, Jacksonville, Florida; Clerk—James L. Silcox, Box 711, Starke, Florida.

LAWTEY—Pastor, Rev. G. E. Cutshaw, Lawtey, Florida; Clerk—O. J. Phillips, Lawtey, Florida.

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NORTH PLEASANT GROVE—Pastor, Rev. G. E. McGauley, Brooker, Florida; Clerk—Earl Hill, Alachua, Florida.

PINE GROVE—Pastor, Rev. C. F. Hooker, Rt. 3, Gainesville, Florida; Clerk—F. J. Thomas, Rt. 3, Gainesville, Florida.

RAIFORD—Pastor, Rev. S. J. Morgan, Rt. 2, Gainesville, Florida; Clerk—Mrs. T. S. Espy, Raiford, Florida.

STARKE—Pastor, Rev. L. A. Shepherd, Starke, Florida; Clerk—S. E. Sparks, Starke, Florida.

WATER OAK—Pastor, Rev. J. L. Norris, LaCrosse, Florida; Clerk—Frank Norman, Starke, Florida.

**OFFICERS OF THE NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION**

G. E. McGauley, Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Brooker, Florida  
 T. B. Pinholster, Clerk and Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Brooker, Florida  
 J. T. Harris, Moderator of Union \_\_\_\_\_ LaCrosse, Florida  
 Mrs. W. T. Jenkins, Pres. W. M. U. \_\_\_\_\_ Raiford, Florida  
 W. C. Carr, Jr., B. T. U. Director \_\_\_\_\_ Gainesville, Florida  
 W. K. Jenkins, District S. S. Supt. \_\_\_\_\_ Raiford, Florida  
 Executive Committee, Moderator and Clerk, S. E. Sparks, J. R. Neal,  
 O. J. Phillips, L. G. Hemingway, L. A. Shepherd.

**ORDAINED MINISTERS**

C. A. Crosby \_\_\_\_\_ Brooker, Florida  
 J. L. Norris \_\_\_\_\_ LaCrosse, Florida  
 G. E. McGauley \_\_\_\_\_ Brooker, Florida  
 L. G. Hemingway \_\_\_\_\_ Starke, Florida  
 G. E. Cutshaw \_\_\_\_\_ Lawtey, Florida  
 J. E. Newton \_\_\_\_\_ Green Cove Springs, Florida  
 L. A. Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ Starke, Florida  
 J. T. Barnes \_\_\_\_\_ Starke, Florida  
 F. B. Johns \_\_\_\_\_ Starke, Florida  
 C. F. Hooker \_\_\_\_\_ Gainesville, Florida  
 L. R. Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ Green Cove Springs, Florida  
 J. A. Saunders \_\_\_\_\_ Middleburg, Florida  
 C. W. Wilkes \_\_\_\_\_ Raiford, Florida  
 Ivan Bohannon \_\_\_\_\_ Jacksonville, Florida  
 E. C. Hogan \_\_\_\_\_ Starke, Florida  
 J. J. Johnson \_\_\_\_\_ Penney Farms, Florida

The following delegates were enrolled from the different churches:

**ASSOCIATIONAL MESSENGERS**

ANTIOCH—J. T. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. McDavid, D. F. Conery, Mrs. M. L. Cason.

BEULAH—L. R. Britt, L. E. Harris.

BROOKER—O. W. Barry, M. O. Harrell, L. A. Brown.

CORINTH—W. T. Crosby, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Crosby.

DEDAN—H. L. Gatlin, William Malphurs.

GADARA—Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Mann, Mrs. Glisson.

GRAHAM—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Birt, Mrs. Dell Melton.



HEILBRONN—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Carter.

HOPE—

KINGSLEY LAKE—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Silcox, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clark, Miss Fannie Silcox.

LAWTEY—O. J. Phillips, Mrs. T. J. Terry, Mrs. J. T. Quigley, Mrs. J. P. Wyrick, Mrs. V. Reddish.

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

NEW RIVER—Mr. and Mrs. Reddish R. Andrews.

NORTH PLEASANT GROVE—C. Hardy, C. A. Weeks, Earl Hill.

RAIFORD—Mrs. J. M. Conner.

STARKE—Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Sparks, Mrs. G. A. Alderman, Mrs. E. M. Fussell.

WATER OAK—Ellery Sapp, Russell Norman, Nelson Faulkner.

#### 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 dimunitions 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, and Associate 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 CONVENEED WITH

BROOKER BAPTIST CHURCH, OCTOBER 13-14

9:30 A. M.—Brother J. T. Harris read the 10th Chapter of Romans and led in Devotional Exercises.

The Moderator called the session to order and called for petitionary letters. No letters were presented.

Rev. L. A. Shepherd, pastor of Starke Church, and Rev. S. J. Morgan, pastor of Raiford Church, were welcomed into our association. We were happy to welcome Rev. G. E. Cutshaw, a former pastor, back into our midst.

Dr. Brittain and Rev. Claud Bridges from Jacksonville, Rev. D. V. Allen from Gainesville and Brother T. N. Johns from the Baptist Children's Home at Arcadia were welcomed as visitors from sister associations.

10:00 A. 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.

10:30 A. M.—Brother T. N. Johns, from the Baptist Children's Home made a short talk relative to their work in the Home and asked for a continued cooperation from the churches of the association.

10:45 A. M.—Dr. Brittain made a short talk relative to Baptist Literature.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon, "The Rapture and Return" by Rev. Pat Wimberly of Jacksonville.

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

1:00 P. M.—Rev. S. J. Morgan led in Devotions after which

Brother J. T. Quigley, the moderator, called the session to order for further business.

The roll of churches was called again after which L. A. Shepherd and O. J. Phillips were appointed to read the church letters.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: "Nominating", G. E. McGauley, L. G. Hemingway, G. E. Cutshaw; "Sunday School," C. A. Crosby, S. E. Sparks, L. A. Brown; "Our Dead," J. T. Harris, J. S. Norman, J. L. Silcox.

The report on "Christian Education" was read by Brother S. F. Morgan. The report was discussed by Brother Morgan and Rev. Claud Bridges and adopted.

Brother T. N. Johns made another short address relative to the work at the Children's Home.

3:00 P. M.—The report on State Missions was read by T. B. Pinholster.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. L. A. Shepherd. The last named reports were discussed by Brethren C. M. Brittain, J. T. Quigley, Claud Bridges and adopted.

4:00 P. M.—Adjourned to meet again Thursday A. M. at 9:30 o'clock.

## Thursday, October 14

9:30 A. M.—Rev. L. G. Hemingway led in Devotional Exercises after which Brother Quigley, the Moderator, called the session to order for the transacting of business.

10:00 A. M.—The report on Home Mission was read and adopted.

Brother Quigley read a short report on the Brotherhood work. The report was discussed by J. T. Quigley, Rev. L. A. Shepherd and adopted.

The report on Temperance was read by Mrs. Cason. The report was discussed by Rev. J. L. Norris and adopted.

11:00 A. M.—Brother Lacy Mahon, of Jacksonville, brought a message relative to the sale of the Convention Press (The Florida Baptist Witness).

The following resolution was adopted; Be it resolved by the

New River Association that it go on record as being opposed to the sale of the Convention Press, and that the Florida Baptist Convention of Messengers be asked to refuse to ratify acts of sale at the Convention to be held in Jacksonville in January, 1938.

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

1:30 P. M.—Rev. J. L. Norris read Isaiah 1:1-20 and led in Devotional Exercises.

The B. Y. P. U. report was read and adopted.

Brother O. J. Phillips read the report on "Aged Ministers." The report was adopted.

Mrs. Carr of the Pine Grove Church read the report for the W. M. U. work. The report was adopted.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Upon motion the treasurer was requested to forward \$25.00 to the Baptist Children's Home and \$25.00 to the Cooperative Program.

Upon motion the New River Association voted its disapproval of the proposed recommendation to reduce the Florida Baptist State Board membership to twenty-seven. The Moderator appointed S. E. Sparks, L. A. Shepherd and C. A. Crosby as a special committee to prepare resolutions of disapproval to the proposed recommendation and present the resolutions to the Baptist State Convention which convenes in Jacksonville in January 1938.

The Moderator requested the pastors of the different churches to aid in collecting food and other products to be sent to the Baptist Children's Home. J. T. Harris, O. J. Phillips, L. A. Brown and A. J. Thomas were appointed as a special committee to aid in this work.

The Moderator appointed the following annual committees: "Program," C. A. Crosby, L. A. Shepherd, L. G. Hemingway; "Foreign Missions," Lawtey Church; "State Missions", Antioch Church; "Home Missions," Beulah Church; "Temperance," Raiford Church; "Aged Ministers," Brooker Church;

"Orphanage," Corinth Church; "Christian Education," Starke Church; "Evangelistic Brotherhood," J. T. Quigley.

The Nominating Committee made the following report and recommendation; "Executive Committee," Moderator and Clerk, S. E. Sparks, J. R. Neal, O. J. Phillips, L. G. Hemingway, L. A. Shephér. Member of the "State Board"—J. T. Quigley. Messengers to the State Convention—G. E. Cutshaw, C. A. Crosby, J. T. Harris, T. B. Pinholster, S. E. Sparks. Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, L. A. Shepherd. Next meeting place, Beulah Church. Introductory Sermon to be arranged by the Program Committee. The report of the nominating committee was adopted.

G. E. McGauley was elected moderator and T. B. Pinholster was re-elected Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing associational year. Brother G. E. Cutshaw was elected associate Moderator.

After extending a vote of thanks to the entertaining church, the association adjourned to meet with Beulah Baptist Church Wednesday before the third Sunday in October 1938.

G. E. McGAULEY, Moderator,  
T. B. PINHOLSTER, Clerk.

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## REPORTS

### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, beg to report: That our governmental agencies have failed in their efforts to regulate the liquor business—and we find our nation still plagued with individuals who are seeking to acquire wealth by the sale of alcoholic beverages.

We even find in many instances our Baptist people encouraging the use of alcoholic beverages by indulging in those so often sold as soft drinks, which are depraving our citizens and debauching our Baptist standards and thereby placing a stumbling block in the way of our young people.

In fact we find intemperance practiced daily in nearly all walks of life.

We would therefore recommend you to the Word of our God which commands all men to be temperate in all things.

We exhort the pastors, deacons and laymen in the churches of our association to be diligent, faithful and persistent in preaching, teaching and living against all forms of temperance, thereby walking circumspectly before God and man.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. J. T. KIRBY, Chairman,  
MRS. M. L. CASON,  
MRS. F. R. MAY.

### REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS

We, your committee on Aged Ministers, beg to report that we are still blessed with the presence of several of our ministers, aged in years but still young in spirit and strong in the Grace of our Lord. We of the New River Association should extend to our Heavenly Father our grateful thanks for sparing the lives of these our aged brethren. We are grateful for the labors and wise counsel of our Aged Ministers. We trust they will be permitted to continue to aid us in our work for the Master many years to come. We pray God's richest blessings on them.

Respectfully submitted,  
LAWTEY CHURCH

By Mrs. T. J. Terry, Mrs. J. T. Quigley, O. J. Phillips, Chairman.

### REPORT OF THE WORK FOR 1937 OF THE W. M. U.

In the year 1937, we have five churches in our association that have active W. M. U. organizations, namely: Starke, Raiford, Pine Grove, Lawtey, Brooker. Encouraging reports have been received from these societies. We want to commend our President, Mrs. W. K. Jenkins, for her faithful and consecrated efforts in the work of our W. M. U. We feel that the Holy Spirit has led her and has blessed her, making her a blessing to us. We are happy to recommend her as our President for the coming year, 1938. In our societies we have 106 members in W. M. S. There have been 23 Mission study classes with 157 awards. Number of subscriptions to our denominational magazines: Royal Service, 38; Home and Foreign Fields, 2; Baptist Witness, 31; World Comrades, 8; The Window, 2; Tithers, 23. Number of boxes to the Children's Home at Arcadia, 12; Value of boxes, \$75.72; Number of boxes to Training School, 2; Amount contributed to Margaret Fund, \$12.81; Amount contributed to White Cross, \$8.00; Number contributing 62; Hundred Thousand Club \$108.00. Starke W. M. U. 8 memberships; Raiford 1 membership; Pine Grove 1 membership. Week of Prayer, \$70.10; Apportionment, \$259.47; Local, \$75.89; Other objects, \$70.51. We have 10 organizations of our young people and there are 4 Sunbeam bands; 4 G. A.; 1 R. A.; 1 Y. W. A. with a membership of 146. Mission study classes 15; Awards, 64; Subscription to World Comrades, 10; The Window, 3; Royal Service, 19; Baptist Witness, 7; Home and Foreign Field, 1; Amount sent to apportionment, \$10.95; Local, \$29.22; Y. W. A. of Starke has 1 membership in Hundred Thousand Club; Amount paid to Hundred Thousand Club, \$3.00; Shower Hugh Walters; Week of Prayer, \$6.39; Other objects, \$14.49. We deeply regret losing our secretary, Mrs. J. H. Pitts who served us so long and faithfully. Mrs. Pitts moved to Jacksonville but she is still remembered with love by our W. M. U.

Signed—Mrs. W. C. Carr,

Secretary-Treasurer, New River W. M. U.

### REPORT OF W. M. U. TREASURER, OCT. 1, 1936—SEPT. 30, 1937

#### RECEIPTS

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Oct. 1, 1936, balance brought forward     | \$ 2.53 |
| Oct. 21, 1936, offering at annual meeting | 5.02    |
| Jan. 8, 1937, offering at Brooker rally   | 3.36    |
| May 14, 1937, offering at Lawtey rally    | 2.93    |



July 16, 1937, offering at Pine Grove rally ----- 3.47

TOTAL ----- \$ 17.31

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Record Book ----- \$ 2.00

Expenses to rally ----- .25

Postage and money orders ----- 3.33

Stationery ----- .15

Cardboard ----- .10

To Children's Home at Arcadia ----- 5.00

TOTAL ----- \$ 10.83

TOTAL RECEIPTS ----- \$ 17.31

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ----- \$ 10.83

BALANCE ON HAND OCTOBER 1, 1937 ----- \$ 6.48

MRS. W. C. CARR,  
Treasurer W. M. U. New River Association.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg to make the following report. We find that eight churches report a Sunday School with a total enrollment of 788 pupils and teachers. Last associational year, 12 Sunday Schools and 835 pupils were reported. We regret the loss of 4 Sunday Schools and 36 pupils. Those that are carrying on are doing things for the Kingdom. Thirty-three baptisms were reported from the Sunday Schools and a total of \$348.16 was raised for different purposes. We recommend that each Sunday School in our association give to the Baptist Children's Home at Arcadia one Sunday's offering out of each month.

Committee:

C. A. CROSBY,  
S. E. SPARKS,  
L. A. BROWN,

#### REPORT OF B. Y. P. U. WORK

TO THE NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION IN SESSION:

We come to you for help. We, the younger Christians of the New River Association, are seeking your aid and support that we may become more consecrated and more efficient workers for the cause of Christ. You have told us the work of our Lord deserves our best. We believe that through our service in the B. Y. P. U. we become better able to give all our best.

We are attempting in our B. Y. P. U. and B. T. U. work to prepare ourselves to efficiently perform those duties of the church which will be ours in the years to come. We are asking you who are now handling these duties so well to help us train ourselves, that when you are ready to pass them on to us we will be able and willing to carry the work forward in a manner that will be pleasing to Christ. A little encouragement from you to whom we look for guidance under Christ will help us immeasurably. Please remember us in your prayers.

During the past year our associational B. T. U. has been rather inactive, but plans are being made for an active year of 1938. Within a short while opportunities will arise for you to help materially in the advance of this work. With your support and the approval of Christ we shall have much progress to report at the end of the coming year.

The following officers are presented for your approval as officers for the New River Associational B. T. U. for the year of 1938:

Director—Wm. C. Carr, Jr., 225 Florida Court, Gainesville.

Associate Director—M. E. Thompkins, Raiford, Florida.

Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Fannie Silcox, Box 711, Starke, Florida.

Group Director—J. P. Wyrick, Lawtey, Florida.

Chorister—Ancil Futch, Lawtey, Florida.

Pastor-Advisor—Rev. C. F. Hooker, Route 3, Gainesville, Florida.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Carr, Jr., Director.

#### OUR HONORED DEAD

We, your committee on "Our Honored Dead," beg to make the following report. It hath pleased our Almighty God to take from our

midst fifteen of our beloved brethren during the past associational year. We humbly bow our heads in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father. The names of these brethren will be found on a special page dedicated to their memory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HARRIS,

J. S. NORMAN,

J. L. SILCOX.

### REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are told that Jesus grew in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and Man. This is Christian Education. Education should always embody this four-fold of the mental, physical, religious and social side of life.

The main purpose of Religious education is to give to our young people four-square development in education, neither of the four mentioned things should be left off. We have special need of such education in this day when Atheism is being promoted and unbelievers scoff at the word of God.

The right kind of education finds support in the Scriptures. We are commanded to "teach all Nations" and the sphere of teaching is "All things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Baptists seek to inform and inspire their young people with high ideals of living and service. This can be done through the following institutions: Christian Home, Our Church Activities and Our Baptist Schools and our Baptist Periodicals.

Put good books in the hands of our children, patronize and support the Florida Baptist Witness.

We recommend that these things mentioned should be made objects of concern and earnest prayer, making it possible for them to continue their service to our great hosts of young Baptist people and the world at large.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. MORGAN, Raiford Church.

### FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

A number of improvements have been made at the Home during the past year. The school building on the campus has been released by the County Board of Education and is now used for offices, Library and the print shop. The increased space for the print shop together with a speed press has added much to the efficiency of the printing department. The Library means a great deal to the children. It affords them good reading and is excellent for the students who are doing high school work. They are soliciting books that they may have a good collection for instruction and research.

They have done considerable repair work during the summer. Porches have been renewed, swings for the small children have been built, two roofs have been renewed, one has been reconditioned and the roof on the chapel has been repainted. The upstairs of the Junior girls dormitory, the kitchen, dining room and play room at the Nursery have been repainted and wherever porch floors were renewed, they have been painted. All repair work was done by the boys in the Home under the supervision of those who work with them.

The farm continues to play an important part in the budget of the Institution. They grow all the vegetables they use during the farming season and a surplus to can. They are going to add considerable acreage to their farm this winter that they may reduce expenses.

The pig pen that is kept by the refuse from the dining rooms and the truck patches pay big dividends. They produce much of the pork used, by their own efforts.

The dairy herd is furnishing enough milk for the children. They watch the output of milk very closely taking out any cows that do not produce enough milk to pay for their keep. There are forty-two cows and calves in the herd.

The grove is in excellent condition. There are more than eight hundred boxes of oranges and grapefruit on the trees this year. They will have enough to supply their needs and to sell; to pay for the fertilizing.

The canning plant is an important factor in the operation of our Home. The vegetable growers in South Florida give them vegetables that are not salable but are good for canning purposes. These are

put through the plant and are used during the summer months. Gallon cans are used in the canning of the vegetables.

All work is done by the children. No one is hired except in a supervisory capacity. Of course those who work with the children do considerable themselves. The carpenter work, painting, roofing, farming, grove work, dairy, laundry, cooking, sewing and mending are all taken care of by the children and their supervisors. This eliminates bills for labor and makes it possible for them to do much more with the money that is given for maintenance than would be possible otherwise.

It is the intention of the Board of Trustees to increase the number of children in the next two years. The vacant dormitory on the campus was opened in November of last year. Every dormitory on the campus is now occupied by the children of our brethren. It is the hope of the management that the rooms over the offices in the administration building will be converted into a dormitory for the senior boys. If this is done, it will increase the capacity of the Institution to 220. There are now 167 on roll at our Home.

If they are to increase the number of children in the Home to meet the needs of our own boys and girls who are constantly applying to them, they must have a closer cooperation of the Churches of the State. There are numbers of Church organizations who do not make regular offerings to the care of our children. If one half of such organizations could be depended on for a contribution each month to this splendid work, they would be able to take care of all the children our buildings will accommodate. The only thing that is needed is enough money to equip the building and provide for the increased number after they are accepted.

It is very important that attention be given to the dependent children of our brethren. It is difficult to say what contribution dependency makes to crime but that a contribution is made in many instances is undeniable. It is much better to give something to protect the child when he is young, than to wait until he is committed to a penal institution, and then be forced to spend more money in the form of taxes for his keep than would be necessary, were he placed in a Home as a child. We, your Committee, therefore, urge that every Church and

Sunday School wherever possible makes a regular offering to our Home in Arcadia, to assist our children.

N. Pleasant Grove Church.

### REPORT OF EVANGELISTIC BROTHERHOOD

The Mission Hall, at Starke, an outgrowth of the Evangelistic Brotherhood has held fifty-two meetings and Bible studies, some of these conducted by outstanding Bible teachers, as well as some by New River Associational pastors. Thousands of scripture verses have been memorized and quoted, young people assisted in Christian training, many visits made to the sick and shut-ins, ministering in prayer and other needs.

Many Bibles, Gospels and Christian tracts distributed by hand and also mailed to many sections. Missionaries and missionary movements have been aided and all supplied by evangelistic zeal and faith in God.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. QUIGLEY, Committee

### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS—1937

The hope of the world lies in the uplifted Christ. There is no solvent for sin save the blood of Christ. There is no redemption for man apart from the atonement of Christ. Social adjustments do not heal the ills of the human race. Education falls short of the spiritual needs of man if it ignores the great Teacher of Nazareth. Christ and Him crucified alone can redeem and save the world.

There is no substitute for the Gospel. It is fatal to offer to the hungry hearts of men science for Scripture, reason for revelation, theories for truth, intellectualism for inspiration, culture for conviction, goodness for grace, sociability for spirituality, play for praise, pep for prayer, programs for power, reformation for regeneration, feeling for faith, spiritual paralysis for peace, and social reform for personal repentance. We must give the world the Christ of the New Testament.

The task of Home Missions is to lift Christ up and make Him Lord in the life of the homeland. Each generation in the homeland must be evangelized. Each person must be evangelized.

—BY WATER OAK CHURCH.



### REPORT FOR STATE MISSIONS—1937

State Missions includes all the missionary and benevolent work engaged in by Florida Baptists in a cooperative way. State Mission work is absolutely necessary if we would save our beloved commonwealth from the hands of those who seek to exploit our wonderful resources for selfish and ungodly purposes.

Through our organized State Mission forces we are helping to win the lost to Christ by sending the gospel to destitute regions, by helping to organize and grow churches which become the representatives of Christ up on earth. Through our departmental workers the Board helps to develop and train Sunday School and Baptist Training Union workers and cultivate stewardship and the mission spirit through our W. M. U. and Brotherhood leaders. We are seeking to win to Christ and Christian service the large group of Baptist boys and girls found in our colleges and universities through our Student Secretaries. We maintain a strong evangelistic work with two evangelists giving full time to this holy task. We should put on others in the near future to help stem the tide of godlessness and lawlessness that is undermining our Christian work and faith.

During the lifetime of the Board, more than 500 of our 800 churches have been aided one way or another. Some of the early mission stations have become great churches.

We are this year helping to support 64 missionary pastors who are preaching to 87 churches and mission stations, including our work amongst the Indians.

Last year Florida Baptists made a splendid advance in their mission gifts. The last report made to the Convention showed that our state gave to all causes \$173,123.55. Of this amount, \$100,000.00 was given to the Cooperative Program, enabling us to reach our goal for the year. All the specials or designated funds were promptly distributed without deducting one penny of cost, while the Program funds were divided according to the percentage table adopted by the Convention.

We need for our State Mission departmental work this year \$67,820.00. This is the largest budget our State Board has adopted in several years, but we can reach it if every church in the state will do its

part in supporting the Cooperative Program liberally, thus helping to make possible the achievement of our 1937 goal of \$115,000.00 for the Program. The other sources of income for State Missions, besides 30 percent of Program receipts, are special gifts made by W. M. U. and the Sunday Schools during October, and the appropriations made our work by the Sunday School Board.

—BROOKER CHURCH.

### FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

Report of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention—1937.

The Foreign Mission Board is grateful to God for His manifold blessings and to Southern Baptists for their loyalty and love, prayers and gifts.

For the calendar year 1936, the Board received from the several states of the Convention the sum of \$959,794.74. In addition to this amount, we received from income on endowment funds, bequests and miscellaneous sources, the sum of \$46,003.60. From the sale of property and special gifts for debts, was received the sum of \$34,776.23, making a grand total of \$1,040,574.57. Thus for the first time in several years the total income passed the million mark.

The total budget exclusive of debt funds, for 1937, was fixed at the October meeting at \$789,165.73.

The goal set by the Woman's Missionary Union for the 1936 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was \$175,000.00. We have received a total of \$291,761.72. Out of this princely offering, \$100,000.00 was set aside for the salaries of 125 missionaries. The gift is a veritable life saver for the Board and enables us to go through the lean months without a deficit.

In 1927 the Board had a total of 544 missionaries on the rolls. In 1934 there were 377 in the active service of the Board. Since January 1, 1933, the Board has appointed 90 new missionaries and reappointed 28, making a total of 118 replacements. On April 1, 1937, there were 56 emeritus missionaries on pension, and 415 missionaries in the active service of the Board.

No new missionaries were appointed at the semi-annual meeting of the Board in April when local and state representatives assembled to

consider lengthening the cords. A long look into the future cannot justify any enlargement until the regular systematic receipts through the Cooperative Program increase. The first quarter's receipts show only an even break. The Board cannot consider risking any project that may incur any more debt on the Board. For future growth Southern Baptists must increase their regular Sunday to Sunday gifts to God for His work beyond the seas.

The Board now has work in sixteen different foreign countries. In these lands there are 63 missionaries who are 60 years of age and over. The need for replacements is indeed acute and desperate. Great care is exercised in selecting those who are to fill the places where the needs are very great. Requirements for new missionaries are being raised each year in order that only the best will be chosen.

—BY STARKE CHURCH.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### RECEIPTS

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Oct. 14, 1936, Amount brought forward .....          | \$ 73.20         |
| Oct. 15, 1936, From the Association at Antioch ..... | 37.40            |
| Nov. 29, 1936, From the Union at Dedan .....         | 25.75            |
| Jan. 31, 1937, From Union at Corinth .....           | 33.31            |
| Mar. 19, 1937, From Bank of Starke, refund .....     | .46              |
| April 14, 1937, From Bank of Starke, refund .....    | 2.23             |
| May 30, 1937, From Union at China Grove .....        | 24.51            |
| Aug. 29, 1937, From Union at Graham .....            | 29.54            |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS .....</b>                          | <b>\$ 226.40</b> |

### DISBURSEMENTS

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Oct. 16, 1936, To Children's Home at Arcadia .....    | \$ 25.00 |
| Nov. 11, 1936, Photo for Brother F. M. Taylor .....   | 1.00     |
| Nov. 20, 1936, For postage .....                      | .64      |
| Nov. 30, 1936, Clerk's Salary .....                   | 25.00    |
| Dec. 12, 1936, J. T. Harris, Moderator of Union ..... | 2.00     |
| Dec. 12, 1936, For Associational Minutes .....        | 48.60    |

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|---|-------|
| Dec. 24, 1936, Postage .....                            | .78   |
| Jan. 8, 1937, For programs at Corinth .....             | 2.50  |
| Jan. 30, 1937, Moderator of Union at Corinth .....      | 2.00  |
| Feb. 1, 1937, Clerk for Union at Corinth .....          | 2.00  |
| Jan. 31, 1937, To Red Cross from Union at Corinth ..... | 15.71 |
| Mar. 19, 1937, Postage .....                            | .45   |
| April 1, 1937, Programs at China Grove .....            | 2.60  |
| May 31, 1937, Moderator of Union at China Grove .....   | 2.00  |
| May 31, 1937, Clerk of Union at China Grove .....       | 2.00  |
| July 5, 1937, Postage .....                             | .60   |
| July 12, 1937, Programs for Graham .....                | 2.60  |
| Aug. 24, 1937, Postage .....                            | .55   |
| Aug. 29, 1937, To Graham Church .....                   | 10.54 |
| Aug. 29, 1937, To Moderator of Union, at Graham .....   | 2.00  |
| Aug. 29, 1937, Clerk at Graham .....                    | 1.00  |
| Sept. 7, 1937, Program for Association at Brooker ..... | 2.50  |
| Sept. 18, 1937, Postage .....                           | 1.15  |
| Oct. 1, 1937, Programs at Pine Grove .....              | 2.80  |

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....** \$ 156.02

Oct. 14, 1937, Balance on Hand .....

\$ 70.38

The following churches presented to the association amounts for minutes and associational purposes: Antioch, \$5.00; Beulah, \$2.25; Brooker, \$1.00; Corinth, \$3.00; Dedan, \$1.75; Gadara, \$1.25; Graham, \$1.00; Heilbronn, \$3.00; Kingsley Lake, \$3.00; Lawtey, \$4.00; Pine Grove, \$2.00; New River, \$1.50; N. Pleasant Grove, \$2.00; Raiford, \$2.00; Starke, \$3.00; Water Oak, \$2.00.—Total amount from the churches, \$37.75.

T. B. PINHOLSTER,

Treasurer of the Association.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

BROOKER—S. S. Supt., L. L. Parker ..... Brooker, Florida  
 GADARA—S. S. Supt., L. Hall, ..... Lake Geneva, Florida

GRAHAM—S. S. Supt., Clarence Melton-----Starke, Florida  
 HOPE—S. S. Supt., A. L. Sullivan -----Theresa, Florida  
 LAWTEY—S. S. Supt., H. B. Arwood -----Lawtey, Florida  
 PINE GROVE—S. S. Supt., Leroy Tenley, --Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.  
 RAIFORD—S. S. Supt., W. K. Jenkins -----Raiford, Florida  
 STARKE—S. S. Supt., A. J. Thomas -----Starke, Florida  
 S. E. Sparks, District Secretary -----Starke, Florida

## THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF THE FOLLOWING LOVED ONES WHO  
HAVE ANSWERED THE FINAL CALL  
DURING OUR ASSOCIATIONAL  
YEAR.

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Mr. R. H. Tipton      | Mrs. J. B. Brown      |
| Mrs. Cynthia Lopez    | Mrs. Carrie Warren    |
| Deacon O. W. Dyal     | Deacon C. L. Carter   |
| Mr. William Carpenter | Mrs. Julia Davis      |
| Mrs. Sarah Halbrook   | Deacon A. D. Williams |
| Deacon H. W. Raiford  | Mr. L. L. Tyre        |
| Mr. J. W. Morgan      | Mr. W. J. Foster      |
| Mrs. Aggie Wilkes     |                       |



Statistics of New River Association, State of Florida, for Year Ending October 15, 1937

| Church Directories |                  |                         | Baptisms, Mem-<br>bers, Etc. |                  |                       |    | S. S. | B. Y.<br>P. U.'s |                            | W. M. U.                        | Church<br>Finances                              |   | Missions, Etc.  |  |                              | Church Property   |                |                                       |                         |                                    |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----|-------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|-----------------|--|------------------------------|---|----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| CHURCHES           | When Constituted | Regular Days of Meeting | Baptisms                     | Total Membership | Revival Meetings Held |    |       | Total Enrolled   | Total Number B. Y. P. U.'s | Total Enrolled in B. Y. P. U.'s | Total Women's and Child-<br>ren's Organizations | Total Women's Contributions<br>All Purposes | Pastor's Salary | Total Local Church Expenses<br>Including Pastor's Salary and<br>all Other Expenses | Gifts to Cooperative Program | Total for all Missions Includ-<br>ing Cooperative Program and<br>"Specials", or Designated<br>Gifts to Missions, Orphans,<br>Home, etc. | No. of Tithers | Value of Church<br>Houses and Grounds | Value of Pastor's Homes | Total Value all Church<br>Property |
|                    |                  |                         | 1                            | 2                | 3                     | 4  | 5     |                  | 6                          | 7                               |   |   |                 |  |                              |   |                |                                       |                         |                                    |
| Antioche           | 1872             | 1st-3rd                 | 11                           | 155              | 1                     | 3  | 3     |                  |                            |                                 |   |   | 178.16          | 303.76   | 14.36                        | 19.36   | 2              | 2,000.00                              |                         | 2,000.00                           |
| Beulah             | 1850             | 1st-3rd                 |                              | 64               | 1                     | 4  |       |                  |                            |                                 |   |   | 200.00          | 247.32   | 10.00                        | 18.00   | 2              | 600.00                                |                         | 625.00                             |
| Brooker            | 1900             | 1st-3rd                 | 5                            | 62               | 1                     | 2  |       | 1                | 60                         |                                 |   |   | 180.00          | 517.60   | 14.76                        | 45.08   | 1              | 2,500.00                              |                         | 2,500.00                           |
| Corinth            | 1895             | 2nd-4th                 |                              | 103              |                       | 1  |       |                  |                            |                                 |   |   | 201.81          | 311.35   |                              | 11.00   | 1              | 2,500.00                              |                         | 2,500.00                           |
| Dedan              | 1882             | 1st                     | 11                           | 80               | 1                     |    |       |                  |                            | 1                               | 22  | 1   | 60.00           | 75.00  |                              |   | 8              | 2,500.00                              |                         | 2,500.00                           |
| Gadara             | 1874             | 1st-3rd                 | 28                           | 49               | 1                     |    |       |                  | 1                          | 32                              |   |   | 150.00          | 170.00   |                              |   |                | 500.00                                |                         | 500.00                             |
| Graham             | 1916             | 1st                     | 7                            | 37               | 1                     |    |       | 1                | 53                         |                                 |   |   | 13.69           | 64.67  |                              |   |                | 500.00                                |                         | 500.00                             |
| Heilbron           | 1908             | 1st-3rd                 | 1                            | 54               | 1                     | 3  |       |                  |                            |                                 |   |   | 218.80          | 307.44   | 13.00                        | 13.00   | 2              | 750.00                                |                         | 750.00                             |
| Hope               | 876              | 3rd                     |                              | 33               |                       |    |       | 1                | 62                         |                                 |   |   |                 | 7.52   |                              |   |                | 500.00                                |                         | 500.00                             |
| Kingsley Lake      | 1864             | 2nd-4th                 |                              | 63               |                       |    |       |                  |                            |                                 |   |   | 57.26           | 97.61  | 4.00                         | 70.00   | 13             | 2,000.00                              |                         | 2,000.00                           |
| Lawtey             | 1904             | Full                    | 2                            | 128              |                       |    |       | 1                | 110                        | 1                               |   | 1   | 634.98          | 910.21   |                              | 61.36   |                | 2,000.00                              |                         | 2,000.00                           |
| New River          | 833              | 2nd                     |                              | 33               | 1                     |    |       |                  |                            |                                 |   |   | 52.80           | 60.30  | 7.25                         | 24.80   |                | 1,000.00                              |                         | 1,000.00                           |
| N. Pleasant Grove  | 1891             | 2nd-4th                 | 3                            | 81               | 1                     | 1  |       |                  |                            |                                 |   |   | 180.00          | 347.00   | 4.50                         |   |                | 1,800.00                              |                         | 2,200.00                           |
| Pine Grove         | 1906             | Full                    | 31                           | 138              | 1                     | 4  | 15    | 1                | 90                         | 1                               | 42  | 4   | 51.15           | 769.80   | 1,602.41                     | 22.20   | 93.89          | 2,500.00                              |                         | 2,500.00                           |
| Raiford            | 1904             | 1st-3rd                 | 18                           | 115              | 1                     | 3  | 11    | 1                | 154                        |                                 |   | 2   | 72.67           | 346.15   | 618.46                       | 23.00   | 53.80          | 2,500.00                              |                         | 2,500.00                           |
| Starke             | 1877             | Full                    | 11                           | 274              |                       | 4  | 12    | 1                | 238                        | 3                               | 37  | 4   | 428.72          | 1,590.00   | 2,482.98                     | 396.31  | 565.19         | 4,000.00                              | 3,800.00                | 7,800.00                           |
| Water Oak          | 914              | 1st-3rd                 |                              | 47               | 1                     | 3  |       |                  |                            |                                 |   |   | 74.30           | 120.77   |                              |   |                | 800.00                                |                         | 1,000.00                           |
| TOTALS             |                  |                         | 128                          | 1576             | 12                    | 33 | 41    | 8                | 799                        | 6                               | 101   | 19  | 959.30          | 4,907.77   | 8,244.40                     | 509.38  | 7,133.01       | 2026,350.00                           | 3,800.00                | 31,375.00                          |