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NEW RIVER BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
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SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
HELD WITH
GRAHAM BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 11 AND 12

1939

Next Session Will Be Held on Wednesday Before the Third
Sunday in October, 1940, With Raiford
Baptist Church

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Pastor Rev. C. A. Crosby, Brooker, Fla.
Clerk Mrs. M. L. Cason, Rt. 2, Brooker, Fla.

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Pastor Rev. C. F. Hooker, Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.
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NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Pastor Rev. S. J. Morgan, Raiford, Fla.
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Starke:

Pastor Rev. A. E. Lightfoot, Starke, Fla.
 Clerk S. E. Sparks, Starke, Fla.

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Pastor Rev. H. M. Tillman, Jacksonville, Fla.
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 Mrs. L. E. Wilson, W. M. U. President Gainesville, Fla.

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L. W. Enfield	Lawtey, Fla.
Rev. C. A. Crosby, Moderator of Union	Brooker, Fla.

ASSOCIATIONAL MESSENGERS

- Antioch*—J. T. Kirby, Mrs. M. L. Cason, Mrs. J. T. Kirby, J. T. Harris, J. M. Kite.
- Beulah*—C. C. Harris, Cleo Hickey, Melton Hickey, Ellery Hickey.
- Brooker*—Charles Hardy, Sr., I. S. Fowler, L. L. Parker, Mrs. Pearl Markey.
- Carinth*—Lester Crosby, Mrs. Crosby, Evelyn Crosby.
- Dedan*—H. B. Stokes, W. H. Gatlin, A. L. Crosby, Leonard Fowler.
- Evergreen*—J. B. Sapp, J. M. Rosier, Mrs. Bessie Sapp, J. T. Rosier, Mamie Rosier.
- Godara*—Mrs. W. P. Schlid, Mrs. E. Glisson, R. O. Mann, Mrs. R. O. Mann.
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- Heilbron*—Mrs. J. W. Holmes, Perry Newsome, Mrs. L. R. Denmark, D. L. Kite.
- Hope*—A. L. Sullivan.
- Kingsley Lake*—Fred Sasse, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Silcox.
- Lawtey*—Mrs. T. J. Terry, Mrs. H. B. Arwood, O. J. Phillips, Mrs. J. F. Wyrick, R. J. Gomes.
- New River*—T. B. Edwards.
- North Pleasant Grove*—H. B. Stedham, Clara Mae Davis.
- Pine Grove*—Mrs. J. R. Neal, L. E. Wilson, Mrs. T. J. Strickland, Mrs. E. D. Tinley, C. H. Neal.
- Railford*—W. K. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Moore.
- Starke*—L. G. Hemmingway, J. F. Kickliter, S. E. Sparks, P. M. Barefoot, Mrs. R. A. Thomas, Mrs. A. E. Lightfoot, Mrs. P. M. Barefoot.
- Water Oak*—Frank Norman, Russell Norman, William Sapp.

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. An accredited messenger shall be one who has been duly elected by his church as a messenger or alternate. Others eligible to be invited to a seat shall be members of the constituted churches, who may be enrolled to make a number equal to the quota allowed that church. All pastors of the churches in the Association shall be enrolled as messengers but only those holding membership in constituted churches of the Association shall be eligible for office.

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, an Associate Moderator, a Clerk-Treasurer, each of whom shall be chosen by separate ballot. These officers shall be elected at the opening session of the annual meeting.

Article 5, Section 2. There shall be an Executive Committee which shall be composed of nine members: The Moderator, the Associate Moderator, the Clerk-Treasurer of the Association being members and officers ex-officio. The other six members to be named by the Nominating Committee of 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 same. This Constitution may be altered from time to time as experience may suggest, by two-thirds vote of those present, but notice of such change shall be given at the annual session previous to the anticipated change.

MINUTES OF THE NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION Which Convened With the Graham Baptist Church October 11, 12, 1939

10:00 A. M. After a song by the congregation Rev. L. G. Hemmingway read a portion of the 6th Chapter of Eph. and led in Devotional exercises.

10:15 A. M. After a roll call of churches and enrollment of messengers, it was moved and carried that only regular enrolled messengers be allowed to vote on questions or motions coming before the different sessions of the association.

10:35 A. M. The report on "Order of Business" was adopted.

Rev. A. E. Lightfoot, pastor of Starke church; Rev. P. I. Cason, pastor of North Pleasant Grove church and Rev. L. W. Enfield, pastor of Lawtey church were welcomed into our midst as new pastors.

Evangelist Lloyd L. King and Brother T. M. Johns were enrolled as visitors from sister associations.

10:50 A. M. Brother S. E. Parks made an oral report of work done by the Executive Committee during the associational year.

11:00 A. M. Upon motion the rules were waived and the following officers were elected: Moderator, Rev. C. F. Hooker; Assistant

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Moderator, Brother S. E. Sparks; Clerk and Treasurer, T. B. Pinholster.

As there was some misunderstanding concerning several articles in our associational constitution, a motion was made asking for clarification or revisions of the articles in question. Upon motion the Moderator was requested to appoint a special committee to make a special study of the articles in question and report to the association suggestions for revision. The Moderator appointed on the committee: Brethren A. E. Lightfoot, S. E. Sparks and J. K. Jenkins.

11:20 A. M. Rev. A. E. Lightfoot made an oral report on Promotional work in our association.

11:30 A. M. After a song by the congregation and prayer by Brother T. M. Johns, the Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Lloyd King. Brother King's message was concerning evangelism.

12:30 P. M. Refreshments.

1:30 P. M. Rev. S. J. Morgan led in Devotion.

The Moderator named the following committees: "Nominating." Rev. G. E. McGauley, Rev. L. G. Hemmingway, J. T. Harris; Sunday School: W. K. Jenkins, A. E. Lightfoot, L. W. Enfield; "Our Honored Dead": C. A. Crosby, H. M. Tilman.

2:00 P. M. The report on "Baptist Children's Home" was made by Beulah church, discussed by Brother T. M. Johns and adopted.

2:45 P. M. At this time Rev. S. J. Morgan read the report on "Christian Education." The report was discussed by Mrs. A. E. Lightfoot and adopted.

3:00 P. M. Mrs. Nancy Crosby read the report on "Temperance." The report was discussed by Rev. H. M. Tilman and adopted.

At this time Rev. L. G. Hemmingway led the association in a special prayer for Mrs. H. M. Tilman, seriously ill and Sheriff O. A. Andrews, seriously hurt in an automobile accident.

3:15 P. M. Rev. C. F. Hooker read the report from Pine Grove church on "Aged Ministers." After discussion the report was adopted.

3:30 P. M. The session adjourned to meet again Thursday a. m. at 9:30 o'clock.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12.

9:30 A. M. Devotional exercises led by Rev. H. M. Tilman.

9:45 A. M. The report on "Brotherhood" work was read by Rev. L. G. Hemmingway. The report was discussed by Dr. J. H. Griffin and adopted.

10:30 A. M. Upon motion the Moderator was requested to appoint a committee of three pastors and four laymen to try to organize a regular associational Brotherhood in the New River Association. Pastors A. E. Lightfoot, S. J. Morgan, C. A. Crosby and Laymen W. C. Carr, Jr., Charles Hardy, Sr., J. T. Harris and S. E. Sparks were named on the committee.

10:40 A. M. The Sunday School report was read by Rev. A. E. Lightfoot, discussed by Brother W. K. Jenkins and adopted.

10:50 A. M. At this time the W. M. U. report was read by Mrs. Carr and adopted. Mrs. L. E. Wilson was recommended by the W. M. U. societies as their associational president for the ensuing year. The recommendation was adopted.

11:00 A. M. The report on "State Missions" was read and adopted.

11:10 A. M. The "Home Mission" report by Lawtey church was read and adopted.

11:20 A. M. The "Foreign Mission" report was read by Brother Lightfoot and adopted.

11:30 A. M. Dr. C. M. Brittain was present and gave a general discussion of our missionary activities at home and abroad. The association was dismissed by prayer for the noon hour by Rev. G. E. McGauley.

12:30 P. M. Refreshments.

1:30 P. M. Moderator C. F. Hooker read a portion of the 29th Chapter of Proverbs and led in devotion.

1:45 P. M. The nominating committee made the following report and recommendation: "Executive Committee." Moderator, assistant moderator, Clerk. P. L. Cason, W. K. Jenkins, J. T. Kirby, C. A. Crosby, M. B. Futch, J. S. Ausitn; Member of State Board: Rev. A. E. Lightfoot; Messengers to State Convention: L. L. Parker, S. E. Sparks, Earl Hill, H. M. Tilman, C. F. Hooker.

Next meeting place Raiford church. The report of the nominating committee was adopted.

1:55 P. M. The report on "Our Honored Dead" was read by Rev. C. A. Crosby and adopted.

2:05 P. M. The Moderator appointed the following annual committees: "Program": S. J. Morgan, L. G. Hemmingway, T. B. Pinholster; "State Missions": North Pleasant Grove church; "Home Missions": Brooker church; "Foreign Missions": Antioche church; "Temperance": Beulah church; "Aged Ministers": Heilbron church "Orphanage": Hope church; "Christian Education": Kingsley Lake church; "Brotherhood": Starke church.

2:10 P. M. The special committee of Revision of the Constitution made the following report and recommendation:

Article one be amended to read: . . . and pastors of the churches in the association. Only those holding membership in constituted churches of the association shall be eligible for office and accredited messenger shall be one who has been duly elected by his church as a messenger or alternate. Others eligible to be invited to a seat shall be members of the constituted churches, who may be enrolled to make a number equal to the quota allowed that church.

Article five shall read: The officers of the association shall be a Moderator, Associate Moderator, a Clerk-Treasurer, each of whom shall be chosen by separate ballot. These officers shall be elected at the opening session of the annual meeting.

Article five, Section two, shall read: The Executive Committee shall consist of 9 members, with the Moderator, Associate Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer as ex-officio members. The other six members to be named by the nominating committee of the association.

Article twelve, shall read: . . . Notice of such change shall be given at the annual session previous to the anticipated change. signed A. E. Lightfoot, W. K. Jenkins, S. E. Sparks. The report was adopted.

2:20 P. M. The association approved and adopted the following Sunday School and B. T. U. officers:

Associational Superintendent—W. K. Jenkins, Raiford, Fla.
Associational Secretary—Mrs. Jessie Morgan, Hampton, Fla.

Pastor Advisor—Rev. C. F. Hooker, Gainesville, Fla.

Adult Superintendent—P. M. Barefoot, Starke, Fla.

Associate Superintendent—Joe Harrell, Lawtey, Fla.

B. T. U. Officers: Cecil Cox, Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.

Secretary: Miss Fannie Silcox, Box 711, Starke, Fla.

W. M. U. President: Mrs. L. E. Wilson, Gainesville, Fla.

2:30 P. M. Rev. A. E. Lightfoot preached a short sermon on "Consecration" and led in consecration exercises.

3:00 P. M. After extending a vote of thanks to the entertaining church, the association adjourned to meet with Raiford Baptist church, Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1940.

C. F. HOOKER, Moderator,

T. B. PINHOLSTER, Clerk.

REPORTS

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Since we are brought face to face with the horrible results of the Demons: Whiskey, Beer and Wine, and realizing the necessity of every Christian taking a definite stand against such, let us not only take a definite stand but let us work together as a Christian body and as individuals to wage a fight more vigorous than ever before against these disasters.

Repeal of the 18th Amendment was the greatest catastrophe of our law making or unmaking body.

The repeal of the 18th Amendment has only one good result, that is, it has shown, not only to the dries but also to the wets that prohibition is the only cure for our worst evil.

Temperance, to the Christian has a different meaning from what it does to the drinkers. I differentiate between the drinker and the Christian because there is no such thing as a drinking Christian. Temperance to the Christian means total abstinence while to the drinker it may mean moderate drinking.

The Wets told us that there would not be as much drinking after repeal. The falseness of that statement was proved long ago.

The Wets told us before repeal that prohibition made law breakers of honest men. We don't even need to say that was disproved from the first by actual experience we still have the bootlegger with us in addition the lawbreakers of the new Federal Law.

Repeal not only left the bootlegger with us but it gave him a better opportunity to operate without fear of the law.

All arguments are for Temperance. No reasonable argument can be made against it.

We do not expect to entirely do away with drinking but it can be reduced to a minimum. For instance, there is a law against stealing, and murder and other high crimes. But because people continue to break them, is there any reason to repeal them? Therefore, because people continue to drink is there any reason why it should be legalized?

Therefore, let us work together and covenant together that our leadership in all walks of life shall be men and women of the highest ideal and be sure that one of these is Temperance as the Christian interprets it **TOTAL OBSTAINENCE.**

By CORINTH CHURCH.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

By Pine Grove Church

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has just completed its twenty-first year of service. It has paid in benefits during these twenty-one years \$3,560,690.21. The Relief benefits during the past year totaled \$90,776.28, and Annuity benefits, \$233,748.38.

In addition to the regular Cooperative Program gifts, which are by no means sufficient for the work of this Board, every church within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention should respond to the appeal of the Board for at least one Fellowship Offering. Such action on the part of our churches would make it possible for this Board to provide benefits for aged ministers and widows that would really meet their necessities. At present we are not meeting their necessities—we are only helping a little. How simple a matter it would be for our churches to do this, and we believe they will do it if our ministers will request it. Surely no minister will feel embarrassed in making this proposal to his church, for it will not be for himself but for others.

The Convention Ministers Retirement Plan, which is already in operation in South Carolina and Texas, is expected to go into operation during the present year in at least six other states, and before the beginning of the new year in several more.

This new plan is making great progress, and it has behind it the State Conventions, the State Boards and the officials of the Conventions and the Boards, and this time the preachers themselves, for the funds they ask their churches to pay toward this plan are not for themselves as individuals, but for a great group of preachers who participate in the plan. It is a plan that offers a real solution of the problem of Ministerial Relief and is destined to be accepted by every State Convention, and we trust by every church and minister in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Information concerning the work of the Relief and Annuity Board can be had by addressing your own State Secretary or Thomas J. Watts, Executive Secretary, 2002 Tower Petroleum Building, Dallas, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

PINE GROVE CHURCH.

W. M. U. REPORT

Secretary's Report

We have four churches in our association that have active W. M. U. organizations, namely Starke, Raiford, Lawtey, and Pine Grove. We have eight auxiliaries. Membership of W. M. S., 103; Membership of auxiliaries, 120; Tithers, 28; Mission Study Courses, 20; Officials Seals, 45; Awards, 275; The Window, 2; World Comrades, 5; Royal Service, 36; The Commission, 7; Home Mission Magazine, 8; The Witness, 18; Coupons for Children's Home, 1260; Value of boxes, \$68.80; Co-operative Program, \$284.12; Hundred Thousand Club, \$120.00; Home Missions, \$33.20; State Missions, \$9.61; Foreign Missions, \$33.78; Local church, \$266.46; Local Charity, \$11.26; Other Objects, \$57.12; Margaret Fund, \$5.18; White Cross, \$11.58; Number of members engaged in personal service and soul winning W. M. S., 97; Auxiliaries, 103.

We recommend to the association for approval the re-election of Mrs. L. E. Wilson as president of the W. M. U.

(Signed)

MRS. W. C. CARR.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Oct. 1, 1938—Balance brought forward	\$ 1.49
Oct. 1, 1938—Offering at Annual meeting at Starke	4.17
Jan. 31, 1939—Offering at Raiford rally	5.40
May 27, 1939—Offering at Lawtey rally	3.44
Aug. 11, 1939—Offering at Starke rally	3.87
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$18.37

Disbursements

Programs for rallies	\$ 5.10
Postage	3.85
Stationery45
Memorial flowers for Sunbeam babies	2.00
Miscellaneous	1.85
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$13.25

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$18.37
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	13.25

Balance on hand September 30, 1939 \$ 5.12

(SIGNED)

MRS. W. C. CARR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We, the Committee on Sunday School Report, submit this as our report as taken from the various church letters. We find that all of the churches in our Association have Sunday Schools except four and we would like very much to be able to see these churches have Sunday Schools also. In our report last year we find that there was seven churches without Sunday Schools, thus it will be noted that three churches that had no Sunday Schools last year have Sunday Schools now. This is an achievement of which we are very proud.

The enrollment of all Sunday Schools in the Association today is 978. This is a condition of much concern to us as Christian people. The enrollment and average attendance is divided as follows: Antioche 50 average attendance 38; Beulah 32, average attendance 24; Brooker 67, average attendance 40; Corinth no Sunday School; Dedan no Sunday School; Evergreen 54, average attendance 40; Cadara 48, average attendance 20; Graham 56, average attendance 35; Heilbron 37, average attendance 25; Hope 69, average attendance 25; Kingsley Lake no Sunday School; Lawtey 62, average attendance 49; New River no report, however a Sunday School was started there this year; North Pleasant Grove 22, average attendance 28; Pine Grove 122, average attendance 78; Raiford 137, average attendance 105; Starke 222, average attendance 90; Water Oak no Sunday School; This gives the Association an average attendance at Sunday School 587 out of an enrollment 978 which gives a fair attendance for the enrollment, this is an increase of 91 in average over last year, while the enrollment of 978 represents an increase of 181.

Most interesting fact that we have observed from the letters is that the churches with Sunday Schools has one baptism for each

eleven members in their church having a total of 132 baptisms during the year while those churches who did not have any Sunday School averaged one baptism for each 43 members (6 Baptisms).

We have one standard Sunday School in the Association (Raiford) and it is our desire that more schools endeavor to reach the Standard. We note that one other church falls short of trained workers of being Standard (Graham).

We are pleased to note the fact that our churches are turning more efforts to Evangelism as there was 138 baptisms from the churches of the Association this year as against 84 last year, with these figures before us we cannot see why we should not have bigger and better Sunday Schools as we realize that the Sunday School leads our great Denomination in Evangelistic possibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. JENKINS,
A. E. LIGHTFOOT,
R. W. ENFIELD.

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 nineteen of our beloved brethren during the past associational year. We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathies and humbly pray God's blessings on the bereaved families. The names of these brethren will be found on a special page dedicated to their memory.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. CROSBY,
H. M. TILMAN,
P. L. CASON.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Schools were the first in service, in the field of education in America, and all through the years, a most dependable source of leadership. If civilization endures, and a better economic condition continues, this condition will obtain if Christian schools and colleges are maintained. Woodrow Wilson said, "The Christian College is the Lighthouse of American Civilization."

The main purpose of religious education, is to give to our young people the most efficient training in BODY, MIND, and SOUL, for the finest service. Baptist 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, Church Activities, Our Baptist Schools and Periodicals. Put good literature in the hands of our young people, support the Baptist Witness.

We recommend that these things mentioned be made objects of much concern, and honest fervent prayer that they may continue their service to our host of young Baptist people, and the world.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. MORGAN,
For Raiford Baptist Church.

B. T. U. REPORT

We find from Church Letters turned in that there is now active in this Association five B. T. U. Organizations as follows:

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Corinth, 1 Senior and 1 Intermediate Union enrollment not shown; Lawtey, 1 Senior, 1 Intermediate, 1 Junior, total enrollment 28; Pine Grove, 4 Unions 1 B. A. U., 1 Senior, 1 Intermediate, 1 Junior, total enrollment 51; Starke, 1 Senior, 1 Intermediate, 1 Junior, total enrollment 66; Antioche had 1 Senior, 1 Junior, with enrollment 36 which functioned 6 months ceasing to exist in July this year.

This is a deplorable condition as our Young People need training in Church Membership which is obtainable through the B. T. U.

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. JENKINS,

A. E. LIGHTFOOT.

REPORT ON THE FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Arcadia, Florida

We are reminded by the Holy Scriptures that we are to care for one another. The early Christians assisted each other when in need or distress. The example they set and the teachings of our Lord call to our attention in a most forceful way the importance of caring for the dependent children of our denominational household.

Our Children's Home puts forth a determined effort to give every child who is admitted definite help in the truest sense of the word. They are taught to work; they are sent to school; and they are given social privileges just as all normal children should have.

The work of the girls at the Home enables them to know a great deal about cooking, housekeeping, laundry work, office work, library work, and planning and serving meals. The boys also from their work on the campus learn the essentials in farming, dairying, and caring for live stock; and how to operate the steam laundry. The training they get in the printing department, makes it possible for them, if they are interested, to follow this as a vocation.

The equipment for this work must be constantly repaired; and this is done from the income from soap coupons sent to them from the W. M. U.'s and other organizations in the State. New fixtures are also bought from this coupon account. They have bought a mixing machine for the bakery this year, and they hope to get enough money from this account this winter to renew some much worn equipment.

The children attend the city schools in Arcadia; and for those who are capable of continuing their education above high school accomplishments, the Student Loan Fund has been established. The successes of the children who have taken advantage of this loan fund have been very gratifying. We feel that this is a splendid service to render to any child who has an active, capable mentality, and personality, to fit themselves for jobs that require higher education and more definite training.

The children from the Home attend the Sunday School, the B. T. U. and preaching services at the First Baptist church in Arcadia. Twenty-two of them united with this church this year.

The outstanding need of the Home is for more general support. The 155 children enrolled could be increased by at least twenty if the funds were available. They need to employ another house mother to assist with the Junior and Senior girls. Two matrons are caring for sixty-eight girls. This is entirely too many children for two workers, and nothing can be done about this overcrowding in dormitories unless we help them.

Your Committee wishes to recommend to the churches of this Association that they give prayerful consideration to the needs of

our children, and lend the necessary aid that they may be helped in making useful men and women.

Respectfully submitted,

BEULAH CHURCH.

REPORT FOR STATE MISSIONS 1939

Our State Mission Board was organized for the purpose of combining the strength and energies of our people, and to help us carry out in a larger and more worthy manner the command of our Lord to give the gospel to the whole world. At the same time He instructed us to baptize believers and train them for service. Therefore, our State Mission work must always include both Evangelism and Training in its program.

Through our State Organization we are helping to win the lost to Christ by sending the gospel to destitute sections, and by helping to organize and grow more and greater churches, Sunday Schools and B. T. U.'s developing and training leaders from our groups of Spirit-filled young people we cultivate stewardship and the mission spirit through our W. M. U. and Brotherhood Departments, and through our student workers seek to enlist in Christian service that large group of Baptist both boys and girls found in our State Colleges and institutions.

We maintain a strong Evangelistic work in the State with two Evangelists giving full time to this sacred task, and others giving part time as their services may be in demand. We have supported this year 67 Missionary pastors who have preached to 83 churches and mission stations including our Indian work. We are also aiding 44 churches through our Building and Loan Fund.

Through State Mission funds we are also assisting a large group of aged preachers, or their widows. We also make possible the publication of the Florida Baptist Witness, and the distribution of countless tracts to stem the tide of error and false doctrines flooding our land.

During 1938 we made some advances in our gifts to missions. The Treasurer's report made to the last State Convention showed that Florida Baptists gave to all missionary and benevolent causes for 1938 the splendid sum of \$208,342.04. Of this amount the co-operative Program received \$116,384.86, which amount was distributed in accordance with the instructions of the convention. All special gifts, which reached a grand total of \$91,993.18 were sent to the departments designated by the donors, without deducting one cent for expense of handling same.

Our Co-operative Program goal for this year has been set at \$135,000.00. Every church is urged to accept its part of the goal and send in all mission funds promptly and regularly to the office in Jacksonville. Florida Baptists should raise every dollar of the amount named in the goal before December 31st.

Our State Mission budget for the year is \$86,810.00. This is \$12,000.00 more than the budget of the previous year, and our state office assures us that every dollar put in the budget will be needed to carry the work through as planned for the year.

The Board depends on three sources for its income. First, the 34% allocated from co-operative Program receipts; second, special gifts during October from the W. M. U. week of prayer, and the

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Sunday Schools. Third, a donation of \$6,500.00 from Sunday School Board to assist in maintaining the Sunday School, E. T. U. and Student work Departments.

Respectfully submitted,

NEW RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH,
MRS. ROY TOMLINSON, Committee.

HOME MISSION REPORT FOR 1939

"Ninety-four years of fruitful service" should be the slogan of our Home Missions, for the achievements have been glorious. During this period, over 41,000 years of missionary service has been engaged, with the result that 865,000 people have been baptized, and 8,000 churches have been organized.

This year, however, marks a high point in their ninety-four years of service. For through their 371 missionaries the Lord was pleased to allow 29,226 Bibles, testaments, and portions of Scripture to be distributed, 29,454 sermons to be preached; and 5,250 to make profession of faith in Christ. It has also been a very successful year financially. The Board, according to the treasurer's report, received from all sources \$513,841.80, of which, not only all the current bills were met, but also \$163,650.89 was paid on the principal of the debt.

These figures do not mean much when thought of in a cold calculating way, but when we actually see what they stand for in accomplishments and in actual progress, we can but stand back and say, "God hath done exceeding abundantly above all that we have asked or thought concerning our Home Missions."

Respectfully submitted,

LAWTEY BAPTIST CHURCH.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

The world is filled with strife and cruelty, and the nations are lustily arming for the slaughter of Armageddon. The one and only hope of suffering and teeming humanity is in the Gospel of Christ. Vast multitudes still wait in pagan and heathen darkness for the light of the Gospel. Haste is imperative. Doors once open to the Gospel are now closed and doors now open are fast closing.

The Foreign Mission Board now has 419 missionaries and 1682 native workers in the thirteen foreign countries in which it is operating. On these mission fields are 1774 churches, of which 1053 are self-sustaining, and 3946 outstations. These churches have a total membership of 214,975. During the past year 16,267 united with these churches by baptism.

Six years ago the total receipts of the Board were \$850,573.71; for 1937 we reported total receipts of \$1,119,763.67. Last year we received for all purposes \$1,130,683.93. We now owe \$275,000. We have paid \$830,500 on the principal of the debt in six years. The budget for the calendar year of 1939 is \$801,363.69.

Six years ago the Lottie Moon Offering was \$129,000. The 1938 offering was \$315,000, an increase of \$186,000 in six years. The salaries of 125 missionaries are cared for out of this magnificent offering and the remainder goes for the support of the missionary training schools in many lands, for the building and repair of missionary homes, chapels, schools, etc.

The Board has received \$30,298 from bequests during the year. Annuities netted our Board \$16,769. During these uncertain times when money investments are proving unprofitable, we recommend that our Baptist friends investigate our annuity plan.

Our property losses in Japan's undeclared war in China have reached the appalling figure of at least \$600,000, and the end is not yet. We can do nothing now for the repair and rehabilitation of our property in China until the war is ended and conditions are settled in the Orient. If and when that time comes the Board will have to make a new study and survey of the work in both China and Japan.

Many questions are asked with reference to the offset of the war on our Christian work in China. In writing the report for Central China, Dr. H. H. McMillan says:

"This report could be filled with heart-rending stories of suffering among the millions of people during and after the storm. If I were to dwell upon this side of the picture, however, I would not be true to the heroic example of the Chinese who are having little to say about the past losses and suffering, while applying themselves with fortitude and courage to the work at hand. There is a noticeable absence of bitterness and complaint. From the lips of Christians flows a constant stream of praise to God for his goodness and protecting care. Material losses sink into insignificance in the presence of such divine providence. With all the waste and ruin of war, there is one thing that cannot be destroyed, and that is the church of the Living God. The storm that would have destroyed the churches only caused their roots to sink deeper into the soil and scattered the gospel seed far and wide. The teaching of Jesus had been fulfilled. 'Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.' Moreover, first century Christianity is repeating itself. 'They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.' The missionaries, like the Chinese Christians, are challenged to greater endeavor for our Lord. Miss Sophie Lanneau expresses the feeling of all the missionaries when she says, 'This is the time to say and to do whatever one's hand finds to do unto the Lord. This is the time for our good people at home to be encouraged and not discouraged. The life that can say 'Thank God for his mercies' after such past months is a life showing the reality of religion. Christ is not going to lose. He will continue to be glorified.'"

Dr. McMillan closes his report by saying:

"As we look out over the future, we know full well that grave problems and trying perplexities are facing us. Difficulties will be multiplied. However, we know that God has come to China to stay and that his kingdom will grow and triumph. In the light of what God has done, all the missionaries and Chinese co-workers renew our pledge of loyalty and allegiance to Him."

The Foreign Mission Board has been gratified by the fine response given THE COMMISSION, launched last year as a successor to "Home and Foreign Fields." Over 15,000 subscribers had paid up before June 1st, and it is expected that 25,000 will subscribe before January 1, 1940. Now published monthly, the price is still fifty cents per year and may be bought in clubs of twenty-four for only \$1.00 per month.

The Executive Secretary and Mrs. Maddry, together with Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Andrews and Mrs. J. B. Boatwright, visited our mission in Nigeria, Africa, last summer, the first time one of our Foreign

Mission Secretaries ever visited this mission. The Gospel is winning its way in Nigeria in a marvelous way.

REPORT BY STARKE CHURCH.

BROTHERHOOD REPORT

The New River Association has no organized Brotherhood at present. We have a good many Laymen doing some fine work in our Association, and we are praying for the time when they may get a vision of the need of an organized work for the Harvest is white and our Laymen are neglecting this fine opportunity. We would like to see each church in the New River Association have an organized Brotherhood.

By the GRAHAM BAPTIST CHURCH.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Oct. 14, 1938—Amount brought forward	\$ 48.85
Oct. 14, 1938—From Association at Beulah	41.65
Oct. 30, 1938—From Union at New River	29.00
Jan. 29, 1939—From Union at North Pleasant Grove	31.05
April 30, 1939—From Union at Antioch	35.58
July 30, 1939—From Union at Lawtey	26.50

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$212.63

Disbursements

Oct. 14, 1939—To Children's Home at Arcadia	\$ 25.00
Oct. 30, 1938—Moderator of Union at New River	5.00
Oct. 30, 1938—Clerk of Union at New River	1.00
Oct. 31, 1938—Aged Ministerial Relief	11.50
Nov. 12, 1938—Postage85
Nov. 15, 1938—Programs of North Pleasant Grove	1.00
Dec. 8, 1938—Minutes of Association	36.20
Dec. 8, 1938—Clerk's Salary	25.00
Dec. 12, 1938—Postage78
Jan. 31, 1939—Clerk of Union at N. Pleasant Grove	1.00
Jan. 31, 1939—Aged Ministerial Relief	11.00
Feb. 11, 1939—Programs at Antioch	1.00
Feb. 11, 1939—Postage57
May 1, 1939—Aged Ministerial Relief	15.58
May 20, 1939—Postage60
July 30, 1939—Moderator of Union at Lawtey	2.00
July 30, 1939—Clerk of Union at Lawtey	2.00
July 31, 1939—Aged Ministerial Relief	8.50
Aug. 19, 1939—Postage	1.05
Sept. 9, 1939—Postage90

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$149.53
 Oct. 11, 1939—Balance on Hand 63.10

The following amounts were presented by the churches for Minutes and Associational purposes: Antioche, \$2.50; Beulah, \$3.25; Brooker, \$1.00; Corinth, \$3.00; Dedan, \$2.00; Evergreen, \$2.00; Gadara, \$4.00; Graham, \$1.00; Heilbron, \$3.00; Hope, \$1.00; Kingsley Lake, \$3.00; Lawtey, \$2.00; New River, \$2.00; North Pleasant Grove, \$2.00; Pine Grove, \$2.00; Raiford, \$1.50; Starke, \$3.00; Water Oak, \$2.00. Total amount from the churches, \$40.25.

T. B. PINHOLSTER,
 Treasurer of the Association.

IN MEMORIAM

This page is dedicated to the memory of the following loved ones who have answered the final call during our Associational Year:

Mr. A. B. Prevatt	Mr. J. W. Conerly
Mrs. R. B. Simmons	Mr. Lyman Hall
Mr. H. O. Varnes	Mr. Calvin Prevatt
Mrs. S. T. Thomas	Miss Edna Fuch
Mrs. Mabel Harden	Deacon P. D. Welch
Mr. Leaston Tyler	Mr. A. M. Darby
Miss Beulah Edwards	Mr. W. I. Turner
Deacon J. E. Norman	Mrs. M. E. Turner
Mrs. Mandy Minton	Mrs. S. F. Hamrick
Mr. Drew Barber	

STATISTICS OF NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 15, 1939.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES			Baptisms, Mem- bers, Etc.		S. S.	B. Y. P. U.	W. M. U.	Church Finances		Missions, Etc		CHURCH PROPERTY											
CHURCHES	When Constituted	Special Days of Meetings	Baptisms	Total Membership	Revival Meetings Held	Observance of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Paper	Number of Schools	Total Enrolled	Number of B. Y. P. U.'s	Total No. Enrolled	Total Women's and Children's Organizations	Total Women's Contributions For All Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Total Local Church Expenses Including Pastor's Salary and All Other Expenses	To Cooperative Program	Total for all Missions including Cooperative Program and Specials	No. of Tithers	Value of Church Houses and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Homes	Total Value of all Church Property		
Antioch	1878	1-4	12	228	1	5	12	1	56	2	35			184.00	299.20	9.11	22.46	4	2,500.00		2,500.00		
Baylor	1880	1-8	18	82	1				32					200.00	352.38		12.66	2	900.00		900.00		
Beecher	1880	Full	2	60	1				57					360.00	593.48	36.42	54.02	3	2,500.00		2,500.00		
Carroll	1880	4	4	64	1									192.00	289.19		7.85	6	2,500.00		2,500.00		
Chas.	1880	1		46	1									34.73	58.70		5.00		500.00		500.00		
Coopers	1884	1	10	108	3	4								128.00	126.15				250.00		250.00		
Dobson	1874	1-4	11	66	1				38					120.00	216.00		7.00	7	500.00		500.00		
Edwards	1918	1	9	44	1				56					41.89	107.82				500.00		500.00		
Hollister	1888	1-2		59	1		1		37					265.04	297.44		5.70	1	849.70		849.70		
Hops	1878	1	8	99	1				69					16.00	28.41				500.00		500.00		
Livingston Lake	1884	1	1	66	1									94.99	114.79	2.25	36.46	8	2,000.00		2,000.00		
Lantry	1884	Full	2	197	1			1	62	3	29	1	71.20	629.57	1,059.39		66.63		2,000.00	2,000	4,000.00		
New River	1883	1		38	1									62.70	90.19				1,500.00		1,500.00		
S. Pleasant Grove	1881	1-3	5	74	1		2		22					180.00	233.00				1,800.00		1,800.00		
Pine Grove	1906	Full	14	181	1		3	13	122	4	75	5	157.68	1,080.46	1,671.45	60.00	126.13	20	3,000.00		3,000.00		
Rafford	1881	Full	15	185	1		4	12	137	3	51	1	72.98	600.00	1,033.95	43.00	117.49	15	2,500.00		2,500.00		
Starke	1877	Full	13	297	1		4	12	122	3	66	5	575.11	1,380.00	2,186.83	505.00	714.61		4,000.00	2,200	7,200.00		
Water Oak	1914	1-3	3	46	1									112.35	148.65				1,000.00		1,000.00		
TOTALS			139	1867	19	43	61	12	915	20	256	12	856	97	6,591.82	9,650.87	655.87	1,177.75	66	30,899	79	6,300	37,199.79