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NEW RIVER BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION.

Florida



SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
HELD WITH
ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 19TH

1943

Next Session Will Be Held With Raiford Baptist Church,
October 18, 1944

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OFFICERS OF THE NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION

Rev. A. B. Lightfoot, Moderator ----- Starke, Fla.
 Rev. C. A. Crosby, Associate Moderator ----- Brooker, Fla.
 J. T. Harris, Moderator of Fifth Sunday Meeting, --- Gainesville, Fla.
 F. D. Pincheter, Clerk and Treasurer ----- Brooker, Fla.
 W. K. Jenkins, Assn. S. S. Supt. ----- Raiford, Fla.
 H. C. Waterwright, Brotherhood Leader -----
 Mrs. W. C. Carr, W. M. S. Supt. ----- Gainesville, Fla.
 Earl Willis, B. T. U. Director ----- Alachua, Fla.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

"Foreign Missions" ----- Antioch Church
 "State Missions" ----- Raiford Church
 "Home Missions" ----- Pine Grove Church
 "Christian Education" ----- Brooker Church
 "Temperance" ----- Lawley Church
 "Baptist Children's Home" ----- Starke Church

ASSOCIATIONAL MESSENGERS

ANTIOCH—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cason, J. T. Harris, Mrs. R. T. Mc-David, J. M. Kite, R. B. Simmons.

BEULAH—N. C. Wainwright, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Starling.

BROOKER—Mrs. G. B. Colson, Mrs. O. C. Kelly, Mrs. C. J. Crews, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Parker.

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

DEMDAN—Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Padgett, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crosby.

EVERGREEN—H. M. Tillman, and Mrs. D. R. Redding, Mrs. Beilyce Sullivan.

GADARA—Mrs. R. C. Baldree, Mrs. E. Glisson, Mrs. Faith Turner.

GRAHAM—Mrs. Frank Thomas, Mrs. Alice Starling.

HEILBRONN—J. S. Norman, L. C. Carter.

HOPE—By Letter.

KINGHLEY LAKE—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rosier, Mrs. Lacy Silcox.

LAWTEY—By Letter.

NEW RIVER—R. R. Andrews, Mrs. Rosa Pinholster.

NORTH PLEASANT GROVE—Rev. and Mrs. P. Q. Cason, Mrs. Lucille Stedham, Mrs. Holder.

PINE GROVE—Mrs. C. F. Hooker, Mrs. C. H. Neal, Mrs. L. E. Wilson, Mrs. F. J. Thomas, Mrs. H. D. Dowling, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Davis, Mrs. F. J. Strickland, Joe Ben Hooker.

RAIFORD—Rev. and Mrs. Ray Walden, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Jenkins, Mrs. J. M. Conner, Mrs. E. W. Tompkins, Mrs. E. J. Yarbrough.

STARKE—Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Lightfoot, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Sparks, Mrs. H. L. Hough, Mrs. R. A. Thomas, Mrs. T. B. Harding.

WATER OAK—Russell Norman, William Sapp, Mrs. Sibyl Sapp.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

C. A. Crosby	Brooker, Fla.
W. D. Cowart	Address not known
J. L. Noyis	LaCrosse, Fla.
V. V. Sheridan	Green Cove Springs, Fla.
O. C. Harris	Green Cove Springs, Fla.
J. H. Newton	Macclenny, Fla.
W. M. Lawhon	Brooker, Fla.
H. L. Chapin	Bellevue, Fla.
H. M. Tillman	Lawley, Fla.
J. D. Overstreet	Lawley, Fla.
J. H. Lingerfelt	Middleburg, Fla.
Harold Haxley	Doctors Inlet, Fla.
J. C. Hemmingway	Starke, Fla.
H. V. Hogarth	Palaika, Fla.
B. J. Prevatt	Jacksonville, Fla.
Truby Parrish	Santa Fe, Fla.
F. Q. Cason	Alachua, Fla.
Joseph Bell	Brainerd, Fla.
J. F. Hooker	Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.
Ray V. Walden	Raiford, Fla.
A. H. Lightfoot	Starke, Fla.
B. J. Gomen	Starke, Fla.

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 churches who are members of constituted churches and of such persons 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 admitted 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, particularity of the additions and diminutions of the past year, and other statistics of interest, together with full statistics of the Sunday school under their charges. The letter 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 for 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 whatsoever, but from 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 of 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 considera-

tion 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 case 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 CONVENEED WITH ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, OCTOBER 19, 1943

10:00 A. M.—After a short song and Devotional Service the Moderator called the session to order for the transaction of business.

10:15 A. M.—After the organization of the session, it was moved and carried that the Association proper be composed of the messengers now enrolled and also those that should be enrolled during the session.

Upon motion the program was adopted and the following committees were named: "Nomination"—N. C. Wainwright, C. A. Crosby, E. Sparks; "Recommendations"—Roy Walden, J. T. Harris, W. C. Carr, Mrs. R. A. Thomas; "Resolutions"—Mrs. Alma Hough, Mrs. Fred May, Mrs. Paul Raymond; "Finance"—Truby Parrish, C. F. Cooker, L. L. Parker; "Executive"—L. G. Hemmingway, L. G. Howell, Earl Willis, H. M. Tillman, J. L. Silcox, J. T. Harris. The entertaining church had already appointed a committee for the enrolling of messengers. Rev. J. L. Norris, Mrs. A. B. Cox and Mrs. H. Neal were named on a committee to report on "Our Honored Dead."

10:30 A. M.—The following officers were elected: Moderator—Rev. A. E. Lightfoot; Associate Moderator—Rev. C. A. Crosby; Clerk and Treasurer—T. B. Pinholster.

Dr. C. H. Balton, Brother T. M. Johns, Dr. E. D. Solomon, and Rev. Dewey Mann were welcomed as state workers.

Rev. G. E. Cutshaw, Rev. L. E. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duane, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ivery and others were welcomed as visitors from sister associations. Mr. R. S. Kirby, Mrs. Vera Kirby, and Miss Pearl Kirby were visitors from South Carolina.

10:50 A. M.—At this time Brother T. M. Johns made a short talk relative to the Baptist Children's Home. After the address by Brother Johns, a free will offering of \$42.25 was presented to the Baptist Children's Home. Upon motion the clerk was asked to have a short report of the work at the Children's Home, printed in the minutes.

11:30 A. M.—Brethren Bolton and Solomon made short talks relative to the Baptist Witness. Each speaker urged a more loyal support of our state paper and appealed for a larger subscription patronage.

11:40 A. M.—The next few minutes of our time were given to our mission work. The report on State Missions was not read but the reports on Home and Foreign Missions were read and adopted.

12:00 M.—After a song by the congregation, Dr. C. H. Bolton, our Executive Secretary, was present and preached the annual missionary sermon. Dr. Bolton read a portion of the 9th Chapter of Luke, 57-62, and preached an inspiring sermon relative to our kingdom work.

Closing prayer by Rev. P. Q. Cason.

12:45 P. M.—Refreshments served on the church grounds.

2:00 P. M.—Rev. J. L. Norris led in Devotions after which the M. S. report was read by Mrs. Hough and adopted. Mrs. R. A.

Thomas made a short address relative to the W. M. S. work.

8:00 P. M.—Rev. Dewey Mann, one of our state workers was present and spoke concerning our organized work. He made an appeal for the rural church and the rural pastor.

8:30 P. M.—The report on Temperance by Beulah Church was read by Brother Wainwright and adopted.

The report on Christian Education by Kingsley Lake Church was read and adopted. Rev. H. M. Tillman spoke of the report on Christian Education.

8:40 P. M.—At this time Dr. E. D. Solomon read a few words from God's Word and spoke concerning "Preaching, Teaching and Healing."

4:10 P. M.—Rev. J. L. Norris read the report on "Our Honored Dead." Rev. A. E. Lightfoot, the Moderator, read from Revelations, 7th Chapter, after which Rev. J. L. Norris led in prayer of dedication. The report was adopted. On a special page in our minutes will be found a list of those named in the report.

4:25 P. M.—The report on "Resolutions" was read and adopted. A short report was made by the Executive Committee relative to certain irregularities of church polity practiced by one of our churches. Several motions were made but none were adopted. After discussion the report was received as presented by the committee but no definite action was taken.

4:40 P. M.—The following report was made by the nominating committee: Next meeting place—Raiford Church, Executive Committee, L. G. Hemmingway, L. G. Powell, Earl Willis, H. M. Tillman, J. T. Harris, Burton Rosier, together with the Moderator, the Associate Moderator and the Clerk-Treasurer; Associational S. S. Superintendent—W. K. Jenkins; B. T. U. Director—Earl Willis; Associational Brotherhood Leader—N. C. Wainwright; W. M. U. Director—

Rev. Ray Y. Walden, Chairman of the Recommendation Committee read a request from Brother W. C. Carr asking that the New River Association cooperate with an adjoining sister association in securing an Associational Missionary to do missionary work in the two cooperating associations. The request was referred to the Executive Committee for further consideration.

5:30 P. M.—Recessed for refreshments served by the church.

8:00 P. M.—After a song and devotional service led by Brother J. T. Harris a digest of the church letters was read by Rev. A. E. Lightfoot.

The S. S. report was read and adopted.

During our Associational Meeting, which met with Starke Baptist Church in October 1942, it was thought best to discontinue our regular Fifth Sunday Meetings and adopt a quarterly one-day session for our Church Sunday School, B. T. U., and W. M. U. Work. At the meeting in Starke, "it was moved and carried that we meet for our quarterly sessions, Friday following the First Sunday in each quarter." Later at North Pleasant Grove Baptist Church during one of our quarterly sessions, July 9, 1943, it was moved and carried by an unanimous vote that we go back to our former two-day session and meet on the Fifth Saturday and Sunday following. Then at our meeting at Antioch (present session) the question was again presented for discussion and deliberation. Rev. Ray Walden moved that the Fifth Sunday Meeting be declared a meeting of the Association and a second vice-moderator be elected for the Association. The motion was adopted and Brother J. T. Harris was elected vice-moderator.

8:20 P. M.—Sermon by Rev. Ray Y. Walden, Brother Walden

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Past John 5th Chapter, 36-47, and preached the closing sermon of the session.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

After extending a vote of thanks to the entertaining church, the Association adjourned to meet with Raiford Baptist Church, October 10, 1944.

A. E. Lightfoot, Moderator.
T. B. Pinholster, Clerk and Treasurer.

REPORTS

HOME MISSION REPORT

Occasion for universal rejoicing among Southern Baptists is the fact that for the first time since 1920 the Home Mission Board is out of debt, the final note of the Board's indebtedness being paid on May 12, 1943. When the final \$55,000 note was paid on that date it terminated a struggle against debt for fifteen years during which time the Home Mission Board paid a total of \$2,425,531.91 on debts. Since 1933 the Hundred Thousand Club has furnished \$636,900.21 which was over one-fourth of the total amount of debts paid by the Home Mission Board, the other three-fourths being paid by the Board from Co-operative Program and general denominational receipts.

Over 400 Workers

The Board's report shows a total of 435 workers on all fields. During the year thirteen new missionaries were added, forty-three mission stations opened and six churches constituted.

The missionaries distributed 14,445 Bibles and Testaments and 372,093 tracts. They preached 37,657 sermons, and led 15,928 to profess faith in Christ.

During the year the Board enlarged its work on all fields and also added new departments. Notable among these was the city evangelism department of which Dr. Solomon F. Dowis is superintendent.

The Board is also planning to create a department for the revitalization of the country church. A program is being worked out which will, when carried into effect throughout the land, re-establish the country church as a potent factor in denominational life.

Total offerings for the year amounted to \$767,371.41. This total included \$33,785.71 from the Co-operative Program, \$224,910.38 from the Annie Armstrong offering, \$112,312.34 from the Hundred Thousand Club, and \$53,068.83 from general designations. The Botswana Trust Fund yielded an income of \$33,663.05.

By Antioch Church.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICE

Members of this Association are earnestly requested to reread the excellent report of last year on this subject as a basis for the report of this year. There you will find figures showing the alarming increase in:

1. Arrests for drunkenness and drunken driving;
2. Traffic deaths due to the drinking of either driver or pedestrian;
3. Arrests of women for drunkenness;
4. Hospital admissions for the insane due to Alcohol;
5. Drink bill of U. S. and government expenditures on recovery and relief.

You will also find a resolution urging our officials to protect our defenders from Alcoholic beverages and pledging cooperation in such effort. Has every Church done its best and each Church member done his best in this urging and cooperation?

Drinking and debauchery has increased alarmingly during the past year. Venereal disease is crippling thousands of those who would be brave defenders had they not been caught when their mentality was undermined by beer. Booze causes the loss of more labor hours than all labor strikes combined. The Japs and the Germans, the Russians too, know better than to indulge their soldiers with alcoholic beverages, but our government uses our tax money to buy beer for the seduction of our sons and daughters, and the building of fortunes for liquor dealers.

Science has made great strides in medicine and surgery, in improvement of airplanes and in knowledge of alcohol, so that we now know that alcohol in any beverage, even minute quantities is detrimental to health, of no medical value, habit forming, injurious to character and mentality. "The liquor industry would kill the Church if it could; The Church could kill the liquor traffic if it would."

Suppose each man and woman here should go to every teacher who teaches his or her children, to every teacher who teaches any children and express an earnest desire that all the children of this state be carefully taught the effects of alcohol on the human body and mind; what a help that would be to the teachers!

Resolutions in Church Reports are fine but to be effective they must be carried to officers of County, State, and Nation; they must be backed by the citizens in the Churches. The wets will not do it; the drys must! Who is on the Lord's side? Who will speak out on every occasion? Beverage alcohol must go, and go soon, or our civilization is gone.

Signed, Beulah Church.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Ten years ago the Foreign Mission Board owed the immense sum of \$1,621,643. On March 12th of this year these debts were paid in full. The Foreign Mission Board is without debt. Competent leadership, wise management, and rigid economy have broken the shackles of that debt. While paying it off, the work has gone on.

and we have had in the fields 481 active missionaries, and 78 missionaries emeritus.

In war stricken countries we have ministered also to the World Emergency Relief program through which we have given \$887,802., this program including \$200,000 for British Baptist Foreign Missions, \$200,000 to Chinese Relief, \$15,000 for Bibles for Russian prisoners and \$45,000 to European Relief. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering from the WMU amounted to \$558,672.

Forty of our missionaries to the Orient returned home in August 1942, but 38 remained interned in China, four in Macao, and ten in Japanese held Manila. Those who have returned are all busy at home sharing their experiences and talents or preparing for larger service when the war has closed.

Europe and the Near East have closed their doors to missions. Christians in Yugoslavia, Italy, Rumania, Hungary and the Near East are remaining "steadfast, immovable" and "always abounding in the work of the Lord." In Spain as a whole, Baptists are not yet permitted to hold services in churches, but must remain in homes. In Italy Baptist pastors have been sharing between them the small meager salaries received.

In Africa Christianity is finding open doors. Mission work is moving steadily forward. Our service men have found opportunity to preach Christ. Teacher training colleges, Nurses' Training Schools in Ogbomoso are busy training teachers, preachers, and nurses. Three recently appointed couples are now waiting to go to invest their lives in the needy field of Africa.

Japan is closed to Baptists, but Oriental Christians continue to carry on in personal and private ways. "The Word of God is not bound". Through relief centers we dispense the Bread of Life as well as material food. In the areas of China not occupied by the Japanese hospitals and schools function, churches are crowded with eager people, and evangelism knows no bounds. The Chinese Christians are really giving themselves to the task.

In Latin America we have fortunately developed some native leadership, so that they carry on even though diplomatic barriers are hard to get around. The high cost of living, difficulty of travel, and the powerful Catholic hierarchy are great problems. In April several new missionaries were appointed to this field.

The Island of Hawaii is strategically located, a stepping stone between America and Asia. Here experienced missionaries are teaching the language to new missionaries, poised on tip toe waiting the hour when the doors of the Far East open to us again. We are getting ready to do our large share in making the post war world Christian. This will call for wise preparation and far visioned leadership. The leadership that has led us to be debt-free will be equal to the task of world wide post war missions if we continue to support the program with adequate gifts and unceasing prayer.

The field is the world. Missionaries are the workers. Southern Baptists must be the home base of supplies. We are united by a Great Commission. If we are Christians we have and we desire no other alternative. "Go ye" "into all the world" "preach the Gospel".

Starke Church.

**REPORT OF WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION,
NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1943**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Number of W. M. U. Organizations in Association	7
Number of Auxiliaries	8
Number of Churches with no W. M. S.	11
Number of Societies doing directed Community Missions	7
Number of W. M. U. Members	152
Number of Auxiliary Members	93
Number of Sunbeam Babies enrolled	12
Number of Covenant Signing Tithers W. M. S.	47
Number of Covenant Signing Tithers Auxiliary	17
Memberships in Hundred Thousand Club W. M. S.	32
Memberships in Hundred Thousand Club Auxiliary	7
Mission Study Courses W. M. S.	12
Mission Study Courses Auxiliary	3
Mission Study Courses Awards W. M. S.	96
Mission Study Courses Awards Auxiliary	23
Persons engaged in Directed Community Missions W. M. S.	107
Persons engaged in Directed Community Missions Auxiliary	53
Subscriptions to Royal Service	74
Subscriptions to The Commission	8
Subscriptions to Home Mission Magazine	11
Subscriptions to The Witness	98

CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Arcadia Children's Home	1,627	Coupons	
Cooperative Program	\$	90.83	Cash & Boxes
Hundred Thousand Club	703.78		Approx.
Weeks of Prayer for:		146.30	
Home Missions	\$	58.53	
State Missions	84.55		
Foreign Missions	84.14		
Locally to Churches (except Starke)	\$	50.50	
Local Charity	8.40		
W. M. U. Training School	24.29		
Margaret Fund	14.35		
White Cross Fund	45.32		
Other Objects (including Mendoza Memorial Fund)	308.47		

One new society was organized this year at Corinth Church of which Mrs. Tate Crosby, R. F. D. Starke, Florida, is President. The following are the newly elected officers for the Association for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. W. C. Carr; Vice-Pres. Mrs. Fred May; Sec. & Treas., Mrs. H. L. Hough; Young People's Leader, Mrs. H. D. Dowling; Stewardship Chm., Mrs. L. E. Wilson; Mission Study Chm., Mrs. Esther Neal; Training School Chm., Mrs. J. J. Strickland; Publicity Chm., Miss Marie Cauthen; Margaret Fund Chm., Mrs. J. W. Thomas; Community Missions Chm., Mrs. B. Wyrick; White Cross Chm., Mrs. H. B. Stidham; Children's Home Chm., Mrs. W. T. Crosby.

Signed,

Mrs. H. L. HOUGH, Sec'y.

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT ON FINANCING

The Mission effort in our Churches depends in a large measure upon the amount of financial support we give the Kingdom causes. Much is said in the Old and New Testaments about supporting the Work with our substance. A direct obligation is placed on us as well as an opportunity, to relieve suffering and want among the poor. Hearing the Word brings comfort and peace to our souls, but this is not enough, for we must follow the impulses which the Word brings and supply the physical needs of those in distress. This is the best way of furnishing a substantial support to the Gospel; for we are reminded by James that we are to "be doers of the Word and not hearers only."

Supporting our Children's Home is an important part of our Denominational work. The opportunity for helping our children and bringing hope and vision to them anew, reaches into every Baptist home and church in this state. Many of our Sunday Schools give their whole-hearted support to this cause. This is evidenced by the fact that twenty-five per cent of our Sunday Schools are giving each month, and provide forty-one per cent of the operating income. Other Schools give on occasions for special causes, which is helpful. These Schools, however, are losing the splendid opportunity of helping children, and the blessings that come to those who are mindful of the needy.

The second largest part of the income at the Home is from the Co-Operative Program. Nine per cent of program receipts is allotted to the Home. These funds amount to twenty-five per cent of the total income. This is a sizable amount, and still it shows us that it is impossible for Florida Baptists to care for their children through this means alone; and, clearly shows the necessity for making special offerings for the care of the children.

The third largest income is from the Churches. Eighteen per cent of the total receipts comes from those churches who make offerings on special days or for a definite purpose; and, from the Churches that have adopted the Unified Budget plan of financing their work. The gifts from this source are usually liberal, as only eight per cent of our churches make offerings requesting that the Church and not the Sunday School be credited with the gift.

Individuals have always had a keen interest in our work; and, from this source comes thirteen per cent of the total gifts to the Home. Some have set up Trusts, others make regular offerings to the support of the children. Some of the finest gifts we have received for our Work have come from persons who were not Baptists.

The W. M. U.'s contribute three per cent of our total income, through the sponsorship of children. They purchase the clothing for a particular child and are given credit for their purchases. Sponsoring does not make a difference among our children. Every child is treated alike, and each child has the same quality of clothing and similar amounts.

The W. M. U. organizations also give coupons which are redeemed for cash. The income from this source is used in

repairing the kitchen equipment, and buying such things as we need to replace. Our Christian women never lose an opportunity to keep the needs of our Home before our people. We are grateful for their help and support.

The finances of the Home are in fine condition, but this does not relieve any one of his duty and obligation to support the Cause of the Master. If thirty-three per cent of our Churches and Sunday Schools give fifty-nine per cent of the operating funds, we could almost double the amount of work we are doing by doubling the number of Sunday Schools who give regularly to the Work. This is a goal worthy of our best efforts. If we are to reap the full benefit of God's promises to us, we must help those who are in need. Jesus in His teachings on the last Judgment told of a number of things that the redeemed had done for the people about them; and, then He added: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Christian helpfulness, my Brethren, is imbedded in the heart of Christianity, and, if we are to be like Him, we must render service to His children.

Respectfully submitted,

CLERK.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

October 14, 1942—Amount brought forward	\$ 63.91
October 15, 1942—From the Association at Starke Church	42.50
January 8, 1943—From Union at Dedan	20.61
April 9, 1943—From Union at Graham	19.14
July 9, 1943—From Union at N. Pleasant Grove	14.00
August 29, 1943—From Union at Corinth	46.07

Total Receipts ----- \$ 206.23

DISBURSEMENTS

November 18, 1942—For Postage	.63
November 26, 1942—For Programs at Dedan	2.50
November 26, 1942—For Postage	.60
December 1, 1942—For Associational Minutes	50.77
December 9, 1942—Clerk's Salary	25.00
January 14, 1943—For Aged Ministerial Relief	8.11
March 5, 1943—For Programs at Graham	2.50
March 5, 1943—For Postage	.54
April 9, 1943—To L. G. Hemingway (Home burned)	8.64
June 5, 1943—For Programs at N. Pleasant Grove	2.50
August 6, 1943—For Postage	.57
August 9, 1943—For Programs at Corinth	2.50
September 1, 1943—For Aged Ministerial Relief	20.07
September 8, 1943—For Postage	.30
September 15, 1943—For Programs for the Association	2.50
September 16, 1943—For Postage	.50
October 7, 1943—For Postage	.48
October 7, 1943—For Programs at Kingsley Lake	2.50

Total Disbursements ----- \$ 131.21

October 18, 1943—Amount on hand ----- \$ 75.02

October 19, 1943—Received from Association at Antloch ----- \$ 47.00

Signed,

T. B. FINCHOLSTER, Clerk and Treasurer



HONORED DEAD

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

Mrs. Pauline Chesser Harrell	Mr. Fletcher Dampier
Rev. L. R. Thomas	Mr. Noah Tyler
Mrs. Worthy Lewis	Mrs. Leassie Duukley
Mrs. Amanda Silcox	Mrs. Annie B. Alvarez
Mrs. Clarissa Crosby	Mrs. Ruth Crosby
Mr. D. W. Moore	Deacon S. R. Swindle
Mrs. D. Y. Silcox	Mr. Robert Campbell
Mr. M. B. Plummer	Miss Beulah Lee King
Mr. G. I. Johnson	

We find that there are five churches in the Association without Sunday Schools, leaving at this time only 13 active Sunday schools, one of which has just recently been reorganized, therefore no attendance is shown for this Sunday school in the table.

We are very sorry to report that not all that we would have asked in an Associational way has been accomplished since we had to suspend monthly meetings because of the gasoline and the rationing. It is hoped that every Sunday School Superintendent will co-operate with the Sunday School Association Secretary in making up and mailing reports promptly at the close of each month so that she will be able to mail all reports to the State Board in Jacksonville, on time each month.

W. K. Jenkins.

CHURCH	Prached Standard	V. P. S.	Officers and Treasurers	Average Attendance	Conversions	Chadle Roll	Business	Primary	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extensions	Officers	Total Enrollment
Antioch	No	Yes	1	51	4	5	5	11	16	17	16	16	8	2	96
Brooker	No	No	None	51	16	00	15	11	26	16	21	21	00	3	119
Corinth	No	No	None	30	Not Broken Up	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Graham	No	No	None	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	27
Hebron	No	Yes	None	25	2	00	14	00	14	00	13	13	00	2	56
Hope	No	No	None	38	1	00	3	8	16	6	1	20	00	1	50
Kingsley Lake	No	No	21	55	2	10	15	9	17	7	9	12	00		80
Lantry	No	No	None	25	2	1	8	9	10	12	4	20	4		74
K. Pleasant Grove	No	No	None	48	3		5	18	11	11		16	00	1	61
Four Grove	No	Yes	14	100	12	24	18	26	30	32	4	20	8	2	181
Radford	No	Yes	7	101	10	13	17	24	48	41	17	48	35	7	226
Snake	No	None					9								18
TOTALS			43	537	60	49	110	128	197	151	95	192	55	18	1,018

Enrollment

