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### CHURCH DIRECTORY

Antioch:	
Pastor	Rev. Carey Allen, P. O. 154, Waldo, Fla.
Clerk	Thomas W. Harris, Route 3, Gainesville, Fla.
Beulah:	
Pastor	Rev. J. E. Newton, Sanderson, Fla.
Clerk	Elma Thomas, Route 2, Starke, Fla.
Brooker:	
Pastor	Rev. C. A. Crosby, Brooker, Fla.
Clerk	J. K. Douglas, Brooker, Fla.
Boatdrain:	
Pastor	Rev. Curtis C. Harris, Green Cove Springs, Fla.
Clerk	Arnold Griffis, Starke, Fla.
Corinth:	
Pastor	Rev. Ernest Knowles, Folkston, Ga.
Clerk	T. N. Norman, Route 2, Starke, Fla.
Dedan:	
Pastor	Rev. C. A. Crosby, Brooker, Fla.
Clerk	E. E. Stokes, Brooker, Fla.
Evergreen:	
Pastor	
Clerk	J. P. Sullivan, Lawtey, Fla.
Gadara:	
Pastor	Rev. Gideon Prevatt, Middleburg, Fla.
Clerk	W. C. Hall, Lake Geneva, Fla.
Graham:	
Pastor	Rev. M. T. Knight, Maxville, Fla.
Clerk	J. H. Surrency, Graham, Fla.
Heilbronn:	
Pastor	Rev. L. G. Hemingway, Starke, Fla.
Clerk	J. L. Britt, Raiford, Fla.
Hope:	
Pastor	
Clerk	C. Sullivan, Route 1, Starke, Fla.
Kingsley Lake:	
Pastor	Rev. W. G. Shows, Jacksonville, Fla.
Clerk	B. E. Starling, Green Cove Springs, Fla.
Lawtey:	
Pastor	Rev. J. L. Norris, Lawtey, Fla.
Clerk	O. J. Phillips, Lawtey, Fla.
New River:	
Pastor	Rev. Truby Parrish, Santa Fe, Fla.
Clerk	R. H. Green, Jr., Brooker, Fla.
North Pleasant Grove:	
Pastor	
Clerk	Tavey Blackwelder, La Crosse, Fla.
Pine Grove:	
Pastor	Rev. C. F. Hooker, Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.
Clerk	F. J. Thomas, Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.

## Raiford:

Pastor ----- Rev. William Wilson, Raiford, Fla.  
Clerk ----- Mrs. Johnny Yarborough, Raiford, Fla.

## Starke:

Pastor ----- Rev. L. D. Haines, Starke, Fla.  
Clerk ----- S. E. Sparks, Starke, Fla.

## Wateroak:

Pastor -----  
Clerk ----- Frank Norman, Starke, Fla.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Antioch—S. S. Supt. ----- John Hargrove, Brooker, Fla.  
Brooker—S. S. Supt. ----- L. L. Parker, Brooker, Fla.  
Boatdrain—S. S. Supt. ----- Ralph Gainey, Starke, Fla.  
Corinth—S. S. Supt. ----- T. N. Norman, Starke, Fla.  
Dedan—S. S. Supt. ----- E. E. Stokes, Brooker, Fla.  
Graham—S. S. Supt. ----- Mildred Thomas, Graham, Fla.  
Heilbronn—S. S. Supt. ----- E. J. Harris, Raiford, Fla.  
Hope—S. S. Supt. ----- Orville Brookins, Hampton, Fla.  
Kingsley Lake—S. S. Supt. ----- Mary Francis Silcox, Starke, Fla.  
Lawtey—S. S. Supt. ----- J. T. Prevatt, Lawtey, Fla.  
N. Pleasant Grove—S. S. Supt. ----- A. Y. Davis, Alachua, Fla.  
Pine Grove—S. S. Supt. ----- C. C. Black, Gainesville, Fla.  
Raiford—S. S. Supt. ----- Mrs. J. M. Bradley, Raiford, Fla.  
Starke—S. S. Supt. ----- P. M. Barefoot, Starke, Fla.

### OFFICERS OF THE NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION

S. E. Sparks, Moderator ----- Starke, Fla.  
Rev. L. D. Haines, Associate Moderator ----- Starke, Fla.  
A. Russell Norman, Clerk and Treasurer ----- Starke, Fla.  
Rev. William Wilson, Association S. S. Supt. ----- Raiford, Fla.  
C. C. Black, Association B. T. U. Director ----- Gainesville, Fla.  
Mrs. H. L. Hough, President W.M.S. ----- Starke, Fla.

Executive Committee: Rev. L. D. Haines, M. O. Harrell, A. J. Thomas,  
J. T. Harris, Burton Rosier, S. E. Sparks, Russell Norman.

### ASSOCIATIONAL MESSENGERS

ANTIOCH—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cason, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kirby, Woodrow James, Carey Allen, Robert Hargrove, J. F. Parrish, Mrs. J. C. Dampier.  
BEULAH—Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Hickey, Mrs. Merle Walker.  
BROOKER—Truby Pinholster, C. A. Crosby, Mrs. G. B. Colson, L. L.

Parker, Malcolm Harrell.  
 BOATDRAIN—Harold Griffis, Russell Hornsby.  
 CORINTH—Floyd Crosby, Mrs. W. T. Crosby, Tullie N. Norman.  
 DEDAN—H. H. Mott, Bert Stokes, E. B. Crosby.  
 EVERGREEN—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hillard, J. D. Overstreet.  
 GADARA—Reported by letter.  
 GRAHAM—Alice Starling, Maude Surrency.  
 HEILBRONN—L. G. Hemingway.  
 HOPE—Represented by letter.  
 KINGSLEY LAKE—J. L. Silcox, James B. Rosier, L. B. Silcox.  
 LAWTEY—Mrs. J. P. Wyrick, Mrs. M. B. Futch, Mrs. H. B. Arwood.  
 NEW RIVER—Tom Edwards, Rosa Pinholster, R. R. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Hamilton.  
 NORTH PLEASANT GROVE—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Willis, R. F. Gallop.  
 PINE GROVE—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Thomas, Mrs. T. J. Strickland, Mrs. C. H. Neal.  
 RAIFORD—Mrs. J. M. Conner, Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson, Mrs. E. W. Thompkins, Mrs. Malcolm Tompkins, Fleming Tompkins.  
 STARKE—Rev. L. D. Haines, Mrs. Alma Hough, S. E. Sparks.  
 WATEROAK—Russell Norman, Frank Norman.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

C. A. Crosby	Brooker, Fla.
W. M. Lawhorn	Brooker, Fla.
J. L. Norris	La Crosse, Fla.
Curtis C. Harris	Green Cove Springs, Fla.
Carey Allen	Waldo, Fla.
W. D. Cowart	Palatka, Fla.
J. E. Newton	Sanderson, Fla.
Ernest Knowles	Folkston, Ga.
J. D. Overstreet	Lawtey, Fla.
Walter Ellis	St. Augustine, Fla.
M. T. Knight	Maxville, Fla.
L. G. Hemingway	Starke, Fla.
R. V. Hogarth	Palatka, Fla.
Wilbur A. Scott	Starke, Fla.
Truby Parrish	Santa Fe, Fla.
P. Q. Cason	Alachua, Fla.
C. F. Hooker	Gainesville, Fla.
William Wilson	Raiford, Fla.
L. D. Haines	Starke, Fla.
R. J. Gomes	Starke, Fla.
H. M. Tillman	Jacksonville, Fla.
Gideon Prevatt	Middleburg, Fla.
S. E. Sparks	Starke, Fla.
W. G. Shows	Jacksonville, 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 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 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 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 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 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 call 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 MET WITH BROOKER BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 18, 1945

9:30 A. M.—After a song by the congregation and prayer by Rev. Truby Parrish, Rev. C. A. Crosby, pastor of the host church, read Acts 16:25-29 and led in devotional exercises.

10:00 A. M.—Brother S. E. Sparks, moderator of the association, declared the session in order for the transaction of business.

Rev. L. G. Hemingway moved that the association proper be composed of the messengers now enrolled and also those who should be enrolled during the session. The motion was adopted.

Upon motion by Rev. J. L. Norris the program was adopted.

The moderator named the following committees: "Nominating"—Rev. C. A. Crosby, Mrs. H. L. Hough, Burton Rosier; "Recommendation"—Rev. Truby Parrish, Rev. L. G. Hemingway, F. J. Thomas; "Resolutions"—Rev. William Wilson, M. E. Tompkins, J. F. Parrish; "Honored Dead"—Rev. L. D. Haines, Frank Norman, Harold Griffis; "Centennial"—Rev. W. M. Wilson, Rev. C. A. Crosby, Rev. J. L. Norris; "Executive"—Rev. L. D. Haines, M. O. Harrell, A. J. Thomas, J. T. Harris, Burton Rosier, Moderator and Clerk. "Finance"—Russell Norman, Rev. Truby Parrish, Lucy Silcox.

Brother S. E. Sparks was reelected moderator of the association and Rev. L. D. Haines was elected associate moderator.

The election of clerk and treasurer was postponed until later in the day.

10:15 A. M.—Rev. Carey Allen was welcomed as a new pastor in the association. Brother Allen is pastor of Antioch Church.

Chaplain John E. Evans, Rev. W. C. Taylor and Rev. W. A. McMicken were welcomed from sister associations.

Pine Grove Church presented a letter asking for the next session of the association. Lawtey Church also presented an invitation. Upon motion the invitation from Pine Grove was accepted. It was also agreed that Lawtey Church be given the next session following the 1946 meeting at Pine Grove Church.

10:30 A. M.—Rev. J. L. Norris read the report on our Baptist Home. The report was adopted.

10:40 A. M.—The report on Foreign Missions was made by Rev. L. D. Haines. Rev. Haines stressed the need for a school of missions for our association. The report was adopted.

10:50 A. M.—The report by Beulah Church on Home Missions was read by the moderator and adopted.

11:00 A. M.—Brother F. J. Thomas read the report from Pine Grove on State Missions. The report was adopted.

11:10 A. M.—The Finance Committee reported that all of the churches in the association had presented letters and also the funds presented amounted to \$74.00.

Song by the congregation.

11:20 A. M.—Upon motion it was agreed that New River Association pay \$10.00 per month on rent expenses for our district missionary, Rev. Quin Cooper. This fund is given in cooperation with several sister associations sharing Rev. Cooper's work.

11:30 A. M.—Dr. John Maguire, the appointee on the program, was not present. Chaplain John E. Evans read Mark 16:1-16 and preached the annual missionary sermon. Chaplain Evans in his war work has been permitted to visit lands and countries where our missionaries have gone. He brought us a forceful message on "Missions Have Paid Good Results".

A special free will offering was taken for missions. The offering amounted to \$80.21.

12:30 P. M.—Adjournment—Refreshments served by the church.

1:30 P. M.—Rev. W. A. McMicken led in devotions.

1:45 P. M.—Upon request, Mrs. H. L. Hough made an oral report concerning the Brotherhood work in Starke Church. The moderator, also made a short talk concerning the work.

1:55 P. M.—Rev. William Wilson read the report from Raiford Church on Christian Education. The report was discussed by Rev. L. A. Shepherd and adopted.

2:15 P. M.—At this time the W. M. S. report was read by Mrs. Hough and adopted.

2:30 P. M.—Rev. Carey Allen read the report from Antioch Church on our Cooperative Program work. The report was adopted.

2:40 P. M.—The report on Temperance by Kingsley Lake Church was read by the moderator and adopted.

2:45 P. M.—The moderator made a short oral report relative to our Relief and Annuity work.

The B. T. U. report was made by Brother J. F. Parrish and adopted. Rev. William Wilson read his report on S. S. work. The report was adopted.

3:00 P. M.—A report on "Evangelization" was read by the moderator and adopted.

3:05 P. M.—The moderator appointed brethren L. A. Brown and Carey Allen to read a short digest of the letters presented by the churches. The reports from the letters were encouraging.

3:20 P. M.—Brother Arnold Griffis read the report on "Our Honored Dead." Rev. Carey Allen led in a special prayer of dedication. The names

of those listed in the report will be found in our minutes on a special page dedicated to their memory.

3:30 P. M.—The nominating committee made the following report: Clerk and Treasurer of Association—Brother Russell Norman; Associational S. S. Supt.—Rev. William Wilson; Associational B. T. U. Director—C. C. Black of Pine Grove; W. M. S. President—Mrs. H. L. Hough. The report was adopted.

We your committee on "Resolutions" recommend the following: 1st—That we cooperate with each other in all of our associational work. 2nd—That we cooperate with our state board in all of its activities. 3rd—That we continue our efforts in the Centennial Crusade. 4th—We recommend that a committee be appointed to select and present to Brother T. B. Pinholster a present or love gift for his untiring work as clerk and treasurer of the association. Brother Pinholster is now retiring after a number of years of faithful service. 5th.—We further recommend that a rising vote of thanks be extended to the host church for its cooperation and kind hospitalities during the entire session.

(Signed) T. S. Parrish, L. G. Hemingway, T. J. Thomas.

The recommendations were adopted.

3:45 P. M.—Rev. L. D. Haines, Mrs. H. L. Hough and Rev. William Wilson were appointed by the moderator as a committee to purchase and present the love gift to the retiring clerk.

Rev. Wilson made a short report of the baptisms named in the church letters. The number of baptisms reported was 202 for the associational year.

It was moved and carried that \$100.00 of our funds now on hand be sent to the Cooperative Program.

Upon motion \$25.00 was presented Graham Church for building purposes.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

4:00 P. M.—After a vote of thanks to the host church and a prayer of benediction the association adjourned to meet with Pine Grove Church in October 1946.

Rev. S. E. Sparks, Moderator.

A. Russell Norman, Clerk.

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

### Home Missions Looking To The Future

The survey we have made of Home Mission fields and Home Mission work reveals that our homeland is not evangelized. There is a greater need today for missionaries to go to the waste places than ever before. The fields are greater and the needs are more imperative than at any time in our history.

There are 1,500,000 Mexicans and Spanish-speaking people and only 15,000 Baptists; that is, one to every hundred. There are 400,000 French in southern Louisiana, with only 4,000 Baptists, one to every hundred; 600,000 Italians, with less than 2,000 Baptists; 7,000 Chinese, with about 500 Baptists; 250,000 Indians, with about 12,000 Baptists, with many thousands in New Mexico and Arizona as pagan as they were when our fathers settled this country. There are sixteen pueblos in New Mexico without a missionary.

Sixty per cent of the population of our cities are unchurched.

Changed conditions, the drift to the cities and industrial centers, are affecting rural life with the result that our country churches are becoming depleted and, in many instances, inactive. Five thousand Baptist churches in the country have fewer members than they had ten years ago. Six thousand, three hundred had no conversions last year. Three thousand are without pastors. Four thousand gave nothing to missions.

In the mountain sections of the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention there are 2,300,000 people. Seventy per cent of these are unchurched. Baptists are the strongest denomination and yet they number only about one to 37 in the mountain sections.

In Cuba, Panama, and Central America where we are at work, there is a population of something like 12,000,000, with only 6,000 Baptists, one to every two thousand. We have one missionary, including the wives of workers, to 92,000 people, and one church for 160,000 people.

There are tens of thousands of people living in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention today without a chance. They are cut off by language barriers, by economic conditions, and by the fact that there are no churches anywhere in their reach. The most notable examples of these spiritually neglected groups are the tenant farmers and migrants.

Our mission work among the Negroes needs to be doubled and trebled. We are now working with the ministers, furnishing Bible teachers in colleges and holding institutes for the preachers who are not attending college. We have Bible departments in nineteen of their colleges. We are holding institutes in co-operation with the state organizations in the various states. Last year we contacted from 10,000 to 12,000 Negro preachers.

During the past year, the Board added 153 missionaries to its force, opened 82 mission stations, acquired 54 pieces of mission property. Dur-

ing the year the missionaries distributed over 29,000 Bibles, Testaments, and portions of the Scripture. The Board employed during the year 654 missionaries who preached the Gospel to the Indians, Mexicans, Spanish-Americans, the Jews, the Italians, the French, the Cubans, the Chinese, the Russians, the under-privileged in the crowded industrial sections and slums of the cities in forty of the great cities in the territory of our Convention, in rural work in co-operation with thirteen state mission boards, to the millions of Negroes in the homeland, the men in the army camps, and in Cuba, Panama, and Costa Rica.

The Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting in Atlanta charged the Home Mission Board with the responsibility of directing the Evangelistic Centennial Crusade. The Board secured the services of Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport, Louisiana. The church was gracious enough to lend their pastor to this superlatively important task and pay his salary.

The Southern Baptist Convention was organized for the purpose of missions. One hundred years ago it launched the undertaking. The task they assumed at that time was the evangelization of the homeland and the evangelization of the world. These fields, after a hundred years, are still unoccupied. Millions of people here at home have no chance and the world outside of us is without Christ. Surely, surely we should give ourselves to this superlatively important undertaking. As Christ said to His disciples on one occasion, "Say not unto yourselves that two months and then cometh the harvest; I say unto you the harvest is already plentiful. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest shall send laborers."

—By Beulah Church.

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

By Jno. Maguire, Exec. Sec'y.

State Missions is the work of the Baptists of Florida carrying on the great mission and benevolent work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the first chapter of Acts and the 8th verse, we get the order in which we are to work. Jerusalem (Community), Judea (State), Samaria (Southland), Uttermost part (World). But in this report we are primarily concerned with the Judea—State Missions.

What do we do by way of missions in Florida? Let's see.

We break our work up by Departments for convenience only. Our promotional Departments are:

- A.—Sunday School Department with Dr. W. W. Willian as Secretary.
- B.—Training Union Department, O. K. Radford, Secretary.
- C.—Woman's Missionary Union, Miss Josephine Jones, Secretary.
- D.—Brotherhood Department (Secretary to be elected).
- E.—Student Union Department (Secretary to be elected).
- F.—Stewardship and Promotion Department, B. C. Land, Secretary.



- G.—Evangelism, P. R. 'Pat' Wimberly, State Evangelist.  
 H.—Bookkeeping and Accounts, Mrs. Lucy Belle Troeger, Bookkeeper.  
 I.—Administration Department, Jno. Maguire, Executive Sec.-Treas.  
 J.—Regional Missions Department, Dewey Mann, Superintendent.  
 K.—City Missions Department, Jno. Maguire, Secretary.

While these Promotional Departments foster in every way the work of that part of our church program, yet there is much general mission work done. A few items are as follows:

Assisting pastors who work with needy churches and making loans to churches that need to be rebuilt. Then there are the outright gifts made to some churches that must have aid. We also do educational missionary work among the Negroes and Indians. Good Will Center work is done among our many foreigners.

Certainly we aid Stetson University in its great educational program. Also we are not forsaking the healing ministry. We are aiding all the Baptist Hospitals as fast and as liberally as possible.

Thus you see State Missions has a great field and Florida Baptists are being true to her trust—the carrying out of the Great Commission.

—By Pine Grove Church.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

### That They May Have Life

A war-weary world is hungry for physical and spiritual bread which American Christians can supply. Millions have fallen in the terrible conflict or have perished from famine. Other millions are homeless. We are under inescapable obligation, to a greater degree than ever before, to minister to the needy multitudes around the globe. We must incarnate in unselfish service the spirit of the Good Samaritan. We must follow in the steps of Him who went about doing good.

Great old China, with desolation on every hand, will welcome the Good News. We shall have unprecedented missionary opportunities in that land of more than four hundred million people.

Japan, suffering from the suicidal policies of her military leaders will need the Christian ministry and message for there is no other hope for the land of Shinto and Buddha.

Europe is prostrate on the battlefields, now strangely silent after years or battle carnage. Spain, Italy, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Rumania, the Ukraine, Southern Baptist mission fields, have desperate need of a redemptive ministry which will bind up the broken hearted, proclaim liberty to captives, comfort all that mourn, preach the Gospel to the poor.

Syria and Palestine in the Near East have acute political, economic, and spiritual problems which only the Son of God, not Mohammed can

solve. We have new opportunities in South Arabia for the ministry of healing in the name of Christ.

Latin America, largely untouched by the destructive forces of war, needs the Living Christ. The lands of marvelous opportunities, such as Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Colombia, and Paraguay, where Southern Baptists already labor, as well as other republics to the South, constitute a challenge to us, to help them by evangelism, education, and example, to build highways of civic, social, and personal righteousness. The most effective Good Neighbor policy for the Americas is outlined for us in the Word of God.

Hawaii, the cross-roads of the Pacific, has already witnessed the power of God in changed lives and scriptural stewardship.

Southern Baptists now have approximately 540 active missionaries under appointment, one to every ten thousand Baptists in our membership. We are averaging a little above fifty cents per capita for foreign missions: Can we call ourselves Missionary Baptists when our response in life and money is so meager and so insignificant in comparison with the blessings we have received?

We need at once 300 new missionaries, to say nothing of replacements. Nigeria is calling for forty new missionaries. We could profitably place one hundred additional missionaries in Latin America without any enlargement of the present undertaking. Think of one great state in Brazil, twice the size of Texas, with one missionary couple and less than a dozen Baptist churches. An entire permanent staff must be provided for the Hawaiian Islands.

Mr. E. P. Buxton, Treasurer, reports that our income for the year 1944, exclusive of Relief funds, amounted to \$2,747,207, with an increase of \$333,256 for the first quarter of 1945 over the corresponding period last year. The Lottie Moon Offering reached a total of approximately \$950,000.

—By Starke Baptist Church.

## REPORT ON FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

We should re-evaluate our work among our dependent children. For almost half a century we have been conducting a Children's Home as a benevolent and Christian service of our denomination. During this time hundreds of boys and girls have come and gone from our institution. Hundreds went out as substantial citizens and all had Christian training. The work we have done is commendable, but it is time for us to re-think our program of sustenance to the unfortunate children in our state.

The problem of the half orphan is becoming alarmingly acute. The four D's of dependency, which are: desertion, divorce, disease and death; are making many problems for our social and church life. If we are to

meet our full obligation in this field of service we must enlarge our program of child caring. We can no longer shift a responsibility so appealing as this by denying the half orphan a home and a chance in life.

To meet the new demands brought about by the war and changed social conditions we must enlarge our program of child caring in contacts with the child in his community, and in his family.

A greater service in Christian social work at the Home must first be preceded by an enlarged institution. The management of our Home has made careful and extended study in this field and is ready to build a modern institution as soon as ample funds are provided. The cottage plan will be followed throughout with due consideration to economy. Each building for children will have its own dining room and kitchen, and the number of children in each will be kept to a point that will be fair to the denomination and to the child. We now have much of the funds and the chance to build a Home that will equal the best in our country and at the same time provide for more children than we can care for in our present buildings.

The finances at the Home are in good condition. The gifts have been larger but not more universal than in previous years. If every Sunday School should make a monthly offering to the Home there would be no need for campaigns or drives to re-build, or to take care of the needy applicants who come to us for help. A gift from every church, every month will put us in the front ranks in Christian service to children. Let us urge you to make a contribution each month to our Home.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawtey Baptist Church.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

Stetson University is our Baptist college. It is located in DeLand and Dr. W. S. Allen is President. Our own Baptist boys and girls should be encouraged to go to Stetson after they finish High School. At Stetson are taught the Christian principles and ideals for which Christian education stands.

Southern Baptists are beginning to give increased attention to their theological seminaries, as the specialized institutions in which the young men and women, whom Almighty God calls into His service, are to be trained. This increase in interest is occasioned by, first, the overcrowding of all existing equipment in our seminaries. Despite the many ways in which the war has stopped the normal flow of young men and women who would give themselves to full-time Christian service and seek training for their specific field of work, our theological schools have found it necessary to turn away applicants for lack of space. The return of many chaplains, and other men who have dedicated themselves to the Lord's work during this war, will mean that this problem will be made more acute, rather than lessened by the conclusion of the war. We have

prayed the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest, but we have not yet made sufficient provision for their preparation for service.

In the second place, Southern Baptists are paying increased attention to our theological schools, because of the acute shortage of religious workers. Individuals and churches have been forced to turn to our seminaries and remember that they are the source of the trained workers for all parts of our denominational program. This new realization of dependence upon the theological seminaries has crystallized a purpose to make adequate provision for them. No increase in the capacity of our seminaries has been made for the past twenty-five years, during which time Southern Baptists have made great strides of progress. The leaders of one state report that the shortage of pastors there is so acute, that the return of all the chaplains who went out from the state to churches in its bounds would not supply 25 percent of the need.

Bro. J. Harrison Griffin has been placed in charge of our new department of State work, which is the Department of Christian Education.

—By Raiford Baptist Church.

**REPORT OF WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION  
NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION  
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1945**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Number of W. M. U. Organizations in Association .....	7
No. of Auxiliaries .....	11
No. of Societies Reporting Community Missions .....	4
No. of W. M. S. Members .....	179
No. of Auxiliary Members .....	129
No. of Covenant Signing Tithers W. M. S. ....	72
Mission Study Courses W. M. S. ....	6
Awards .....	92
Mission Study Courses Auxiliary .....	7
Awards .....	109
Persons engaged in directed community missions W. M. S. ....	116
Persons engaged in directed community Auxiliaries .....	
Subscriptions to Royal Service .....	100
Subscriptions to The Commission .....	15
Subscriptions to Home Mission .....	30
Subscriptions to The Witness .....	153
Contributions to:	
Florida Baptist Children's Home .....	\$ 96.45
Coupons Baptist Children's Home .....	1,280
Cooperative Program W. M. S. ....	1,476.69
Cooperative Program Auxiliary .....	
Weeks of Prayer for Foreign W. M. S. & Auxiliary .....	86.61
State .....	88.17
Home .....	136.50
Locally to Church (Starke) W. M. S. ....	6,337.23
Other Objects .....	251.20
W. M. U. Training School .....	10.04
Margaret Fund .....	5.86
White Cross .....	88.50
Local Charity .....	179.79

One Organization revived this year at Starke.

The following are the names of the newly elected officers of the Association for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. H. L. Hough; Vice-President, Mrs. Nubit Kite; Secretary & Treasurer, Mrs. T. B. Harding; Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Van H. Carden; Young People's Director, Mrs. H. D. Dowling; Community Missions Chairman, Mrs. C. C. Black; Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. J. P. Wyrick; Margaret Fund Chairman, Mrs. H. M. Lovett; Training School Chairman, Mrs. F. J. Thomas; Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. R. A. Thomas; White Cross Chairman, Mrs. H. B. Arwood; Children's Home Chairman, Mrs. M. L. Cason.

**TRAINING UNION REPORT**

Number Churches In Association .....	19
Number Churches Having B. T. U. ....	10
Number Churches Having No B. T. U. ....	9
Adult Unions .....	8
Young People's Unions .....	4
Intermediate Unions .....	10
Junior Unions .....	7
Story Hours .....	5
Total Unions .....	34
Number Churches Requesting Study Course Awards .....	11
Number Awards Issued Oct. 1, 1944 To Sept. 20, 1945 .....	274

## TREASURER'S REPORT

## RECEIPTS

Oct. 18, 1944—Amount Brought Forward .....	\$ 115.13
Oct. 18, 1944—Special Offering At Association .....	23.01
Oct. 18, 1944—From Churches To Association .....	64.00
Oct. 29, 1944—From Union At Evergreen .....	49.35
Dec. 31, 1944—From Union At Boatdrain .....	60.55
April 29, 1945—From Union At Heilbronn .....	63.84
July 29, 1945—From Union At Gadara .....	67.00
Sept. 30, 1945—From Union At Boatdrain .....	49.50
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 492.38</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Oct. 18, 1944—Special Payment To Boatdrain Church .....	\$ 25.00
Oct. 19, 1944—To Cooperative Program .....	100.00
Oct. 19, 1944—Postage And Money Order Fees .....	.62
Oct. 31, 1944—To Aged Ministerial Relief .....	29.35
Dec. 7, 1944—For Programs At Boatdrain .....	2.50
Dec. 9, 1944—For 350 Associational Minutes .....	53.50
Dec. 11, 1944—Clerk's Salary .....	35.00
Dec. 28, 1944—Postage .....	1.10
Jan. 11, 1945—To Aged Ministerial Relief .....	35.00
April 2, 1945—For Programs At Heilbronn .....	2.50
April 30, 1945—For Aged Ministerial Relief .....	37.34
June 24, 1945—For Postage .....	.70
June 25, 1945—For Programs At Gadara .....	2.50
July 31, 1945—For Aged Ministerial Relief .....	16.00
July 31, 1945—To G. W. S. Ware Stetson Fund .....	25.00
Aug. 31, 1945—For Programs At Boatdrain .....	3.25
Sept. 1, 1945—Postage .....	.49
Sept. 20, 1945—For Association Programs At Brooker .....	3.50
Oct. 3, 1945—For Aged Ministerial Relief .....	26.00
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$ 399.35</b>
Oct. 18, 1945—Amount on Hand .....	\$ 93.03



## IN MEMORIAM

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

Mr. J. E. Kirby	Mrs. J. E. Ormond
Deacon R. B. Simmons	Mr. John McCormick
Mr. H. L. Goodson	Mr. S. R. Dobson
Mrs. Amy Pinholster	Mr. Martin C. Rosier
Mr. Walter Underhill	Mr. Harold Bloodsworth
Mr. Earl Futch	Mr. Andrew F. Griffis
Mr. W. D. Pender	Mr. Archibald H. Johns
Mrs. Ida Harrell	Mr. Alfred J. Wilkerson
Deacon J. H. Hill	Mr. A. E. Wall, Sr.
Mrs. M. L. Watkins	Mrs. E. M. Thomas
Mrs. S. V. Brooks	



