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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Antioch:

Pastor: Lee A. Cooper ----- 221 W. University, Deland, Fla.  
 Clerk: R. H. Hargrove ----- Route 2, Brooker, Fla.  
 Treasurer: J. T. Kirby ----- Route 3, Gainesville, Fla.

## Beulah:

Pastor: J. E. Newton ----- Sanderson, Fla.  
 Clerk & Treasurer: Elma Thomas ----- Starke, Fla.

## Boatdrain:

Pastor: C. C. Harris ----- Green Cove Springs, Fla.  
 Clerk: Arnold Griffis ----- Starke, Fla.  
 Treasurer: Lavonia Griffis ----- Starke, Fla.

## Brooker:

Pastor: C. A. Crosby ----- Brooker, Fla.  
 Clerk: G. A. Gay ----- Brooker, Fla.  
 Treasurer: Lubedia Pinholster ----- Brooker, Fla.

## Corinth:

Pastor: C. F. Padgett ----- Brooker, Fla.  
 Clerk: T. N. Norman ----- Starke, Fla.  
 Treasurer: Amanda Crosby ----- Starke, Fla.

## Dedan:

Pastor: C. A. Crosby ----- Brooker, Fla.  
 Clerk: R. R. Carlton ----- Brooker, Fla.  
 Treasurer: R. J. Waters ----- Brooker, Fla.

## Evergreen:

Pastor: Truby Parrish ----- Santa Fe, Fla.  
 Clerk: Earl Mosely ----- Lawtey, Fla.  
 Treasurer: J. P. Sullivan ----- Lawtey, Fla.

## Gadara:

Pastor: Not Called  
 Clerk & Treasurer: W. C. Hall ----- Lake Geneva, Fla.

## Graham:

No record for 1947

## Heilbronn:

Pastor: S. L. Watson ----- Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Clerk: W. H. Green ----- Lawtey, Fla.  
 Treasurer: E. J. Harris ----- Raiford, Fla.

## Hope:

Pastor: William Webb ----- Deland, Fla.  
 Clerk & Treasurer: C. Sullivan ----- Starke, Fla.

## Kingsley Lake:

Pastor: W. W. Bishop ----- Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Clerk: Louie L. Wainwright ----- Rt. 1, Starke, Fla.  
 Treasurer: William Silcox ----- Rt. 1, Starke, Fla.

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## Lawtey:

Pastor: Guy V. Lee ----- Lawtey, Fla.  
 Clerk: O. J. Phillips ----- Lawtey, Fla.  
 Treasurer: James Austin ----- Lawtey, Fla.

## New River:

Pastor: Truby Parrish ----- Santa Fe, Fla.  
 Clerk & Treasurer: Z. W. Hamilton ----- Brooker, Fla.

## North Pleasant Grove:

Pastor: W. H. Edwards ----- Rt. 2, Alachua, Fla.  
 Clerk: Tavey Blackwelder ----- La Crosse, Fla.  
 Treasurer: R. F. Gallop ----- Rt. 2, Alachua, Fla.

## Pine Grove:

Pastor: C. F. Hooker ----- Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.  
 Clerk: H. G. Thorpe ----- Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.  
 Treasurer: C. R. Neal ----- Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.

## Raiford:

Pastor: John L. Bray ----- South Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Clerk: Nancy Harvey ----- Raiford, Fla.  
 Treasurer: H. T. Rahn ----- Raiford, Fla.

## Starke:

Pastor: L. D. Haines ----- Starke, Fla.  
 Clerk: E. D. Tenly ----- Starke, Fla.  
 Treasurer: L. G. Powell ----- Starke, Fla.

## Wateroak:

H. H. Mott ----- Brooker, Fla.  
 Clerk & Treasurer: Frank Norman ----- Rt. 2, Starke, Fla.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Antioch — S. S. Supt. ----- J. R. Hargrove, Rt. 2, Brooker, Fla.  
 Beulah — S. S. Supt. ----- N. C. Wainwright, Rt. 2, Green Cove Spgs. Fla.  
 Boatdrain — S. S. Supt. ----- Gene Griffis, Rt. 1, Starke, Fla.  
 Brooker — S. S. Supt. ----- L. L. Parker, Brooker, Fla.  
 Corinth — S. S. Supt. ----- Eddie Norman, Rt. 2, Starke, Fla.  
 Dedan — S. S. Supt. ----- E. E. Stokes, Brooker, Fla.  
 Evergreen — S. S. Supt. ----- Cecil Crawford, Lawtey, Fla.  
 Gadara — S. S. Supt. ----- Delma Glisson, Lake Geneva, Fla.  
 Heilbronn — S. S. Supt. ----- W. H. Green, Rt. 1, Lawtey, Fla.  
 Hope — S. S. Supt. ----- Rodney Hall, Rt. 1, Starke, Fla.  
 Kingsley Lake — S. S. Supt. ----- Fannie Silcox, Starke, Fla.  
 Lawtey — S. S. Supt. ----- J. E. Wall, Jr., Lawtey, Fla.  
 North Pleasant Grove — S. S. Supt. - Alvin Y. Davis, Rt. 2, Alachua, Fla.  
 Pine Grove — S. S. Supt. ----- H. D. Dowling, Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.  
 Raiford — S. S. Supt. ----- Warren Bloodsworth, Box 216, Raiford, Fla.  
 Starke — S. S. Supt. ----- E. C. Mann, Jr., Starke, Fla.  
 Wateroak — S. S. Supt. ----- A. Russell Norman, Rt. 2, Starke, Fla.

## OFFICERS OF NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION

S. E. Sparks — Moderator ----- Starke, Fla.  
 Truby Pinholster — Assistant Moderator ----- Brooker, Fla.  
 A. Russell Norman — Clerk & Treasurer ----- Starke, Fla.  
 A. Y. Davis — Association S. S. Supt. ----- Alachua, Fla.  
 Wilbur Scott — Association B.T.U. Director ----- Starke, Fla.  
 Mrs. C. C. Black — President W.M.S. ----- Gainesville, Fla.  
 T. B. Harding — President Brotherhood ----- Starke, Fla.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Rev. C. F. Hooker — Pine Grove Church ----- Gainesville, Fla.  
 Rev. W. H. Edwards — N. Pleasant Grove Church -- Alachua, Fla.  
 A. J. Thomas — Starke Church ----- Starke, Fla.  
 Rev. Guy V. Lee — Lawtey Church ----- Lawtey, Fla.  
 R. R. Andrews — New River Church ----- Lake Butler, Fla.  
 Carl Hilliard — Evergreen Church ----- Lawtey, Fla.  
 Rev. S. E. Sparks — Starke Church ----- Starke, Fla.  
 A. Russell Norman — Wateroak Church ----- Starke, Fla.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY: Rev. John Pearce ----- Starke, Fla.

## TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS

Antioch — R. T. Hargrove ----- Rt. 2, Brooker, Fla.  
 Boatdrain — Harold Griffis ----- Starke, Fla.  
 Brooker — Not given.  
 Corinth — Not given.  
 Evergreen — J. P. Sullivan ----- Lawtey, Fla.  
 Heilbronn — Mrs. Gladys Carter ----- Lawtey, Fla.  
 Hope — Floy Sullivan ----- Rt. 1, Starke, Fla.  
 Lawtey — Rev. Guy V. Lee ----- Lawtey, Fla.  
 Pine Grove — H. G. Thorpe ----- Rt. 3, Box 244, Gainesville, Fla.  
 Raiford — Drew C. Sweat ----- Raiford, Fla.  
 Starke — W. E. Lawson ----- Starke, Fla.

## BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENTS

Starke — S. L. Peek ----- Starke, Fla.

## W. M. U. PRESIDENTS

Antioch — Mrs. M. L. Cason ----- Rt. 2, Brooker, Fla.  
 Boatdrain — Mrs. Rose Harris ----- Green Cove Spgs., Fla.  
 Brooker — Mrs. Beulah Harrell ----- Brooker, Fla.  
 Corinth — Mrs. Amanda Crosby ----- Rt. 2, Box 169, Starke, Fla.  
 Lawtey — Mrs. J. P. Wyrick ----- Lawtey, Fla.  
 North Pleasant Grove — Mrs. W. H. Edwards ----- Rt. 2, Alachua, Fla.  
 Pine Grove — Mrs. J. E. Jenkins ----- Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.  
 Raiford — Mrs. Leila Conner ----- Raiford, Fla.  
 Starke — Mrs. S. E. Sparks ----- Starke, Fla.

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### OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

President — Mrs. C. C. Black  
 Vice President — Mrs. E. D. Tenly  
 Secretary & Treasurer — Mrs. Jane Thorpe  
 Publicity Chairman — Mrs. T. B. Harding  
 Young People's Director — Mrs. H. D. Dowling  
 Community Missions Chairman — Mrs. Fred May  
 Stewardship Chairman — Mrs. J. P. Wyrick  
 Margaret Fund Chairman — Mrs. R. T. Hargrove  
 Mission Study Chairman — Mrs. Nubit Kite  
 Training School Chairman — Mrs. J. C. Cason  
 Children's Home Chairman — Mrs. G. E. Green

### ASSOCIATIONAL MESSENGERS

ANTIOCH — J. T. Harris, Mrs. R. J. Hargrove, Mrs. M. L. Cason.  
 BEULAH — Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Newton.  
 BOATDRAIN — Zenas Griffis, Mrs. Pansy Griffis, Mrs. Ada Griffis.  
 BROOKER — T. B. Pinholster, J. W. Thomas, Lubedia Pinholster.  
 CORINTH — Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Conner, T. N. Norman.  
 DEDAN — L. C. Padgett, Rev. H. H. Mott.  
 EVERGREEN — Rev. Truby Parrish, C. L. Hilliard.  
 GADARA — Mrs. R. C. Baldree, Mrs. W. C. Hall.  
 GRAHAM — Not represented.  
 HEILBRONN — Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Johns, D. L. Kite.  
 HOPE — Represented by letter.  
 KINGSLEY LAKE — J. L. Silcox, Mrs. Emily Silcox, Louis L. Wainwright.  
 LAWTEY — J. P. Wyrick, H. B. Arwood, Mrs. W. F. Moore.  
 NEW RIVER — R. R. Andrews.  
 PINE GROVE — Rev. C. F. Hooker, Mrs. Jane Thorpe, Joe Ben Hooker.  
 RAIFORD — Mrs. J. M. Conner, Mrs. E. W. Tompkins, Mrs. R. F. Harvey.  
 STARKE — Rev. S. E. Sparks, Mrs. H. L. Hough, Mrs. T. B. Harding.  
 WATEROAK — A. Russell Norman, Frank Norman.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. W. Bishop ----- Jacksonville, Fla.  
 John L. Bray ----- So. Jacksonville, Fla.  
 P. Q. Cason ----- Alachua, Fla.  
 Lee A. Cooper ----- Deland, Fla.  
 W. D. Cowart ----- Unknown  
 C. A. Crosby ----- Brooker, Fla.  
 W. H. Edwards ----- Alachua, Fla.  
 Lewis D. Haines ----- Starke, Fla.  
 Curtis C. Harris ----- Green Cove Spgs., Fla.  
 L. G. Hemingway ----- Starke, Fla.  
 C. F. Hooker ----- Gainesville, Fla.  
 W. M. Lawhorn ----- Brooker, Fla.  
 Guy V. Lee ----- Lawtey, Fla.  
 Howard H. Mott ----- Brooker, Fla.  
 J. E. Newton ----- Sanderson, Fla.  
 J. L. Norris ----- La Crosse, Fla.  
 J. D. Overstreet ----- Lawtey, Fla.  
 C. F. Padgett ----- Brooker, Fla.  
 Truby Parrish ----- Santa Fe, Fla.  
 John W. Pierce ----- Starke, Fla.  
 W. G. Shows ----- Jacksonville, Fla.  
 S. E. Sparks ----- Starke, Fla.  
 S. L. Watson ----- Jacksonville, Fla.  
 William Webb ----- Deland, Fla.  
 William Wilson ----- 2308 Jena St., New Orleans, La.

### MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR:

Beulah — William E. Webb ----- Deland, Fla.  
 Dedan — H. H. Mott ----- Brooker, 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 charge. 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 LAWTEY BAPTIST CHURCH  
OCTOBER 15 - 16, 1947

- 10:00 A. M. — After a song, "To The Work", Rev. Guy V. Lee led the devotional exercises. Rev. J. E. Newton led the prayer.
- 10:15 A. M. — Rev. S. E. Sparks, moderated of the association, declared the session in order for the transaction of business. Brother Truby Pinholster 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 Brother T. B. Pinholster the program was adopted.
- The gift from the Southern Baptist Convention to A. Russell Norman, Clerk of the Association, for making the second highest grade on the associational minutes was shown to the Association. Brother John Pierce mentioned the standard points for the associational report.
- Brother S. E. Sparks was reelected moderator of the association. Brother T. B. Pinholster was reelected associate moderator. Brother A. R. Norman was reelected clerk and treasurer. The moderator named the following committees:
- Nominating — Rev. C. C. Black, Rev. C. A. Crosby, R. R. Andrews.  
Resolutions — Rev. C. F. Hooker, Rev. L. G. Hemingway, Carl Hilliard.
- Finance — Rev. Truby Parrish, Frank Norman.  
Obituary — Rev. Truby Parrish, Rev. H. H. Mott, D. L. Kite.
- 10:30 A. M. — Rev. H. H. Mott and Rev. C. C. Black were welcomed as new pastors in the association.  
Dr. Solomon, Dr. John Maguire, T. M. Johns, Rev. John Pierce and wife, Leon M. Gamble, and J. Harrison Griffin were welcomed.
- 10:40 A. M. — Upon a motion by Frank Norman, seconded by Rev. Newton, T. M. Johns gave a report of the Florida Baptist Children's Home.  
Brother Gamble reported on the Florida Baptist Institute.  
Rev. W. H. Edwards was selected by motion to be a trustee of the Florida Baptist Institute from this association.
- 11:30 A. M. — Song "Jesus Paid It All," by the congregation.  
Address, "State Work" — Dr. John Maguire.
- Adjourn for lunch.
- 1:20 P. M. — Song "Never Alone."  
Devotion by Rev. H. H. Mott.
- 1:30 P. M. — Christian Education by Dr. J. H. Griffin. It was moved

- and seconded that the clerk write a letter of congratulations to Brother Allen for his work at Stetson.
- 2:00 P. M. — Baptist Witness — E. D. Solomon. Brother Black gave the report on our Training Union..
- 2:40 P. M. — Rev. John Pierce gave a report on the Cooperative Program and Tithers. The report was adopted.
- 3:00 P. M. — The report by the Lawtey Church on Religious Liberty was read and adopted.  
The report of the Baptist Book Store was read by Rev. J. E. Newton. Adopted.
- 3:15 P. M. — Rev. W. H. Edwards of North Pleasant Grove Church gave the report on Home Missions. The report was adopted.
- 3:30 P. M. — Reading of church letters by Rev. C. C. Black and Rev. Truby Parrish.
- 3:40 P. M. — Adjourn.

## OCTOBER 16, 1947

- 10:00 A. M. — Devotional led by Rev. Truby Parrish.
- 10:20 A. M. — A report of Associational Sunday School was given by Rev. Guy V. Lee. Brother T. B. Harding was elected president of the Association Brotherhood.
- 10:40 A. M. — The report on Foreign Missions was given by Rev. J. E. Newton for Beulah Church. Report adopted.
- 11:00 A. M. — Song "Send The Light". Prayer by Rev. H. H. Mott. Doctrinal Message, Rev. C. A. Crosby.
- 11:45 A. M. — The W.M.S. Report was read by Mrs. Alma Hough and adopted.
- 12:00 A. M. — Lunch.
- 1:10 P. M. — Song, "In The Garden."  
Report of Brotherhood by Rev. S. E. Sparks for Heilbronn Church. The report was adopted.
- 1:25 P. M. — Rev. J. E. Newton gave a report of Religious Literature for the Boatdrain Church. Report adopted as given.
- 1:35 P. M. — Rev. H. H. Mott gave a short report on the music for association. T. N. Norman was appointed Music Teacher for the association.
- 1:50 P. M. — Rev. Guy V. Lee reported on the American Bible Society. The report was adopted.
- 2:10 P. M. — Rev. Truby Parrish read the Finance Report and the Obituary Report.  
After a two-minute silent prayer Rev. W. H. Edwards led an oral prayer for Our Honored Dead.



- 2:15 P. M. — The Resolution Committee gave the following report:  
 We, your committee on Resolutions, recommend the following:  
 1st — that we cooperate with each other in all our associational work. 2nd — that we cooperate with our State Board in all of its activities. 3rd — that we resolve that our Association go on record as opposing the manufacture and sale of all alcoholic beverages. 4th — that we as Christians put forth every effort possible to see that our alcoholic laws are properly enforced and new laws passed where need be. 5th — that our churches create within them a clean, wholesome and Christian entertainment for their young people. 6th — that each member of the church read the associational minutes once a year. 7th — that the host church be given a rising vote of thanks for its hospitality. 8th — that each church should be interested in and led to incorporate funds in their budget for our Stetson University at Deland, Fla. Report was adopted.
- 2:20 P. M. — Rev. Joseph H. Tice made a splendid talk on Strong Drink.
- 2:40 P. M. — Next year's meeting date was announced as October 6 - 7, 1948 at North Pleasant Grove Church.
- 2:50 P. M. — The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. Upon motion and second it was decided to continue the quarterly meetings of the association. The next quarterly meeting to be held at Boatdrain Baptist Church on Nov. 29, 1947.
- 2:55 P. M. — The meeting adjourned to meet again with North Pleasant Grove Church on October 6 - 7, 1948.

### REPORT ON FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Our Children's Home continues to put forth every effort to assist the unfortunate children of the state. It has not been able to assist more than a mere fraction of the children who have applied for help in the past year. The number of half-orphans is increasing rapidly. Divorce and desertion are wrecking thousands of homes in our state. The need for help among children who have one or both parents living has exceeded that of any year in the past fifteen. Desertion leads the field in causes of dependency and divorce is second. Desertion is the parent of divorce. It precedes a great number of divorces and is one of the chief evils of our home life today. We deplore the rapid disintegration of some of our homes. It creates numerous problems in our church and community life and brings untold damage, suffering, and hardship to thousands of innocent children.

The management of the Home tries in every way it can to help as many of these children as possible, but there are more than they can possibly assist. They plan to employ a social worker within the next associational year and possibly another one will be needed later. It will

be the duty of these workers to investigate the cases asking for help of the Home and to use every means at their command to assist those who apply for assistance.

They have started construction of the new Home in Lakeland. Three buildings are being erected with a fourth to be started within a few weeks. Baptists of Florida own 51 acres of land in the city of Lakeland and approximately 80 acres adjoining which lies outside the city limits. They have room for pasture and truck farm and about thirty acres for a building site. The property borders Lake Hunter Drive. The city owns the narrow strip of ground between the street and the lake but it is understood that the children can use the lake for fishing and boating.

When the dormitories are finished, we shall have one of the most modern and up-to-date institutions in the entire South, if not the nation. Each building for intermediates and seniors will be two stories high and will house twenty children, two children in a room. The two dormitories for the juniors will accommodate twenty children, four children in a room, and the nursery will house 16 children, four to a room. Each building will have its own dining room. They are following the cottage plan throughout.

The finances of the Institution have held up remarkably well. The gifts have been sufficient to meet all expenses for the year.

Our children attend Church, Sunday School, and Training Union at the First Baptist Church in Arcadia. We recognize that our efforts would have been in vain and Baptist money spent for charity only if we neglected the religious life of our children. Their health, happiness, and success in life many times depends upon their relationship to God. The greatest benefit that any child can have is the knowledge of God and an environment in which kind ideals and Christian living can develop and grow stronger through the years.

— By T. M. Johns.

### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS IN 1946

The annual report of the Home Mission Board for 1946 shows that 44,873 new members were added to the churches as a result of the ministry of the 720 full-time missionaries of the Board and the 200 summer workers from colleges and seminaries who served for ten weeks on the various fields. Of the number, 27,474 were reported as conversions.

To make the grand total of 920 missionaries (including 203 summer workers) 87 new missionaries were added during the past year. There was some turn-over in personnel, but the net gain in the number of missionaries was 69. Those workers delivered 94,145 sermons and addresses, made 222,281 religious visits, and did personal work with 166,701 individuals.

Literature played an important part in the ministry of home mis-

sions. The missionaries distributed 19,855 Bibles and Gospels, 2,014,885 pages of tracts. The magazine, Southern Baptist Home Missions, reached a peak circulation of 121,800; four issues carried 24 pages and the other eight, sixteen. This would add 26,880,000 more pages to the amount of literature distributed. At the same time, more than 73,000 books placed 8,000,000 other pages of home mission literature in the hands of the people.

Besides the 7,317 revivals conducted by home missionaries, there were 12,841 mission classes taught, 361 missions opened, 131 new churches organized, 36 kindergartens maintained, and 1,815 Vacation Bible schools conducted in mission situations.

Building operations were rather extensive. The Home Mission Board built or improved 74 churches and chapels and 16 pastors' homes.

Note: In the first five months of 1947 over 80,000 home mission books have been sold by Baptist book stores.

—North Pleasant Grove Church,  
By W. H. Edwards.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in its one-hundred-and-second year, faces the most significant opportunities of its history. Appalling world needs, material and spiritual, constitute a tremendous challenge to Southern Baptists.

In the order of occupation, Southern Baptists have entered China, Nigeria, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, Japan, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Palestine-Syria, Spain, Romania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Manchuria, Hawaii, Colombia, Paraguay, and, early this year, the Gold Coast, West Africa. They have also arranged to enter Guatemala and Honduras, which for the time will be regarded as part of our Mexico work, directed by national Baptist leaders.

The Foreign Mission Board has already designated the Hadhramaut in South Arabia as a field to be occupied when a medical missionary couple can be secured. There are vast possibilities in that area, especially in the field of medical missions.

We have 624 missionaries in active service. Of this number 56 were appointed at the April semiannual meeting of the Board and two more in May. Sixty missionaries were appointed last year. Even with these additional recruits, we have only one foreign missionary to approximately 10,000 Southern Baptists.

The appropriations of the Foreign Board for current missionary work this year total \$2,276,000, an increase of approximately \$600,000 over last year. This increase was due largely to inflation in most areas of the Board's work. We must not overlook the fact, too, that with a net increase of approximately 62 missionaries, long-range provision must

be made not only for their salaries year by year, but for hospitals and equipment, training schools, and missionary residences.

Undesignated receipts for foreign missions last year through the Co-operative Program amounted to \$2,033,872. For the first four months this year Co-operative Program receipts were \$778,194.95, an increase of \$54,091.35 over the corresponding period last year.

What are we doing for foreign missions? Here are some startling figures. Last year Southern Baptists gave for all purposes \$115,226,949 both state and Southwide. Of this amount less than one fourth, \$27,240,704 was given for missions and benevolences. For foreign missions the Board received last year, not counting relief and rehabilitation funds, \$3,884,991.41, an average of 64 cents per capita.

It is heartening to know that during the war not one church, so far as we have learned, discounted its work and worship even though church buildings were destroyed. Relief must be continued as multitudes in war-devastated lands will die this year of starvation unless relief is sent continually. Government relief appropriations must be supplemented by the gifts of God's people who follow the New Testament pattern of ministry to the needy.

The Commission, the world mission journal published by the Foreign Mission Board, continues to grow in circulation. Already the 90,000 mark has been reached, with every indication that the goal of 100,000 will be attained within the next year. Every Baptist home should have first the Baptist state paper, and after that, the two Southwide missionary periodicals, The Commission and Southern Baptist Home Missions.

—Beulah Church.

## REPORT ON BAPTIST BOOK STORE

Through the expanding program of Florida Baptists, the Baptist Book Store, 218 West Church Street, Jacksonville, Florida, has steadily kept pace with the needs and requirements of the various churches. Growth in any one department naturally affects any other department. In this we feel that the Book Store has rendered a very definite service.

The reason for establishing book stores throughout the entire bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention is that churches may be served more promptly and efficiently than when it must be ordered from another denominational house or even from outside the state limits. All church supplies can be secured through your own state book store, or they will render the service in locating it for you.

During the year much progress has been made in the advancement of Church Libraries. Realizing that "a man is himself plus the books he reads" and that "information is often the source of inspiration", we know that libraries have a very definite part in the firmly rooting of an entire constituency. We would recommend the serious consideration of a



library for every church. Special terms are available and every effort is made to present a reading program to all members.

It has been said that one picture is worth 10,000 words. The Visual Aids Department has been established, carefully equipped, and efficiently managed. Anything from wall maps, blackboards, opaque projectors, slides and film machines can be obtained. We are also the agent for renting any film that you might wish to show in your church.

A very new service has been added in the securing of Carillon Bells and Chimes for churches. These are ideal witnesses throughout the land, calling the people to worship. They are also the means for producing living memorials.

First and foremost it is the purpose and plan of the Baptist Book Stores that we render an efficient service. This is your denominational book store. We would urge that you give us an opportunity to prove our worth and we know that we will give you a very prompt delivery on any orders that reach us.

—The Management.

## MUSIC REPORT

All through the years Baptists have neglected their music responsibilities and possibilities. They have sat idly by while music talent has gone to waste or have been dissipated by types of music and organizations that have not been conducive to worship and have not kept the music church-centered. However, that condition is rapidly changing.

Florida Baptists now have a State Director of Music who is attempting to lead our churches, and help them, in developing their music programs. Under the direction of the State Department of Music several things have been done. Some of them are enumerated:

- (1) Association and group church music schools have been held in more than twelve places.
- (2) Summer Field Workers have been sent into about twenty churches to conduct Schools of Music.
- (3) Qualified Music workers have conducted a large number of schools.
- (4) A large number of classes on music have been conducted in encampments.
- (5) Several other methods have been used by our state office in presenting better church music.

In cooperation with the state music directors, the Baptist Sunday School Board is developing a Music Training Course which has as its aim the training of church musicians just as the Sunday School and Training Union Study Courses have done for the workers of those organizations. Some of the books are already off the presses and several others are scheduled for releases this fall.

Believing that this association needs an associational Music Director to promote better music among our churches, we wish to recommend that this body elect such a person at this session to serve in a comparable position to that of other department leaders. We suggest that this Music Director work with the State Music Director in every way possible.

Respectfully submitted,

—S. E. Sparks.

## ONE WORLD — ONE BOOK

by

ELLIS ADAMS FULLER, D. D., Th.M.

Those who believe that the Bible is the word of God to guide men in their faith and behavior, and believe also that the peoples of earth have lost their way and are now facing possible destruction at the hands of their own scientific competency, should testify and not argue that the Bible points "the way, the truth, and the life." To the skeptical and unbelieving they should say with passionate persuasion, "Come and see."

Furthermore, to Christians the Bible no more needs proof than the Rock of Gibraltar needs props. It has ridden out so many hostile storms, withstood so many vicious assaults, come out of so many fires without the smell of smoke upon it, put to flight so many hostile civil rulers, skeptics, infidels, and religious bigots, that its friends should give it to the world without apologies as God's prescription for the ailing human family. An attitude of certainty is more convincing than a well worked-out argument of proofs.

The sense of urgency is laid upon us by the fact that we have on our hands One World which obviously is doomed without the truth of One Book. Neither the world nor the book is new, but the imminent danger now facing the peoples of earth is new.

If life and peace are to supplant death and discord, minds of the flesh must become minds of the Spirit. This means that the safety of the human family rests absolutely in a world brotherhood of kindred minds and natures on the high plane of Christian equity, justice, and righteousness.

These things should lead us to see that the Bible is God's "must" for the world; and yet, paradoxical as it may seem, it is not a book on science, or on economics, or on philosophy, or on psychology, or on commerce, or on government. It is ever and anon a book on religion, true religion, since it is a record of God's revelation of himself to men that they might become partakers of his nature and be empowered to walk in his ways in all areas of life. Until men experience the righteousness which is from God through faith in Christ Jesus, they cannot practice economic righteousness among their fellows. Until men know the



truth which makes them free, they cannot claim for themselves and vouchsafe unto others the freedoms of earth. Until men know God, who ordains government, they cannot work out for themselves and their fellows a government of equity and justice. Until men know the moral laws of God, they cannot make wise and prudent laws to protect society. Until men make peace with God, they cannot live at peace with their fellowmen.

The Bible is a book on religion. True religion is indispensable to good character and high morals. George Washington stated a truth the world must learn. Said he, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens . . . Let us with caution indulge the supposition, that Morality can be maintained without Religion." The one thing the world lacks is good morals. One eminent scientist advocates a moratorium on scientific research for fifty years that our moral character might catch up with our scientific progress.

The Psalmist cried in the days of old, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." While he spoke from the standpoint of an individual, he declared at the same time an equally absolute truth from the standpoint of nations. Is there any other light to illumine the pathway of the human race? Since God is the Creator of all beings and of all things, whose very nature produces moral laws, and whose character determines right and wrong, no man can escape the conclusion that neither men nor nations are safe unless they choose the path which is lighted by God's Word.

It is imperative that business men and business corporations see that it is good business to put money in large amounts into Bibles and literally pour their money into the printing and the distributing of Bibles around the world. Bibles are cheaper than bombs. They build where bombs blast.

The Bible is the One Book to meet the needs and solve the problems of our One World, for it is a lamp unto men's feet and a light unto their pathway.

## REPORT ON THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM AND TITHING

Southern Baptists in recent years have had three major financial objectives; (1) to get rid of the old debts upon our boards and institutions (2) to promote the Co-operative Program for the equitable support of all our work, and (3) to enlist tithers to provide a permanent, dependable, systematic support for all our causes, local, state and worldwide.

Thanks to God and our people, we became "Debt-free in '43," we now

hope we can remain debt free and carry on but owe no man anything save love.

Our Co-operative Program continues to grow in favor. All our state organizations and agencies approve of it, and 75 percent of our churches contributed through it in 1946.

But our Co-operative Program receipts are not sufficient to meet the imperative immediate needs of our causes. All our institutions are full and running over. Our colleges and seminaries turned away hundreds last year for lack of room. Then the property of our Foreign Mission Board calls for \$5,000,000 to put it back as it was before the war. Other millions are needed to care for pathetic calls and unprecedented opportunities.

To help meet these enlarged needs a special tithing campaign has been launched. All our conventions and agencies are co-operating in its promotion. Each state has adopted a tithing goal for 1947. Our state tithing goal is 50,000.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

We urgently and prayerfully recommend:

1. That every church enter full-length and full-strength into the special tithing effort seeking; (1) to enlist at least one-fourth of its members as tithers, and (2) to get all its members to bring their whole tithe into the Lord's house for at least three months, October, November, and December.
2. That October 5, or nearest convenient Sunday, be observed as Tithers' Enlistment Day in all departments and at all services of our churches.
3. That where possible all or a major part of the tithing receipts in October, November, and December be given to the Co-operative Program causes to help meet the dire needs of our denominational agencies.
4. That the Every-Member Canvass be put on faithfully in every church and that every effort be made to maintain and enlarge the number of tithers.
5. That the plans and suggestions of our state organization and the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention be used in seeking to enroll A MILLION SOUTHERN BAPTIST TITHERS FOR CHRIST.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Pearce.

### BROTHERHOOD REPORT

The Baptist Brotherhood is undoubtedly in the best condition it has ever enjoyed. From a Southwide view there are more organizations, more members, and more state secretaries than ever before. There are more than four thousand church Brotherhoods where never before have there been more than 2500. There are more than 175,000 enrolled in these organizations which represents a gain of about 85 per cent in twelve months.

In Florida there have been thirty-eight new organizations in the past

year with a new gain of about eight hundred in enrollment. This, we feel, is a definite forward movement. Several new associational organizations have been set up. The state organization is stronger than in recent years.

We have one Brotherhood in our Association, with T. B. Harding as Associational Brotherhood President.

Because Brotherhood work is definitely on the upward trend and because its work is taking more definite form than ever before, it is felt by thousands that the Brotherhood is at last coming into its own.

Let us urge that this association and its member churches explore more deeply the great potentialities of the Baptist Brotherhood. Let us organize our local, as well as our associational, Brotherhood work more completely and encourage them in performing the duties and opportunities that are before them.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### RECEIPTS

October 15, 1946 — Balance brought forward .....	\$ 94.73
October 15, 1946 — Special Offering to Association .....	38.78
October 15, 1946 — From Churches to Association .....	73.50
October 15, 1946 — Late Offering of New River Church to Union at Beulah .....	1.50
December 28, 1946 — Special Offering to Union .....	21.83
December 28, 1946 — From Union .....	13.50
March 29, 1947 — Special Offering to Union .....	27.75
March 29, 1947 — From Union .....	29.50
June 28, 1947 — Special Offering to Union .....	21.98
June 28, 1947 — From Union .....	25.00
August 30, 1947 — Special Offering to Union .....	25.00
August 30, 1947 — From Union .....	27.89
August 30, 1947 — Love Offering to Rev. Hooker .....	35.13
October 14, 1947 — TOTAL .....	\$ 436.09

### DISBURSEMENTS

October 19, 1946 — Special to Cooperative Program .....	\$ 50.00
October 19, 1946 — Postage and Money Order Fee .....	.18
November 8, 1946 — For Associational Minutes .....	62.40
December 3, 1946 — Postage for Programs .....	.75
December 30, 1946 — To Rev. Haines for Printing Programs .....	10.00
December 30, 1946 — Postage for Associational Minutes .....	.59
December 30, 1946 — Special Gift to Heilbronn Church .....	25.00
January 26, 1947 — Paper for Programs .....	1.58
March 6, 1947 — Envelopes .....	.50
March 11, 1947 — Postage for Programs .....	1.00
April 3, 1947 — Offering to Cooperative Program .....	27.75
April 3, 1947 — Postage .....	.50
April 3, 1947 — Clerk's Salary .....	35.00
June 3, 1947 — Postage .....	.15
July 12, 1947 — To Aged Ministerial Relief .....	21.98
July 12, 1947 — Postage and Money Order Fee .....	.15
August 9, 1947 — Manila Envelopes .....	.45
August 12, 1947 — Postage for Programs .....	.39
August 30, 1947 — Love Offering to Rev. Hooker from Union at Raiford .....	35.13
September 15, 1947 — To Aged Ministerial Relief .....	27.89
September 15, 1947 — Postage and Money Order Fee .....	.15
September 20, 1947 — 100 Manila Envelopes .....	3.00
September 30, 1947 — Programs for Association .....	12.50
September 30, 1947 — Postage for Programs .....	.29
October 14, 1947 — TOTAL .....	\$ 317.33

## REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1947

Number of W.M.S. Organizations in Association .....	9
Number of W.M.U. Auxillaries in Association .....	19
Number of W.M.U. Reporting Community Missions .....	5
Number of W.M.S. Members .....	257
Number of Auxiliary Members .....	135
Number of W.M.S. Covenant Signing Tithers .....	88
Number of Mission Study Courses by W.M.S. ....	10
Number of Awards .....	No Reports
Number of Mission Study Courses by Auxiliary .....	10
Number of Awards .....	No Reports
Number of Persons Engaged in Directed Community Missions W.M.S. ....	175
Number of Auxiliaries Engaged in Directed Community Missions .....	No Report

### SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Number of Subscriptions to Royal Service .....	141
Number of Subscriptions to The Commission .....	18
Number of Subscriptions to Home Missions .....	31
Number of Subscriptions to The Witness .....	178

### CONTRIBUTIONS:

To Florida Baptist Children's Home .....	\$ 128.50
To Florida Baptist Children's Coupons .....	1199
To Cooperative Program W.M.S. ....	991.08
To Cooperative Program Auxiliary .....	251.13
To Weeks of Prayer for Foreign Missions W.M.S. & Auxiliary	247.00
To Weeks of Prayer for State Missions .....	56.36
To Weeks of Prayer for Home Missions .....	131.86
To Other Objectives .....	396.50
To Margaret Fund (Burney Gifts) .....	4.00

ORGANIZATIONS THIS YEAR: 1 Society and 4 Auxiliaries.

### OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

President, Mrs. C. C. Black; Vice-President, Mrs. E. D. Tenly; Secretary & Treasurer, Mrs. Jane Thorpe; Publicity Chairman, Mrs. T. B. Harding; Young People's Director, Mrs. H. D. Dowling; Community Missions Chairman, Mrs. Fred May; Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. J. P. Wyrick; Margaret Fund Chairman, Mrs. R. T. Hargraves; Training School Chairman, Mrs. J. C. Cason; Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. Nubit Kite; Children's Home Chairman, Mrs. G. E. Green.

Respectfully,

—Arlena Harding, Retiring Secretary.

Alma Hough,  
Retiring President



## OUR HONORED DEAD

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

Mrs. John James .....	Antioch
Mrs. Maggie Green .....	Boatdrain
Mrs. Minnie Griffis .....	Boatdrain
Mrs. Ida Chase .....	Boatdrain
Mr. Alfred Thomas .....	Boatdrain
Mrs. Minnie Rimes .....	Brooker
Mrs. Bert Stokes .....	Dedan
Mrs. Lula Wilkerson .....	Evergreen
Mrs. Joe Gilbert .....	N. Pleasant Grove
Mrs. Irene Cox Yhetto .....	Pine Grove
Mrs. Nancy Padgett .....	Pine Grove
Mr. H. C. Waldron .....	Pine Grove
Miss Estelle Griffis .....	Raiford
Jimmy Cason .....	Raiford
Mrs. Wilma Griffis .....	Raiford
Mrs. Flora Yarbrough .....	Raiford
Mrs. H. O. Lawson .....	Starke
Mrs. Lila Griffin .....	Starke
Mrs. W. A. Bessent .....	Starke
Mr. P. E. Canova .....	Starke



PERMANENT RECORD  
NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION

Date	Moderator	Clerk	Place of Meeting
1926	J. T. Quigley	D. W. Moore	Hope Baptist Church
1937	G. E. McGauley	T. B. Pinholster	Brooker Baptist Church
1938		T. B. Pinholster	
1939	C. F. Hooker	T. B. Pinholster	Graham Baptist Church
1940		T. B. Pinholster	
1941	C. A. Crosby	T. B. Pinholster	Pine Grove Church
1942	C. A. Crosby	T. B. Pinholster	Starke Baptist Church
1943	A. E. Lightfoot	T. B. Pinholster	Antioch Baptist Church
1944	S. E. Sparks	T. B. Pinholster	Raiford Church
1945	S. E. Sparks	A. Russell Norman	Brooker Church
1946	S. E. Sparks	A. Russell Norman	Pine Grove Church
1947	S. E. Sparks	A. Russell Norman	Lawtey Church

*Preachers?*

Year Organized	Churches	Services	Name of Pastor and Address	Baptisms	Other Additions	Present Membership (including non-resident)	Sunday School Enrollment (Including Mission Schools)	Training Union and Story Hour Enrollment	W.M.U. Enrollment	Brotherhood Enrollment	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Local Expenses	Pastor's Salary (Per Year)	Gifts to Missions and Benevolences	Value of All Church Property
*872	Antioch	F	Lee A. Cooper, 221 W. University, Deland, Fla.	12	2	267	87	36	10			3,216	1,300	124	6,000
1850	Beulah	F	J. E. Newton, Sanderson, Fla.	6	15	85	34	34				2,382	1,180	255	3,263
1944	Boatdrain	F	J. C. Harris, Green Cove Springs, Fla.	34	13	95	87	52	20			2,459	1,720	183	4,500
1900	Brooker	F	C. C. Harris, Green Cove Springs, Fla.	2	7	116	94	65	19			2,388	1,021	346	3,800
1895	Corinth	H	C. C. Harris, Green Cove Springs, Fla.	12	3	85	63	61	12			1,916	520	158	2,600
1882	Dedan	H	C. C. Harris, Green Cove Springs, Fla.	4	0	91	72	54				696	480	32	800
1884	Evergreen	H	Truby Parrish, Santa Fe, Fla.	20	3	125	68	54				791	480	71	1,269
1876	Gadara	H	Pastor not called	0	1	53						248	136	5	1,500
1916	Graham	H	Not having church	0	1	34	28					131	97	77	500
1908	Hope	H	S. L. Watson, 254 Woodlawn, Ave., Jax.	1	0	112	64	43				1,113	614	77	6,000
1876	Heilbronn	F	W. W. Bishop, Jacksonville	1	3	97	48	28				718	285	180	1,500
1864	Kingsley Lake	F	W. W. Bishop, Jacksonville	1	3	46	38					934	998	180	2,500
1904	Lawtey	F	Guy V. Lee, Lawtey, Fla.	1	0	78	71	35	10			2,876	1,910	250	4,000
1833	New River	H	Truby Parrish, Santa Fe, Fla.	4	9	134	76					482	380	72	1,500
1856	N. Pleasant Grove	F	Truby Parrish, Santa Fe, Fla.	4	0	20	11	53	26			8,506	2,263	374	15,000
1907	Pine Grove	F	W. H. Edwards, Alachua, Fla.	7	1	250	112	77	20			5,337	2,600	636	12,000
1894	Raiford	F	C. F. Hooker, R. 3, Box 252, Gainesville, Fla.	24	4	189	132	74	58			17,725	3,840	3,150	24,500
1877	Starke	F	John L. Bray, 1066 La Rue St., So Jax.	2	40	68	32					17,725	3,840	3,150	24,500
1877	Wateroak	H	L. D. Haines, Starke, Fla.	0	0	68	32					17,725	3,840	3,150	24,500
1916	Wateroak	H	H. H. Mott, Brooker, Fla.	162	107	2,533	1,401	578	214	46	269	57,087	21,234	6,477	97,332

