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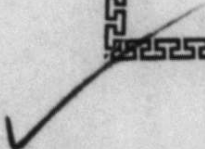


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## DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION

### Officers of New River Association

Rev. C. F. Hooker — Moderator ..... Rt. 5, Gainesville, Fla.  
 Rev. S. E. Sparks — Assistant Moderator ..... Starke, Fla.  
 A. Russell Norman — Clerk ..... Rt. 2, Box 114A, Starke, Fla.  
 A. Russell Norman — Treasurer ..... Rt. 2, Box 114A, Starke, Fla.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Rev. C. F. Hooker — Moderator —  
 Pine Grove Church ..... Rt. 5, Gainesville, Fla.  
 Rev. S. E. Sparks — Assistant Moderator —  
 Graham Church ..... Starke, Fla.  
 A. Russell Norman — Clerk-Treasurer ..... Rt. 2, Starke, Fla.  
 Mrs. J. W. Thomas — W. M. U. President ..... Brooker, Fla.  
 L. L. Parker — S. S. Superintendent ..... Brooker, Fla.  
 Rev. Edgar Wilkerson — B. T. U. Director —  
 Lawtey Church ..... Lawtey, Fla.  
 Rev. John Strickland — Brotherhood President —  
 Raiford Church ..... Raiford, Fla.  
 T. N. Norman — Music Director ..... Rt. 2, Starke, Fla.  
 Rev. L. G. Hemingway — Airpark Church ..... Starke, Fla.  
 Rev. A. G. Karnes — Bayless Highway Church ..... Starke, Fla.  
 Rev. C. C. Harris — Boatdrain Church ..... Green Cove Springs, Fla.  
 Rev. S. F. Beard — Brooker Church ..... Brooker, Fla.  
 Rev. C. F. Padgett — Dedan Church ..... Brooker, Fla.  
 Rev. Lowell Shaw — Gadara Church ..... Lake Geneva, Fla.  
 Rev. R. C. Gray — Hampton Church ..... Hampton, Fla.  
 Rev. Merle Packham — Hope Church ..... Rt. 1, Starke, Fla.  
 Rev. D. E. Willis — Kingsley Lake Church ..... Bostwick, Fla.  
 Rev. Truby Parrish — New River Church ..... Santa Fe, Fla.  
 Rev. L. D. Haines — Starke Church ..... Starke, Fla.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY:

Rev. John Pearce ..... Starke, Fla.

#### Officers of Associational Woman's Auxiliary

President — Mrs. J. W. Thomas ..... Brooker, Fla.  
 Vice President — Mrs. Ralph Beville ..... Gainesville, Fla.  
 Secretary-Treasurer — Mrs. R. T. Hargrave ..... Brooker, Fla.  
 Young People's Leader — Mrs. Ada Lawson ..... Starke, Fla.  
 Community Mission Chairman — Mrs. S. E. Sparks ..... Starke, Fla.  
 Stewardship Chairman — Mrs. J. R. Kelly ..... Starke, Fla.  
 Mission Study Chairman — Mrs. Maude Andrews ..... Starke, Fla.  
 Margaret Fund Chairman — Mrs. Lucille Stidham ..... Alachua, Fla.  
 Training School Chairman — Mrs. Frank Williams ..... Gainesville, Fla.  
 Florida Children's Home Chairman —  
 Mrs. Mary Williams ..... Hampton, Fla.

### Officers of Associational Sunday School

Superintendent — L. L. Parker ..... Brooker, Fla.  
 Secretary — J. R. Kelly ..... Rt. 2, Starke, Fla.  
 Vacation Bible School Director — Rev. Wilbur Scott ..... Starke, Fla.  
 Superintendent of Evangelism — Rev. Bob Gray ..... Hampton, Fla.  
 Superintendent of Enlargement — Rev. S. E. Sparks ..... Starke, Fla.  
 Adult Leader — Rev. H. H. Mott ..... Brooker, Fla.  
 Young People's Leader — Mrs. Essie Crosby ..... Rt. 2, Starke, Fla.  
 Intermediate Leader — Mrs. J. M. Browning ..... Lawtey, Fla.  
 Junior Leader — C. L. Hickey ..... Green Cove Springs, Fla.  
 Primary Leader — Mrs. Betty Williams Sapp ..... Starke, Fla.  
 Beginner Leader — Mrs. Wilson Green ..... Brooker, Fla.  
 Nursery Leader — Mrs. Muriel Norman ..... Rt. 2, Starke, Fla.  
 Extension Leader — Don Hill ..... Hampton, Fla.  
 Cradle Roll Leader — Rev. Merle Packham ..... Starke, Fla.

### Officers of Associational Baptist Training Union

Director — Rev. Edgar Wilkerson ..... Starke, Fla.  
 Other officers for 1952-53 not selected.

### Officers of Associational Brotherhood

President — Rev. J. E. Strickland ..... Raiford, Fla.  
 Other officers for 1952-53 not selected.

### Committees of Association — *Standing Com?*

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman — Rev. L. D. Haines, Starke, Fla.  
 Rev. L. G. Hemingway, Rev. Edgar Wilkerson

#### COMMITTEE FOR TIME AND PLACE

Chairman — Rev. J. E. Strickland, Raiford, Fla.  
 Rev. D. E. Willis, Bro. Lacy Conway

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Chairman — S. E. Sparks, Starke, Fla.  
 Rev. O. Brookins, Bro. Earl Hill

#### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman — Rev. S. F. Beard, Brooker, Fla.  
 Bro. Frank M. Norman, Jr., Rev. T. S. Parrish

### Associational Representatives in State Work

Rev. L. D. Haines, Starke, Fla. — Member State Mission Board

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### Calendar of Activities

#### ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

Time — October 7th and 8th, 1953

Place — Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

Time — Tuesday night after third Sunday — Monthly

Place — According to alphabetical order of churches

#### PASTOR'S, DEACON'S, AND LAYMAN'S CONFERENCE

Time — Monday night after fourth Sunday — Monthly

Place — According to alphabetical order of churches

### MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATION

- Airpark — Mr. and Mrs. Erich F. Nuernberger, Mrs. Mary Collins.  
 Antioch — Rev. Wm. Keen, Mr. Tom Harris, Mrs. Grace Green, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cellon, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dampier, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Thomas.  
 Bayless Highway — Mrs. Teresa Crosby, Mrs. T. N. Norman, Mrs. Beulah Kelly.  
 Beulah — Mrs. E. B. Shipman, Mr. M. J. Batten.  
 Boatdrain — Mrs. Mildred Griffis, Mrs. Lavonia Griffis, Mr. Albert Griffis.  
 Brooker — Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Beard, Miss Lubedia Pinholster, Mrs. M. O. Harrell, Mrs. Grace Barry.  
 Dedan — Mrs. L. L. Dyal, Mrs. E. B. Crosby, Mr. A. J. Mann, Mrs. E. E. Stokes  
 Evergreen — Mrs. Lillie Morgan, Dorothy Morgan.  
 Gadara — Mrs. Emma Lamoreaux, Mrs. L. E. Harris, Mrs. Elva Brosmer.  
 Graham — Mrs. Perlie Starling, Mrs. Miley Wynn, Mrs. Maude Surrency, Rev. S. E. Sparks.  
 Hampton — Mr. H. B. Wiggins, Mrs. Mamie Mead, Mrs. R. C. Gray, Mrs. Hazel Thomas.  
 Heilbronn — Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Sapp, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cowart, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Johns.  
 Hope — Rev. and Mrs. Merle Packham, Mr. C. Sullivan, Mrs. Delaney Dickerson, Mr. S. E. Brown.  
 Kingsley Lake — Mrs. Edna Norton, Mrs. Sadie Elder, Mrs. Eloise Siemer.  
 Lawtey — Rev. Edgar Wilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hilliard.  
 New River — Rev. Truby Parrish, Mrs. Rosa Pinholster.  
 North Pleasant Grove — Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gallop.  
 Pine Grove — Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Hooker, Mrs. W. C. Turner, Mr. R. L. Birt, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hamm.  
 Raiford — Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Strickland, Mrs. Nancy Harvey, Mrs. Leila Conner, Mrs. W. B. Bloodsworth.  
 Starke — Rev. L. D. Haines.

### 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 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 at the annual meeting and the Moderator be authorized to extend the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

Article 5. Section 1. 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 composed of: (a) The officers of the Association, (b) All pastors of churches cooperating with the Association, provided they hold membership in some church in the Association. (c) Associational Sunday School Superintendent, (d) Associational Training Union Director (e) Associational W. M. U. President, (f) Associational Brotherhood President, and Music Director,

(g) Any church without a pastor who represents them on the board may elect one member to represent them, who shall conduct all business of this Association between annual meetings. A quorum shall be 10 members.

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 the 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. The Association shall hold its sessions annually at such time and place as the Association may elect. The Executive Committee, however, shall be authorized to make such changes in either time or place of meeting as may be found to be expedient. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote, provided that notice of such change shall have been given to the Executive Committee not later than the last Executive Committee meeting previous to the Association meeting and that notice of such change be given to the Association on the first day of such meeting.

### BY - LAWS

In order to carry out the provisions of the Constitution, the following By-Laws are hereby adopted for the government of the New River Baptist Association:

Article I. The fiscal year shall run from October 1 to September 30th.

Article II. The Moderator of the Association shall appoint at the beginning of each annual meeting a Committee on Committees, whose duty shall be to nominate the following Committees to report at the present meeting:

1. Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for next meeting.
2. Committee on application for membership and dismissal, when needed.
3. Committee on Resolutions.
4. Committee on Nominations, whose duty shall be to nominate: (a) Associational Sunday School Superintendent, (b) Associational Training Union Director, (c) Associational President of the W. M. U., (d) Associational President of Brotherhood and Music, (e) a person to present a written report at the next meeting on each of the various objects fostered by the Association.

Article III. The Clerk shall keep records of the proceedings; print and distribute Minutes; keep file of Minutes, which shall be turned over to the successor.

Article IV. The officers of the Association shall be the officers of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall meet monthly, except when it feels there is no need for the meeting, at which time written reports from the different officers and committees shall be presented. The Executive Committee shall appoint the following standing committees on: Sunday School, Training Union, Evangelism, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhoods, Music and such other committees as it needs to carry out its work. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Committee to prepare a budget, including all expenditures of all departments of the work and submit same to the Association at its annual meeting for approval.

Article V. The Program Committee shall be the Moderator, Clerk, and Pastor of the host Church.

Article VI. These By-Laws may be altered or amended in the same manner as the Constitution.

**PROCEEDINGS**  
**NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
**AIRPARK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**October 8th and 9th, 1952**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1952 — MORNING SESSION

- 9:15 — Rev. S. E. Sparks led the group in singing.
- 9:25 — Following the song service Rev. C. F. Hooker, Moderator, declared the session in order for the transaction of business. The program was adopted.
- 9:30 — Rev. W. L. Keene led the devotional.
- 9:45 — Organization —  
 Rev. L. D. Haines made a motion that the messengers representing the various churches be seated to carry on the business of the Association. Seconded by Rev. S. E. Sparks and carried.  
 The following officers were elected for 1952-53:  
 Moderator — Rev. C. F. Hooker  
 Associate Moderate — Rev. S. E. Sparks  
 Clerk-Treasurer — A. Russell Norman
- The clerk read a letter from Antioch Baptist Church asking for a transfer from the New River Association to the Santa Fe Association.
- A motion was made by Rev. L. D. Haines that the Antioch Church be granted a letter of dismissal from the New River Association to enter the Santa Fe Association. Seconded and carried.
- 10:00 — The following new and visiting pastors were welcomed:  
 Visitors: Dr. John Maguire, Secretary of Florida Baptist Convention; Rev. Paul Carmichael; Rev. J. R. Noffsinger; Rev. T. M. Johns; Rev. G. E. Cutshaw.  
 New Pastors: Rev. W. L. Keene, Antioch Church; Rev. S. F. Beard, Brooker Church; Rev. Edgar Wilkerson, Lawtey Church.
- 10:05 — T. M. Johns brought a message from the Florida Baptist Children's Home.
- 10:25 — Rev. Paul Carmichael brought a message about the work being carried on in Christian Education.
- 10:40 — Rev. J. R. Noffsinger discussed the progress and plans of the Florida Baptist Witness.
- 11:05 — Song and offering.
- 11:15 — Missionary Sermon — Rev. J. E. Strickland.
- 11:55 — Rev. C. F. Hooker appointed the following committee to nominate the necessary committees for the Association:  
 Rev. A. G. Karnes  
 Rev. C. C. Harris  
 Rev. H. H. Mott

12:05 — Lunch was served by the host church.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1952 — AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:10 — Rev. Tom Harris led the afternoon song service.
- 1:20 — Rev. S. F. Beard led the devotional using the 5th chapter of First Thessalonians for his scripture.
- 1:25 — Dr. John Maguire, Secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention, discussed the plan and progress of the Cooperative Program.
- 2:10 — Rev. John Pearce, Associational Missionary discussed the work of the Regional Missionary in the New River Association.
- 2:30 — Report — American Bible Society — Rev. Edgar Wilkerson.

**AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY**

**The American Bible Society is an active partner of Southern Baptists** in their worldwide mission work. The Society serves every form of missions at home and abroad.

**Bible distribution is a "must" in mission work.** If the people of the world are to know Christ, they must have the Bible. It is the one primary source of knowledge of Him. The Bible is the missionary's chief tool. The Bible itself is a missionary. It can go where the human missionary cannot go, stay when he must leave, and keep on working in a man's heart.

Every man must have the Bible in his own native tongue if the Word of God is to speak to his heart. But, in most countries of the world the income of the people is so low they cannot afford even the bare cost of the printed Scriptures.

In 1951, Southern Baptist churches gave \$90,909 to the American Bible Society. \$2,918.63 of this came from churches of the Florida Baptist Convention.

Increased gifts from Southern Baptists will help to provide ENOUGH Bibles NOW and will inspire others to give more. Please send the gifts from your church to your Baptist state headquarters office, marked "for the American Bible Society".

This report was adopted by the Association.

- 2:40 — Report — Radio and its use in carrying the Gospel — Rev. J. E. Strickland.
- A special prayer was given by Rev. J. R. Noffsinger for the wife of Brother S. F. Lowe's wife in this hour of sadness and for the committee which will select a man to replace Bro. Lowe as Radio Director.
- 2:45 — Report — Temperance — Rev. S. E. Sparks.
- 3:00 — The Committee on Committees nominated the following Committees:  
 Nominating — Rev. L. D. Haines, Rev. L. G. Hemingway, Rev. Edgar Wilkerson.  
 Time and Place — Rev. J. E. Strickland, Rev. D. E. Willis, Bro. Lacy Conway.  
 Obituary — Rev. S. E. Sparks, Rev. O. Brookins, Bro. Earl Hill.  
 Resolutions — Rev. S. F. Beard, Rev. Truby Parrish, Bro. Frank M. Norman, Jr.  
 Adjournment.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1952 — MORNING SESSION

- 9:30 — Song Service led by T. N. Norman.  
 9:45 — Rev. D. E. Willis gave the opening devotional.  
 10:00 — Report: Finance Committee —

## BUDGET FOR NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION 1952-53

Printing Minutes .....	\$ 100.00
Moderator .....	40.00
Clerk .....	50.00
Sunday School .....	25.00
Training Union .....	25.00
Brotherhood and Music .....	25.00
Associational Programs .....	15.00
Postage .....	8.00
Printing .....	15.00
Moderator and Clerk expenses to State Meeting of Moderators and Clerks .....	15.00
Woman's Missionary Union .....	25.00
Miscellaneous .....	17.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 360.00</b>

## APPORTIONMENTS TO CHURCHES

Airpark .....	12.00	Graham .....	8.50	North Pleasant Grove .....	26.00
Fayless Highway .....	12.00	Hampton .....	26.00	Pine Grove .....	26.00
Beulah .....	12.00	Heilbronn .....	18.00	Raiford .....	26.00
Boatdrain .....	12.00	Hope .....	12.00	Starke .....	60.00
Brooker .....	26.00	Kingsley Lake .....	12.00		
Dedan .....	8.50	Lawtey .....	26.00		
Evergreen .....	8.50	New River .....	8.50	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$348.50</b>
Gadara .....	8.50				

This apportionment is raised 20 per cent over last year. To supplement the total apportionment to balance with the budget it is recommended that \$11.50 of the offering be used.

This report was adopted as read.

- 10:15 — Report — Woman's Missionary Union — Mrs. J. W. Thomas.

Number of W. M. U. Organizations .....	11
Number of Young People's Auxiliaries .....	9
Number of W. M. S. Members .....	289
Number of Auxilliary Members .....	126
Number of Tithers .....	118
Number of Quarterly Rallies .....	4

## Speakers at Rallies:

Mrs. W. F. Lassiter, State President; Miss Josephine Jones, State Secretary; Rev. John Pierce, Associational Missionary; Mr. Marshall Ku, Chinese Student from Wayland College, Texas.  
 This report was adopted.

Rev. Beard and Rev. Hooker spoke very complimentary of the W. M. U.

- 10:25 — Report — Training Union — Rev. S. E. Sparks.

- 10:35 — Report — Sunday School — Bro. L. L. Parker.

20 Churches reported Sunday schools  
 11 Vacation Bible Schools  
 2077 enrollment of Sunday Schools

840 enrollment of V. B. S.  
 104 increase in V. B. S. enrollment  
 135 decrease in S. S. enrollment

- 10:45 — Report — Brotherhood — Rev. J. E. Strickland.

Number of Churches .....	20
Number with Brotherhoods .....	4
Enrollment .....	114

- 10:55 — Report — Church Music — T. N. Norman.

I have visited some of the Churches of our Association and at all times tried to encourage the improvement and necessity of Music in the Churches.

Each church should try to select a capable Music Director for the Church and ask him to improve the interest in the church in group singing. To hold at least one singing school during each year.

We have several Music programs available to help in a training program.

We also have Associational Hymn Sings which are becoming quite popular and beneficial and I believe the New River Association should encourage same.

The District Association for the Music Directors will be held in Jacksonville Florida the last of January, 1953. Help will be given by the state office to make the trip and they are encouraging a great attendance of same.

This report was adopted.

- 11:10 — Song and offering.

- 11:15 — Baptist Doctrinal Sermon — Rev. S. F. Beard.

- 12:00 — Lunch was served by the Host Church.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1952 — AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00 — Song Service — T. N. Norman.

Following the singing Rev. H. H. Mott led the devotional.

- 1:30 — Report — Baptist Seminaries — Rev. W. L. Keen.

The place of the seminary takes on added importance in the life of the Southern Baptist Convention as the times continue to change.

It should be a matter of concern to Southern Baptists that the more than twenty thousand ministers in the denomination fall into three groups: About one-third have seminary training, about one-third have had high school and college training, and one out of three has not finished high school.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST SEMINARY  
Louisville, Ky., Duke K. McCall, President

This Seminary was founded in 1858, at first an independent school, but the men who established it were Southern Baptists and the school has always belonged spiritually, and for long has belonged physically, to the Southern Baptist Convention. The enrollment last year was over 1100, with Negroes being admitted for the first time.



**SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST SEMINARY**  
Forth Worth, Texas, E. D. Head, President

Although the seminary at Forth Worth, founded in 1908, has a larger enrollment than Southern, its assets are considerable less, totalling less than seven million dollars, with buildings and equipment at not quite four million. Thus it is easy to see that Southwestern stands in need of assistance in caring for the ever increasing number of students. The enrollment was almost 2100 in 1951-52. Of these over 700 were in the School of Religious Education, a very important section of our Southern Baptist leadership of tomorrow.

**NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST SEMINARY**  
New Orleans, La., Roland Q. Leavell, President

With over seven hundred enrolled and a plant worth nearly four million dollars, New Orleans is taking its place with the two older schools of the convention. Its educational standards are, of course, just as high, and in some instances, such as the Practical Activities Department which encourages students to evangelistic work which brings some 1500 souls under the banner of Christ each year, it exceeds the others.

The school moves this year into a new campus which will more adequately care for the needs of the student body, but the great need for this school is endowment, since it has only \$120,000 endowment, the returns of only three thousand of which can be used for current expenses.

Over a hundred and fifty were graduated from New Orleans this year, a great contribution to our Southern Baptist life.

**GOLDEN GATE BAPTIST SEMINARY**  
Berkeley, Calif., B. O. Herring, President

This is one of our new seminaries, filling a great need in the West. With over two hundred enrolled, as compared with 31 five years ago, this school has a great need for additional building space, greater operating endowment, and enlarged faculty. Dr. Herring says, "We appeal to our denominational leaders, planmakers, and people, all to hold their hands in prayerful and material support of our task."

**SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST SEMINARY**  
Wake Forest, N. C., S. L. Stealy, President

Our newest seminary opened in the fall of 1951 on the campus of Wake Forest college, which has been bought by the Convention for the seminary. It has 85 students enrolled, and must operate in a very limited way until the college moves in the near future. This new school drew upon all the older seminaries for faculty members, and from the start it is equipped to offer the best in theological education.

**AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY**  
Nashville, Tennessee, Ralph W. Riley, President

This is a seminary for Negro ministerial education, operated by the National Baptist Convention, and subsidized by the Southern Baptist Convention. This year we will supply over a hundred thousand dollars to this school for operating funds. It has an enrollment of 150; buildings and equipment valued at about half a million dollars. The need for theological education among our colored brethren is acute, and provisions are tragically limited. Our contributions to this school is a genuine service to the Kingdom of God.

This report was adopted.

1:45 — Report — Evangelism — Rev. L. D. Haines.

**1953 PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM**

Florida's 1953 Program of Evangelism is absolutely identical with the program we followed last year. Because of the diversity of the weather and agricultural conditions, we are not recommending a STATEWIDE EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE, but we are suggesting that there be thirty-eight ASSOCIATION-WIDE CRUSADES. Instead of all our churches and all our associations using one date, this matter of a date will be left up to the association. The date for your Association-wide Simultaneous Campaign should be set not later than the meeting of your association in October. Please see that the date is sent in to the Cooperative Missions Department in Jacksonville.

The organization set-up for the association remains the same. That is, each association elects a Chairman of Evangelism.

Plans are under way for the fifth, annual, Statewide Evangelistic Conference to be held again this year in the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, **January 13-15, 1953.**

We encourage each church to have a council on evangelism, composed of the pastor and heads of each church agency, to plan a program of evangelism a year in advance.

Each church is urged to have two revivals a year, one in connection with your association-wide evangelistic effort.

**OUR ASSOCIATIONAL RECORD**

Our records show that 17 churches held revivals during the 1951-52 Convention year.

Our churches reported 145 baptisms during the year. There were 6 churches reporting no baptisms.

This report was adopted.

1:45 — The Nominating Committee offered the following names to the Association:

W. M. U. President — Mrs. J. W. Thomas  
Brotherhood President — Rev. J. E. Strickland  
S. S. Superintendent — L. L. Parker  
B. T. U. Director — Rev. Edgar Wilkerson  
Music — T. N. Norman  
Radio — Rev. Merle Packham.  
These were unanimously elected.

2:00 — Report of Executive Committee —

We, your executive committee, has met several times and after correspondence and discussion the committee unanimously voted to dispose of the matter concerning Stetson University because This report was adopted.

2:10 — Report — Digest of Letters — Rev. S. F. Beard.

2:20 — Treasurer's Report —

of lack of evidence.

C. F. Hooker, Moderator  
A. R. Norman, Clerk

**TREASURER'S REPORT 1951-52**  
**Receipts:**

October 10, 1951 — Balance	\$ 55.77
October 10, 1951 — Special Offering	28.81
October 11, 1951 — Special Offering	23.85
October 11, 1951 — Antioch Church	21.00
October 11, 1951 — Bayless Highway	10.00
October 11, 1951 — Boatdrain	11.25
October 11, 1951 — Brooker	16.00
October 11, 1951 — Evergreen	7.00
October 11, 1951 — Kingsley Lake	5.00
October 11, 1951 — Lawtey	5.00
October 11, 1951 — North Pleasant Grove	15.00
October 11, 1951 — Raiford	21.00
October 11, 1951 — Starke	100.00
October 11, 1951 — Cash collection from other churches	84.00
December 20, 1951 — Gadara	2.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 405.68</b>

**Disbursements:**

October 25, 1951 — Expenses to Conference, A. R. Greene	\$ 7.50
November 12, 1951 — Sunday School, J. D. Robinsen 1950-51	25.00
November 20, 1951 — B. T. U., Earl Willis 1950-51	25.00
November 20, 1951 — W. M. U., Mrs. Tenly 1950-51	25.00
December 31, 1951 — For Minutes	165.00
January 7, 1952 — Postage - cards for Executive Board	.34
January 15, 1952 — Expenses to Conference, Rev. C. F. Hooker and A. R. Norman	15.00
January 19, 1952 — Postage for Minutes	2.36
February 1, 1952 — Clerk's salary	50.00
February 6, 1952 — Post cards	.50
September 6, 1952 — Envelopes and postage	2.00
October 9, 1952 — W. M. U., Mrs. J. W. Thomas 1951-52	25.00
October 9, 1952 — Sunday School, L. L. Parker 1951-52	25.00
October 9, 1952 — Brotherhood, J. E. Strickland 1951-52	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 392.70</b>

October 9, 1952 — Balance

\$ 12.98

This report was adopted.

2:25 — Report — Time and Place Committee — Rev. J. E. Strickland.

Time — October 7th and 8th, 1952.

Place — Raiford Baptist Church.

Preacher — Missionary — Rev. L. D. Haines.

Alternate — Rev. Merle Packham.

Doctrinal — Rev. Bob Gray.

Alternate — Rev. C. C. Harris.

2:30 — Report — Obituary Committee — Rev. C. C. Harris.

During the past year the number carried from our midst was 18. It has pleased God to call them, so we bow in humble submission to His will. Their lives and work will stand as a monument to kind and loving service in the New River Association and their respective churches. We recommend a page in our minutes be dedicated to their memory and that we stand in silent prayer in remembrance of these Our Honored Dead.

This report was adopted.

Rev. S. F. Beard led an oral prayer to honor the memory of our dead.

2:40 — Business —

A motion was made by Rev. L. D. Haines that the Executive Committee reapportion the Associational Mission money if necessary and work to get it collected. Seconded by Rev. J. E. Strickland and carried.

2:15 — Resolutions Committee — Rev. S. F. Beard.

We recommend:

That we give a rising vote of thanks to Rev. Hemingway and the Airpark Church for their gracious hospitality in providing for our comfort during this session of the New River Association.

This resolution was adopted and carried out.

2:50 — Adjourn.

## AUXILIARY MEETINGS

### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The work in the Association has shown much progress although there are fewer organizations reporting.

The records show:

- 11 organizations at beginning of year.
- 2 organizations discontinued or dormant.
- 9 organizations at end of year.
- 401 enrolled.
- 4 Quarterly Rallies.
- 9 Young People's Auxiliaries.
- 118 Tithers.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Rev. J. D. Robinson did a splendid job of guiding the Sunday School Mass Meetings until he resigned. At that time L. L. Parker was elected to take his place. Brother Parker is also elected for the year 1952-53. A meeting is held each month with a good representation from the churches.

## BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

The New River Association reports:

14 churches with B.T.U.'s at beginning of year.

1000 enrolled at beginning of year.

1 new Union organized.

15 churches with B.T.U.'s at end of year.

963 enrolled at end of year.

## BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION

The records show 4 churches with Brotherhood organizations with an enrollment of 114 this year. This is a loss of 2 organizations and 50 members. We are praying for an increase in this phase of the work for the year 1952-53 under the leadership of Rev. J. E. Strickland.



### 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:

Mr. Phillip D. Dampier .....	Antioch
Mrs. Susie Mae Crews .....	Antioch
Mr. Richard Clark .....	Bayless Highway
Mrs. Hattie Varnes .....	Bayless Highway
Mr. Jesse Harris .....	Beulah
Mr. Kinney L. Griffis .....	Boatdrain
Mr. H. B. Crosby .....	Brooker
Mr. John Griffis .....	Evergreen
Mr. E. W. Rosier .....	Evergreen
Mr. Sam Cumbus .....	Gadara
Mr. Richard McCarthy .....	Heilbronn
Mrs. M. D. Carter .....	Heilbronn
Mrs. Maggie Roebuck .....	Hope
Mr. W. L. Holbrook .....	North Pleasant Grove
Mr. Paul Tiliman .....	Pine Grove
Mr. John W. Carter .....	Raiford
Mr. E. Lennon, Deacon .....	Starke
Mr. Broward Strickland .....	Starke

## CHURCH DIRECTORIES

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Orville Brookins, Hampton, Fla. ....	Dedan
Rev. J. E. Lingerfelt, Middleburg, Fla. ....	Evergreen
Rev. P. Q. Cason (retired) .....	North Pleasant Grove
Rev. S. E. Sparks, Starke, Fla. ....	Starke
Rev. John Pearce, Starke, Fla. ....	Starke
Rev. Wilbur Scott, Starke, Fla. ....	Starke
Rev. Guy V. Lee, Starke, Fla. ....	Starke
Rev. C. R. Crosby, Lima, Ohio .....	Starke

### ASSISTANT PASTORS or EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS

None.

### MINISTERS LICENSED THIS YEAR

Robert L. Haisten, Starke, Fla. ....	Airpark
Charley L. Redding, Raiford, Fla. ....	Evergreen
Edgar Wilkerson,, Starke, Fla. ....	Hope

### MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR

Edgar Wilkerson, Starke,, Fla. ....	Hope
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### SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Lacy Conway. P. O. Box 303, Starke, Fla. ....	Airpark
D. M. Cellon, Rt. 3, Box 469, Gainesville, Fla. ....	Antioch
N. C. Wainwright, Rt. 2, Green Cove Springs, Fla. ....	Beulah
George H. Bowens, Rt. 1, Starke, Fla. ....	Boatdrain
L. L. Parker, Brooker, Fla. ....	Brooker
A. I. Mann, Brooker, Fla. ....	Dedan
Fisher Gaskins, Lawtey, Fla. ....	Evergreen
E. J. Harris, Rt. Kingsley Lake, Starke, Fla. ....	Gadara
Jennings Starling, Graham, Fla. ....	Graham
Don E. Hill, Hampton, Fla. ....	Hampton
Harold Alvarez, Rt. 2, Box 113-G, Starke, Fla. ....	Heilbronn
Ernest Triest, Keystone Heights, Fla. ....	Hope
G. L. Norton, Rt. 1, Starke, Fla. ....	Kingsley Lake
Benton Futch, Box 55, Lawtey, Fla. ....	Lawtey
R. R. Andrews, Lake Butler, Fla. ....	New River
Alvin Davis, Rt. 2. Alachua, Fla. ....	North Pleasant Grove
Mr. L. R. Tenly, Rt. 5, Box 192, Gainesville. Fla. ....	Pine Grove
Drew C. Sweat, Raiford, Fla. ....	Raiford
P. T. Nolin, Starke, Fla. ....	Starke

### TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS

Robert Haisten, Gen. Del., Starke, Fla. ....	Airpark
J. F. Parrish, Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla. ....	Antioch
LaVon Crosby, Rt. 2, Starke, Fla. ....	Bayless Highway

Mrs. Zelah Johns, Rt. 1, Starke, Fla. ....	Boatdrain
Avery Williams, Rt. 1, Brooker, Fla. ....	Brooker
Maurice Ray Carlton, Brooker, Fla. ....	Dedan
Charley L. Redding, Lawtey, Fla. ....	Evergreen
Mrs. Miley Wynn, Graham, Fla. ....	Graham
E. D. Allen, Hampton, Fla. ....	Hampton
Othma Norman, Rt. 2, Lawtey, Fla. ....	Heilbronn
Mrs. Geneva Hersey, Rt. 1, Box 55-A, Starke, Fla. ....	Hope
Mr. Fred Coleman, Lawtey, Fla. ....	Lawtey
Phillip Barnes, Santa Fe, Fla. ....	North Pleasant Grove
W. B. Bloodsworth, Raiford, Fla. ....	Raiford
Laverne Outlaw, Starke, Fla. ....	Starke

**BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENTS**

Lacy Conway, Box 303, Starke, Fla. ....	Airpark
C. B. Johns, Starke, Fla. ....	Boatdrain
U. F. McEver, Santa Fe, Fla. ....	North Pleasant Grove
J. M. Meyers, Rt. 2, Box 402, Gainesville, Fla. ....	Pine Grove
W. H. Williams, Raiford, Fla. ....	Raiford
E. Lawson, Starke, Fla. ....	Starke

**WQMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION PRESIDENTS**

Mrs. D. M. Cellon, Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla. ....	Antioch
Mrs. Helen Sapp, Rt. 2, Starke, Fla. ....	Bayless Highway
Mrs. Wilson Green, Brooker, Fla. ....	Brooker
Mrs. S. L. Watson, Starke, Fla. ....	Heilbronn
Mrs. H. B. Arwood, Lawtey, Fla. ....	Lawtey
Mrs. Earl Hill, Rt. 2, Alachua, Fla. ....	N. Pleasant Grove
Mrs. Frank Williams, Gainesville, Fla. ....	Pine Grove
Mrs. Nancy Harvey, Raiford, Fla. ....	Raiford
Mrs. R. A. Green, Starke, Fla. ....	Starke

**CHURCH CLERKS**

Erich F. Nuernberger, Rt. 1, Box 454, Starke, Fla. ....	Airpark
Mrs. F. R. May, La Crosse, Fla. ....	Antioch
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Elma Thomas, Rt. 1, Box 286, Starke, Fla. ....	Beulah
Albert Griffis, Rt. 1, Starke, Fla. ....	Boatdrain
J. W. Thomas, Brooker, Fla. ....	Brooker
E. E. Stokes, Rt. 1, Brooker, Fla. ....	Dedan
Bobby McClellan, Lawtey, Fla. ....	Evergreen
Emma Lamoreaux, Lake Geneva, Fla. ....	Gadara
Jennings Starling, Graham, Fla. ....	Graham
E. L. Brown, Hampton, Fla. ....	Hampton
James H. McCarthy, Starke, Fla. ....	Heilbronn
Cleveland Sullivan, Rt. 1, Starke, Fla. ....	Hope
Otto F. Selmer, Jr., Rt. 1, Starke, Fla. ....	Kingsley, Lake

Miss Elizabeth Terry, Lawtey, Fla. ....	Lawtey
Z. W. Hamilton, Brooker, Fla. ....	New River
D. L. Norris, Box 24, Santa Fe, Fla. ....	N. Pleasant Grove
H. M. Hamm, Rt. 5, Box 248-C, Gainesville, Fla. ....	Pine Grove
Mrs. Nancy Harvey, Raiford, Fla. ....	Raiford
E. D. Tenly, Box 665, Starke, Fla. ....	Starke

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Fredrick Conway, Box 303, Starke, Fla. ....	Airpark
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Elma Thomas, Rt. 1, Box 286, Starke, Fla. ....	Beulah
Lavonia Griffis, Rt. 1, Box 82, Starke, Fla. ....	Boatdrain
M. O. Harrell, Brooker, Fla. ....	Brooker
Mrs. L. L. Dyal, Brooker, Fla. ....	Dedan
Jim Rosier, Lawtey, Fla. ....	Evergreen
W. C. Hall, Lake Geneva, Fla. ....	Gadara
Mrs. F. N. Griffin, Graham, Fla. ....	Graham
J. W. Horne, Hampton, Fla. ....	Hampton
Harold Alvarez, Rt. 2, Starke, Fla. ....	Heilbronn
Cleveland Sullivan, Rt. 1, Starke, Fla. ....	Hope
E. M. Norton, Rt. 1, Starke, Fla. ....	Kingsley Lake
Troy Bennett, Lawtey, Fla. ....	Lawtey
Z. W. Hamilton, Brooker, Fla. ....	New River
M. M. Phillips, Box 221, Alachua, Fla. ....	North Pleasant Grove
C. R. Neal, Rt. 5, Box 189, Gainesville, Fla. ....	Pine Grove
T. H. Rahn, Raiford, Fla. ....	Raiford
J. T. Lawson, Starke, Fla. ....	Starke

**CHOIR DIRECTORS**

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Floyd Crosby, Rt. 2, Starke, Fla. ....	Bayless Highway
G. H. Brown, Rt. 1, Starke, Fla. ....	Boatdrain
L. L. Parker, Brooker, Fla. ....	Brooker
Opal Wilkerson, Lawtey, Fla. ....	Evergreen
Russell Redding, Lawtey, Fla. ....	Heilbronn
L. V. Williamson, Rt. 1, Box 55, Starke, Fla. ....	Hope
E. E. Tanner, Camp Blanding, Starke, Fla. ....	Kingsley, Lake
Earl Hill, Alachua, Fla. ....	North Pleasant Grove
W. F. Vipperman, Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla. ....	Pine Grove
Mrs. Sunshine Williams, Raiford, Fla. ....	Raiford
Mrs. Mona Canova, Starke, Fla. ....	Starke

**ORGANISTS or PIANISTS**

Mrs. Dot Bagwell, Starke, Fla. ....	Airpark
Peggy Jo Norris, La Crosse, Fla. ....	Antioch



