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### DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION Officers of New River Association

Rev. S. E. Sparks — Moderator	
Rev. S. F. Beard — Assistant Moderator — Box 63, Brooker, F.	
A. Russell Norman — Clerk Rt. 1, Box 3N, Starke, Fl	
A. Russell Norman — Treasurer Rt. 1, Box 3N, Starke, Fl	la.
EXECUTIVE BOARD:	
Rev. S. E. Sparks — Moderator —	
Graham Church Box 784, Starke, Fl	la.
Rev. S. F. Beard — Assistant Moderator —	
Brooker Church Box 63, Starke, Fl	la.
A. Russell Norman - Clerk Rt. 1, Box 3N, Starke, Fl	la.
Mrs. J. W. Thomas - W. M. U. President Brooker, Fl	
L. L. Parker — S. S. Superintendent Brooker, Fl	
W. E. Lawson - B. T. U. Director Starke, Fl	la.
W. A. Williams - Brotherhood President Raiford, Fl	la.
T. N. Norman — Music Director	la.
Rev. L. G. Hemingway Airpark Church Starke, Fl	la.
Rev. Norman Levine - Beulah Church Rt. 1, Box 6, Melrose, Fl	
Rev. C. C. Harris - Boatdrain Church Green Cove Springs, Fl	la.
Rev. O. Brookins - Dedan Church	
Rev. H. M. Tillman Evergreen Church Jacksonville, Fl	la.
Rev. Lowell Shaw — Gadara Church Leke Geneva, Fl	la.
Rev. R. C. Gray - Hampton Church Box 37, Hampton, Fl	
Rev. J. E. Lingerfelt Heilbronn Church Middleburg, Fl	
Rev. E. W. Wilkerson - Lawtey Church Lawtey, Fl	la.
Rev. Truby Parrish - New River Church Santa Fe, Fl	la.
Rev. William Wilson — Raiford Church	
Rev. L. D. Haines — Starke Church	
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### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY:

(None at the present time.)

### Officers of Associational Women's Auxiliary

President — Mrs. J. W. Thomas	Brooker,	Fla.
Vice President — Mrs. Ralph Beville	ainesville,	Fla.
Secretary-Treasurer — Mrs. Theo Dyal	Brooker,	Fla.
Young People's Leader — Mrs. Wm. Wilson	Raiford,	Fla.
Community Missions Chairman - Mrs. S. E. Sparks	Starke,	Fla.
Stewardship Chairman — Mrs. J. R. Kelly Rt.	2, Starke,	Fla.
Mission Study Chairman - Mrs. Paul Raymond	Starke,	Fla.
Training School Chairman - Mrs. Orine Cowart Rt.	2, Starke,	Fla.
Children's Home Chairman - Mrs. W. T. Crosby Rt.	2, Starke,	Fla.

### Officers of Associational Sunday School

Superintendent - Rev. S. F. Beard	Brooker,	Fla.
Associate Superintendent - L. L. Parker		
Secretary-Treasurer — J. R. Kelly	Rt. 2, Starke,	Fla.
Vacation Bible School Director —		
Rev. O. Brookins	Hampton,	Fla.
Superintendent of Evangelism — Rev. E. W. Wilkerson	Lawtey,	Fla.
Superintendent of Enlargement - Rev. S. E. Sparks	Starke,	Fla.
Adult Leader - Rev. Norman Levine Rt. 1, B	ox 6, Melrose,	Fla.
Young People's Leader — Rev. Henry Martin	Starke,	Fla.
Intermediate Leader - Mr. J. W. Thomas	Brooker,	Fla.
Junior Leader - Mr. C. L. Hickey Green	Cove Springs,	Fla.
Primary Leader - Mrs. O. Brookins	Hampton,	Fla.
Beginner Leader - Mrs. L. L. Parker		
Nursery Leader - Mrs. E. E. Stokes	Brooker,	Fla.
Extension Leader — Mr. G. L. Norton	Starke,	Fla.
Cradle Roll Leader — Miss Fannie Silcox	Starke,	Fla.
Superintendent of Training - Rev. William Wilson	Raiford,	Fla.

### Officers of Associational Training Union

Director — W. E. Lawson —	Starke,	Fla.
Associate Director — Rev. Truby Parrish	Santa Fe,	Fla.
Secretary — Jack Seimer	Starke,	Fla.
Pastor Advisor — Rev. S. F. Beard	Brooker,	Fla.
Adult Leader — Rev. E. W. Wilkerson	Lawtey,	Fla.
Young People's Leader — Lavern Outlaw	Starke,	Fla.
Intermediate Leader — Mrs. Teresa Crosby R	t. 2, Starke,	Fla.
Junior Leader — Mrs. G. L. Sapp R	t. 2, Starke,	Fla.
Primary Leader — Mrs. Joyce Futch	Lawtey,	Fla.
Beginner Leader — Mrs. W. E. Lawson	Starke,	Fla.
Nursery Leader — Mrs. Redding	Lawtey,	Fla.

### Officers of Associational Brotherhood

President - W. H. Williams	Raiford, Fla.
Vice President - A. Russell Norman Rt. 1, Box	3N, Starke, Fla.
Attendance Vice President —	
J. M. Meyers	Gainesville, Fla.
Promitional Vice President — J. W. Thomas	Brooker, Fla.
Chorister — Rev. E. W. Wilkerson	Lawtey, Fla.
Secretary-Treasurer — Lacy Conway	Starke, Fla.
Advisory Board - Rev. L. D. Haines, Starke; Rev. S. F	. Beard, Brooker;
Rev. C. C. Harris, Green Cove Springs.	
Executive Committee - U. F. McEver, Santa Fe; Ewell	Lawson, Starke;
W. H. Williams, Raiford.	

### Committees of Association

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman — Rev. William Wilson, Raiford, Fla.
Rev. Edgar Wilkerson, Rev. L. M. Burgess, Mrs. J. W. Thomas,
L. L. Parker

### COMMITTEE FOR TIME AND PLACE

Chairman — Rev. S. F. Beard, Brooker, Fla. R. R. Andrews, L. L. Parker

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Chairman -- Rev. J. E. Lingerfelt, Middleburg, Fla. Rev. W. C. Burton, J. J. Cowart

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman — Bro. Carl Hilliard, Lawtey, Fla. Jimmy Crosby, Mrs. Joe Cason

### Associational Representatives in State Work

Rev. L. D. Haines, Starke, Fla.

Member State Mission Board

### Calendar of Activities

### ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

Hampton Baptist Church — October 12, 1954 Brooker Baptist Church — October 13, 1954

### ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

Time — Tuesday night after third Sunday — Monthly Place — Alphabetical order of churches

### PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

Time — Monday night after first Sunday — Monthly Place — Starke, First Baptist Church

### TRAINING UNION MASS MEETINGS

Time — Friday night after second Sunday — Quarterly
Place — December, Bayless Highway; March, Lawtey; June, Starke;
September, Brooker.

### ASSOCIATIONAL WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Feb. 2, 1954 — Bayless Highway Church April 4, 1954 — Graham Church July 9, 1954 — Hampton Church

### MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATION

- Bayless Highway Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Crosby, Jimmy Crosby, Mrs. Helen Crosby.
- Beulah N. C. Wainwright, M. J. Batten, Mrs. Norman Levine.
- Boatdrain Mrs. Annie Hardenbrook, Mrs. Lavonia Griffis, Mrs. Z. Z. Griffis,
- Brooker Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Beard, L. L. Parker, Miss Lubedia Pinholster.
- Dedan Mrs. E. E. Stokes, Rev. O. Brookins.
- Evergreen -- Doris Gaskins, Mazie Redding, Quincy Rosier, Annie Rosier.
- Gadara Mrs. Mamie Ivy, Mrs. Bob Baldree, Mrs. Emma Lamoreaux.
- Graham Mrs. H. E. Starling, Mrs. J. C. Moody, Mrs. J. H. Surrency, Mrs. Merle Starling.
- Hampton Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Watterson, Miss Maggie Johnson, Mrs. Mamie Meade, Mrs. Nora Layfield.
- Heilbronn Mrs. Gladys Carter, Mr. D. R. Redding, Mrs. Orine Cowart.
- Hope Mr. Leo Hill, Mr. S. E. Brown, Mrs. Delaney Dickinson, Mrs. J. A. Gmann.
- Kingsley Lake Mrs. O. F. Seimer, Jr., Mrs. E. M. Norton, C. L. Gillard, Mrs. C. J. Clark.
- Lawtey Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hilliard, Mrs. Troy Bennett, Mrs. H. B. Arwood.
- New River R. R. Andrews, Mrs. Rosa Pinholster.
- North Pleasant Grove R. F. Gallop, Earl Hill.
- Pine Grove Mrs. T. J. Strickland, Mrs. Ralph Beville, Mrs. M. D. Wilson, Mrs. Merle McClellan, Mr. Fred McClellan.
- Raiford Mrs. Willie Carter, Mrs. Susie Dobbs, Mrs. William Wilson, Mrs. Jim Conner, Mrs. Warren Bloodsworth.
- Starke, Airpark Erich F. Nuernberger, E. F. Conway, Edwin Conway, Mrs. E. A. Hemingway.
- Starke, First Jack F. Seimer, A. R. Norman, W. E. Lawson.

### 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 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 messenger letters to the Association, containing an account of their state, particularly of the additions and dimunitions 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 seperate 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 memberships 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 members 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 pretex 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 constitutent 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,  $t_0$  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 1. 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.
- 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 RAIFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

### October 7th and 8th, 1953

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1953 — MORNING SESSION

- 9:20 Rev. Levine led the group in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers". Prayer by Rev. S. E. Sparks.
- 9:25 Rev. S. E. Sparks, Moderator, declared the session in order for the transaction of business. The program was adopted.
- 9:30 Rev. William Wilson led the devotional using the 8th Chapter of Luke - 31-39 verses.
- 9:40 Organization Rev. C. C. Harris made a motion that the messengers representing the various churches be seated to carry on the business of the Association. Seconded by Rev. S. F. Beard and carried. The following officers were elected for 1953-54:

Moderator — Rev. S. E. Sparks Associate Moderator — Rev. S. F. Beard Clerk-Treasurer — A. Russell Norman

- 9:45 The following visitors were welcomed: Rev. W. C. Burton, Keystone Heights, Fla., member of Airpark Church; Dr. Matthews, Jacksonville; G. A. Ratterree; Dotson Mills; James Southerland, and James Hopkins from Florida Convention.
- 9:60 Dotson Mills brought a message from the Florida Baptist Children's Home. New River Association Report was given by Rev. T. S. Parrish. Report was accepted.
- 10:05 Dr. Matthews gave a report on the Baptist Bible Institute which has been moved from Lakeland to Graceville.
- 10:20 Rev. R. C. Gray and James Hopkins brought messages about the work being carried on in Christian Education.
- 10:55 Rev. R. K. Gwin gave an Associational report on the Baptist Witness. Report was accepted.
  James Southerland discussed the progress and plans of the Florida Baptist Witness, stating the importance of the paper in the church and home.
- 11:10 Rev. S. E. Sparks appointed the following Committees: Budget — Rev. Gray, Rev. Harris, Rev. Parrish, and Rev. Levine.

Time and Place — Rev. Beard, R. R. Andrews, L. L. Parker.

Resolutions — Carl Hilliard, Jimmy Crosby, Mrs. Joe Cason.

Digest of Letters — Rev. Haines, Rev. Wilson, Sinclair Bryant.

Obituary — Rev. Lingerfelt, J. J. Cowart, Rev. W. C. Burton.

- 11:30 Song "Send The Light". Offering taken.
- 11:35 Missionary Sermon Rev. L. D. Haines, Matthew 21.
- 12:05 Lunch served by host church.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1953 - AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:10 Song "Rescue The Perishing".
- 1:15 Rev. O. Brookins lead the devotional using the 21st chapter of Judges for his Scripture.
- 1:20 World Missions G. A. Ratteree. Rev. Burgess gave the Associational report.
- 1:45 Report Associational Missions Rev. H. H. Mott.

In the past year there was a gain of 630 in the membership of the churches.

A gain of 236 in the Sunday Schools.

A gain of 191 in the training unions,

A gain of 56 in the brotherhood, A loss of 149 in the W.M.U.'s

11 churches have reported having vacation Bible schools with an enrollment of 840.

There has been approximately 32 associational meetings during the past year to encourage and promote the work of the church.

The association has been without an associational missionary for part of the past year, due to the retirement of Rev. John Pearce from this work. A committee has been appointed and now is working to secure a regional missionary.

It is recommended that all churches of this association fully co-operate as an association with the Florida Baptist Convention, The Southern Baptist Convention and their churches in enlisting A Million More in our Sunday Schools during the coming year.

### Report was adopted.

- 1:55 Rev. Edgar Wilkerson gave an oral report on Radio.
- 2:15 James Hopkins gave a talk on the basic Baptist foundations of our Stetson University.
- 2:10 Miscellaneous Business:

The Time and Place Committee gave their report:

Time -- October 12th and 13th, 1954

Place — Hampton Church — Tuesday and Tuesday night.

Brooker Church - Wednesday.

Missionary Sermon - Rev. C. C. Harris; Alternate, Rev. L. G. Hemingway.

Doctrinal Sermon - Rev. T. S. Parrish; Alternate, Rev. Norman Levine.

A suggestion was made that the churches give a 5 per cent increase over last year's gift to the Cooperative Program.

- 2:20 Song "He Keeps Me Singing". Sermon - Rev. S. F. Beard.
- 3:00 Adjourn.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1953 - MORNING SESSION

- 9:30 Song Service led by Rev. Norman Levine. Prayer by Rev. Edgar Wilkerson.
- 9:40 Rev. L. G. Hemingway gave the devotional from Psalm 124.
- 9:55 Report Evangelism Rev. L. D. Haines 1952-53 17 Churches reporting 186 baptisms.

2 Churches reporting 0 baptisms.

For past 10 years: 1942 baptisms, for an average of 194 per year. We must put forth a whole hearted effort to increase our Soul winning effort and power with year round evangelism, 2 revivals, training in personal soul winning, and prayer.

We must put forth a whole hearted program to reach the lost in every church.

We need Associational interest and Pastor cooperation.

We recommend that we accept the time of Revival in 1955 recommended by Southern Baptist Convention and prepare through 1954 for 1955.

This report was adopted.

Rev. L. D. Haines made a motion that the Clerk keep the Church Letters in his possession at all times. Seconded by Rev. Edgar Wilkerson and carried.

### 10:10 — Report — Women's Missionary Union — Mrs. J. W. Thomas.

Number of W. M. U. Organizations	_ 12
Number Young People's Auxiliaries	10
Number W. M. S. Members	315
Number Auxiliary Members	. 120
Number Tithers	_ 131
Number Quarterly Rallies	4
Subscriptions To Royal Service	128
Lottie Moon Offering \$3	89.22
Annie Armstrong Offering \$2	84.56
State Missions Offering \$1	92.80

### Speakers at Rallies:

Rev. H. H. Mott, Pastor; Miss Louise Wells, State Field Worker; Mrs. W. F. Lassiter, State W. M. U. President; Miss Mary Gould, Missionary from China.

This report was adopted.

10:25 — Report — Training Union — Rev. Edgar Wilkerson.

1948 — 19 Churches — 13 B.T.U. — 611 Enrollment 1952 — 20 Churches — 15 B.T.U. — 963 Enrollment 1953 — 19 Churches — 15 B.T.U. — 1073 Enrollment

This shows increased enrollment.

The report was adopted.

10:30 - Report - Sunday School - L. L. Parker.

19 Churches Reporting Sunday Schools,

2058 S. S. Enrollment

9 Vacation Bible Schools. 1072 V. P. S. Enrollment.

126 Training School Awards.
11 Monthly Associational Meetings.

This report was adopted.

10:35 - Report - Brotherhood - Rev. C. C. Harris.

19 Churches in Association.5 Churches with Brotherhoods,

112 Members.

W. H. Williams President for 1953-54.

The report was adopted.

- 10:45 Song "Trust Me, Try Me". Offering.
- 11:00 Baptist Doctrinal Sermon Rev. R. C. Gray, Jr., Matthew 16:18-19.
- 12:00 Adjourn for lunch.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1953 — AFTERNOON SESSION

- 12:50 Song "Where The Gates Swing Outward Ever". Prayer, Rev. W. C. Burton.
- 1:00 Devotional Ephesians 3:21 Rev. T. S. Parrish.
- 1:10 Report Finance Committee.

### BUDGET FOR NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION

Printing Minutes	172.00
Moderator	40.00
Clerk	75.00
Associational Programs	15.00
Postage	8.00
Printing	15.00
Moderator and Clerk Expenses to	
State Meeting of Moderators and Clerks	15.00
Miscellaneous	17.00
Total	357.00

The report was adopted.

### APPORTIONMENTS TO CHURCHES

Airpark	12.00	Gadara	8.50	New River	8.50
Bayless Highway	12,00	Graham	8.50	North Pleasant	
Beulah		Hampton	26.00	Grove	26.00
Boatdrain	12.00	Heilbronn	18.90	Pine Grove	26.00
Brooker		Hope	12,00	Raiford	26,00
Dedan		Kingsley Lake	12.00	Starke	60.00
Evergreen		Lawtey	12.00		
				Total \$	334.50

### The report was adopted.

### 1:15 - Treasurer's Report - A. Russell Norman.

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October 8, 1952 — Balance October 8, 1952 — Special Offering — Airpark	\$ 12.98
October 9, 1952 - Special Offering - Airpark	20.85
October 9, 1952 - Antioch (Check)	21.00
October 9, 1952 — Bayless Highway	10.00
October 9, 1952 - Boatdrain (Check)	10,00
October 9, 1952 Erooker (Check)	21.00
October 9, 1952 — Lawtey (Check)	4.00
October 9, 1952 - North Pleasant Grove (Check)	15.00
October 9, 1952 — Gadara (Check)	7.00
October 9, 1952 — Graham (Check)	12.00
October 9, 1952 - New River (Check)	7.00
October 9, 1952 — Raiford (Check)	21.00
October 9, 1952 — Cash from Other Churches	76.09
October 20, 1952 — From Earl Willis (Refund B.T.U.)	15.00
November 3, 1952 — Cash from Executive Board	5.50
November 10, 1952 — Lawtey (Check)	21.00
November 25, 1952 — Hampton (Check)	25,20
December 6, 1952 Beulah (Check)	10.00
December 17, 1952 — Starke (Check)	60.00
January 20, 1953 - Pastor's and Deacon's Conference	13.13
January 26, 1953 — Pastor's and Deacon's Conference	13.84
February 23, 1953 — Pastor's and Deacon's Conference	13.33
March 24, 1953 Pastor's and Deacon's Conference	17.38
April, 1953 — Pastor's and Deacon's Conference	13.03
June 8, 1953 - Refund on Missionary's Expenses	10.00
July 14, 1953 — Pastor's and Deacon's Conference	24.31
August 7, 1953 - Lawtey (Check)	12.00
August 25, 1953 - Kingsley Lake (Check)	
Total	\$ 538.10

### DISBURSEMENTS

October 9, 1952 — Programs for Association — 1952 November 29, 1952 — Clerk's Salary December 24, 1952 — Florida Baptist Witness (Hooker) December 24, 1952 — Postage January 19, 1953 — Postage January 19, 1953 — Postage for Minute Books January 19, 1953 — Postage for Minute Books February 11, 1953 — S. — L. L. Parker February 11, 1953 — S. S. — L. L. Parker February 18, 1953 — Brotherhood — Rev. J. E. Strickland March 1, 1953 — B. T. U. — Rev. Edgar Wilkerson May 25, 1953 — Missionary Expenses — Rev. S. F. Beard July 7, 1953 — Postcards September 3, 1953 — Postcards September 3, 1953 — Postage for Association — 1953 September 30, 1953 — Postage for Programs	17.15 50.30 3.51 .10 172.56 .70 25.00 25.00 25.00 25.00 .48 .52 21.40 .27
Total	\$ 396.69
October 6, 1953 — Palance	\$ 141.41

### The Report was adopted.

1:25 - Report - Executive Board.

The clerk read the minutes of the Executive Board. They were approved as read.

1:40 - The Nominating Committee offered the following names to the Association:

> Brotherhood President - W. H. Williams W. M. U. President - Mrs. J. W. Thomas S. S. Superintendent - Rev. S. F. Beard B. T. U. Director - W. E. Lawson Music Director - T. N. Norman Radio Director - Rev. R. C. Gray Baptist Witness — Rev. Willian Wilson State Board Member — Rev. Lewis D. Haines These were unamiously elected.

2:10 - Report - Resolutions Committee -

Be it resolved that we, the members of the New River Baptist Association, go on record as offering the following resolutions to President Edmunds and Stetson University:

- 1. We commend the report on Christain Education presented to our body by our associational representative, Rev. R. C. Gray, and by our state representative, Dr. James Hopkins, and are cognizant of the purported emphasis upon spiritual improvement in the campus life of the University in the past three years.
- 2. We further commend the proposed time, as presented by Dr. Hopkins, to aspire for a greater Christian University for the Baptist constituency of Florida and our Southland.
- 3. Be it further resolved that we go on record as opposing the use of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible as a textbook in the classrooms of John B. Stetson University.
- 4. We further resolve that all teaching proposing the organic evolution of man from a lower species be eliminated from the curriculum of our Baptist University.
- 5. Finally, be it resolved that we be known to oppose the teaching of certain professors in the department of religion who have this year stated in classroom sessions: "Man's concept of God has changed down through the ages." We believe this to be contrary to the testimony of God's Holy word: "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever."

A resolution to correct order of listing churches:

To observe the practice of our convention and put our churches in alphabetical order.

We recommend that Bayless Highway be listed first and that Airpark Church of Starke be listed in second from last in

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order under heading: Starke, Airpark, followed by: Starke, First.

A resolution concerning Clerk's salary:

In consideration of the work done by our clerk, with increased amount of time required due to increased reports, because clerk is now employed and must take such time from his position, because other clerks have received increases, and because there will be sufficient funds in the budget to cover

Be it resolved that his salary be increased \$25 - from \$50 to \$75 per year.

These resolutions were adopted.

Another resolution passed by the Association was that the New River Association write a letter to the former Governor's wife sending regrets for the Governor's death and write a letter to Charley Johns, Acting Governor, commending him for the stand he has taken to ask for God's guidance and leadership in his work.

This was adopted.

Rev. S. E. Sparks appointed Rev. Haines, Rev. Gray and Rev. Beard to serve as a committee to write these letters.

### 2:30 - Miscellaneous Business:

Rev. Norman Levine made a motion that the Treasurer pay Raiford Church \$4.50 for the materials used in making the name plates for the associational meeting. Seconded by Rev. Gray. Carried.

Rev. Norman Levine made a motion that all church clerks send the church letters to the Associational Clerk at least one week before the annual meeting in order that the Associational Clerk would have all letters on the first day. Seconded by Rev. Truby Parrish. Carried.

- 2:35 Report Digest of Church Letters Rev. Wm. Wilson.
- 2:40 Report Time and Place Committee Rev. S. F. Beard.

October 12, 1954 - Tuesday and Tuesday Night -Hampton Baptist Church Missionary Sermon - Rev. C. C. Harris Alternate - Rev. L. G. Hemingway

October 13, 1954 - Wednesday -Brooker Baptist Church Doctrinal Sermon - Rev. T. S. Parrish Alternate - Rev. Norman Levine

### 2:45 - Report - Obituary Committee -

Twenty-five of our number have been taken from our midst

during the past year. 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 rememberance of these Our Honored Dead.

This report was adopted.

Sinclair Bryant led an oral prayer to honor the memory of our dead.

2:55 - Adjourn.

### AUXILIARY MEETINGS WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The work in the Association has shown much progress.

- 19 Churches
- 12 Organizations
- 315 Members
- 4 Quarterly Rallies Held
- 10 Young People's Auxiliaries
- 131 Tithers
- 100% For Sending Our Reports to State Office
- 100% For Seasons of Prayer

Watchword - "Laborers Together With God" 1st Cor. 3:9.

Aims For Sixteith Anniversary:

To raise God for triumphs of the past.

To evaluate the past.

To pray and plan for greater triumphs in the future.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

There has been 11 monthly associational meetings held during the past year. The 12th meeting was a combined Rally at North Pleasant Grove with the B. T. U., W. M. U., and Brotherhood. Our report shows:

- 19 Churches
- 19 Sunday Schools
- 2058 Enrolled in S. S.

### BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

The New River Association reports:

- 19 Churches
- 15 Training Unions 1073 Enrolled.

This shows a gain of 110 members but no new organizations.

### BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION

During the 1951-52 church year our records show 4 Brotherhoods with an enrollment of 114. For 1952-53 we have 5 Brotherhoods with an enrollment of 112. This gives us one new organization with a decrease in membership.



### OUR HONORED DEAD

Mr. Samuel Clark	Boatdrain
Mr. Ernest Gesnor	
Mr. Fred Wimpie	
Miss Berta Faye Johns	
Mrs. Myrtie Lewis	
Mr. L. A. Fowler	
Mrs. Louise Bohnn	•
Mr. Oliver Slade	Hampton
Rev. W. Harry Wilson	Heilbronn
Mr. Volley Reddish	Heilbronn
Mr. John Clark	Heilbronn
Deacon A. L. Sullivan	Норе
Mr. Willis Gilyard	Hope
Mr. Walter Brewer	Lawtey
Mr. Harry Davis	North Pleasant Grove
Mr. Hubert Coleman	North Pleasant Grove
Mr. J. H. White	Pine Grove
Mr. Albert Smith	Raiford
Mrs. M. C. Rosier	Raiford
Mrs. Maude Brownlee	Starke, First
Mrs. R. R. Prevatt	Starke, First
Miss Etta Tison	Starke, First
Mr. N. O. Maxwell	Starke, First
Mr. L. H. Smith	Starke, First
Mrs. Mae Edwards	Starke, First

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,	Starke, First
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D. E. Hill, Hampton, Fla	Hampton
W. H. Green, Rt. 1, Lawtey, Fla.	Heilbronn
S. E. Brown, Box 351, Keystone Heights, Fla.	Норе
G. L. Norton, Gen. Del., Starke, Fla.	Kingsley Lake

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