NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION Florida



EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

HELD WITH

HAMPTON BAPTIST CHURCH OCTOBER 12

BROOKER BAPTIST CHURCH OCTOBER 18

1954

Next Session Will be Held With Starke Baptist Church, October 5, 1955 Lawtey Baptist Church, October 6, 1955

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Rev. H. M. Mott - Kingsley Lake Church Brooker, F	rla.
Rev. E. W. Wilkerson — Lawtey Church ———— Box 23a, Lawtey, F	rla.
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Rev. William Wilson - Raiford Church - Raiford, F	Ta.
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Mrs. Detha Hickey Rt. 2, Green Cove Springs, F	Ta.
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NEW	RIVER	BAPTIST	ASSOCI	ATTON

Officers of Associational Sunday School

Superintendent - L. L. Parker Brooke	r, Fla.
Associate Superintendent — Rev. C. B. Stallings Brooke	
Secretary-Treasurer — J. R. Kelly Box 931, Stark	
Vacation Bible School Director - Rev. H. C. Martin Rt. 2, Stark	
Superintendent of Evangelism - Rev. E. W. Wilkerson Lawte	
Superintendent of Enlargement -	
Rev. S. E. Sparks Box 784, Stark	e, Fla.
Adult Leader - Rev. H. H. Mott - Brooke	
Young People's Leader - Rev. Merle Packham Hampto	
Intermediate Leader — J. W. Thomas Brooke	
Junior Leader - C. L. Hickey Green Cove Spring	s, Fla.
Primary Leader — E. L. Lester Rt. 1, Brook	
Beginner Leader - Mrs. L. L. Parker Brook	
Nursery Leader - Mrs. E. E. Stokes - Brooke	
Extension Leader - O. F. Siemer, Jr. Stark	e, Fla.
Cradle Roll Leader - Miss Fannie Silcox Stark	

Officers of Associational Training Union

Director - W. E .Lawson	Rt. 1, Box 107, Starke, Fla.
Associate Director - Rev. Merle Packham	Hampton, Fla.
Secretary Mrs. Ruby Cooper	Starke, Fla.
Pastor Advisor - Rev. H. C. Martin	Rt. 2, Starke, Fla.
Adult Leader - Rev. E. W. Wilkerson	Box 23A ,Lawtey, Fla.
Young People's Leader - Ernest Lester	Rt. 1, Brooker, Fla.
Intermediate Leader — None	
Junior Leader - Mrs. Richard Lawson	Starke, Fla.
Primary Leader - Mrs. Orine Cowart	Rt. 2, Starke, Fla.
Beginner Leader - Mrs. W. E. Lawson	Rt. 1, Box 107 ,Starke, Fla.
Nursery Leader - Miss Dorothy Morgan	Raiford, Fla.

Officers of Associational Brotherhood

President - W. H. Williams	Raiford, Fla.
Vice President - A. Russell Norman P. O. Box	706, Starke, Fla.
Attendance Vice President - L. L. Parker	Brooker, Fla.
Promotion Vice President - Jack Siemer	Starke, Fla.
Chorister — Rev. E. W. Wilkerson	Lawtey, Fla.
Secretary-Treasurer — Lacy Conway	Starke, Fla.
Advisory Board —	
Rev. L. D. Haines	Starke, Fla.
Rev. Guy V. Lee	Starke, Fla.
Rev. William Wilson	Raiford, Fla.
Executive Committee —	
W. H. Williams	Raiford, Fla.
Freeeman Register, Jr.	Starke, Fla.
Sinclair Bryan	Raiford, Fla.

Committees of Association

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman — Rev. E. W. Wilkinson, Lawtey, Fla. Rev. M. L. Packham, Rev. S. E. Sparks

COMMITTEE FOR TIME AND PLACE

Chairman — Rev. C. C. Harris, Green Cove Springs, Fla. Rev. H. H. Mott, Rev. H. C. Martin

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Chairman — Rev. R. C. Crosby, Starke, Fla. Rev. L. G. Hemingway, Rev. W. C. Burton, Rev. S. E. Sparks

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman — Rev. R. C. Crosby, Starke, Fla. Rev. J. E. Lingerfelt, Mrs. J. W. Thomas

COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND DISMISSAL

Chairman — Jimmie Crosby, Starke, Fla. L. L. Parker, Rev. William Wilson

Associational Representative in State Work

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

Calendar of Activities

ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

Starke First Church — October 5, 1955 Lawtey Church — October 6, 1955

PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

Time — Monday night after first Sunday — Monthly Place — Starke, First Church Executive Board Meeting held at same time

ASSOCIATIONAL WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

February 7th — Brooker Church April 15th — Gadara Church July 11th — Raiford Church October — To be announced later

ASSOCIATIONAL MASS MEETING

Time — First Thursday Night — Monthly Place — Alphabetical Order of Churches

Theme — Sunday School, Training Union, and Brotherhood one meeting for each quarter.

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATION

- Bayless Highway Rev. H. C. Martin, Mrs. Floyd Crosby, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Crosby.
- Beulah Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Crosby, N. C. Wainwright, M. J. Batten.
- Boatdrain Rev. C. C. Harris, Eugene Griffis, Ned Coleman, Mrs. Rose Harris.
- Brooker Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Stallings, L. L. Parker, Julene Harrell, E. T. Stewart.
- Dedan Mrs. L. L. Dyal, Mrs. E. E. Stokes, Rev. W. C. Burton, E. B. Crosby.
- Evergreen Rev. J. E. Lingerfelt, C. E. Crawford, Mazie Redding, Mabel McClellan, Doris Gaskins, Marie Crawford.
- Gadara Mrs. R. C. Baldree, Mrs. Emma Lamoreaux, Mrs. Bertie Austin, J. S. Austin.
- Graham Rev. S. E. Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Varnes, Mrs. Amanda Smith.
- Hampton Rev. Merle Packham, Mrs. Mamie Mead, Mr. and Mrs. Kad Waterson, Mrs. M. B. Layfield.
- Heilbronn Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sapp, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Johns, Mrs. Martha Green.
- Hope Mrs. Delaney Dickinson, Mrs. R. M. Hersey, Mrs. Clyde Hersey.
- Kingsley Lake Rev. H. H. Mott, Mr. Otto F. Siemer, Burk Ellington, Mrs. E. M. Norton, Mrs. Emily Silcox.
- Lawtey Rev. E. W. Wilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Arwood, Mrs. Archur Pearce, Mrs. Troy Bennett.
- New River Rev. Truby Parrish, R. R. Andrews, Mrs. Rosa Pinholster, T. B. Edwards.
- Raiford Rev. William Wilson, S. A. Bryan, Mrs. W. B. Bloodsworth, Mrs. Bell McCormick, Mrs. J. M. Bradley, Mrs. Joe Cason.
- Starke, Airpark Rev. and Mrs. L. G. Hemingway, Mrs. Edwin Conway, Mrs. C. B. Johns, Mrs. W. O. Collins, Jr.
- Starke, First Rev. L. D. Haines, Miss Helen Haines, Mr. and Mrs. A. Russell Norman, Mr. O. A. Wiggins, Mrs. Oma Cotton.

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 messengers 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 and 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 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 in the board may elect one member to represent them, (h) and all ordained ministers holding membership in a cooperating church in the Association, 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 decm 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.
- 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.

Article VII. The Moderator and Associate Moderator cannot succeed themselves.

PROCEEDINGS

NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 12th and 13th, 1954

HAMPTON BAPTIST CHURCH

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1954 -- MORNING SESSION

9:20 - Devotional -

Song — "The Kingdom is Coming"
Prayer — Rev. William Wilson
Song — "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"
Scripture — I Corinthians 4 — Rev. Merle Packham

- 9:30 Rev. S. E. Sparks, Moderator, declared the session in order for the transaction of business. The program was presented. Rev. Wilson moved the adoption of the program with any changes necessary in the Tuesday night meeting. Motion was seconded by Rev. Haines. Carried.
- 9:40 Organization —

The messengers of the various churches were seated to carry on the business of the Association.

The following officers were elected for 1954-55:

Moderator — Rev. L. D. Haines Associate Moderator — Rev. C. B. Stallings Clerk-Treasurer — A. Russell Norman

- 9:45 The following visitors were welcomed: James R. Thompson, G. A. Leichliter, and W. G. Stracener from the Florida Baptist Convention.
 - Rev. S. E. Sparks read a letter from the Woodlawn Church asking that the New River Association withdraw the petitionary letter for entrance into the Association. Rev. Sparks made a motion that the request be granted. Seconded by Rev. Levine. Carried.
- 9:50 James R. Thompson brought a message from the Florida Baptist Children's Home.
- 10:00 G. A. Leichliter gave a report of the work being carried on in Christian Education. William Wilson gave a report on Christian Education of the New River Association.
- 10:30 W. G. Stracener discussed the progress and plans of the Florida Baptist Witness. J. E. Lingerfelt gave the Associational report.
- 10:55 Roll call of churches.

11:00 — Rev. L. D. Haines appointed the following committees:

Committee on Committees — Rev. C. B. Stallings, Rev. Henry Martin, Rev. William Wilson, Rev. Edgar Wilkerson, Rev. Merle Packham.

Digest of Letters — Rev. H. H. Mott, Rev. Truby Parrish, Rev. C. C. Harris, Rev. J. E. Lingerfelt, Rev. O. Brookins. Obituary — Rev. R. C. Crosby, Rev. S. E. Sparks, Rev. L. G. Hemingway, Rev. W. C. Burton.

Missions — Rev. L. D. Haines, Rev. C. B. Stallings, Rev. William Wilson, A. Russell Norman.

- 11:05 Songs "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" "Amazing Grace."
- 11:15 Offering.
- 11:20 Prayer Rev. L. G. Hemingway. Missionary Sermon — Rev. C. C. Harris — I Corinthians 13ch.
- 11:55 Prayer Rev. C. B. Stallings.
- 12:00 Lunch was served by the host church.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1954 — AFTERNOON SESSION

1:05 — Devotional —

Song - "Revive Us Again."

Prayer - Rev. Norman Levine.

Song - "Count Your Many Blessings."

Scripture — Rev. H. C. Martin — Ephesians 1:3.

Prayer - Rev. H. C. Martin.

1:20 - Report on Mission - Rev. Marvin Stedham.

District Six is composed of three Associations, operating in 5 counties. There are 75 churches with a total membership of 17,558.

New River Association is one of the three Associations represented by the District Missionary. There are 17 churches in New River Association with a total membership of 2,986.

- 2:00 Rev. William Wilson told of the opportunities of the Radio for spreading the gospel.
- 2:05 G. A. Leichliter gave the Baptist Foundation Report.
- 2:30 Miscellaneous Business:

A motion was made that Mrs. R. C. Crosby be made the pianist for each day of the meeting. Seconded and Carried.

A discussion was held concerning a change in the Constitution which would prevent the Moderator and Vice Moderator from succeeding themselves for re-election.

The Time and Place Committee gave their report

'lime - October 5th and 6th, 1955.

Place - Starke, First Lawtey

Speakers - Rev. C. B. Stallings, Oct. 5. Alternate, Rev. R. C. Crosby. Rev. William Wilson, Oct. 6. Alternate, Rev. Merle Packham.

2:40 - Song - "Trust, Try, Prove Me." Prayer - Rev. H. H. Mott. Adjourn.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1954 - NIGHT SESSION

- 7:30 Rev. E. W. Wilkerson led the group in singing: "Higher Ground", "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Send The Light."
- 7:45 Special Music:

Raiford Church -

Duet, "No Other Friend Like Jesus."

Brooker Church -

Quartet, "Have Faith In God." Solo, "I Am Bound For The Kingdom."

- 8:15 Rev. Norman Levine introducted the speaker, Rev. W. H. Brown, who spoke on Evangelism using Luke 22:21 and the 6th Chapter of II Samuel for his Scripture.
- 9:00 The session adjourned.

BROOKER BAPTIST CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1954 — MORNING SESSION

9:30 - Devotional:

Songs — "We'll Work Til Jesus Comes," "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart."

Prayer - Rev. H. H. Mott.

Song - "Stepping In The Light."

Scripture — Rev. L. G. Hemingway — St. John 1:8.

- 10:00 Report Evangelism Rev. E. W. Wilkerson.
 - 14 churches reporting 110 baptisms.
 - churches report 0 baptisms.
 - 16 churches reporting 120 additions by letter.

1 church reporting 0 additions by letter.

10:00 — Report — Woman's Missionary Union — Mrs. J. W. Thomas.

Number of W. M. U. Organizations	
Number of Young People's Auxiliaries	14
Number W M & Members Auxiliaries	10
Number W. M. S. Members	326
Number Tithers	
Number Auxiliary Members	4
Subscriptions To Donal C	122
Subscriptions To Royal Service	128
Source Moon Offering	# 4 4 A P A P
State Missions Offering	\$ 239.30
State Missions Offering	\$ 52,65

Speakers at Rallies:

Rev. C. A. Crosby, former pastor of Association; Mr. Armon Ball, State Young People's Royal Ambassador; Dr. M. V. Stedham, Regional Missionary; and Miss Bonnie Jean Ray, Missionary Emeritus of China and Hawaii. The report was adopted.

- 10:20 Roll Call of Churches.
- 10:25 Report Training Union W. E. Lawson.

1953 — 19 Churches — 15 Training Unions — 1073 Enrollment. 1954 — 17 Churches — 13 Training Unions — 931 Enrollment.

This shows a decrease which is probably due to two larger churches leaving our Association.

Training Union Associational meetings were held regularly. The report was adopted.

10:40 — Report — Sunday School — L. L. Parker.

17 Churches Reporting Sunday Schools.

2048 Sunday School Enrollment. Vacation Bible Schools,

699 V. B. S. Enrollment.

6 Churches Reporting Training Schools, 195 Training School Awards,

12 Associational Sunday School Meetings.

This report was adopted.

- 10:45 Report Brotherhood Rev. William Wilson.
 - 17 Churches in Association.
 - Churches with Brotherhood.
 - 114 Members.
 - 4 Associational Brotherhood Meetings.

W. H. Williams, President for 1954-55.

The Associational Brotherhood makes the following recommendations to the Association:

- 1. That the Association set the time and place of each Departmental Associational Meeting.
- 2. That the Association plan for 1 Associational meeting during one calendar month - such as 1 month for Sunday School, 1 for Training Union, and 1 for Brotherhood - each being emphasized in one month each quarter.

The report was adopted with recommendations to be given to the Resolutions Committee.

- 10:50 -Song — "Blessed Be The Name." Offering.
- 11:00 Baptist Doctrinal Sermon Rev. Norman Levine Acts 16:30-31
- 11:45 Prayer Rev. C. L. Carroll, Santa Fe Association. Adjourn for lunch.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1954 — AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 - Devotional -

Song - "We're Marching To Zion."

Prayer - Rev. Marvin Stedham.

Song - "Saved By Grace."

Scripture - Rev. E. W. Wilkerson - Eph. 4:1-6.

- 1:05 Report American Bible Society Rev. Merle Packham.
- 1:15 Report Finance Report Rev. N. Levine,

BUDGET FOR NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION

Printing Minutes	\$182,00 75.00
Clerk Doderator	40.00
Associational Programs	17.00
Postage	8.00
Printing	10.00
Regional Missionary	70,00
Brotherhood	50.00
Training Union	25.00
Miscellaneous	13.00
Total	\$475.00

The report was adopted.

A motion was made that the \$40 for the Moderator be discontinued and that \$25 of this be added to the Clerk's salary. Seconded and Carried.

APPORTIONMENTS TO CHURCHES

Bayless Highway 25.90 Beulah 20.00 Boatdrain 15.00 Brooker 30.00 Dedan 20.00 Evergreen 20.00	Gadara 20.00 Graham 15.00 Hampton 40.00 Heilbronn 20.00 Hope 25.00 Kingsley Lake 20.00	Lawtey 20.00 New River 10.00 Raiford 50.00 Starke, Airpark 15.00 Starke, First 100.00
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Total _____ \$465.00

1:35 — Treasurer's Report — A. Russell Norman.

1953-54

October 7, 1953 — Balance	\$ 141.41
October 8, 1953 — Offering	39.15
October 8, 1953 — Payless Highway	10.00
October 8, 1953 — Beulah	12.00
October 8, 1953 — Boatdrain	12.00
October 8, 1953 — Dedan	8,50
October 8, 1953 — Gadara	7.09
October 8, 1953 — Graham	3.00
October, 8, 1953 — Hampton	26.00
October 8, 1953 — Heilbronn	18.00
October 8, 1953 — Hope	12.00
October 8, 1953 — New River	7.00
October 8, 1953 — North Pleasant Grove	26.00
October 8, 1953 — Pine Grove	26.00
October 8, 1953 — Starke, Airpark	12.00
October 8, 1953 — Starke, First	69.00
December 22, 1953 — Raiford	26.00
January 6, 1954 — Evergreen	8.50
March 1, 1954 — Graham	7.00
March 9, 1954 — Dedan	7.00
March 23, 1954 — Hope	7.00
March 24, 1954 - North Pleasant Grove	7.00
March 26, 1954 — Starke, First	50,00
March 30, 1954 — Bayless Highway	7.00
April 3, 1954 — Lawtey	7.90
April 7, 1954 — Evergreen	7.00
April 8, 1954 — Gadara	7.00
April 28, 1954 — New River	7.00
April 29, 1954 — Hampton	7.00
May 3, 1954 — Starke, Airpark	7.00
May 22, 1954 — Heilbronn	7.00
May 24, 1954 — Kingsley Lake	7.00
May 24, 1954 — Brooker	26.00
May 24, 1954 — Brooker	10.30
June 5, 1954 — Raiford	7.00
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Total	\$ 638.56

DISBURSEMENTS

November 23, 1953 — Raiford Church, Expenses November 30, 1953 — S. E. Sparks, Moderator's salary January 27, 1954 — For Minutes January 27, 1954 — Expenses to Clerk's and Moderator's Conference February 27, 1954 — Clerk's Salary March 3, 1954 — Missionary's Equipment June 3, 1954 — Missionary's Expenses June 15, 1954 — Missionary's Expenses September 14, 1954 — Postage	\$	4.40 80.00 182.25 15.00 75.00 100.00 70.20 35.58 9.00
Total	\$	571.33
October 1 1954 — Palance	8	67 99

The report was adopted.

1:40 — Executive Board Report — Rev. S. E. Sparks.

November 1, 1953 — Date for Association was set for Oct. 12th and 13th, 1954 at Brooker Church and Hampton Church. Rev. Marvin Stedham, Regional Missionary, was introduced. He told of his plans for the Association. Each local church was asked to pay \$7.00 which will be used to buy equipment for the district.

June 7, 1954 — A Program Committee was selected: Rev. L. D. Haines, Rev. Wm. Wilson, Rev. S. F. Beard, and A. Russell Norman. Budget Committee: Rev. Norman Levine, Rev. R. C. Crosby, W. H. Williams.

August 2, 1954 — Letter of recommendation was give to North Pleasant Grove Church to enter Santa Fe Association. Rev. S. F. Beard tendered his resignation since he was leaving for Illinois. \$50 was added to the budget for the Brotherhood for 1954-55 and \$25 for the Training Union.

September 6, 1954 - Programs for the Association were completed. The budget was accepted and those churches having no members presented were sent a letter stating the changes made in the budget.

The report was adopted.

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

Brotherhood President - W. H. Williams

W. M. U. President - Mrs. Emma Lamoreaux

S. S. Superintendent - L. L. Parker

B. T. U. Director - W. E. Lawson

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Superintendent of Evangelism — Rev. E. W. Wilkerson

These were unamiously elected.

- 1:50 Report Digest of Church Letters Rev. H. H. Mott. A motion was made that the clerk write a letter of dismissal to Pine Grove Baptist Church. Seconded. Carried.
- 1:55 Report Time and Place Committee Rev. H. C. Martin. October 5, 1955 — Tuesday and Tuesday night — Starke, First Church Missionary Sermon — Rev. C. B. Stallings Alternate — Rev. R. C. Crosby

October 6, 1955 — Wednesday —
Lawtey Baptist Church
Doctorinal Sermon — Rev. William Wilson
Alternate — Rev. Merle Packham

2:00 - Miscellaneous Business:

It was voted that the Moderator and Associate Moderator not be eligible to succeed themselves in office the following year.

A motion was made that we pay Rev. W. H. Brown \$15 for his trip to preach at our Tuesday night meeting.

A motion was made that we make the following changes and additions to our Constitution:

Article 5, Section 2. Add — and all ordained ministers holding membership in a cooperating church in the New River Association,

Article VII — The Moderator and Associate Moderator cannot succeed themselves.

2:15 — Report — Resolutions Committee —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Whereas: The New River Baptist Association assembled in its 82nd annual session has been made cognizant of the unmerited blessings of God in providing through the leading of the Holy Spirit a wholesome fellowship and spirit of harmony in our association during the year that is just past, and

Whereas: We have been made increasingly conscious of the responsibilities resting upon us as pastors and churches in this association we shall endeavor to meet the challenge of the year just ahead, therefore:

- (1) Be it resolved that we, the members of the New River Baptist Association, in expressing our appreciation for the warm fellowship and informative counsel given us by the representatives of our State Association, urge all of our pastors and churches to fully cooperate with our Florida Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention during the coming year.
- (2) Be it resolved that we express our sincere appreciation for the untiring efforts of our Missionary, Rev. Marvin V. Stedham, in his splendid work in the sixth district and especially as it is related to our own New River Association and pledge our continued support to him and to the members of the Missionary Committee who constitute his faithful counselors.
- (3) Be it resolved that, since our Moderator and Vice Moderator are not now eligible to succeed themselves in office, and since our Constitution provides for the election of their successors at the opening session of the Associational meeting in 1955 we, therefore, relieve this difficult situation by request-

ing the retiring Moderator and Vice Miderator to continue service until their successors have been duly installed in office during the closing session of the annual meeting in 1955.

- (4) Be it resolved that we discontinue the present schedule of associational meetings with the exception of the WMU and promote the interests represented in each association at a joint associational meeting to be held on Tuesday evening following the third Sunday of each month, with the major emphasis upon each of the separate interests once each quarter in the following order, Sunday School, Training Union and Brotherhood. The place of meeting to be determined by following the alphabetical order of the churches.
- (5) Be it further resolved that the Moderator or Vice Moderator preside at each of these meetings, and that the Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk and the President or Director of each of the auxiliary associations represented constitute the program committee to function under the direction of the executive committee.
- (6) Be it resolved that the Executive Committee meet regularly each month in connection with the Pastor's Conference.
- (7) Be it resolved that we, the Pastors and Messengers of the New River Association, assembled in regular annual session express our sincere appreciation to both of our host pastors and churches, at Hampton and Brooker, for their fine spirit of hospitality and for the splendid refreshments provided at the noon time each day.

 This report was adopted.
- 2:30 Report Obituary Committee Rev. S. E. Sparks.

Twenty of our number have been taken from our midst during the past year. Until we ourselves shall be called away, we humbly bow to the will and wise providence of God, and remember those now departed with love and appreciation for their conscrated lives, sweet fellowship, inspiring testimony, and good works. We recommend a page in our minutes be dedicated to them and this Association stand in silent prayer in their memory of these Our Honored Dead.

This report was adopted.

2:40 — Song — "Bless Be The Tie."
Adjourn.

AUXILIARY MEETINGS

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

"Sixty years we have labored together with God."

- 19 Churches
- 14 Organizations
- 326 Members
- 4 Quarterly Rallies
- 10 Young People's Auxiliaries
- 155 Tithers
- 3 Seasons of Prayer

Loss -

- 2 Churches gone to another Association
- 1 Church disbanded

Watchword — "And as Moses lifted up the Serpent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted up."

"May we as Christians arise and shine as the brightness of the firmament."

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

There have been 12 Associational meetings. There were 17 churches with 17 Sunday Schools enrolling 2048 members. 9 Vacation Bible Schools — 699 enrollment. 6 Training Schools — 195 awards.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

New River Association Reports:

- 17 Churches
- 12 Training Unions
- 887 Enrolled

This decrease shows the loss of 2 churches to another Association and 5 churches not reporting.

BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION

The Associational Brotherhood held 4 regular meetings during the year. There are 5 churches in the association with Brotherhoods with 114 men enrolled. We have organized 2 new Brotherhoods during 1953-54, but we lost 2 churches with Brotherhoods to another association. This gives us an increase in membership of 2.



OUR HONORED DEAD

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