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Primary Leader, Mrs. Ruby Cooper
Beginner Leader, Mrs. W. E. Lawson
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President, W. H. Williams
Rev. L. D. Haines
W. H. Williams

Committees of Association

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Chairman - Rev. S. F. Beard, Rt. 2, Box 105, Starke, Florida Rev. John James, Rev. Merle Packham

> COMMITTEE FOR TIME AND PLACE Chairman - M. O. Harrell, Brooker, Florida Jack Siemer, Rev. Lacy Conway

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Chairman — Mrs. Emma Lamoreaux, Box 62, Lake Geneva, Florida Rev. J. E. Lingerfelt, Rev. Truby Parrish

> RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE Chairman — Rev. H. H. Mott, Brooker, Florida L. L. Parker, Rev. C. B. Stallings

COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND DISMISSAL Chairman — S. A. Bryan, Raiford, Florida Rev. O. Brookins, O. F. Siemer

Associational Representative in State Work

Rev. C. B. Stallings

Member State Missions Board

Calendar of Activities

ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING Bayless Highway Church — October 8, 1956 Evergreen Church — October 9, 1956

PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

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

ASSOCIATIONAL MASS MEETING

Time — Thursday night after Executive Board Meeting — Monthly Place — Alphabetical Order of Churches Theme — Sunday School, Training Union and Brotherhood. One meeting for each every quarter.

ASSOCIATIONAL WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

January 11th - Starke First Church April 20th - Gadara Church July 25th — Hampton Church October 19th - Brooker Church

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATION

BAYLESS HIGHWAY - Mrs. Floyd Crosby, Mrs. Marcus Conner, C. C. Crosby

BEULAH - Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Crosby, N. C. Wainwright

BOATDRAIN - N. C. Coleman, Mrs Lavonia Griffis, Douglas Griffis

BROOKER — Rev. and Mrs C. B. Stallings, Alfred Compeau, Mrs. J. K. Douglas, Mrs. L. L. Dyal

DEDAN - Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Padgett, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Crosby

EVERGREEN — Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Lingerfelt, Mrs. Mabel McClellan, Mrs. Margie Reddish, Mrs. Doris Gaskins

GADARA — Rev. and Mrs. Orville Brookins, Mrs. Florida Baldree, Mrs. Emma

GRAHAM — (Not represented)

HAMPTON — Rev. Marvin Faile, Mrs. M. H. Mead, Mrs. Ethel Tidewell, Mrs. Bertha McIntosh

HEILBRON — Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Beard, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Redding, J. D. Gaskins

HOPE - Rev. and Mrs. Merle Packham, C. Sullivan, Mrs. J. D. Griffis

KINGSLEY LAKE - Rev. H. H. Mott, Mr. and Mrs. Otto F. Siemer, Mrs. Emily Silcox

LAWTEY — Rev. E. W. Wilkinson, Mrs. Clyde Hiatt, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Arwood, Mrs. Arthur Pierce, Jack Siemer

NEW RIVER — R. R. Andrews, Mrs. Rosa Pinholster, Mrs. Mana Wiggins, Mrs. Elma Hamilton, T. B. Edwards

RAIFORD — Rev. and Mrs. John T. James, Mrs. J. R. Cason, S. A. Bryan, Mrs. Belle McCormick, Mrs. W. W. Carter

STARKE, AIRPARK — Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johns, A. R. Johnson

STARKE, FIRST — Rev. L. D. Haines, A. R. Norman, Mrs. W. B. Mundy, Jr., Ed. 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 elegible 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 Presi-

dent 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 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 stamding 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 1. The fiscal year shall run from October 1 to September 30.
- 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, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhoods, Evangelism, 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.

NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 5th and 6th, 1955

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF STARKE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 1955 — MORNING SESSION

9:20 — Devotional —
Songs — "All Hail The Power," "Amazing Grace," "How Firm A Foundation" and "Saved, Saved"
Prayer — Rev. H. H. Mott

- 9:35 Rev. L. D. Haines, Moderator, declared the session in order for the transaction of business. Rev. Stallings made a motion that the messengers of the various churches be seated to carry on the business of the Association. Seconded by Rev. Mott. Carried. The program was then presented by Rev. Wilkinson and adopted by the Association.
- 9:40 The following officers were elected for 1955-56:

 Moderator Rev. C. B. Stallings

 Associate Moderator Rev. John T. James

 Clerk-Treasurer A. Russell Norman
- 9:45 The following visitors were welcomed: Rev. and Mrs. Marvin V. Stedham, Rev. A. K. Masteller, Don Crawford, Albert Carnett, T. M. Johns, Dr. John Maguire, Rev. C. A. Crosby.

 Two new pastors were introduced, Rev. John T. James, Raiford Church and Rev. S. F. Beard, Heilbron Church.

 The roll call showed that 15 churches were represented.
- 9:50 Rev. L. D. Haines appointed the following committees: Time, Place and Preacher — M. O. Harrell, Jack Siemer, Rev. Lacy Conway Digest of Letters — S. A. Bryan, Rev. O. Brookins, O. F. Siemer Resolutions. — Rev. H. H. Mott, L. L. Parker, Rev. C. B. Stallings Nominations — Rev. S. F. Beard, Rev. John T. James, Rev. Merle Packham Obituary — Mrs. Emma Lamoreaux, Rev. J. E. Lingerfelt, Rev. Truby Parish Missions — Rev. C. B. Stallings, Rev. L. D. Haines, Rev. S. F. Beard
- 9:55 Song "Faith Is The Victory."
- 10:00 Rev. A. K. Mästeller discussed the plans and progress for the Florida Baptist Witness. He reported that 40,172 families in Florida were receiving "The Witness." Seven churches of the New River Association have the Witness included in their budgets.
- 10:20 Don Crawford gave a report of the Baptist Foundation.
- 10:45 Dr. Albert Carnett discussed the progress of Florida Baptist University.
- 11:20 Song "At Calva v."
- 11:25 Offering

- 11:30 Solo, "My God Is Real" Miss Linda Parker
- 11:35 Scriptures Matthew 27:45-54 Rev. S. F. Beard Missionary Sermon — Rev. C. B. Stallings
- 12:00 Prayer Rev. Marvin V. Stedham. Lunch was served by host church.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 1955 — AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15 — Devotional —
Songs — "Standing On The Promises" and "Blessed Assurance"
Scripture — John 14 — Rev. John T. James
Prayer — Rev. H. H. Mott

- 1:30 A message was brought from the Florida Baptist Children's Home by T. M. Johns, Superintendent of the Home
- 1:55 Song "There Is Power In The Blood"
- 2:00 Report on Missions Rev. Marvin V. Stedham

Program. This year they did it again.

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. Last year the New River Association got on the honor roll with every one of her churches contributing to world mission causes through the Cooperative

Through the assistance of the Rev. Lewis D. Haines, the Du Pont Powder Company, under the direction of Mr. J. M. Vickers and Mr. B. J. Studstill, has provided us with a large map of our Missions District, which will be of inestimable value in the work of all Departments in all three Associations, as soon as we are able to secure the necessary number of reprints of this map, for which we are most grateful.

2:15 — Report — Baptist Bible Institute — Mr. Doughtry

Baptist Bible Institute of Graceville and Lakeland, Florida, opened the 1955 session with indications of its best year. Plans have been made to continue the Lakeland division just as originally announced. The 1955 enrollment was up. Extensions are operating in Miami and Live Oak. Other extensions will be started.

Property at Graceville consists of 160 acre campus, 11 buildings, two endowment building projects: namely, Hatchery and a Poultry Research project. Total Baptist Bible Institute assets now exceed \$200,000.00.

Sincere appreciation is expressed to those churches that make possible this vital ministry by supporting the Institute through designated gifts.

Baptist Bible Institute is dedicated to preparing men for the ministry who cannot attend college or seminary.

Arthur H. Stainback, President

- 2:25 Our State Baptist Program was discussed by Dr. John Maguire, Executive Secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention.
- 3:15 Prayer Rev. Orville Brookins

Adjourned

LAWTEY BAPTIST CHURCH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 1955 - MORNING SESSION

9:30 — Devotional —

Songs — "Jesus Saves" and "Revive Us Again"

Scripture — John 3:16 — Rev. L. G. Hemingway

9:50 — Roll Call of Churches — Every church represented except one.

9:55 — Report — Evangelism — Rev. Wilkinson

17 churches reporting

14 churches with 197 baptisms

3 churches with no baptisms

212 Additions by Letter

24 Revival Meetings

1 Church reporting no Revival

This report was adopted.

10:05 — Report — Woman's Missionary Union — Mrs. Emma Lamoreaux

10 W.M.U. Organizations

9 Young People's Auxiliaries

266 W.M.S. Members

136 Tithers

4 Quarterly Rallies

119 Auxiliary Members

97 Subscriptions to Royal Service

\$335.53 Lottie Moon Offering

\$298.50 Annie Armstrong Offering

One New Organization

Speakers at Rallies:

Rev. C. B. Stallings, Brooker Pastor

Miss Josephine Jones, State Secretary

Rev. Edgar Wilkinson, Lawtey Pastor

Miss Minnie Berry, Missionary from Mountains of Kentucky and Alabama.

The report was adopted.

10:15 — Report — Baptist Training Union — W. E. Lawson

1954 — 17 Churches — 13 Training Unions — 931 Enrollment

1955 — 17 Churches — 11 Training Unions — 799 Enrollment

122 Awards

Four Associational Meetings were held.

The report was adopted.

10:20 — Report — Sunday School — L. L. Parker

17 Churches reporting Sunday Schools

2050 Enrolled in Sunday Schools

9 Vacation Bible Schools

1015 Enrolled in Vacation Bible School

3 Training Schools

23 Enrolled in Training School

4 Associational Sunday School Meetings

The report was adopted.

10:25 — Report — Brotherhood — W. H. Williams

17 Churches in Association

6 Churches with Brotherhoods

102 Members

4 Associational Meetings

Outstanding Activities for Year:

Sponsorship of Cottage Prayer Meetings for Revival Campaigns in February and March. Personal Witnessina.

The report was adopted.

10:30 - Miscellaneous Business:

A motion was seconded and carried that the Minutes show the resident and non-resident members of the churches.

10:35 - Song - "My Redeemer"

10:37 - Report - American Bible Society - Rev S. F. Beard

Every person must have the Bible in his own language if the Word of God is to speak to his heart.

Southern Baptist's Part in the Work — In 1954 Southern Baptist churches set a new record by giving \$112,064 to the American Bible Society and stood second only to Methodist gifts of \$155,109. Gifts from churches of all denominations totaled \$826,721.

Has your church given to the American Bible Society this year?

The help of every Southern Baptist church is needed. Every church can give at least these amounts each year: Country and village churches \$10 to \$25, Churches in small cities \$25 to \$100, Larger churches \$100 to \$200.

 Southern Baptists gave
 \$112,064.00

 Other Baptist groups gave
 30,032.00

 Total Baptist gifts in 1954
 \$142,096.00

Rev. Beard also spoke for the new Bible distribution agency: The World Home Bible League, 425 W. 107th Street, Chicago 28, Illinois.

The World Home Bible League, is simply and purely a work of faith, and is supported by freewill offerings, as are the other great Bible distributing

agencies. Any pastor may secure a number of Bibles and Testaments by writing to them and promising to give them to homes where there are no Bibles. It is strictly a proposition of getting Bibles into the homes that are now without Bibles and not to give to just individuals who have no Bibles.

This report was adopted.

10:55 - Song - "Rescue The Perishing"

Offering

Song — "Wonderful Words Of Life"

11:00 — Baptist Doctrinal Sermon, John 7:17, Mark 13 — Rev. H. H. Mott

11:50 - Prayer - Rev. Marvin Faile

Adjourn for lunch served by host church.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 1955 — AFTERNOON SESSION

12:50 - Devotional -

Songs — "Higher Ground", "At The Cross" and "Saved, Saved"

Scripture — Ephesians 4 — Rev. C. C. Harris

1:05 — Finance Report — Rev. C. B. Stallings

BUDGET FOR THE NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION

Printing Minutes								\$200.00
Clerk								100.00
Moderator								40.00
Printing Programs .								22.50
Postage								10.00
Stationery								10.00
Miscellaneous								50.00
Regional Misssonary	,							70.00

APPORTIONMENTS TO CHURCHES

Total \$502.50

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

This report was adopted.

1:05 — Treasurer's Report, 1954 - 1955 — A. Russell Norman

RECEIPTS

Amount Brought Forward, October 1, 1954 Offering at Hampton, October 12 Offering at Brooker, October 13 Bayless Highway Church, October 13 Beulah Church, October 13 Boatdrain Church, October 13 Evergreen Church, October 13 Graham Church, October 13 Graham Church, October 13 Hampton Church, October 13 Heilbron Church, October 13 Hope Church, October 13 Kingsley Lake Church, October 13 Lawtey Church, October 13 Starke, Airpark Church, October 13 Starke, Airpark Church, October 13 Starke, First Church, October 13 Starke, First Church, October 13 Raiford Mass Meeting, October 19 Hampton Church, November 22 Brooker Church, November 22 Brooker Church, November 22 Starke Mass Meeting, December 16 Bayless Highway Mass Meeting, January 11, 1955 Brooker Mass Meeting, February 3 Brooker Church, February 18 Beulah Mass Meeting, April 7 Boatdrain Mass Meeting, May 5 Gradara Mass Meeting, July 7	\$ 67.23 25.96 16.33 25.00 22.00 20.00 13.50 20.00 13.50 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 15.00 15.00 15.00 15.00 15.00 16.35 13.54 25.00 14.34 12.35 15.00 10.38 9.79 12.58
Raiford Church, August 1 Graham Mass Meeting, August 4.	50.00 15.54
Total	
	\$701.91
DISBURSEMENTS	
For Programs, November 2, 1954 Clerk's Salary, November 26 Regional Missionary, November 26 Regional Missionary, November 26 Associational Speaker, December 8 For Minutes, January 10, 1955 Brooker Mass Meeting Speaker, February 3 Postage, April 30 Dedan Mass Meeting Speaker, June 2 Gadara Mass Meeting Speaker, July 20 Graham Mass Meeting Speaker, August 4 Associational Programs, September 20 Postage, September 29 Moderator's Salary, September 30 Total	\$ 22.50 100.00 70.00 10.00 15.00 200.05 10.00 5.49 10.00 10.00 21.25 2.91 40.00
	4327.20
Balance, October 1, 1955	\$174.71
Report was adopted.	

1:15 — Report — Executive Board — Rev. L. D. Haines

The Executive Board met 11 times during the year. Through the year the Executive Board made the following recommendations to the Association:

Protested the selection of Dr. J. O. Stewart as Dean of Chapel at Stetson University.

Recommends payment of \$40.00 to the Moderator as withheld for lack of funds, since funds are available and that the amount be included in the 1956 budget.

Recommends that Executive Board appoint a nominating committee in July with election of Associational Departmental Officers in August.

Recommends that Annual Associational meetings be held at a later date than one suggested by State Office.

Recommends that a committee be appointed to revise the By-Laws and bring to Association in 1956 for action.

Recommends that we continue Mass Meetings each month emphasizing a phase of our work and each department, Sunday School, Training Union and Brotherhood, have its own promotional meeting as desired.

Recommends that the Association create the office of Superintendent of Prison Work and Institutions. Nominating Committee to select one this year.

The report was adopted.

1:30 — The Nominating Committee presented the following names to the Association:

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

S. S. Superintendent - Rev. John T. James

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

Brotherhood President - W. H. Williams

Music Director — Mrs John T. James

Baptist Witness - Ned Coleman

Superintendent of Evangelism — Rev. H. H. Mott

Secretary of Prison Missions — Rev. Edgar Wilkinson

Stefson University - Rev. S. F. Beard

Home Missions - S. A. Bryan

State and Foreign Missions — Jack Siemer

American Bible Society - Rev. Marvin Faile

These were unanimously elected

1:35 — Report — Resolutions Committee — Rev. H. H. Mott

Whereas: The New River Baptist Association assembled in its 83rd 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.

Resolved: First, that we express our appreciation to both the Starke Baptist Church and the Lawtey Baptist Church for their gracious hospitality as to the Annual Association.

Second, that we express our gratitude to those who have served the Association during this past year, and to our moderator, Rev. L. D. Haines for his fine spirit and excellent leadership in all the activities of our Association.

Third, that we recommend to the Churches of our Association that they continue their support of the Cooperative Program, but that notice be sent with each contribution asking that the money be prorated to all other interests, Stetson University excepted, as a protest to the appointment of Dr. J. A. Stewart as Dean of the Chapel at Stetson.

Fourth, that a communication be sent to all Associations in the State, informing them of the above action and recommending that they take similar action, to be effective until the Management of Stetson is sufficiently altered as to be in conformity with recognized Baptist principles of faith and practice and thus become worthy of our continued support.

2:15 — Report — Digest of Letters — S. A. Bryan

2:25 - Report - Time and Place Committee - Jack Siemer

October 8, 1956 — Tuesday — Bayless Highway Church Missionary Sermon — Rev. Marvin Faile Alternate — Rev. L. D. Haines

October 9, 1956 — Wednesday — Evergreen Church
Doctrinal Sermon — Rev. John T. James
Alternate — Rev. R. Clark Crosby

2:30 - Installation Service

The following officers were installed for 1955 - 1956:

Moderator — Rev C. B. Stallings Associate Moderator — Rev. John T. James Clerk - Treasurer — A. Russell Norman

NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Rev. Stallings appointed Rev. L. D. Haines to be chairman of the committee on revision of our Constitution and By-Laws

2:40 — Report — Obituary Committee — Mrs. Lamoreaux

Eighteen 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 consecrated lives, sweet fellowship, inspiring testimony and good works. We recommend a page in out Minutes be dedicated to them and this Association stand in silent prayer in their memory of these our honored dead.

This report was adopted.

2:45 - Prayer by Rev. L. D. Haines.

Adjourn

AUXILIARY MEETINGS

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

"Laborers together with God."

- 17 Churches
- 10 Organizations
- 266 Members
 - 4 Quarterly Rallies
- 9 Young People's Auxiliaries
- 136 Tithers
 - 1 New Organization
 - 2 Organizations disbanded
- 2 Organizations did not work for several months during year.

Watchword — "All the ends of the world shall remember, and turn unto the Lord." — Psalms 22:27

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

There have been 4 Associational meetings. There are 17 churches with 17 Sunday Schools and 2054 members. This shows a gain of 6 members. 9 churches reported a membership of 1015 in their Vacation Bible Schools. This was a gain of 316 members. Three churches reported Training Schools with a membership of 23.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

New River Association Reports:

- 17 Churches
- 11 Training Unions
- 799 Enrolled

This shows that 6 churches did not report Training Unions.

BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION

The Associational Brotherhood held 4 regular meetings during the year. There are 6 churches in the Association with Brotherhoods with 102 men enrolled. One new Brotherhood has been organized.

In MEMORIUM

OUR HONORED DEAD

Mrs. Lucretia Green Lawhon Brooker
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Year	Moderator	Clerk	Minister for Sermon	Place of Meeting	
1906	L. W. Kickliter	F. L. Colson	Rev. A. C. Odom	New River	
1907	L. W. Kickliter	F. L. Colson	Rev. A. J. Pinholster	Mt. Singi	
1910	J. E. Black	J. C. Poppell	Rev. J. G. Bartlebaugh	Evergreen	
1912	L. W. Kickliter	J. C. Poppell	Rev. J. E. Black	China Grove	
1913	L. W. Kickliter	J. C. Poppell	Rev. L. W. Kickliter	Corinth	
1917	L. W. Kickliter	J. C. Poppell	Rev. A. B. Cannady	Starke	
1918	L. W. Kickliter			China Grove	
1920	L. W. Kickliter	D. W. Moore	Rev. E. D. Boyer	Corinth	
1921	L. W. Kickliter	D. W. Moore	Rev. C. A. Crosby	Lawtey	
1926	J. T. Quigley	D. W. Moore	Rev. C. A. Crosby	Hope	
1927		D. W. Moore	Rev. J. L. Norris	Corinth	
1928	J. L. Norris	D. W. Moore	Dr. W. A. Hobson	Wateroak	
1929	J. L. Norris	D. W. Moore	Rev. G. P. Raymond	Ward City	
1930	J. L. Norris	T. B. Pinholster	Rev. R. E. Blanchard	Heilbronn	
1931	J. L. Norris	T. B. Pinholster	Rev. C. A. Crosby	Pine Grove	
1932	J. L. Norris	T. B. Pinholster	Dr. C. M. Britten	Raiford	
1933	J. T. Quigley	T. B. Pinholster	Rev. W. W. Williams	Pine Grove	
1934	J. T. Quigley	T. B. Pinholster	Rev. C. B. Price	Starke	
1935	J. T. Quigley	T. B. Pinholster		Heilbronn	
1936	J. T. Quigley	T. B. Pinholster	Dr. J. Dean Adcock	Antioch	
1937	G. E. McGauley	T. B. Pinholster	Rev. Pat Wimberly	Brooker	
1938	G. E. McGauley	T. B. Pinholster	Rev Chas. A. Maddry	Beulah	
1939	C. F. Hooker	T. B. Pinholster	Rev. Lloyd King	Graham	
1940	C. F. Hooker	T. B. Pinholster	Dr. W. T. Halstead	Raiford	
1941	C. A. Crosby	T. B. Pinholster	Dr. W. S. Allen	Pine Grove	
1942	A. E. Lightfoot	T. B. Pinholster	Dr. Thomas Hansen	Starke	
1943	S. E. Sparks	T. B. Pinholster		Antioch	
1944	S. E. Sparks	T. B. Pinholster	Rev. Dewey Mann	Raiford	
1945	S. E. Sparks	A. R. Norman	Chaplain John E. Evans		
1946	S. E. Sparks	A. R. Norman		Pine Grove	
1947	S. E. Sparks	A. R. Norman	Dr. John Maguire	Lawtey	
1948	S. E. Sparks	A. R. Norman	Rev. Clifford Walker	N. Pleasant Grove	
1949	S. E. Sparks	A. R. Norman	Rev. G. E. Cutshaw	Boatdrain	
1950	A. R. Green	A. R. Norman	Rev. J. E. Strickland	Antioch	
1951	C. F. Hooker	A. R. Norman	Rev. L. D. Haines	Bayless Highway	
1952	C. F. Hooker	A. R. Norman	Rev. J. E. Strickland	Airpark	
1953	S. E. Sparks	A. R. Norman	Rev. L. D. Haines	Raiford	
1954	S. E. Sparks	A. R. Norman	Rev. C. C. Harris	Hampton-Brooker	
1955	L. D. Haines	A. R. Norman	Rev. C. B. Stallings	Starke 1st-Lawtey	

Pastor's Annual Salary	\$1,326	1,300	1,040	1,940	857	1,806	1,825	355	3,600	2,577	-1,060	1,300	3,120	780	2,310	1,096	000'9	32,292
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Total Value Church Property (Including Pastor's Home)	\$25,000	000'9	4,500	13,500	-	8,000	1,500	2,500	51,000	1,200	000'9	3,000	8,800	3,500	18,000	-	225,000	377,500
Brotherhood Enrollment	10	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	10	200	102
W. M. U. Entollment	16	0	1	68	1	1	16	1	21	0	1	16	27	1	17	1	247	412
Training Union Enrollment	62	1	62	72	37	1	1	30	128	45	54	1	26	1	19	54	129	799
Vacation Bible School Enrollment	44	1	69	67	1	1	1	1	104	1	1	19	75	1	23	92	86	823 7
Sunday School Enrollment (Including Mission Schools)	85	50	65	117	37	8	28	44	173	58	81	85	8	24	1691	66	787	2041
Non-Resident Membership	46	35	37	20	32	1	32	1	89	33	62	7	24	0	122	19	315	888
Resident Membership	92	88	109	144	42	148	52	72	285	106	09	100	100	25	169	124	632	2288
Additions by Letters	-	-	01	19	7	9	0	3	30	10	œ	10	50	1	2	30	21	212
Baptisms Reported	0	01	0	24	e	12	-	0	15	9	0	1	39	1	3	24	45	197
PASTORS	Rev. Marvin Gallbraith, St. Augustine	Rev. R. Clark Crosby, Starke, Fla.	Rev. C. F. Padgett, Brooker, Fla.	Rev. C. B. Stallings, Brooker, Fla.	Rev. T. S. Parrish, Santa Fe, Fla.	Rev. J. E. Lingerfelt, Middleburg, Fla.			Rev. Marvin Faile, Hampton, Fla.		Mer	_	Rev. Edgar Wilkinson, Lawtey, Fla.		Rev. John T. James, Raiford, Fla.	Rev. Lacy Conway, Starke, Fla.	Rev. L. D. Haines, Starke, Fla.	TOTALS
CHURCHES	Bayless Hi-way	Beulah	Boatdrain	Brooker	Dedan	Evergreen	Gadara	Graham	Hampton	Heilbronn	Норе	Kingsley Lake	Lawtey	New River	Raiford	Starke, Airpark	Starke, First	
Services	4	4	4	4	4	4	10	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Year Organized	1950	1850	1944	1900	1882	1884	1876	1916	1891	1908	1876	1864	1904	1833	1904	1949	1877	

