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ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA DISTRICT

Minutes of the Second Annual Assembly
of the Arkansas-LOUISIANA District of
Pilgrim Holiness Church held at Jonesboro,
Arkansas, September 7-8, 1932

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Morning Session, Wed. Sept. 7, 1932

The Second Annual Assembly of the Ark-La District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church convened at the Pilgrim Holiness Tabernacle, Jonesboro, Ark. at 9 a. m. Sept. 7, 1932, with Assistant General Superintendent, Rev. W. L. Surbrook in the chair.

Rev. G. T. Bustin led the congregation in singing the hymns, "Precious Name" and "What a Friend."

The chairman read a Scripture Lesson from the Second chapter of Philippians.

Rev. G. T. Bustin led in prayer.

Rev. W. L. Surbrook gave a splendid exhortation on "Humility, Unity, and Harmony" as exemplified by Christ."

Moved and supported that the seats on the south end of the platform constitute the conference bar. Motion carried.

Moved and supported that Bro. H. C. Farrar, the oldest member of the Jonesboro Pilgrim Holiness Church, be seated within the Assembly bar. Motion carried.

Moved and supported that Rev. Warren W. Hayslip, a visiting minister be granted a seat within the assembly bar. Motion carried.

The minutes of the last session of the District Assembly of 1931 were read and approved.

Moved and supported that the times of meeting shall be from 9:00 to 11:30 A. M. and from 1:30 to 4:00 P. M. each day. Motion carried.

The roll was called.

Moved and supported that Rev. G. T. Bustin, the district superintendent, appoint the necessary committees for the Assembly. Motion carried.

Moved and supported that we hear the church and ministers' reports.

Rev. Etta Belle Coleman read a report from the Algoa church which was accepted.

Rev. Jason Sherwood gave a pastoral report from the Algoa church which was accepted.

Rev. Etta Belle Coleman gave her report as local preacher which was approved.

Rev. Willie Johnson read reports from Brookland and Burnt Hill churches which were accepted.

J. M. Craft gave a verbal report from the Sunday School and church at Burnt Hill which was accepted.

Rev. Jason Sherwood read his report as pastor of the Jonesboro church and the report was accepted.

W. T. Purtee read the various reports of the Jonesboro church which were approved.

Rev. G. T. Bustin named committees as follows: Ways and Means; H. T. Nutter, Willie Johnson, and G. T. Bustin; Statistics, H. T. Nutter; Resolutions, Miss Luella Baden. Mrs. Etta Belle Coleman and Mrs. Lura Bustin.

Moved and supported to extend the time of the session 15 minutes to receive the District Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Rev. Willie Johnson, the District treasurer read his report which was approved.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. H. Sherwood.

Afternoon Session, Wed. Sept. 7, 1932

The Session was opened at 1:30 P. M. by singing "Every Day and Hour." Led in prayer by J. M. Craft.

The roll was called.

Minutes of the morning session read, corrected, and approved.

The reports of the Brookland church were read by A. C. Adams and approved by the Assembly.

The chairman gave a good talk on the power of the Sunday School as an arm of the church.

The Secretary read a report from the church at Forest City which was approved.

Reports from the Alexandria Church were read and approved.

The District Superintendent, Rev. G. T. Bustin, read a very excellent report which was approved.

Moved and supported that this report be included in the minutes. Motion carried.

Reports from the Oakdale and Bogalusa Churches were made and approved.

Moved and supported that we elect officers for the ensuing year at the beginning of the Thursday morning session. Motion carried.

The District deaconess, Mrs. Lura Bustin, read her report which was accepted.

A motion was made and carried that the Arkansas-Louisiana District take as its motto the third verse of the second chapter of Philippians which reads as follows: "Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves"

Adjourned with prayer by the chairman.

Morning Session, Thurs. Sept. 8, 1932

The Session was opened at 9:00 A. M. by singing "In the Cross."

The chairman read and commented upon the wonderful third chapter of First Timothy. Then all kneeling he led the morning prayer.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The election of District officers for the coming year was taken up.

W. T. Purtee and Henry K. Heatherley were appointed tellers to assist in distributing the ballots and counting the votes.

Rev. G. T. Bustin, the present

District Superintendent, was reelected on the first secret ballot.

Rev. J. H. Sherwood was reelected Assistant Superintendent on the first ballot.

H. T. Nutter was reelected District Secretary on the first ballot.

Rev. Willie Johnson was reelected District Treasurer on the first ballot.

A motion carried that we elect the three lay members of the council at one secret ballot, the victory to fall to the three receiving the highest vote

Henry K. Heatherly, M. C. Johnson, and W. T. Purtee were the successful ones elected as lay delegate members of the council.

A motion was made and carried that we suspend the rules and elect all the other officers by acclamation.

The following were elected on the home mission board: Rev. G. T. Bustin, Rev. W. S. Sturdevant and H. T. Nutter.

The following were elected on the foreign missionary board: Rev. Willie Johnson, Rev. J. H. Sherwood and W. T. Purtee.

Moved and supported that we reelect H. T. Nutter, Willie Johnson, and J. R. Hinchcliff, trustees for the Ark-La District.

District Woman's Missionary officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Lura Bustin; Vice President, Mrs. Anna Sherwood, Sec. - Treas., Mrs. W. A. Carruth, Assistant Sec. - Treas., Mrs. Eva Johnson.

Rev. W. S. Sturdevant was elected to fill the vacancy on the examining board caused by the removal of Rev. C. C. Elzey to another district. Rev. Jason Sherwood was elected for three years on the examining board. The examining board now stands completed as follows: Rev. Jason Sherwood for three years. Rev. W. S. Sturdevant for two years and Rev. G. T. Bustin for one year.

Adjourned with prayer by W. T. Purtee.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Alexandria Church, W. S. Sturdevant, pastor. Regular church services 180, prayer meetings 65, other services 53, times preached 237, visits to members 600, visits to non-members 250, Revivals held in P. H. church 2, Baptisms 20, number prayed with for healing 470, marriages 3, Funerals 4, Do you tithe to the P. H. church? Yes. Do you subscribe to the advocate? Yes.

Algoa Church, Etta Belle Coleman, Pastor. Times preached 16, visits to members 40, visits to non-members 100, Number of souls dealt with individually about salvation 50, revivals held in P. H. Church 1, seekers professed regeneration 17, Do you tithe to the P. H. Church? Yes. Are You a subscriber to the Advocate? Yes.

Brookland and Burnt Hill churches, Willie Johnson, Pastor. Regular church services 41, prayer meetings 5, other services 8, times preached 58, visits to members 26, visits to non-members 12, homes prayed in 30, number of souls dealt with individually about salvation 72. Revivals held in P. H. church 1, seekers professed regeneration 65, seekers professed sanctification 7, baptisms 4, number prayed with for healing 25, Do you tithe to the P. H. church? Yes. Cash support \$25 06, other support \$12.20.

Algoa Church, Jason Sherwood, pastor. Times preached 27, visits to members 25, Homes prayed in 10, revivals held in P. H. church 2, seekers professed sanctification 8, baptisms 13. Cash support \$27.31, other support \$18 20.

Jonesboro Church, Jason Sherwood, pastor. Regular church services 104, Prayer meetings 42, other services 15. times preached 109, visits to members 162, visits to non-members 20, homes prayed in 132,

revivals held in P. H. Church 2, seekers professed regeneration 76, seekers professed sanctification 25, Baptisms 13, number prayed with for healing 63, Funerals 7. Do you subscribe for the Advocate? Yes. Do you tithe to the P. H. Church? Yes. Cash support \$803 00. Estimated amount of other support \$59.40

District Superintendent, Rev. G. T. Bustin's Report. Regular church services 321, prayer services 31, other services 54, times preached 286, homes prayed in 135, number of souls dealt with individually about salvation 521, revivals held in P. H. church 5, in other churches 6, seekers professed regeneration 189, seekers professed sanctification 68, number prayed with for healing 30. Do you tithe to the P. H. Church? Yes. Are you a subscriber to the Advocate? Yes. Cash support \$336.78. Other support \$75.25.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

Alexandria Church, H. M. French, superintendent. Number sessions 52, classes 4, teachers and officers 6, enrollment 44, total attendance 1658 offerings \$30. Paid for literature \$27.12

Burnt Hill Church, W. C. Foster Superintendent. Number sessions 20, classes 4. Teachers and officers 6, enrollment 75, total attendance 1012, offerings \$4.21.

Jonesboro Church, W. T. Purtee, superintendent. Number sessions 51, classes 9, teachers and officers 13, enrollment 120, total attendance 3861, Souls led to Jesus 15, offerings \$67.75, Birthday offerings \$8.40, special offerings \$14.30, Home Missions \$10.56, Total \$101.01. Paid S. S. Literature \$38.41, missions \$12.01, Orphanage \$1.45. Christmas \$6.00, 4th July 8.30 Balance paid into church treasury \$34.84.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY REPORT

Alexandria Church, Mrs. Vivian Nugent, Secretary. Prayer meetings 40, total attendance 900, visits 1117, Gospel literature distributed 400, souls seeking pardon 10, sanctification 25, active members 17, associate members 5, honorary members 5, offerings \$9.59.

Jonesboro Church, Lena Black, Secretary. Preaching and testimony service 52, cottage prayer meetings 38, visits 70, total attendance 1250, persons dealt with personally about salvation 29, souls seeking pardon 18, sanctification 6, active members 30, associate members 20, honorary members 12, offering \$6.60.

Woman's Missionary Society Report

Alexandria Church, Mrs. W. S. Sturdevant, President. Mrs. Lois Brown, Sec.-Treas. Number services held 41, average attendance 9, money raised and used for church work \$73.59, number visits made 557.

Jonesboro Church, Mrs. Jason Sherwood, President, Mrs. Minnie Curnutt, Sec.-Treas. Number members 29, prayer meetings held 52, number sick visited 682, amount of charity \$103.42.

Mrs. Lura Bustin's Report as Deaconess

Revival services attended 262, prayer meetings held 26, jail services 6, Woman's Missionary Society services attended 13, organized one Missionary Society, Homes visited 114, homes prayed in 99, hospital visits 6, souls dealt with personally 96 tracts handed out 5334, Advocates given out 19.

Afternoon session Sept. 8, 1932 continued.

A motion carried fixing August 15, 1933 as the closing date of the Assembly year.

A motion carried that the next District Assembly be held as soon as

possible after the close of the Assembly year.

A motion carried granting Rev. Etta Belle Coleman local license to preach.

The Assembly adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. L. Surbrook.

HOLD THE LINE

Pilgrims, Christians, Hold the line for Jesus. Hold the line for Prohibition and law enforcement, Righteousness, law and order must prevail.

Betting is against us, numerous straw votes are against us, the depression is against us. but God is for us. If those who favor Prohibition will live on their knees and then all of them go to the polls and vote, God will bring us out gloriously.

The devil is against us. All his imps are against Prohibition. The wicked boot-leggers and all the liquor interests and all the hounds of hell are lined up against us. The public press is largely against the 18th Amendment. The radio is largely in the hands of our enemies. But God is for us and God will bring us out more than conqueror in spite of overwhelming opposition if we pray without ceasing and do all we can.

Then, Pilgrims, Christians, Righteous Patriots, stand firmly. Hold the line for Jesus and Prohibition. Live on your knees. And then vote as you pray and God will do all the rest.

H. T. NUTTER

"Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

1st Cor. 6:9,10.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
For The Assembly Year Ending
August 15, 1932.

Dear Brethren and members of the Assembly:

Greetings in the name of our redeemer.

In asking this customary report there is perhaps much that could be said regarding what we were unable to accomplish, and a few lines would tell all that we have done. We have no evil report to bring. While there may be a question whether in the highest sense the Lord is satisfied with His servant, I can say I am fully satisfied with Him. I have found Him to be through another year all that His word declares Him to be: a mighty Saviour, a constant companion, an eternal friend, a supplier of our needs, and fully able to keep. Praise His name. I count it a privilege to have been in the battle against the prince of evil. In every fight God has given victory.

I had the privilege of laboring eight months of the year with brother C. C. Elzey. I count him a true yokefellow and a faithful follower of Christ.

I have not reached my expectations in official service. My heart has been in the work of the entire District, but my labors have centered chiefly in Louisiana. Due to the lack of funds, I was unable to cover the ground we had desired to cover. With an income of little more than three hundred dollars during the year it has been impossible to reach all the points and render the service desired. We have been constantly on the go in missionary labors, and I am frank to say too much on the go. We have organized three churches, but due to the lack of faithful pastors to leave in charge, it appears that much of our labor is lost. Of this I have repented. If it is my privilege to labor in the mission field the future

assembly year I shall not be guilty of leaving infant churches for Satan to nurse. If only one church is dug out during the year it is my conviction that it will be far better to stay with this one if necessary, than to organize several works and leave them for the vultures of the pit.

Don't think that I have any complaint to offer concerning the financial struggle, I have not. I am not at all ready to take out. I am ready to defy the devil in another year's combat, depression or not. I ask that my brethren will bear with me and pardon me for my deficient service in the official line I appreciate fully the hearty co-operation of my assistant, brother J. H. Sherwood, and his efficient service rendered to the churches in this part of the country during my absence.

I love the Lord, I love my brethren, I love my church, and I am in love with the job the Lord has given me, namely, the preaching of the glorious gospel of full salvation.

May we all purpose by the grace of God to make the future year the greatest of our lives in our personal relationship with our God, and in the advancement of our church both District and General.

Dear co-workers, faint not when the battle is hot and the struggle is long, for we are fighting for the greatest Captain and the greatest cause in the Universe. Let us never compromise with sin and the devil in the least. The war will soon be over and our eternal reward is sure if we are faithful.

Yours for a full Gospel.
G. T. BUSTIN

Afternoon Session- Sept. 8, 1932
The session began at 1:30 P. M. by singing "Blessed Assurance."
Mrs. Anna Sherwood led in prayer.
The roll was called.
The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING BOARD As Adopted by The Assembly.

We recommend that Willie Johnson be retained as first year licensee.

We recommend that Mrs. G. T. Bustin be retained as first year licensed deaconess

We recommend that Mrs. Anna Sherwood be granted first year license as deaconess.

Respectfully submitted by
Rev. G. T. Bustin,
Rev. J. H. Sherwood,
Examining Board.

Report Of Ways And Means Committee As Adopted by The Assembly.

1. We recommend that all our Young Peoples Societies take an offering on the first Sunday of each month and forward it immediately to the District Treasurer to be equally applied for Home Missions and for the General Budget.

2. We recommend that all the Sunday Schools forward the regular Sunday School offering of the third Sunday of each month to the District Treasurer to be equally applied on Home Missions and the General Budget.

3. We recommend that all our pastors conduct revival meetings at points surrounding their regular churches and that their church membership heartily cooperate with them in this missionary program.

4. We recommend that the secretaries of the Young Peoples Societies give a weekly report to their local societies.

5. We recommend that all the ministerial members of this assembly except the District Superintendent pay one tenth of their income from ministerial labor into their local church treasury and that the local church treasurer remit same to the District Treasurer for the support of the District Superintendent.

6. We recommend that the District Superintendent tithe his income from ministerial labor into the District Treasury for the support of the General Budget.

7. We recommend that this assembly require the ministerial members to attend Assembly and Camp meeting and that they be present on the first day and remain until the close, that the churches keep up the salary of their pastors while attending the same and that if they do not attend they shall send report of their work and an excuse for their absence, and further more if they fail to do so for two consecutive years their names shall be dropped from the Assembly roll.

8. We recommend that the District Superintendent visit each church twice during the year and that he devote the remainder of his time to evangelistic work.

9. We recommend that each pastor urge his church to adopt the tithe system and insist that his members place their tithe in the local church treasury.

10. We recommend that the minutes of this assembly be printed in the Wayside Pulpit from issue to issue until all are printed

11. We recommend that all the ministers do all they can to get our church paper, Pilgrim Holiness Advocate, into as many homes as possible.

12. We recommend that all the ministers and churches buy all Sunday School literature and mottoes and as much other supplies as possible through the Advocate office.

13. We recommend that each church be responsible for one comfort or quilt for Camp meeting purposes by next year and that the name of the donor be inscribed on the quilt.

Respectfully submitted, H. T. Nutter,
G. T. Bustin, Willie Johnson, Ways
and Means Committee.

Report of the Resolution Committee as adopted by the Assembly.

1. Inasmuch as God has so marvelously blessed our Assembly, and helped to carry on the business of the District in love and harmony.

Be it resolved that we rise and sing the first and the third verses of song No. 197 to show our gratitude and appreciation to Him.

2. Resolved that we feel indeed fortunate in securing the services of our beloved assistant General Superintendent and wife, Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Surbrook, to conduct our District Assembly and Camp Meeting, and that we feel their examples of a holy life will forever be a blessing to us.

3. Whereas our good pastor and wife of the Jonesboro church, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Sherwood, have so wonderfully given their service in taking care of the workers and visitors during the Camp.

Be it resolved that we show our appreciation of them by a rising vote.

4. Resolved that we thank our Heavenly Father for sending us our District Superintendent and wife, Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Bustin, whose close walk with God and sound doctrine has enabled us to live holier lives, and that we pledge them our prayers for the coming year.

5. Be it resolved that we heartily appreciate the many liberal donations of every kind whatsoever which have made it possible to maintain our District assembly and Camp Meeting.

6. Be it resolved that we especially thank all of the ice companies of the city, the Star Bakery, the Blue Ribbon Bakery, and the Wood Spring Dairy for the very large daily donations of their products toward feeding the many visitors to the Assembly and Camp Meeting.

7. Be it resolved that we extend our thanks to Mr. Tatum for granting us the large lot north of the church for parking space.

8. Be it resolved that we wish to thank Gregg's Funeral Home for the use of so many chairs during the entire meeting.

9. Be it resolved that we appreciate the wonderful way in which the Jonesboro Evening Sun and the Jonesboro Tribune so freely advertised our meeting from day to day.

10. Be it resolved that we truly thank Mr. T. A. Blanchard for so many seats for the use of our meeting and for the loan also of the large side curtain that shut out the cold wind.

Submitted by,

Luella Baden

Lura Bustin

Etta Belle Coleman

Committee on Resolutions.

Church Financial Report

Alexandria church, W. S. Sturdevant, pastor. Total offerings, \$615.44. Paid pastor \$408.06; For Evangelists: \$111.60; Fuel, lights and rent: \$48.20; District Superintendent: \$40.80; For Gen. church, \$6.78.

Algoa church, Jason Sherwood, pastor. Total offerings, \$94.53; Paid pastor \$49.01; For Evangelists, \$44.37; District Superintendent \$1.15

Brookland church, Willie Johnson, Pastor. Total offerings including cotton and donations: \$103.06; Paid Pastor \$13.06; Paid on debts: \$90.00.

Burnt Hill Church, Willie Johnson, Pastor. Total offering including donations: \$150.20. Paid pastor: \$24.20; On building and incidentals: \$126.00

Forest City Church, no pastor. Total offering \$58.68; Paid evangelists: \$37.30; Rent: \$12.50; Balance on hand \$3.88.

Jonesboro Church, Jason Sherwood, Pastor. Carried forward:

\$49.34; offerings: \$950.45. Pledges: \$68.66; For Evangelists: \$135.00; For Wayside Pulpit: \$238.45: From Sunday School: \$44.87; Miscellaneous: \$50.15; For Camp Meeting \$57.00; For District interests \$105.66 For general church \$6.50: Total Income \$1706.08.

Expenditures: Paid pastor: \$803.00. Rent, \$148.50; Fuel \$12.50; Light: \$19.98; Evangelists: \$146.00; On Property \$67.83. For Church Bulletin: \$198.00; Miscellaneous: \$133.95. District Superintendent: \$45.90. Home Missions: \$59.76. Camp Meeting \$57.00. Rescue work \$6.50. Balance on hand \$7.16. Total \$1698.92. Value of church property: \$3500.00. Amount owing \$4.50.

Church Statistical Report

Alexandria Church, W. S. Sturdevant, pastor. Members on roll last report 28, Dropped from roll 1, Additions by profession of faith: 23. Total membership 51. Number preaching services 180. Open air services 4, Jail services 53, Church prayer services 65, Other services 8, Total services 310, Number of tithers 51. Subscribers to the advocate 4, Church secretary, W. A. Carruth.

Algoa Church, Jason Sherwood, Pastor. Members on roll 18, Preaching services 75, Open air services 14, Church prayer services 25, Cottage meetings 20, Total services 134, Number tithers 4, Subscribers to Advocate 2, Church secretary, H. K. Heatherly.

Brookland Church, Willie Johnson, Pastor. Members on roll 26, Preaching services 26.

Burnt Hill Church, members on roll last report 18, New members 4, Present membership 22, Preaching services 37, Prayer meetings 28.

Jonesboro Church, Jason Sherwood, Pastor. Members on roll last report 66, Dropped 3, Additions by Profession of faith 3, Present membership 66, Number preaching services 147, Open air services 3, church prayer meetings 52, Cottage meetings 46, other services 7, Total services 255, Number Tithers 16, Subscribers to Advocate 8, Church Secretary, H. T. Nutter.

Forest City Church, no pastor, Newly organized with 16 members, Preaching Services 19, Cottage meetings 24.

Oakdale Church, no pastor. Newly organized with 20 members. Preaching services 25, Prayer meetings 18.

Bogalusa Church, no pastor, newly organized with 8 members, preaching services 16, Tithers 8.

Total membership of the District 227, Total members last year 137. New members received on profession of faith 90, Number of churches one year ago 4, New churches organized during the year 4, Present number of churches 8, Sunday School enrollment 289, Sunday School Attendance 7598, Number Sunday schools 8, Total cash paid to pastors \$1260.07

Wayside Pulpit

PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH
The Church That Gives A Friendly Welcome To All

JASON SHERWOOD, PASTOR

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Our God Is Able

Our God saved Daniel from the wrath of the cruel king and took care of him in the lions den because he was a holy man and Prayed earnestly.

Our God delivered the three Hebrew children from the fiery furnace because they were holy men and prayed to the true and living God instead of bowing down to the wicked king's golden image.

Our God saved the world from the wrath of the cruel Huns of Germany in 1918 because a few holy men and women prayed without ceasing.

Our God saved America from rum and ruin in 1928 because there were a few holy men and women in Jonesboro and thruout the country living continually upon their knees pleading for righteousness and prohibition.

Our God is abundantly able to deliver us again in 1932 from the awful lawless, lying, liquor gang and save our noble Eighteenth Amendment if He can find a few holy men and women who know how to pray the prayer of faith. Will you be one of these holy praying people needed to save our country from rum and ruin?

H. T. NUTTER

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THE DRY PARADE

The wets are making the noise, but don't let that fool you, for the drys are marching steadily onward millions strong. The drys talk with ballots. They vote as they pray. Prayer and ballots will win the day.

Remember the women's Missionary Societies throughout the country are overwhelmingly dry.

Remember the Public Schools of the United States pass dry resolutions at their Associations every year.

Remember the National Grange of 900,000 farmers and their dry resolutions.

Remember the Federation of Women's Clubs with dry resolutions at every convention.

Remember the churches and twenty million men and women enrolled in 30 national organizations all united to support the 18th Amendment.

Remember that the Congress of the United States still has a larger dry majority than when the 18th Amendment was passed.

Remember that the United States Supreme Court has given dry decisions in every one of 52 appeals.

Remember that all these only form the front ranks of the quiet, sober, orderly army marching on from victory to victory for prohibition and law enforcement.

H. T. NUTTER