

MINUTES

PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH

IOWA-MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT

JULY 9-10, 1937



D I R E C T O R Y

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Superintendent, R. A. Beltz, 2117 Market St., Hannibal, Mo.
Secretary, F. W. Henry, 622 Word Ave., Jonesboro, Ark.
Treasurer, O. A. Morgan, 3950 Carter Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Member, Vernon Poe, Eddyville, Iowa.

Examining Board

R. A. Beltz, O. A. Morgan, F. W. Henry, Vernon Poe.

Educational Board

Geo. A. Smith, 3259 Gilham Road, Kansas City, Mo.
F. W. Henry, 622 Word Ave., Jonesboro, Ark.

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Organized Churches.

Caruthersville, Mo. - R. F. Bradley.
Garden Grove, Ia. - J. F. Wilson.
Jonesboro, Ark. - F. W. Henry.
Kansas City, Mo. - Geo. A. Smith.
Rector, Ark. - Arthur C. Wieand.
Springfield, Mo. - S. W. Maness.
St. Louis, Mo. - O. A. Morgan.

Preaching Points, Un-organized.

Burnt Hill, Ark. - F. W. Henry.
Eddyville, Iowa - Vernon Poe.
Forbes, Mo. - M. L. Allen.
Hannibal, Mo. - R. A. Beltz.
Silver Mine, Mo. - Ellis Maness.
Stanley, Mo. - R. F. Bradley.
Steele, Mo. - Ray Benefield.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Acton, Alma, Eugene, Mo.
Beltz, R. A., 2117 Market St., Hannibal, Mo.
Bradley, R. F., 1003 Bell Ave., Caruthersville, Mo.
Cleaver, G. R., St. Louis, Mo.
Glendenning, Friend, University Park, Iowa.
Glendenning, Roy, University Park, Iowa.
Henry, F. W., 622 Word Ave., Jonesboro, Ark.
Henry, Gladys A., 622 Word Ave., Jonesboro, Ark.
Lacey, S. E., St. Louis, Mo.
Morgan, O. A., 3950 Carter Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Poe, Vernon, Eddyville, Iowa.
Smith, Geo. A., 3259 Gilham Road, Kansas City, Mo.
Windsor, L. A., Brushy Knob, Mo.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Adams, Leon L., 1st yr., 3418 St. Vincent Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Childers, Ina, 3rd yr., 731 E. Dale St., Springfield, Mo.
Glendenning, H. E., 1st yr., University Park, Iowa.
Johnson, Willie, 3rd yr., 304 Monroe St., Jonesboro, Ark.
Kilwy, W. L., 1st yr., 2117 Market St., Hannibal, Mo.
Lynn, Francis, 1st yr., 1740 Waverly Place, St. Louis, Mo.
Maness, Ellis, 1st yr., #17 Denver Place, Webster Grove, Mo.

LICENSED MINISTERS, Cont.

Maness, S. W., 3rd yr., 931 E. Dale St., Springfield, Mo.

Wieand, Arthur C., 1st yr., Rector, Ark.

Wilson, J. F., 1st yr., Grand River, Iowa.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

The First Annual Assembly of the Home Missionary District of Iowa-Missouri-Arkansas of the Pilgrim Holiness Church convened at the Camp ground in Hannibal, Missouri at 2 P. M., Friday, July 9, 1937. Rev. I. M. Farnsworth led in singing, "He's a Wonderful Saviour to Me." Rev. R. W. Wolfe led in prayer. Rev. R. A. Beltz, district superintendent made a few preliminary remarks and then presented the General Superintendent, Rev. W. L. Surbrook to the Assembly.

Rev. Surbrook made some complimentary remarks about our new District and then brought a message on "Helpful Hints to Ministers." He spoke on the preaching, practise and punctuality of ministers and his address was much appreciated by the Assembly.

Rev. R. A. Beltz, district superintendent read his address and report and it was received by a vote of the Assembly.

The roll was called. Moved and supported that Ida Smith serve as delegate from the Kansas City Church. Carried. Moved and supported that the first four rows of seats on either side constitute the Assembly bar. Carried.

A motion prevailed that the following ministers be granted honorary seats within the bar: M. L. Goodman, R. W. Wolfe, R. C. Stalcup, I. M. Farnsworth, A. R. C. Howard, Paul M. Qualls and W. L. Kilwy.

The District Treasurer's report was read and a motion prevailed that it be accepted subject to the report of the auditing committee.

The District Council presented a financial plan for the District which was adopted. (See Financial plan)

Moved and supported that we hear the minister's reports at the next sitting. Motion carried.

The following committees were appointed by the District Superintendent: Resolution, A. R. C. Howard, Ina Childers and Friend Glendenning; Auditing, G. R. Cleaver and Arthur C. Wieand; Statistical, Geo. A. Smith and F. W. Henry.

A motion was made to adjourn until 10 A. M. Saturday, July 10. Carried.

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SECOND SITTING

Brother Cleaver led in singing, "I Need Jesus." Friend Glendenning led in prayer. R. A. Beltz, District Superintendent presided at this sitting. The Minutes of the former sitting were read and approved.

Rev. Louis J. Duewel of Troy, Mo. was given an honorary seat within the bar and he gave his testimony.

The Auditing Committee reported that they had found the treasurer's books to be correct and a motion was made that their report be accepted. Motion carried.

The following ministers gave their reports: R. F. Bradley, O. A. Morgan, F. W. Henry, S. W. Maness, Arthur C. Wieand, Geo. A. Smith, J. F. Wilson, Alma Acton, G. R. Cleaver, Friend Glendenning, Roy Glendenning, S. E. Lacey, Vernon Poe, L. A. Windsor, Ina Childers and A. R. C. Howard. These reports were read with much feeling and the victories and triumphs of the ministers were visible in their reports. These reports were accepted.

The following brethren were presented to the Assembly, gave their testimony and were given honorary seats within the bar: Rev. W. E. Catey, District Superintendent of the Illinois District, Rev. R. S. Wheeldon of Marshall, Illinois and Rev. S. E. Wheeldon of Jerseyville, Illinois.

The report of the Resolution Committee was read and adopted. (See Resolution Committee's report.)

The report of the Examining and Educational Board was read and adopted. (For classification of ministers see Directory, page 1.)

Motion made that the next District Camp be held July 1-10. Carried.

Motion to adjourn until 4 P. M. Motion Carried.

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THIRD SITTING

After a stirring message by Rev. R. W. Wolfe, Executive Secretary of Home Missions the Assembly was called to order by the District Superintendent. The Minutes of the former sitting were read and approved.

Moved and supported that we extend to our cooks a rising vote of thanks. Motion carried.

The report of the Statistical Committee was read and accepted.

The Examining and Educational Board reported as follows: "Inasmuch as Herbert Glendenning and J. F. Wilson have not had the opportunity in our past set up to properly pursue our stipulated Course of Study and take examination on the same and inasmuch as they express a willingness to bring up what they lack in the Local Preacher's Course, We recommend that they be received into the Assembly as licensed ministers and placed in the class of the first year upon condition that they complete the local preacher's course of study." A motion was made that this recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

The business having all been completed the Assembly adjourned with prayer.

Signed,

R. A. BELTZ, Dist. Supt.

F. W. HENRY, Dist. Sec'y.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL PLAN

1. All the licensed and ordained ministers of this District shall pay their tithe from income from ministerial labors into the District Treasury to be used in the District work.

2. Our churches shall raise the following minimum amounts each month for District work and General Budget:

St. Louis	\$8.00	Rector	\$3.50
Caruthersville	8.00	Kansas City	3.50
Jonesboro	6.50	Garden Grove	3.50
Springfield	5.00	Eddyville	3.50

The District Treasurer shall send a check each month to the General Treasurer for the General Budget.

3. The District shall pay the travelling expense of the District Superintendent at the rate of two cents a mile for all travelling on the District. His postage, stationery, telegrams and phone calls necessary for District work shall be paid by the District.

4. Each Church shall take a free-will offering for the District Superintendent at each visit to the church to apply on his travelling expenses.

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REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED

1. Inasmuch as God has been especially good to us in sparing our lives, giving us a good year and a marvellous and wonderful spirit in our Camp and Assembly now in session, Be it resolved that we as the Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas Home Missionary District offer here and now grateful thanks unto our God.

Rev. A. R. C. Howard prayed with much feeling, touching the Throne and brought down showers of blessings.

2. Resolved that we express our appreciation to our good evangelist, Rev. M. L. Goodman by a rising vote and a hearty "God Bless You."

3. Resolved that we express our appreciation as an Assembly and Camp to our friends and the Hannibal Holiness Mission for their gifts of food and the use of the Mission basement and furniture.

4. Resolved that we as an Assembly send the Free Methodist Church of Hannibal a letter expressing our appreciation for the use of their chairs.

5. Resolved that the secretary be instructed to send a letter of appreciation to the Hannibal Courier Post for their splendid write up each day of the Campmeeting and furthermore that a copy of this resolution be sent to them.

6. Resolved that each church in this District donate two comforts and six large tea towels for the 1938 Camp and Assembly.

7. Resolved that we give Rev. A. R. C. Howard a rising vote of thanks for his faithfulness in arousing the campers and urging them to attend the morning prayer meetings, Also for his faithfulness to get the people to and from the dining hall and providing beds for the visiting saints and their families.

8. Resolved that we as an Assembly express our thanks and appreciation to our beloved District Superintendent, Rev. R. A. Beltz for his sacrificing labors of love for the District and immortal souls by a rising vote of thanks.

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the General Superintendent and District Assembly of the Home Missionary District of Iowa, Missouri and Arkansas of the Pilgrim Holiness Church: Greetings!

Dearly beloved it is through the Providence of God that we are again permitted to assemble together in another glorious Camp Meeting. God has been very gracious to us during the past year. This has been a year of many problems and battles but upon every battlefield we have been conscious of His gracious presence and He has given us the Victory.

We are now gathered in this our first Assembly. We are to lay plans for the advancement of the work of God in these three states. We should be careful and very prayerful as we lay our plans, knowing this, that a good beginning is most important in the success of any work. We should not despise the day of small things, but we should not be content with small things knowing that through faith and prayer God wants His people to go forward and possess the land.

It is fitting that we should give a brief survey of the field. We have on the District seven organized churches and seven regular preaching points. Three of these preaching points give promise of being organized into churches in the next few months. Besides these we have other points where our men preach occasionally and several open doors where we could enter and establish Gospel work.

F. W. Henry is the pastor at Jonesboro, Ark. and is doing a fine work. He came to us last fall from the Southern District. Arthur C. Wieand is pastor at Rector, Ark., having recently come from Bogalussa, La. He reports that they are having a gracious revival and the outlook of the work there is most encouraging. During the last year they have built a new church. R. F. Bradley is the pastor at Caruthersville, Mo. He has served this church nearly nine years. Here we have the largest Sunday School of the District with a record attendance of three hundred and fifty.

O. A. Morgan is the energetic pastor at St. Louis. Our church there has faced a serious problem the past year because it became necessary to change our location, but after weeks of prayer and investigation we have bargained for a new church building in a splendid section of the city. We will move into this immediately. The outlook for our St. Louis Church, which is the oldest church on the District was never more encouraging. George A. Smith is the pastor at Kansas City having come to us last fall from the Illinois District. He has nobly sacrificed during the past year to keep this struggling work going and God has blessed his labors with success. They have just closed a good tent meeting with Brother Howard. Our work here has been poorly located and we are planning on moving into a better section of the city after the camp. This presents a new burden and we ask all to pray that God will help us to establish a church in this large city. S. W. Maness is pastor at Springfield, Mo. and has been recalled for another year. God has blessed his labors and there are rumors that they are going to buy a better church building in a new location.

M. L. Allen was pastor of the Garden Grove Church the first part of the year, but a few months ago moved to Forbes, Mo., where he has opened up a good preaching point. J. F. Wilson has finished out the year at Garden Grove and reports some good victories during that time. Our church there is small but we have some loyal Pilgrims. Brother Vernon Poe has opened a new preaching point at Eddyville, Iowa during the past year which gives good prospects of a church. Brother Bradley has a Sunday School and preaching point at Stanley, Mo. This also gives prospects of a church. At Burnt Hill, another point, eighteen miles from Jonesboro, Ark. we have a few good members, a church building and a good Sunday School. Ellis Maness, one of our licensed ministers from the St. Louis Church has a preaching point at Silvermine, Mo. Rev. R. S. Wheeldon recently held a home missionary meeting at Darlington, Mo. We have made a lot of friends there and have the use of a church building if we can supply a pastor.

The Holiness Mission of Hannibal, Mo. has been contemplating uniting with our Church and have helped to make possible our Camp meeting this year and last. We now have fifteen members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church here and there is a beautiful spirit of fellowship among all the people who attend the Mission.

We must not forget the faithful labors of our evangelists and unstationed ministers. Brother Howard has labored for months in our Home Missionary work at great sacrifice. Some of the other evangelists are Vernon Poe, Roy Glendenning, Friend Glendenning, Sister Childers and Sister Hamilton. These have not all given full time to evangelistic work, but have held several meetings and their labors are greatly appreciated. Then we must not forget all the other faithful Pilgrims who have held up the hands of our leaders and made possible our progress. Many of these were not seen in the front ranks but their prayers and financial support have been felt. There is a good spirit of fellowship among our people and very little internal trouble in our churches. This was made clear in the fact that our pastors were all recalled and in most cases by a unanimous vote.

We have not as yet reached an ideal set up in our District organization and possibly because of the lack of funds will not be able to do so immediately, but we have a goal toward which we are striving. We need to have the Superintendent give full time to the District but that cannot be accomplished now. We need more pioneer workers in the field, but we cannot plan to advance faster than funds will permit. I feel in the past we have had more zeal than knowledge and have tried to work in more places than we were able to properly care for. We had better concentrate our efforts in a few places and do our work well, than to scatter our efforts and leave our work half done.

While we are small as a District and have less than four hundred members, yet it will be surprising what we can accomplish if every pastor, evangelist and church will be loyal to our District program. There is room for improvement here! We might paraphrase thus:

"If every preacher was just like me,

What kind of a District, would my District be?"

The mighty oak does not grow as fast as the squash, but nevertheless there is a steady growth in the oak. We are anxious that our District be sturdy and strong like the oak. Let us prayerfully enter into every deliberation of the Assembly and pray that the God of all grace may supply us with His wisdom as He has promised in His Word.

I beg to submit the following report of my labors from June 1, 1936 to July 1, 1937: I have preached 202 times and held six revivals. I have travelled approximately 26,000 miles in the interest of the District. I have received as salary from the District \$385.80, from the General Church \$390.00, and from the Hannibal Mission for my services as pastor \$586.91. I have received on my travelling expense \$150.68, making a total of \$1512.89. From this total amount the travelling expense has been paid.

Respectfully submitted,
R. A. BELTZ, Dist. Supt.

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

From May 1, 1936 to June 30, 1937.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Tent and trailer	\$297.30	Tent and trailer	\$297.30
Home Missions	586.21	Home Missions	509.38
Foreign Missions	166.62	Foreign Missions	165.02
District Fund	770.36	District Fund	788.81
Song books	22.00	Song books	22.00
Rescue Home	9.63	Rescue Home	4.63
Ill. & Mo. Minutes	1.75	Advocate Subscription . . .	1.00
Advocate Subscription	1.00	1936 Camp meeting	191.14
1936 Camp meeting	191.14	General Budget	<u>82.73</u>
General Budget	<u>82.73</u>		
Total Receipts	\$2128.74	Total Expenditures	\$2062.01
		Balance on hand	\$66.73

The above Foreign Mission and General Budget report includes monies sent in my the Arkansas Churches and reported to me by the General Treasurer. Also that reported as District fund includes District Superintendent's salary and travelling expenses, and some money from that fund for Home Missionary labors.

O. A. MORGAN, Treasurer.

DISTRICT TOTALS

Organized churches 7.	Sermons preached 1520
Preaching points 7.	Calls made 2818.
Members 377.	Valuation of Church property
Ordained Ministers 13.	\$25,200.00
Licensed Ministers 10.	Total indebtedness 11,350.00
Church buildings 6.	Seekers reported 1159.
Parsonages 2.	Pastor's support \$4201.83
Sunday Schools 13.	Evangelist's support 1795.11
Enrollment of S. Schools 1200.	Total Cash Receipts \$10,600.00

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