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Louisiana - Mississippi

District

Pilgrim Holiness Church



HELD AT

Pineville, Louisiana

August 31, 1943

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT

P I L G R I M H O L I N E S S

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OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

General Superintendent

Rev. W. L. Surbrook....1609 N. Delaware St.
Indianapolis, Ind.

General Secretary of Church Extension

Rev. R. W. Wolfe....5124 Sheldon St.
Indianapolis, Ind.

District Superintendent

Rev. E. O. Howell....740 Lakeview St.
Pineville, La.

Secretary-Treasurer

Rev. Lee Rathbun.....Sims, La.

Additional Councilmen

Rev. W. S. Sturdevant, Rev. H. A. Wilcox

Examining-Educational Committee

E. O. Howell, W. S. Sturdevant, Lee Rathbun

Resolutions

H. A. Wilcox, W. S. Sturdevant,
Julius Hooter

Ways and Means

M. Rathbun, Silas Sanchez, C. C. Brown

Reception

H. A. Wilcox

Auditing Committee

Mrs. J. Keiffer Mrs. J. D. Fillmore

Statistical

J. D. Fillmore

Editing Committee

Lee Rathbun, Mrs. E. O. Howell,
Mrs. J. D. Fillmore

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Brown, C. C.740 Lakeview St.,
Pineville, La.

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Pineville, La.

Howell, E. O. ...740 Lakeview St.,
Pineville, La.

Howell, Mrs. E . O. ..740 Lakeview St.,
Pineville, La.

Rathbun, Lee.....Sims, La.

Rathbun, M.....Sims, La.

Sturdevant, W. S. ..5923 Lexington Ave.,
Shreveport, La.

Wolfe, R. W. ..1609 N. Delaware St.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Third Year

Ordier, Mary (Brown)...Box 456, South Bend,
Ind. Rt. 3.
McCox, H. A.....801 Ave. G., Bogalusa,
La.

Second Year

Wilmore, J. D.
Wigger, J.Shreveport, La.
Sanchez, Silas.....2244 Cable St., Baton
Rouge, La.

First Year

Recelius, Robert.....
Water, Julius.....Barrett St., Pineville,
La.
Wigger, Mrs. J.....Shreveport, La.

LICENSED DEACONESS

Second Year

Hughes, Myrtle.....1312 Newman St., Nash-
ville, Tenn.

First Year

Myette, Mrs. John E....922 College Drive, Pine-
ville, La.
Wilmore, Mrs. J. D.....

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS AND PREACHING POINTS

- Baton Rouge.....Silas Sanchez, 2244
Cable St.
- Bogalusa.....H. A. Wilcox, 801 Ave. G.
- *Hemp Hill.....
- *Little River.....
- Pineville.....E. O. Howell, 740
Lakeview St.
- Shreveport.....W. S. Sturdevant, 5923
Lexington Ave.
- Sims (Formerly known as Delaney's) M. Rathbun
Sims, La.

*Preaching Points

GENERAL PROCEEDINGS

The Fourth Annual Conference, of the Louisiana-Mississippi District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, convened at Pineville, La. August 31, 1943 at 8:30 A. M. District Superintendent, Rev. E. O. Howell, was in the chair. The song "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" was sung after which Rev. W. S. Sturdevant led in prayer.

Rev. R. W. Wolfe, General Secretary of Church Extension and Home Missions, was introduced and addressed the conference at this time, basing his remarks upon Philippians 2:15. We were exhorted to let our lights shine following the example of the Apostle Paul. Rev. R. W. Wolfe then took the chair.

The Minutes of the Last Conference were read and the roll called. The conference bar was then established to include the first five rows of seats and the platform.

Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Brown were introduced and admitted into the conference. Each gave a good testimony. Rev. J. M. Walton, our carpenter evangelist, was introduced to the conference and granted an honorary seat within the conference bar. Mrs. Herman Baden was elected as delegate of the Pineville church.

The District Superintendent's report was read and accepted. The following Ministerial reports were read and accepted: H. A. Wilcox, E. O. Howell, I. Rathbun, Mrs. E. O. Howell, Mary Hutchins, Silas Sanchez, Lee Rathbun and W. S. Sturdevant. Financial reports were read and accepted from Pineville, Simms, Shreveport, Baton Rouge and Bogalusa. The time for the afternoon sitting was fixed at 1:30 P. M. We recessed until 11:00

SECOND SITTING

We convened at 11:00 P. M. after which the Examining-Educational Committee reported and recommended the following for continued recognition as Ordained Ministers: E. O. Howell, Mrs. E. O. Howell, Lee Rathbun, M. Rathbun, W. S. Sturdevant and R. W. Wolfe.

Mary Cordier and H. A. Wilcox were continued as third year licensed Ministers. Silas Sanchez as second year licensed minister and Robert Crecelius as first year licensed minister. Mrs. M. Hughes as second year licensed Deaconess.

The following were granted licenses and placed in years of study as follows: First year; Julius Hooter. Second year; J. D. Fillmore, J. G. Keiffer, and Mrs. J. G. Keiffer. First year licensed Deaconess; Mrs. J. E. Boyette and Mrs. J. D. Fillmore.

Report of Resolutions Committee read and accepted. Recessed until 1:30 P. M.

THIRD SITTING

We were called to order at 1:30 P. M. by the chairman. Following prayer by Rev. C. C. Brown the report of the Ways and Means Committee was called for. The report was read, amended and accepted. (See Minutes)

Committees were appointed by the District Superintendent. (See Official Directory)

We recessed until 3:00 P. M.

FOURTH SITTING

Auditing Committee reported and stated they found the books to be in good shape.

The District Treasurers report was read and accepted.

Rev. E. O. Howell was elected to fill the vacancy on the Educational-Examining Committee.

The District Sunday School Committee was appointed as follows: M. Rathbun, Chairman; Mrs. J. E. Boyette and Mrs. C. C. Brown.

The motion was made and carried that each church be assessed Three Dollars to defray cost of printing Minutes.

The motion was made and carried that the Statistical report be turned to the editing Committee when completed.

The motion was carried to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. M. Walton.

Signed, Lee Rathbun, Sec.

Report of the District Superintendent
To the fourth Annual Conference of the
Louisiana-Mississippi
District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church

Greetings:

In the midst of war and unstable conditions around us we have not forgotten we were called to the Ministry of Christ and that it is our business to wage a Holy Warfare against sin, preach the unsearchable riches of Christ and help dying men find the light of Life.

Providentially we are assembled in another Conference. As we recall the history of the past twelve months we remember times of conflict and triumph. While our program has been somewhat disrupted by total warfare, yet we have held our lines and also at some points invaded the ranks of the enemy and gained trophies for the Master.

The Shreveport Church has enjoyed the presence of God in a special way. Good revivals have resulted in several additions to the church and finances have been the best this year. Bogalusa church has suffered by the removal of several from the community to defense areas. However, many improvements have been made on the property and the prospect is much brighter. At Baton Rouge, we are in the midst of a shifting populace, which makes it difficult to build permanently. Some consideration has been given to relocating our work in this city. Simms, (formerly Delaney's Chapel) which last year was a preaching point

has resulted in a good work for our people. A new church and parsonage has been erected with little indebtedness. In a few days the parsonage will be occupied by the pastors, Brother and Sister Rathbun. Other preaching points remain as they were last year due partially to the heavy building program at Sims, the shortage of workers and my having been engaged in Home Missionary Deputational Work.

The Church at Pineville has completed the interior of the Sunday School Rooms, installed new pews and have paid \$200.00 on the indebtedness of the parsonage which leaves a balance of \$500.00.

During the year we have purchased a Camp Ground at Sims which is an asset to the District. Several splendid openings await the coming of our workers and we should pray the Lord of Harvest to raise up laborers for His vineyard.

Our laborers for the year are as follows: We have pastored the church at Pineville and have reported activities, as such, under the church report. We have traveled 10,742 miles in our work in the District and 6,235 miles in the work for the General Home Missionary Department. I have conducted two revivals, preached 59 times and made 100 calls. My expenses in deputational work were paid by the General Church \$811.50 and from the District \$164.30 for traveling expense, postage, etc.

I appreciate the co-operation of the brethren in the ministry and members and friends

of the church through-out the District. We are encouraged to press the battle for God and Souls.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. O. Howell

Recommendations of the Ways and Means Committee

We Recommend:

1. That all licensed and ordained ministers shall pay their ministerial Tithe into the District Treasury to be applied on District Superintendents salary.
2. That all birthdays offerings be paid to our Bible School.
3. That each church hold one missionary service each month to be known as "World Wide Gospel Service."
4. That the churches be apportioned the following monthly amounts:

Baton Rouge.....	\$ 6.00
Bogalusa.....	3.00
Pineville.....	10.00
Shreveport.....	3.00
Simms.....	3.00

These amounts to be sent to District Treasurer not later than the tenth of each month and shall be divided as follows:

General Budget (Foreign Missions, General Home Missions and Administrative) 30%

District Budget 70%.

5. That the District Superintendent's traveling expenses, while traveling in interests of District, be paid, also telegrams, telephone calls and postage be paid from District budget.
6. That on each quarterly visit of the District Superintendent each church shall take an offering for traveling expenses.
7. That each church, once a quarter, shall present the needs of our District Campmeeting, at which time an offering shall be taken and sent to the District Treasurer.
8. That all monies be sent to the District Treasurer not later than the tenth of each month.

Resolutions

1. Resolved that all ministers and workers of the District attend the Campmeeting throughout.
2. Resolved that the churches pay their pastor while at conference same as if pastors were on charge.
3. Resolved that the District Superintendent arrange to hold a three day convention at each church one day to include Sunday.
4. Resolved that our ministers take a definite stand against worldliness and the false doctrines of today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT	Enrollment Last Report	Average Attendance Last Report	Average weekly Attendance This report	Net Gain	Net Loss	Present Enrollment
CHURCHES						
Water Rouge	49	28	27	1		49
Madusa	25	11	12	1		30
Wineville	92	51	56	5		109
Greveport	19	20	25	5		31
Wimms	25	19	34	15		64
Memphill			15	15		30
	210	129	169	41		313
Unorganized						

Number of Sessions	Cash forwarded	Regular offerings	Birthday	Other offerings	Total offerings	Paid out literature
51	6.92	58.23	7.43	11.13	72.58	24.05
40	1.25	7.28	1.27	9.71	19.51	12.28
52	13.19	157.04	10.18	9.01	189.42	93.73
52	6.09	96.27	6.33		102.69	13.48
52		34.18			34.18	22.10
34		15.12			15.12	5.12
281	27.45	368.12	25.21	29.85	173.50	170.76

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT CONTINUED	Equipment	Missions	Bible School	All other	Total paid out	Balance on hand
	Baton Rouge	4.43	11.13	5.00	5.10	49.71
Bogalusa		4.71	1.27		18.26	1.25
Pineville	54.26		10.18	25.75	183.92	5.50
Shreveport	12.08	12.86		58.08	96.50	6.19
*Simms				12.08	34.18	
*Hemphill					5.12	10.00
	70.77	28.70	16.45	101.01	387.69	56.94
*Unorganized						

District Treasurers Report

Balance carried forward. \$ 6.70
 Total receipts 712.88
 Grand total 719.58

Disbursements:

Incidental \$ 47.38
 District Home Missions . . . 170.30
 Dist. Supt. Travel Ex. . . . 164.30
 Campmeeting 18.72
 Bible School 14.40
 Gen. Home Missions. 43.20
 Gen. Administration 18.25
 Foreign Missions 50.00
 Total Disbursements. \$526.55
 Balance on Hand \$193.03

Pastors Report Cont.	Children dedicated	Advocate subscriptions	Cash support	Donations	Total support	Do you Tithe to P. H. Church	Parsonage Provided
		6	780.00	5.00	785.00	Yes	Yes
			224.69		224.69	Yes	Yes
	3		372.10	59.46	431.56	Yes	Yes
	5	7	224.00		224.00	Yes	Yes
			400.00	2.00	402.00	Yes	Yes
	8	13	2000.79	66.46	2067.25		

Pastors Report	Sermons	Church Services	Preaching Services Conducted
Howell, Mr. & Mrs. E. O.	180	160	160
Rathbun, Mr. & Mrs. Lee	149	140	
Sanchez, Silas	142	158	105
Sturdevant, W. S.	225	255	229
Wilcox, H. A.	80		
Totals	776	723	494

Pastors Report Continued	Calls With Prayer	Calls without Prayer	Total Calls	Revivals in Local Church	Revivals elsewhere	Seeking Regeneration	Seeking Sanctification	Seeking Regeneration Off Charge	Seeking Sanctification Off Charge	Prayed with For Healing	Marriages	Funerals
Howell, Mr. & Mrs. E.	575	68	643	2	2	20	6	15		54	3	2
Rathhun, Mr. & Mrs.			520	1	1	47	14			12	1	
Sanchez, Silas	78	125	203	2		3	1			13		
Sturdevant, W. S.	80	100	180	2	2	31	8	21	1	38	5	4
Wilcox, H. A.	25	10	35							3		1
Totals	758	303	1581	7	5	101	29	36	1	120	9	7

PROPERTY STATEMENT

Total Expenditures	Balance on Hand	Church	Parsonage	Debt	Equity
785.65		3500.00	Combined		3500.00
828.00		2500.00	Combined		2500.00
2354.18	67.85	4000.00	2800.00	500.00	6300.00
530.59					
1868.97		1500.00	1500.00	800.00	2200.00
6367.39	67.85	12,100.00	4,300.00	1300.00	15,100.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

	Cash Forwarded	Money Borrowed	Total Receipts	Pastors support	Evangelists
Baton Rouge			765.65	451.55	81.03
Bogalusa			828.00	402.00	
Pineville	15.97		2422.03	780.00	151.50
Shreveport	33.87		530.58	224.00	108.51
Simms		600.00	1368.97	224.69	65.00
Totals	49.84	600.00	6435.24	2062.25	438.54

FINANCIAL REPORT CHURCHES	FINANCIAL REPORT			
	Intarest	Improvements and new buildings	Paid on indebtedness	Incidentals
Baton Rouge		94.63		19.28
Bogalusa		350.00		48.00
Fineville	69.42	270.99	400.00	298.15
Shreveport				45.56
Simms		1529.28		25.00
Total	69.42	2244.90	400.00	425.99

Total Local Expense	EXPENSES								
	Tithe to District	Bible School	District Budget	District Home Missions	Total District Expense	Home Missions and Gen. Administrative Expense	Foreign Missions	Total General Expense	
689.50	30.65			16.24	46.90	10.00	39.26	49.26	
800.00	28.00				28.00				
1999.56	164.30	7.00	48.00	6.00	225.30	17.92	72.45	120.37	
388.28		7.36		18.12					
						8.00	17.00	25.00	
3877.34	222.95	14.36	48.00	40.36	300.20	65.92	128.71	194.63	

MIMEOGRAPHED WORK
 done by the students of the
 SECOND YEAR TYPING CLASS
 of the
 COLORADO SPRINGS
 BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

Velda Jean Felsburg
 Geraldine Baird
 Wilford Bland
 Nadine Ibsen
 Caroline Nelson
 Enoch Adams
 Lelia Emery
 Pauline Mackey
 Bill Wemyss

Miss Zanta Phelps, teacher

EVANGELISTS, DEACONESSES, AND UNSTATIONED MINISTERS	Sermons	Services Conducted	Calls	Seeking Regeneration	Prayed with for Healing	Do you tithe to the P. H. Church	Miles traveled	Cash support
Mrs. Mary Cordier	6	17	316	6	6	Yes	300	72.30
Mrs. M. Hughes		106	159	9		Yes		
Mrs. Myra Boyette		35	24			Yes		
M. A. Hutchins	31	10	18		3	Yes	400	2.86
Total	37	168	517	15	9		700	75.16

CHURCHES	STATISTICAL REPORT								
	Members Last Report	Dropped	Transferred by Letter	Total Removals	Additions by Letter	Add. by Profession of Faith	Total Additions	Net Gain	Present Membership
Baton Rouge	13		2	2					11
Bogalusa	12								12
Pineville	35	2	2	4	9	2	11	7	42
Shreveport	10	2		2	2	10	12	10	20
Simms*									
Totals	70	4	4	8	11	12	23	17	85

*Preaching Point

Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Members besides Ministerial	Members of voting age	Number of Tithers	Number of preaching services	Number of prayer services	All other services	Total services
	1	10	10	5	105	117	10	232
	1	11	12	5	80	20	30	130
6	2	34	42	20	133	47	40	220
1	3	16	20	2	160	40	20	220
					130	20		150
7	7	71	84	32	608	244	110	952