

# **Louisiana-Mississippi**

DISTRICT

*Conference Minutes*

## **Pilgrim Holiness Church**



1944

**Fifth Annual Session**

**Pineville, Louisiana**

## OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

General Superintendent:  
Rev. W. L. Surbrook.....1609 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind.  
General Secretary of Church Extension:  
Rev. R. W. Wolfe.....1609 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind.  
District Superintendent:  
Rev. E. O. Howell.....740 Lakeview St., Pineville, La.  
Secretary:  
Rev. J. M. Hooter, Jr.....801 Ave. G. Bogalusa, La.  
Treasurer:  
Rev. C. A. Simmons.....Box 3237 Baton Rouge, La.  
Additional Councilman:  
Rev. J. C. Williams.....Magnolia Springs, Ala.  
Trustees.....District Council

## COMMITTEES

Examining-Educational:  
Lee Rathbun, E. O. Howell, W. S. Sturdevant.  
Ways and Means:  
J. C. Williams, M. Rathbun, C. A. Simmons.  
Resolutions:  
Owen Clark, Julius Hooter, F. W. Strong.  
Reception:  
H. A. Wilcox.  
Statistical:  
J. M. Hooter, Jr., Gracie Lasyone.  
Auditing:  
H. Watson, Harriet Hooter.  
Editing:  
Lee Rathbun, Mrs. E. O. Howell.

## CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Baton Rouge.....Thelman Clark  
Bogalusa.....Harriet Hooter  
Magnolia Springs.....Mrs. Mary Carr  
Pineville.....Mrs. Glennie Allen  
Shreveport.....Arletta Pack  
Simms.....Gracie Lasyone

## MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY

### Ordained Ministers

Brown, C. C.....107 Dakota St., Columbus, O.  
Brown, Mrs. C. C.....107 Dakota St., Columbus, O.  
Clark, Owen.....2719 Ave. J., Ensley, Sta., Birmingham, Ala.  
Howell, E. O.....740 Lakeview, St., Pineville, La.  
Howell, Mrs. E. O.....740 Lakeview St., Pineville, La.  
Rathbun, Lee.....Simms, La.  
Rathbun, M.....Simms, La.  
Strong, F. W.....503-B Monroe St., Montgomery, Ala.  
Strong, Mrs. F. W.....503-B Monroe St., Montgomery, Ala.  
Simmons, C. A.....2244 Cable St., Baton Rouge, La.  
Sturdevant, W. S.....5923 Lexington St., Shreveport, La.  
Turnley, P. T.....Shreveport, La.  
Williams, J. C.....Box 76, Magnolia Springs, Ala.  
Watson, Hallie.....Ave. F. Ensley St., Birmingham, Ala.  
Wolfe, R. W.....1609 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind.

## LICENSED MINISTERS

### Third Year

Cordier, Mary.....116 Strathmore St., Mishawaka, Ind.  
Hooter, Julius M., Jr.....801 Ave. G, Bogalusa, La.  
Rhyne, Herman.....Black Oak Drive, Rt. 1., Knoxville, Tenn.  
Wilcox, H. A.....Oak St., Knoxville, Tenn.

### Second Year

Fillmore, J. D.....Boone, Colo.  
Sanchez, Silas.....Rector, Ark.

### First Year

Creceilius, Robert.....Pineville, La.  
Hutchins, M.....Shreveport, La.

## LICENSED DEACONSESSES

### Second Year

Hughes, Myrtle.....Oak Ridge, Tenn.

### First Year

Boyette, Mrs. John E.....922 College Dr., Pineville, La.  
Fillmore, Mrs. J. D.....Boone, Colo.  
Hooter, Mrs. Harriet.....801 Ave. G, Bogalusa, La.  
Simmons, Mrs. C. A.....2244 Cable St., Baton Rouge, La.  
Rhyne, Mrs. Eva.....Black Oak Drive, Rt. 1, Knoxville, Tenn.

## PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Baton Rouge.....Rev. C. A. Simmons, 2244 Cable St.  
Bogalusa.....Rev. J. M. Hooter, Jr., 801 Ave. G.  
Ensley.....Rev. Owen Clark, 2722 Ave. J. Ensley Sta.  
Magnolia Springs.....Rev. J. C. Williams  
Pineville.....Rev. E. O. Howell, 740 Lakeview, St.  
Shreveport.....Rev. W. S. Sturdevant, 5923 Lexington St.  
Simms.....Rev. M. Rathbun, Simms, La.

## GENERAL PROCEEDINGS

The Fifth Annual Conference of the Louisiana-Mississippi District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church convened at 8:30 A. M. September 1, 1944 at Pineville, La.

The Conference was called to order by the District Superintendent, Rev. E. O. Howell. The members of the Conference joined in singing "Standing on the Promises" led by Rev. J. M. Hooter after which prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Williams.

Following a brief introduction Rev. O. C. Keller took the chair. Rev. Keller made appropriate remarks based upon a scripture lesson from Acts 15; 24-29 emphasizing verse 28.

The secretary called the roll after which the conference bar was established, being the first three rows of seats and the platform of the auditorium.

The following were introduced and received into the conference: Rev. Owen Clark, Rev. C. A. Simmons and Rev. J. C. Williams.

The report of the District Superintendent was called for and read. By motion the report was accepted with gratefulness to God and to our faithful Superintendent.

The following pastors reported concerning their work; Rev. W. S. Sturdevant, Julius Hooter, Owen Clark, M. Rathbun, C. A. Simmons, J. C. Williams and E. O. Howell. The reports were accepted.

## RECESSED

### SECOND SITTING:

The second sitting convened at 11:00 A. M. After singing "Eternal Rest" we were led in prayer by W. S. Sturdevant.

The auditing committee's report was read and accepted after which the report of the District Treasurer was called for and read. It was accepted.

The District Superintendent presented the new church at Simms with twenty-one members. Credit for this new work was given to Brother and Sister Rathbun. It was accepted into the Conference.

The report of the Examining—Educational Committee was read and accepted. See Directory.

Recessed until 1:00 P. M.

### THIRD SITTING

The third session was opened by singing "When we all get to Heaven." Prayer was offered by Rev. O. C. Keller.

Rev. P. T. Turnley was received into our Conference as an ordained Minister from the Nazarene Church.

Mrs. C. A. Simmons and Harriet Hooter were granted first year Deaconess license.

The report of the Ways and Means Committee was read and accepted with ammendments. See Recommendations of Ways and Means Committee. The Resolution Committee report read and accepted with ammendments. See Resolutions.

Move and supported that the date of the next Conference be set by District Council.

Mrs. E. O. Howell was elected District Sunday School Secretary. It was recommended that the name of our District be the "Gulf States District." This was adopted.

### RECOMMENDATIONS of the WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

1. That all licensed and ordained ministers shall pay their ministerial tithe into the District Treasury to be sent to the General Treasurer and applied on District Superintendent's Salary.
2. That all birthday offerings be paid to the District Treasurer and applied on District Home Missions.
3. That each church hold a monthly missionary service in the Sunday School or otherwise at which time an offering shall be taken to be applied on District Home Missions.
4. That each church be apportioned the following amounts to be paid each month to the District Treasurer for District Budget.

Baton Rouge .....	\$6.00	Magnolia Springs .....	3.00
Bogalusa .....	3.00	Shreveport .....	3.00
Ensley .....	8.00	Simms .....	3.00
Pineville .....	10.00		

5. That the District Superintendent's traveling expenses, while traveling in the interests of the district be paid at the rate of two (\$.02) cents per mile, also correspondence and communications shall be paid by the district Treasurer.

6. That on each quarterly visit of the District Superintendent each church shall take an offering to be applied on traveling expenses.
7. That each church, once a quarter, shall present the needs of the District Campmeeting at which time an offering shall be taken and sent to District Treasurer.
8. That all monies shall be sent to the district treasurer not later than the tenth of each month.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolved that all ministers and workers attend the campmeeting throughout.
2. Resolved that the churches pay their pastors while attending the camp and conference same as if they were on their charge.
3. Resolved that our ministers take a definite stand against worldliness and false doctrines.
4. Resolved that our Christian Workers convention be held the first Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of March.
5. Resolved that our conference year close on August 15th.
6. Resolved that quarterly reports shall be mailed to the district superintendent and that the yearly report shall be made in duplicate, one copy being mailed immediately to the district statistician and the other retained to be brought by the delegate to the Annual Conference.

### **DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

To the Fifth Annual Conference of the Louisiana-Mississippi District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, Greetings;

Through the kind providence of an omnipresent God we have closed another year of labor in the great harvest field of the Master. As we view the work of the year we recall times of great and confusing conflict but also seasons of gracious refreshing from the presences of the Lord. God has enabled us to be faithful in the task committed to our trust.

Providentially we assemble this year to learn of the accomplishments of the past but it should also be with the thought of formulating definite plans for the future advancement and development of our church. Our plans should embrace the work we wish to accomplish in the years that lie ahead, thereby giving us a goal toward which to work that would greatly help us in accomplishing the task before us. Our plans should call for the entrance of workers into the centers of population and industry with an adequate financial plan to carry forward the work to fruition. We should also plan for a Bible School in the great Southland. This we realize will be a considerable undertaking but we feel this is absolutely essential to the proper development and growth of our church in these sections.

Definite growth, while not spectacular in nature, is seen in the work of the church this year, which we feel rests upon secure foundations. We are happy to present to this conference our new church at Simms, La., which has been organized with a membership of 21. Splendid work has been accomplished by our pastors, Brother and Sister Rathbun. Within the last year most of the remaining indebtedness has been liquidated and leaves only \$175.00 to be paid. We have a splendid group of people at this place with more looking our way.

A vote of appreciation to the Rathbuns for their splendid achievements! Within the last year the church property at Shreveport has been deeded to us thus more firmly establishing our church in this great city. Some much needed repair has been done on the building along with a new coat of paint. Some improvements have been made on the churches at Baton Rouge and Bogalusa. The Pineville church liquidated their entire indebtedness refinished the church floors, placed new runners in the aisles and installed a new attic fan.

In May the Alabama District was combined with the work of this district greatly enlarging our field of activity and increasing our responsibility. The work at Ensley is progressing nicely, the entire indebtedness has been paid on the lot and the church is deeded to the Pilgrim Holiness Church. A change of pastors has been made at Magnolia Springs and plans are laid for definite progress there.

Our labors for the past year have been as follows: we have preached in the district 79 times, conducted 3 revivals and had 62 seekers at the altar. We have made 26 visits to the churches. We have traveled 12,480 miles in our work on the district and was paid on traveling expenses the sum of \$182.40. We traveled 2,115 miles in work for the General Church with traveling expenses paid by same. We have received as salary from our pastorate and general church the sum of \$1,937.50.

We wish to express our appreciation to the ministers, members and friends of our church for their splendid co-operation and support in the work for the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. Howell.

## DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

### Receipts

Brought Forward .....	\$ 135.16
District Budget.....	\$ 68.77
Ministerial Tithe .....	124.95
District Home Missions .....	104.37
Camp Meeting .....	68.00
Bible School .....	68.81
General Administrative and Home Missions.....	293.65
Foreign Missions .....	162.55
Sunday School Rally Day.....	7.19
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	\$ 1,033.45

### Disbursements

District Expense .....	\$ 217.82
District Home Missions .....	140.37
Camp Meeting .....	44.00
Bible School .....	35.00
General Administrative and Home Missions .....	292.84
Foreign Missions .....	120.00
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	\$ 850.03
Balance	\$ 183.42

Financial Report	Cash Forwarded	Total Receipts	Pastor's Support	Evangelist	Interest	Improvements and New Buildings	Paid on Indebtedness	Incidentals	Total Local Expenditures	Bible School	District Budget	Total District Expenditures	General Home Missions and Administrative	Foreign Missions	Total General Expenditures	Total Expenditures	Balance on Hand	PROPERTY STATEMENT			
																		Church	Parsonage	Debt	Equity
Baton Rge.		\$ 702.70	\$ 480.00	\$ 75.00		\$ 20.00		\$105.70	\$ 680.70				\$ 22.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 702.70		\$ 4,000.00	Combined		\$ 4,000.00
Bogalusa		733.19	475.64	96.50		110.00			682.14				19.75		19.75	733.69		3,500.00	Combined		3,500.00
Ensley	\$ 32.94	1,726.84	759.25	69.55			554.46	252.17	1,635.33					31.75	31.75	1,667.08	\$ 59.76	4,000.00		\$354.57	\$ 3,645.43
Mag. Spgs.		489.00	300.00	89.00				100.00	489.00							489.00					
Pineville	67.85	2,781.50	897.00	196.00	15.00	490.30	500.00	370.64	2,468.94	9.41	75.70	86.11	79.00	52.00	131.00	2,621.05	160.45	4,000.00	2,800.00		6,800.00
Shreveport	38.84	555.50	334.98	56.00		93.00		49.19	533.61	8.89		8.89	13.00	4.00	17.00	555.50		2,500.00			2,500.00
Simms		1,758.66	223.66			500.00	975.00		1,758.66				200.00	6.00	206.00	1,758.66		2,000.00	2,000.00	200.00	3,800.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$139.63	\$8,747.89	\$3,470.53	\$582.05	\$15.00	\$1,193.30	\$2,019.46	\$937.70	\$8,248.37	\$18.30	\$75.70	\$95.00	\$333.75	\$99.75	\$433.50	\$8,527.68	\$220.21	\$20,000.00	\$4,800.00	\$554.57	\$24,245.43

PASTORS REPORT	Sermons	Church Services	Preaching Services	Total Calls	Revivals in Local Church	Revivals Elsewhere	Seeking Regeneration	Seeking Sanctification	Prayed with for Healing	Marriages	Funerals	Children Dedicated	Advocate Subscriptions	Cash Support	Donations	Total Support	Do You Tithe to the P. H. Church	Parsonage Provided	Time on Charge
Hooter, L. M., Jr.	6	6	27	42	1				1					57.34	6.00	63.34	Yes	Yes	2 Mos.
Howell, Rev. & Mrs. E. O.	96	114	128	804	2	3	92	32	62	6	5		8	879.00	14.00	911.00	Yes	Yes	3 Yrs.
Rathbun, Rev. & Mrs. Lee	125	141		745	4	1	26	16	25		1			173.66	50.00	223.66	Yes	Yes	3 Yrs.
Sanchez, Silas	114	120		210	1				3					480.00	40.00	520.00	Yes	Yes	2 Yrs.
Strong, Rev. & Mrs. F. W.	18	6		60															
Sturdevant, W. S.	297	235	297	250	1	1	12	3	192	11	9	9	2	334.00		334.00	Yes	No	12 Yrs.
Wilcox, H. A.	103	108	103	161					7		1			598.30	15.35	613.65	Yes	Yes	3½ Mos.
Watson, Rev. Mrs. H. E.	87			362	2		31	20	39					525.00	35.18	590.18	Yes	No	7 Yrs.
<b>TOTAL</b>	969	826	555	3,159	13	8	221	111	343	17	16	9	10	\$4,857.50	\$373.43	\$5,261.03			

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Evangelists, Deacons and Unstationed Ministers	Sermons	Services Conducted	Calls	Seeking Regeneration	Prayed with for Healing	Do You Tithe to the P. H. Church
Brown, C. C.	25		10	30	3	Yes
Brown, Mrs. C. C.	3		35			Yes
Cordier, M.						
Greclius, Robert						
Fillmore, L. D.	10					Yes
Hughes, M.						
Rhynne, Herman	20					Yes
<b>TOTAL</b>	58	91	61	30	3	



SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT	Enrollment Last Report	Average Attendance Last Report	Average Attendance This Report	Net Gain	Present Enrollment	Sessions	Receipts					Expenditures						Balance On Hand				
							Cash Forwarded	Regular Offerings	Birthday	Other Offerings	Total Offerings	Literature	Equipment	Missions	Bible School	All Other	Total					
Baton Rouge .....	49	27	27	1	49	52		89.40				3.12	89.40	34.00					50.00	89.40		
Bogalusa .....	25	12	13		30	52		28.46					31.58	20.00						23.12		
Ensley .....	31	19	25	6	41	52	7.62	90.91	8.78	103.27			210.64	29.15	123.08				3.12	43.71	195.94	14.70
Magnolia Springs .....	65	40	42	2	70	52																
Pineville .....	109	56	60	4	123	52	5.50	246.83	13.26				265.59	49.52	25.00				13.26	75.07	219.59	46.00
Shreveport .....	31	25	19	-6	38	52	6.19	65.73	8.34	12.68			86.75	19.06					8.34	51.99	79.19	7.56
Simms .....	25	19	32	13	57	52		52.00					52.00	31.00						21.00	52.00	
TOTALS .....	335	198	218	20	415	364	\$19.31	\$573.33	\$30.38	\$119.07	\$735.96	\$182.73	\$148.08	\$3.12	\$21.60	\$241.77	\$659.24	\$76.72				

STATISTICAL REPORT	Members Last Report	Dropped from Roll	Transferred By Letter	Total Removals	Additions By Letter	Additions by Profession of Faith	Total Additions	Net Gain	Present Membership	Ordained Ministers	Liscened Ministers	Members of Voting Age	Titlers	Number of Preaching Services	Prayer Services	All Other Services	Total Services	
Baton Rouge .....	12								12		1			8	102	42	12	156
Bogalusa .....	12								12		1	12		6	112	20	6	138
Ensley .....	34				1		1	1	35	4	1	35		14	96	45	34	195
Magnolia Springs .....	23								23	2	1	23		8	102	47	10	159
Pineville .....	46		3	3		6	6	3	49	6	2	41		18	142	96	60	298
Shreveport .....	20	8	1	9	1		1		12	1	1	12		6	297	42	100	397
Simms (New) .....					2	20	22	22	22	2		22		6	125	46	40	211
TOTALS .....	147	8	4	12	4	26	30	18	165	15	7	145	66	976	338	262	1534	