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OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

General Superintendent—Rev. W. L. Surbrook, 230 E. Ohio St., Indianapolis, Ind.

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Secretary—Rev. G. B. Carroll, 740 Lakeview Ave., Pineville, La.

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Rev. R. S. McCord, 801 Ave. G., Bogalusa, La.

Rev. C. E. Johnson, Mobile, Ala.

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CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Baton Rouge	Jerry Brubaker
Bogalusa	Mrs. Marie McCord
Magnolia Springs	Mrs. John Norris
Mobile	Rev. Jesse Carter
Ensley	
Pineville	Mrs. Ben Price
Shreveport	Rev. J. G. Kieffer
Simms	Helen Simmons

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY

Ordained Ministers

Brown, C. C.	Magnolia Springs, Alabama
Brown, Mrs. C. C.	Magnolia Springs, Alabama
Carroll, G. B.	Box 56, Pineville, La.
Creech, S. P.	5923 Lexington St., Shreveport, La.
Hooter, J. M., Jr.	203 Barret St., Pineville, La.
Howell, E. O.	230 E. Ohio St., Indianapolis, Ind.
Howell, Mrs. E. O.	230 E. Ohio St., Indianapolis, Ind.
McCord, R. S.	801 Ave. G, Bogalusa, La.
Rathbun, Lee	Simms, La.
Rathbun, Mable	Simms, La.
Strong, F. W.	503-B Monroe St., Montgomery, Ala.
Strong, Mrs. F. W.	503-B Monroe St., Montgomery, Ala.
Simmons, C. A.	Box 3237, Baton Rouge, La.
Williams, J. C.	Box 411, Mobile, Ala.
Watson, Hallie	Ave. F. Ensley Sta., Birmingham, Ala.
Wolfe, R. W.	230 E. Ohio St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Licensed Ministers

Third Year

Cordier, Mary..... 116 Strathmore St., Mishawaka, Ind.
Rhyne, Herman..... Black Oak Drive, Rt. 1, Knoxville, Tenn.

Second Year

Carter, Jesse..... Leo and Duval St., Mobile, Ala.
Kieffer, J. G. Shreveport, La.
Loecher, Chester..... 2179 Ave. J Ensley Sta., Birmingham, Ala.
Sullivan, Wm. R..... Mobile, Ala.

First Year

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

Ordained Deaconesses

McCord, Marie..... 801 Ave. G, Bogalusa, La.

Second Year

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

First Year

Boyette, Mrs. John E..... 116 Lakeview St., Pineville, La.
Hooter, Mrs. J. M., Jr..... 203 Barret St., Pineville, La.
Kieffer, Mrs. J. G..... Shreveport, 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 Street
Bogalusa..... Rev. R. S. McCord, 801 Ave. G
Ensley..... Rev. Chester Loecher, 2179 Ensley Sta., Birmingham, Ala.
Magnolia Springs..... Rev. C. C. Brown
Mobile..... Rev. Wm. R. Sullivan
Pineville..... Rev. G. B. Carroll, 740 Lakeview St.
Shreveport..... Rev. S. P. Creech, 5923 Lexington St.
Simms..... Rev. M. Rathbun, Simms, La.

GENERAL PROCEEDINGS

The first sitting of the Sixth Annual Conference convened at Pineville, La., Aug. 23, 1945, with Rev. R. W. Wolfe presiding in the chair.

The Conference was opened by singing "Joy Unspeakable" led by Rev. G. B. Carroll after which prayer was offered by Rev. Mable Rathbun. Rev. R. W. Wolfe then addresses the Conference on the 43rd Psalm.

After Rev. Wolfe's address the Conference Bar was established, being the first four rows of seats of the auditorium. Roll was called by the secretary.

The following were introduced and received into the Conference as members: Rev. G. B. Carroll, Rev. Chester Loecher, Rev. Wm. E. Sullivan and Rev. and Mrs. R. S. McCord, and Rev. S. P. Creech.

The Committees were selected, (see the directory).

The District Supt. introduced the following persons to the Conference: Rev. K. C. Vance, Rev. Harold Barton, Rev. Jesse Carter,

Rev. Ross. Motion made and seconded to grant these persons honorary seats in the Conference Bar. Carried.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the Conference convene at 10 a.m. Friday morning and adjourn at 12. Convene at 2 p.m. and be in session until business is finished.

Motion made that the Conference recess until 2 p.m. Carried.

The Second sitting of the Conference convened at 2 p.m. Session opened with congregational singing after which Rev. Maye led in prayer.

Rev. K. C. Vance addressed the Conference on Heb. 13:7.

Rev. J. C. Williams presented his District report, which was read and accepted.

Motion was made that Rev. E. O. Howell's District report be received by mail and included in the minutes. Carried.

Moved and seconded that this District petition the General Board to change the District name from La-Miss-Ala to the Gulf States District. Carried.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The Resolution Committee's report was read and acted upon.

Motion was made that the Conference adjourn until 10 a.m., Friday. Carried.

Third Sitting

The Third Session of the Conference opened at 10 a.m. Friday by singing "Standing on the Promises." Prayer was offered by Rev. K. C. Vance. After singing "Dwelling in Beulah Land," Rev. R. W. Wolfe addressed the Conference using as his subject, "Shine as lights in the world."

The minutes of the previous session was read and accepted.

The report of the Resolution Committee was read, adjusted and accepted.

The Ways and Means Committee reported and report was accepted.

Rev. J. C. Williams, the District Superintendent, appointed a Camp-meeting committee composed of the following ministers: S. P. Creech, C. A. Simmons and G. B. Carroll.

Motion was made and carried that the chair appoint a Memorial Committee. Mrs. C. A. Simmons and Mrs. Marie McCord were appointed.

Rev. E. O. Howell, Rev. S. P. Creech and Rev. R. S. McCord were elected as Ministerial Delegates to the General Conference. Mrs. G. B. Carroll was elected as the lay delegate.

Sister Violet Harvert was elected as District Sunday School Secretary.

Motion was made that the Conference adjourn and convene again at 2 p.m. Carried.

Fourth Sitting

The fourth session convened at 2 p.m. by singing "Amazing Grace." Prayer was offered by Rev. J. G. Kieffer.

Minutes of the last session were read and accepted.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kieffer were introduced and accepted into the Conference.

The report of the Examining Board was read and accepted.
(See directory).

The report of the Educational Committee was read and accepted.

The report of the Statistical Committee was read and accepted.

The Memorial Committees report was read and accepted.

The Conference stood in memory of and offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the lives of the deceased, Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Sturdevant.

The Conference was adjourned.

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 be apportioned the following amounts to be paid each month to the District Treasurer for the District Budget.

Baton Rouge	\$ 6.00	Magnolia Springs.....	\$6.00
Bogalusa	3.00	Mobile	6.00
Ensley	8.00	Shreveport	3.00
Pineville	12.00	Simms	3.00
4. 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.
5. That on each quarterly visit of the District Superintendent each church shall take an offering to be applied on traveling expenses.
6. That each church, once a quarter, shall present the needs of the District Camp meeting at which time an offering shall be taken and sent to District Treasurer.
7. That all monies shall be sent to the district treasurer not later than the tenth of each month.
8. We recommend that each member be assessed \$1.00 the same to be applied on General Conference Expense.
9. That there be a camp meeting registration fee of \$1.00 for all above the age of 18. The same to be applied to the expense of the camp.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved that all ministers and workers attend the camp-meeting 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 Christian Workers Convention be held the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of January.
4. Resolved that our Conference year close on July 31st.
5. Resolved that quarterly reports shall be mailed to the District Superintendent, and that the yearly reports shall be made in duplicate, one copy being mailed immediately to the District statistician and the other retained to be brought by the dele-

- gate to the annual conference.
6. Resolved that each preacher and deaconess send a copy of their reports to the District statistician not later than 10 days after the conference closes which is the 31st day of July, and that the statistician disregard any and all reports received thereafter. Be it also resolved that the District Treasurer's books close at noon on the 11th day of August.
 7. Resolved that all persons attending the District Camp shall bring their own bed linens.
 8. Resolved that on the last Wednesday of each quarter a District meeting shall be held at one of our churches, eventually visiting each church.
 9. Resolved that the District Treasurer shall send out to each church a quarterly financial report of all churches in the District.
 10. Resolved that the conference convene on Monday morning following the Camp.
 11. Resolved that we register all who come to the Camp.
 12. Resolved that license shall not be granted to anyone who does not tithe to the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

MEMOIRS

We, the Conference of the Gulf States District, convening at Pineville, Louisiana, August 23-24, 1945, place these memoirs in our Minutes in loving remembrance of those who have gone to their eternal reward.

"And they overcame Him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony; and have loved not their lives unto death." Rev. 12:11.

Sturdevant—

Rev. W. S. Sturdevant, a faithful and successful pastor of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, ceased his earthly labors and passed on to his eternal reward October 5, 1944. His last pastorate was at Shreveport, La. He is missed by all who knew him and the beauty of his life and spirit remains among us.

Mrs. W. S. Sturdevant, a mother in Israel, faithfully served her generation and died in triumph of faith April 22, 1945. She was a devout Pilgrim and competently assisted her husband in his ministry. She is missed by her family and the church.

DISTRICT TREASURER REPORT

Receipts

Amount Brought Forward.....	\$ 183.42
District Budget	145.86
Ministerial Tithe	223.43
District Home Missions	468.93
Bible Schools	2.00
General Budget	59.83
Foreign Missions	20.00
Birthday Offerings	24.95
Sunday School Rally Offerings.....	12.32
District Supt. Travelling Expense.....	31.90
District Minutes	8.00
General Headquarter's Building	21.00
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Totals Receipts	\$1,201.64

Disbursements

District Budget	\$ 212.77
Ministerial Tithe	223.43
District Home Missions	403.87
Sunday School Rally Offering.....	19.51
District Supt. Travel Expense.....	31.90
District Minutes	8.00
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Total Disbursements	\$ 899.48
Amount Forwarded	\$ 302.16

\$1,201.64

C. A. SIMMONS, District Treasurer.

To the Sixth Annual Conference of the Gulf States District,
Greetings:

Provisionally we enter another conference with deep appreciation and sincere thanks to Almighty God for mercy, grace, and peace. With mingled feelings we view the accomplishments of the past year, realizing that in the midst of conflict the Grim Reaper has snatched co-laborers from the church militant to the church triumphant!

Throughout the past year we have endeavored to present every department of the church to our people, realizing that this is essential to proper growth and development. Spiritually the churches have enjoyed the blessing of the Lord. Revivals have been conducted in our churches, many of which were fruitful with seekers finding peace with God. Some have united with the church and are busily engaged in an endeavor to win others.

Every church in the District has made improvements sometime during the year. Baton Rouge will have redecorated the interior of both church and parsonage as soon as the paper-hanging is completed. Other needed improvements were made also. Bogalusa has also made needed improvements. Pineville church is completing a full sized basement under the church. Simms has completely finished the interior of the church and painted both church and parsonage. Ensley has painted their church building. Magnolia Springs has erected a beautiful brick church building that nears completion; papers for the purchase of a six-room parsonage are about to be drawn here also. Shreveport has purchased a four-room parsonage and also painted the church building.

One new Home Missionary project was launched this year in the city of Mobile, Alabama. A church building was purchased for our work. Visitation, publicity, and constant endeavor built the Sunday school to an attendance of 60 at this date. We have a splendid opportunity here for a strong church. City after city throughout the South awaits the coming of our workers. "Pray ye the Lord of harvest to send forth laborers."

The past year we have travelled 18,000 miles in the work of the District, preached 48 times, saw 32 souls kneel at an altar of prayer, and conducted 14 business meetings.

In the work of the District we have enjoyed both the splendid co-operation of the pastors and laity as well as their fellowship. We predict for the Gulf States District growth and spirituality in the days that lie ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. HOWELL

GULF STATES DISTRICT REPORT — 1945

With the love and the presence of an almighty God around us, and the fellowship of the saints of Christ, we have come through a few battles, having been called to Indianapolis, Indiana, by Rev. R. W. Wolfe, for a conference, and in this meeting it was decided that I should take over the Superintendency of the Gulf States District, succeeding Brother E. O. Howell.

Brother Howell and I toured part of the district, meeting in

Shreveport. The Lord blessed and a parsonage was purchased for the pastor, and a forward step was taken in the advancement of the work there.

While at Pineville, we looked the situation over, and found a class of willing workers. The work on the basement is coming along fine. The annual business meeting was held by Brother Howell.

We held the annual meeting at Baton Rouge.

We were also at Bogalusa, Ensley, Alabama, and Mobile, Alabama. Also at Magnolia Springs, and the Simms church.

We preached over 100 times, made 800 calls last year, traveled for about 3,000 miles, held one revival, helped to promote one new work .

We sincerely trust while our predecessor goes up higher, we can maintain some of the spirit of the district to see it go forward, begging prayers from God's people, that we will always know the mind of Christ, we remain the

Humble servant of Christ,
BRO. J. C. WILLIAMS.

FINANCIAL REPORT	Cash Forwarded	Total Receipts	Pastors' Support	Evangelist	Improvements and New Buildings	Incidentals	Bible School	District Budget	Total Dist. Expenditures	General Home Missions and Administrative	Foreign Missions	Total Expenditures	Balance on Hand	Church	Parsonage	Debt	Equity
	Property Statement																
Baton Rouge	72.09	1824.49	847.31	246.79	490.46	206.50		22.33	22.33	1.30		1824.49		4,500			4500.00
Bogalusa		232.60	183.82		5.65	23.63		5.00				232.60		3,500			3500.00
Ensley	22.38	1491.90	690.00	211.63	79.08	37.15		20.00			15.00	1402.34	89.56	2,000		154.57	1845.43
Magnolia Springs																	
Mobile		947.00	1.82	127.00	662.80							931.90	15.10	4,000		1700.00	2300.00
Pineville	160.45	2844.70	785.00	84.25	1495.04	174.44		65.00		15.00	20.00	2641.73	202.97	6,000	2800.00	1500.00	7300.00
Shreveport		1159.27	493.50	27.89		35.50		17.00				915.45	243.82	2,500			2500.00
Simms		1380.86	532.41	161.00	550.00	20.24	2.00	5.00	662.76	25.00		1339.76	41.10	2,500	2000.00	250.00	4250.00
TOTALS	259.92	9880.82	3533.86	858.56	3283.03	497.41	2.00	134.33	685.09	41.30	35.00	9288.27	592.55	25,000	4800.00	3604.57	26195.43

PASTOR'S REPORT	Sermons	Prayer Services	Total Calls	Revivals in Local Church	Seeking Regeneration	Seeking Sanctification	Prayer with for Healing	Marriages	Funerals	Children Dedicated	Cash Support	Donations	Total Support	Do you Tithe to the P. H. Church	Parsonage Provided	Time on Charge
	C. A. Simmons	68	41	322				11				847.31	104.38	951.69	Yes	Yes
Roland McCard	56	14	161		1		2				188.82	17.17	212.99	Yes	Yes	6 mo.
J. C. Williams	104	40	800	2	25	25	6		2	18.00		2.00	20.00	Yes	Yes	1 yr.
E. O. Howell	94	42	748		45		21	6	2	750.00		18.00	838.00	Yes	Yes	4 yrs.
James O. Miller	45	18	315	1	23				1	460.00		165.89	625.89	Yes	Yes	6 mo.
Rev. Lee & M. Rathbun	114	54	844		62	31	41	1	1	532.41		35.00	567.41	Yes	Yes	3 yr. 9 mo.
TOTALS	481	209	3190	3	161	56	81	7	2	4	2,796.54	342.44	3,215.98	6	6	

EVANGELISTS, DEACONS AND
UNSTATIONED MINISTERS

	Sermons	Services Conducted	Calls	Seeking Reg.	Prayed with for Healing	Also gave Tithe to P. H. Church
Boyette, M.						
Brown, C. C.	32		20			Yes
Brown, Mrs. C. C.	13		17			Yes
Cardier, Mary						
Creech, S. P.	64		50	15	4	Yes
Crecelius, Robert						
Hooter, Julius	40	50	40	1		Yes
Strong, T. W.	54	48	150			Yes
TOTALS	203	93	277	16	4	Yes

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT	Enrollment Last Report	Average Attendance Last Report	Average Attendance This Report	Net Gain	Present Enrollment	Sessions	Cash Forwarded	RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURES				Balance on Hand		
								Regular Offerings	Birthday	Other Offering	Total Offerings	Literature	Equipment	Missions	All Other		Total	
Baton Rouge	49	27	28	1	49	52	50.89	122.81	6.60	8.10	188.40	26.68	143.89		8.42	178.79	9.61	
Bogalusa	30	13	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	-3 $\frac{3}{4}$	11	24	1.00	11.97	1.17	.75	14.89	4.75	4.08	1.17	3.88	13.88	1.01	
Ensley	41	25	38	13	59	52	14.71	116.37	6.42	11.74	149.24	37.55	23.86		10.00	71.41	77.83	
Magnolia Springs																		
Mobile			36		75	22		49.59		60.00	109.59	30.00	68.83				98.83	10.76
Pineville	123	60	52	-8	124	51	46.00	198.90	10.93	494.68	750.51	36.04	92.60		505.61	634.25	116.26	
Shreveport	38	19	25	6	30	50	7.56	153.30	6.40	35.94	203.20	63.30	21.56	24.83	17.51	148.20	55.00	
Simms	57	32	39	7	74	52	14.32	122.54			136.86	63.86	54.29			118.15	18.71	
TOTALS	338	176	227	39	422	303	134.48	775.48	31.52	611.21	1552.69	262.18	409.11	26.00	545.42	1263.51	289.19	

STATISTICAL REPORT

	Members Last Report	Dropped from Roll	Total Removals	Additions By Letter	Additions By Profession of Faith	Total Additions	Present Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Members of Young Age	Tithers	Number of Preaching Services	Prayer Services	All Other Services	Total Services
Baton Rouge	12				3	3	15	1	1	15	14	90	64	7	161
Bogalusa	12	3					9		1	9	5	57	14	2	67
Ensley	34	7	7	1		1	27	1		26	8	98	101		199
Magnolia Springs	23														
Mobile								1	1		4	44	22		66
Pineville	49			2		2	51	1	1	45	20	148	158		306
Shreveport	12	1	3	2	5	7	16	1			6				
Simms	23				6	6	29	2		17			46		46
TOTALS	165	11	10	5	14	19	147	7	4	112	57	437	405	9	845

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District Camp Meeting

August 23rd. to Sept. 1st.

Conference

September 2nd. and 3rd.

PINEVILLE, LA.

REV. E. E. LEADINGHAM, Evangelist

**MR. AND MRS. ROY ANKRIM,
Evangelistic Singers**



Winter Camp Meeting

January 11th. to 20th.

Ministerial Convention

January 17th., 18th., 19th.

MAGNOLIA SPRINGS, ALA.

WORKERS

REV. R. W. WOLFE, Evangelist

MISS OPAL VENTERS, Special Singer