

P R E F A C E

The Gulf States Home Missionary District, prior to this conference, was composed of the states of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. On May 25, 1948, the Executive Council of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, in session in Indianapolis, Indiana, adopted the following resolution:

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This division shall take place during the 1948 Conference, which is to be held in Pineville, Louisiana, July 20-25. Each District Superintendent

shall serve a pastorate. The District shall be expected to pay him a small salary and his traveling expenses."

In carrying out the above order the ministers and delegates of the Gulf States met together at Pineville, Louisiana, on July 21, 1948, to read their reports and complete the business of the Gulf States District. Following this meeting the division was made and then each conference met separately to plan their work for the coming year.

This booklet contains the minutes and reports of the united group, also the minutes and directories of both the Alabama and the Louisiana conferences.

GULF STATES DISTRICT PROCEEDINGS

The Ninth Annual Conference of the Gulf States District convened at the Pilgrim Holiness Church, Pineville, Louisiana, July 21, 1948, at 2:30 p.m., with Rev. R. A. Beltz, General Secretary of Home Missions, presiding. Rev. S. P. Creech led the conference in singing "Where He Leads Me." Rev. R. S. McCord led in prayer. In the absence of the District Secretary, Rev. Lee Rathbun, the chair appointed Mrs. R. S. McCord secretary pro tem.

Rev. Beltz read Prov. 29:18, Acts 2:17 and Acts 26:19 and spoke on "Vision," concluding with a prayer that our vision may be enlarged.

After the address Rev. Beltz opened the business of the conference. The roll was called and corrected. The first three rows of seats established the conference bar. Rev. R. C. Hawkins, Superintendent of the Michigan District and our camp evangelist, was invited to sit within the conference bar.

Rev. A. T. Adams, ordained minister, and Mrs. A. T. Adams, licensed minister, fourth year, both of the Pennsylvania-New Jersey District, were received into the conference by letters of transfer.

Rev. R. A. Beltz, Secretary of Home Missions, who had served as District Superintendent during the major part of the year, gave his report. The report was accepted.

The District Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The Statistical report was read and accepted.

The combined report of the Examining and Educational Board was read and accepted.

The Sunday School Committee's report was read and accepted.

The Young Peoples Committee gave an oral report; it was accepted.

Rev. J. C. Williams reported on the district budget. It was decided to refund to the Bogalusa Church one-half the district budget that they had paid during the year.

The chairman announced that this completed the business of the Gulf States District and that the District Councils had met and had made the division of the conference roll. Rev. C. A. Simmons called the rolls of the Alabama District and the Louisiana District. The members of each district were seated separately and sang together "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

The chairman presented Rev. C. E. Johnson as Superintendent of the Alabama District. Rev. Johnson spoke briefly. The chairman announced the additional members of the Alabama District Council as follows: Rev. H. M. Lee, secretary; Rev. C. A. Simmons, treasurer; Rev. S. V. Repogle, councilman.

The chairman presented Rev. J. C. Williams as Superintendent of the Louisiana District. Rev. Williams spoke briefly. The chairman announced the additional members of the Louisiana District Council as follows: Rev. Lee Rathbun, secretary; Rev. A. T. Adams, treasurer; Rev. S. P. Creech, councilman.

Announcements were made and the Gulf States Conference dissolved.

Mrs. R. S. McCord
Secretary pro tem

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF HOME MISSIONS TO THE ANNUAL
CONFERENCE OF THE GULF STATES DISTRICT

TO THE NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GULF STATES CONFERENCE OF THE
PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH:

In the good providence of God we are again permitted to meet in the annual District Conference. We could well say with the hymn writer, "Through many dangers, toils and snares, we have already come. 'Tis grace hath brought us safe thus far, and grace will lead us home." Let us pray that in this gathering we may seek to know and to do His blessed will and that in all our deliberations we may seek first of all the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom.

The year preceding our last conference had been a year of advance into new fields and the launching of several new building programs. It was felt that this year should be a time of strengthening the fields into which we had entered and of strengthening our lines. Our plans one year ago were made with this in mind. Rev. J. O. Williams, the District Superintendent, took the pastorate of the Pineville Church and then in November tendered his resignation as District Superintendent that he might give full time to his church. Since that time the work of supervision has fallen on our shoulders.

An annual Conference should serve a two-fold purpose: First, it should be a time of retrospection when we review the work of the past. For that purpose we have our reports. While it is true we cannot record many things in our reports, yet these reports are often quite revealing. Sometimes they show that in spite of all our motion we have not gone ahead very far. We may have been like one who rides the merry-go-around, spend our money, ride a long time, and yet get off where we started, without having been anywhere. However, the brief study I have made of the statistician's report shows that we have made some progress this year, for which we are indeed grateful. This shows that our average Sunday School attendance has been raised from 391 last

year to 505 this year, a gain of 114, or 29 per cent. The church membership of the District this year is 260 compared with 207 last year, a gain of 53, or 25 per cent. One new preaching point has been opened at Kingville, near Pineville, La.

Perhaps a brief word concerning each one of the churches would be helpful. Pineville, under Brother J. C. Williams, has had an increase of 37 new members. Considerable improvement has been made on the property and a new bus purchased. They have a regular radio program and have launched out to open some new work in adjoining fields.

God has blessed the ministry of Brother and Sister Rathbun at Simms and 18 new members were added to this church. They have built new seats and made other improvements. Due to Sister Rathbun's illness they have resigned, after giving to us a very splendid church. Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Adams are the new pastors and are already on the field.

Brother Creech still carries on at Shreveport in a very creditable manner and this church continues to grow under his able leadership. Brother and Sister McCord are at Bogalusa. A new roof was put on this church. Sister Shearer served the Baton Rouge Church until a few weeks ago and Brother Chevallier has taken over as pastor and will move to this field soon.

The Ensley Church was without a pastor for several weeks, but Rev. Keith L. Crocker has been on the field for the last six months. During that time he had a good revival, took in six new members and will soon have completed a new 6-room parsonage. He will leave this field August 15 and the church has called Rev. W. C. Miller of Dayton, Ohio, as pastor.

At Birmingham Second Church the pastor, Rev. C. A. Simmons, reports a good tent meeting last month with Rev. R. D. Brown and Paul Hamilton. They continue to worship in the parsonage basement. We need a new place of worship here.

We have a few Pilgrims in Montgomery, Alabama, and we own a good house there. Rev. F. W. Strong is in charge and is seeking to blast out a church in this capital city. We should give this city our special attention this coming year.

Brother Repogle and the Magnolia Springs Church have had a good year. We enjoyed very much the good Camp and Ministerial Meeting there last January. They reported a good revival recently.

In Mobile, Brother Johnson has forged ahead in building a new church. When completed they will have a church building that will be a real credit to our denomination. They are already worshipping in it. Pray with us that God will supply the needed finance so that this building can soon be completed. Rev. S. M. Stikeleather, our General Secretary, recently held a revival there and gave me a personal report of his meeting. He feels we have a great opportunity in Mobile and a good start.

A year ago in June we opened at Pensacola, Florida, in a portable tabernacle with Brother and Sister H. M. Lee in charge. They have faithfully worked this field. Several of our Magnolia Springs Pilgrims have lent a helping hand and their annual report shows a Sunday School average of 59 for the year. This shows what can be done in a new field. They are now building a new parsonage on the lot adjoining the tabernacle. There have been many souls who have sought God and we have some new Pilgrims here whom we welcome into our midst.

There are many other things that have been accomplished, but space and time will not permit us to mention them.

One of our problems in this District has been that our work was so scattered, with five churches in Louisiana, five in Alabama, and one in Florida. This has made supervision difficult and expensive. It was hard for

the Pilgrims to come together in our annual gatherings, the field was so large. Time and study were given to this matter by the Executive Council, and on May 25, 1948, the following resolution was adopted by our Executive Council:

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We recommend that the officers of the Louisiana District shall be as follows:

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We must take steps in this Conference to carry out this action. The first sitting of this Conference will be a joint session which will be the last sitting of the Gulf States District Conference. In it we shall hear the annual reports and close up the business of the Gulf States Conference. We shall then make the division according to the action of the Executive Council and each group will hold its conference to make plans for the new year's work.

We have two great fields and the opportunity to build two great Districts. God has given us a few good churches and some good, consecrated leaders — men of vision. With the help of God, let us push forward and possess the land.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Beltz
Secretary of Home Missions

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

Ministerial Tithe

Balance brought forward	\$ 2.40
Receipts	<u>982.79</u>
Total	985.19
Expenditures	<u>885.88</u>
Balance	99.31

District Budget

Balance brought forward	15.67
Receipts	<u>226.18</u>
Total	241.85
Expenditures	<u>221.91</u>
Balance	19.94

District Home Missions

Balance brought forward	54.52
Receipts	<u>216.00</u>
Total	270.52
Expenditures	<u>217.00</u>
Balance	53.52

Camp-meeting Fund

Balance brought forward	1.66
Receipts	<u>597.02</u>
Total	598.68
Expenditures	<u>597.02</u>
Balance	1.66

Birthday Offering

Balance brought forward	37.00
Receipts	<u>62.00</u>
Total	99.00
Expenditures	<u>57.11</u>
Balance	41.89

General Budget

Balance brought forward	106.50
Expenditures	106.50

General Sunday School Offering

Receipts	\$ 10.00
Expenditures	10.00

Bible Schools

Balance brought forward	7.00
Receipts	<u>32.40</u>
Total	39.40
Expenditures	39.40

Foreign Missions

Balance brought forward	59.78
Receipts	<u>17.28</u>
Total	77.06
Expenditures	77.06

General Home Missions

Receipts	94.00
Expenditures	94.00

Pensions

Receipts	114.00
Expenditures	114.00

Printing Presses

Receipts	139.64
Expenditures	139.64

Tent for Louisiana

Receipts	50.00
Expenditures	50.00

GRAND TOTAL

Balance brought forward	362.78
Receipts	<u>2,573.31</u>
Total	2,936.09
Expenditures	<u>2,707.77</u>
BALANCE	*\$ 228.32

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Simmons, District Treasurer

* The balance of \$228.32 was divided equally between the Alabama District and the Louisiana District.

PASTORS' REPORTS

BATON ROUGE - ALMA SHEARER

Church services conducted, 52; prayer services conducted, 70; sermons preached, 50; pastoral calls, 445; homes prayed in, 315; revivals held, 3; seeking regeneration, 8; seeking sanctification, 2; cash support, \$422.24; donations, \$10.00; total support, \$432.24; parsonage supplied; one year on charge.

BIRMINGHAM I - K. L. CROCKER

Church services conducted, 80; prayer services conducted, 22; sermons preached, 80; pastoral calls, 125; revivals held, 1; seeking regeneration, 58; seeking sanctification, 37; baptisms, 7; total cash support, \$1,062.50; six months on charge.

BIRMINGHAM II - C. A. SIMMONS

Church services conducted, 91; prayer services conducted, 45; sermons preached, 63; pastoral calls, 512; homes prayed in, 125; revivals held, 3; seeking regeneration, 25; seeking sanctification, 1; prayed with for healing, 12; marriages, 2; cash support, \$377.28; donations, \$75.00; total support, \$452.28; parsonage supplied; one year and eight months on charge.

BOGALUSA - R. S. McCORD

Church services conducted, 107; prayer services conducted, 44; sermons preached, 97; pastoral calls, 421; revivals held, 1; seeking regeneration, 7; seeking sanctification, 2; children dedicated, 2; prayed with for healing, 2; cash support, \$256.60; donations, \$48.12; gifts, \$50.90; total support, \$355.62; parsonage supplied; three years and five months on charge.

MAGNOLIA SPRINGS - S. V. REPROGLE

Church services conducted, 118; prayer services conducted, 35; sermons preached, 125; pastoral calls, 433; seeking regeneration, 48; seeking sanctification, 12; cash support, \$1,275.00; donations, \$271.00; gifts, \$22.00; total support, \$1,568.00; parsonage supplied; two years on charge.

MOBILE - C. E. JOHNSON

Church services conducted, 111; prayer services conducted, 43; sermons preached, 89; pastoral calls, 400; homes prayed in, 300; revivals held, 3; seeking regeneration, 5; seeking sanctification, 3; souls dealt with in personal work, 40; children dedicated, 1; prayed with for healing, 23; cash support, \$855.96; donations, \$60.00; total support, \$915.96; parsonage supplied; two years and four months on charge.

MONTGOMERY - F. W. STRONG

Prayer services conducted, 12; sermons preached, 10; pastoral calls, 146; souls dealt with in personal work, 15; funerals, 2; parsonage supplied; seven years and nine months on charge.

PENSACOLA - HARRY M. LEE

Church services conducted, 134; prayer services conducted, 37; sermons preached, 87; pastoral calls, 1,865; revivals held, 4; seeking regeneration, 58; seeking sanctification, 3; baptisms, 5; children dedicated, 2; prayed with for healing, 4; cash support, \$2,040.00; donations, \$60.00; total support, \$2,100.00; one year on charge.

PINEVILLE - J. C. WILLIAMS

Church services conducted, 200; prayer services conducted, 46; sermons preached, 150; pastoral calls, 888; revivals held, 3; seeking regeneration, 50; seeking sanctification, 10; baptisms, 10; prayed with for healing, 20; marriages, 2; funerals, 3; cash support, \$1,941.37; donations, \$70.00; gifts, \$40.00; total support, \$2,051.37; parsonage supplied; one year and two months on charge.

SHREVEPORT - S. P. CREECH

Church services conducted, 92; prayer services conducted, 46; sermons preached, 129; pastoral calls, 613; homes prayed in, 73; revivals held, 4; seeking regeneration, 30; seeking sanctification, 15; souls dealt with in personal work, 20; baptisms, 4; children dedicated, 1; prayed with for healing, 75; marriages, 1; cash support, \$1,475.00; donations, \$150.00; total support, \$1,625.00; parsonage supplied; two years and nine months on charge.

SIMMS - MARLE & LEE RATHBUN

Prayer services conducted, 25; sermons preached, 140; pastoral calls, 1,094; revivals held, 2; seeking regeneration, 136; seeking sanctification, 76; souls dealt with in personal work, 83; baptisms, 12; children dedicated, 10; prayed with for healing, 17; marriages, 1; cash support, \$1,050.00; donations, \$20.00; total support, \$1,070.00; parsonage supplied; six years and nine months on charge.

TOTALS:

Church services conducted, 985; prayer services conducted, 425; sermons preached, 1,020; pastoral calls, 6,942; homes prayed in, 813; revivals held, 24; seeking regeneration, 425; seeking sanctification, 161; souls dealt with in personal work, 158; baptisms, 38; children dedicated, 16; prayed with for healing, 153; marriages, 6; funerals, 5; cash support, \$10,755.95; donations, \$764.12; gifts, \$112.90; total support, \$11,632.97.

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORTS

✓ BATON ROUGE

Members last report, 8; names dropped, 6; present membership, 2.

BIRMINGHAM I

Members last report, 39; names dropped, 14; present membership, 25.

BIRMINGHAM II

Present membership, 4.

✓ **BOGALUSA**

Members last report, 8; names dropped, 1; present membership, 7; ordained ministers, 1; deaconesses, 1; tithers, 4; preaching services, 107; prayer services, 45; total services, 152; subscribers to Advocate, 5.

MAGNOLIA SPRINGS

Members last report, 26; present membership, 31; ordained ministers, 2; licensed ministers, 1; tithers, 17; preaching services, 70; prayer services, 35; cottage meetings, 6; total services, 111; subscribers to Advocate, 6.

MOBILE

Members last report, 18; present membership, 21; ordained ministers, 1; licensed ministers, 1; deaconesses, 1; tithers, 15; preaching services, 142; prayer services, 46; total services, 188; subscribers to Advocate, 10.

PENSACOLA

Present membership, 10.

✓ **PINEVILLE**

Members last report, 49; present membership, 86; ordained ministers, 1; licensed ministers, 1; local ministers, 3; deaconesses, 2; tithers, 50; preaching services, 200; prayer services, 46; jail services, 3; cottage meetings, 1; total services, 250; subscribers to Advocate, 20.

✓ **SHREVEPORT**

Members last report, 20; present membership, 20; ordained ministers, 1; preaching services, 104; prayer services, 52; jail services, 20; cottage meetings, 40; total services, 216.

✓ **SIMMS**

Members last report, 36; present membership, 54; ordained ministers, 2; local ministers, 1; preaching services, 136; prayer services, 25; total services, 161.

TOTALS:

Members last report, 204; present membership, 260; ordained ministers, 8; licensed ministers, 3; local ministers, 4; deaconesses, 4; tithers, 104;

preaching services, 759; prayer services, 249; jail services, 23; cottage meetings, 47; total services, 1,078; subscribers to Advocate, 41.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS

BATON ROUGE

Regular offerings, \$422.24; special offerings, \$656.84; total receipts, \$1,079.08; pastor's support, \$422.24; evangelists, \$204.15; improvements, \$328.44; district superintendent, \$2.14; district home missions, \$2.00; general budget, \$4.00; incidentals, \$112.11; special interests, \$4.00; total expenditures, \$1,079.08.

BIRMINGHAM II

Cash brought forward, \$.10; regular offerings, \$314.65; special offerings, \$464.02; total receipts, \$778.77; pastor's support, \$377.28; evangelists, \$220.15; improvements, \$142.85; indebtedness, \$20.00; incidentals, \$18.49; total expenditures, \$778.77.

BOGALUSA

Cash brought forward, \$45.00; regular offerings, \$308.05; special offerings, \$273.26; total receipts, \$626.31; pastor's support, \$256.60; evangelists, \$60.00; improvements, \$218.41; district superintendent, \$4.75; district budget, \$31.07; incidentals, \$30.38; total expenditures, \$601.21; cash on hand, \$25.10.

MAGNOLIA SPRINGS

Cash brought forward, \$458.76; regular offerings, \$1,170.26; special offerings, \$2,136.87; total receipts, \$3,765.89; pastor's support, \$1,300.00; evangelists, \$250.00; indebtedness, \$1,049.35; district home missions, \$26.20; general budget, \$13.00; Bible School, \$27.40; incidentals, \$199.16; special interests, \$199.95; total expenditures, \$3,065.06; cash on hand, \$700.83.

MOBILE

Cash brought forward, \$36.04; regular offerings, \$1,208.94; special offerings, \$369.31; total receipts, \$1,614.29; pastor's support, \$915.96; evangelists, \$230.00; improvements, \$200.00; district budget, \$32.00; district home missions, \$27.00; incidentals, \$148.04; special interests, \$25.00; total expenditures, \$1,578.00; cash on hand, \$36.29.

PENSACOLA

Regular offerings, \$710.65; special offerings, \$264.94; total receipts, \$975.59; evangelists, \$140.79; improvements, \$118.39; indebtedness, \$380.00; district home missions, \$16.00; Bible School, \$60.09; incidentals, \$209.83; total expenditures, \$925.10; cash on hand, \$50.49.

PINEVILLE

Cash brought forward, \$51.65; regular offerings, \$3,466.56; special offerings, \$4,377.09; total receipts, \$7,895.30; pastor's support, \$1,941.37; evangelists, \$278.00; improvements, \$2,655.41; indebtedness, \$2,100.00; district superintendent, \$9.52; district budget, \$91.00; district home missions, \$50.00; Bible School, \$97.00; special interests, \$413.00; total expenditures, \$7,635.00; cash on hand, \$260.00.

SHREVEPORT

Cash brought forward, \$48.55; regular offerings, \$1,570.73; special offerings, \$337.38; total receipts, \$1,956.66; pastor's support, \$1,475.00; evangelists, \$145.51; district superintendent, \$18.35; incidentals, \$244.21; special interests, \$15.00; total expenditures, \$1,893.07; cash on hand, \$58.59.

SIMMS

Regular offerings, \$1,996.06; special offerings, \$400.00; total receipts, \$2,396.06; pastor's support, \$1,050.00; evangelists, \$300.00; improvements, \$546.06; district superintendent, \$20.00; district budget, \$15.00; incidentals, \$465.00; total expenditures, \$2,396.06.

TOTALS:

Cash brought forward, \$640.10; regular offerings, \$11,168.14; special offerings, \$9,279.71; total receipts, \$21,087.95; pastors' support, \$7,738.45; evangelists, \$1,828.60; improvements, \$4,209.56; indebtedness, \$3,549.35; district superintendent, \$54.76; district budget, \$169.07; district home missions, \$121.20; general budget, \$17.00; Bible School, \$184.49; incidentals, \$1,427.22; special interests, \$656.95; total expenditures, \$19,956.65; cash on hand, \$1,131.30.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

BATON ROUGE

Enrollment last report, 38; av'g. att. last report, 15; present enrollment, 30; pres. av'g. att., 15; teachers and officers, 6; number sessions, 52; regular offerings, \$133.32; birthday offerings, \$4.27; total receipts, \$137.59; literature, \$20.89; equipment, \$15.00; district home missions, \$4.27; other expenses, \$97.43; total expenditures, \$137.59.

BIRMINGHAM I

Present average attendance, 35.

BIRMINGHAM II

Enrollment last report, 60; av'g. att. last report, 25; pres. enrollment, 95; pres. av'g. att., 48; net gain, 23; number sessions, 52; regular offer-

ings, \$419.19; total receipts, \$419.19; literature, \$92.01; other expenses, \$327.18; total expenditures, \$419.19.

BOGALUSA

Enrollment last report, 33; av'g. att. last report, 20; pres. enrollment, 33; pres. av'g. att., 17; net loss, 3; teachers and officers, 6; number sessions, 52; cash brought forward, \$5.99; regular offerings, \$66.35; birthday offerings, \$2.84; other offerings, \$7.15; total receipts, \$82.33; literature, \$23.53; equipment, \$15.93; district home missions, \$2.84; other expenses, \$37.91; total expenditures, \$80.21; cash on hand, \$2.12.

MAGNOLIA SPRINGS

Enrollment last report, 92; av'g. att. last report, 66; pres. enrollment, 89; pres. av'g. att., 68; net gain, 2; teachers and officers, 7; number sessions, 52; cash brought forward, \$32.10; regular offerings, \$495.76; birthday offerings, \$16.50; other offerings, \$75.00; total receipts, \$619.36; literature, \$103.65; equipment, \$68.91; district home missions, \$56.50; other expenses, \$355.10; total expenditures, \$584.16; cash on hand, \$35.20.

MOBILE

Enrollment last report, 98; av'g. att. last report, 68; pres. enrollment, 133; pres. av'g. att., 82; net gain, 14; teachers and officers, 8; number sessions, 52; cradle roll, 98; regular offerings, \$547.97; birthday offerings, \$8.00; other offerings, \$50.20; total receipts, \$606.19; literature, \$85.00; district home missions, \$8.00; other expenses, \$341.94; total expenditures, \$434.94; cash on hand, \$171.25.

MONTGOMERY

Present enrollment, 28; pres. av'g. att., 13; teachers and officers, 2; number sessions, 42; regular offerings, \$10.82; other offerings, \$2.52; total receipts, \$13.34; literature, \$6.98; equipment, \$5.72; total expenditures, \$12.70; cash on hand, \$.64.

PENSACOLA

Pres. enrollment, 70; pres. av'g. att., 59; teachers and officers, 7; number sessions, 52; cradle roll, 12; regular offerings, \$305.81; total receipts, \$305.81; literature, \$78.30; equipment, \$53.36; other expenses, \$174.15; total expenditures, \$305.81.

PINEVILLE

Enrollment last report, 62; av'g. att. last report, 51; pres. enrollment, 180; pres. av'g. att., 98; net gain, 47; teachers and officers, 10; number sessions, 52; cradle roll, 20; cash brought forward, \$33.46; regular offerings, \$169.39; birthday offerings, \$10.00; other offerings, \$100.00; total receipts, \$312.85; literature, \$120.00; equipment, \$149.39; district home missions, \$10.00; other expenses, \$33.46; total expenditures, \$312.85.

SHREVEPORT

Enrollment last report, 72; av'g. att. last report, 39; pres. enrollment, 98; pres. av'g. att., 53; net gain, 14; teachers and officers, 7; number sessions, 52; regular offerings, \$259.08; birthday offerings, \$8.10; other offerings, \$80.67; total receipts, \$347.85; literature, \$46.70; equipment, \$88.77; district home missions, \$8.10; other expenses, \$212.38; total expenditures, \$347.85.

SIMMS

Enrollment last report, 100; av'g. att. last report, 52; pres. enrollment, 100; pres. av'g. att., 52; teachers and officers, 6; number sessions, 52; cradle roll, 20; cash brought forward, \$10.00; regular offerings, \$153.57; birthday offerings, \$9.70; total receipts, \$173.27; literature, \$150.00; equipment, \$13.57; district home missions, \$9.70; total expenditures, \$173.27.

TOTALS:

Enrollment last report, 555; av'g. att. last report, 336; pres. enrollment, 856; pres. av'g. att., 540; net gain, 110; teachers and officers, 59; number sessions, 510; cradle roll, 142; cash brought forward, \$81.55; regular offerings, \$2,561.26; birthday offerings, \$59.68; other offerings, \$315.54; total receipts, \$3,017.76; literature, \$727.06; equipment, \$402.55; district home missions, \$99.41; other expenses, \$1,579.55; total expenditures, \$2,808.57; cash on hand, \$209.19.

YOUNG PEOPLES REPORTS

MAGNOLIA SPRINGS

Active membership last report, 13; av'g. att. last report, 13; pres. active membership, 16; pres. av'g. att., 17; net gain, 4; number meetings held, 32; cash brought forward, \$9.93; offerings received, \$7.08; total receipts, \$17.01; total expenditures, \$5.03; cash on hand, \$11.98.

MOBILE

Av'g. att. last report, 20; pres. av'g. att., 32; net gain, 12; number meetings held, 103; offerings received, \$103.17; total receipts, \$103.17; total expenditures, \$60.00; cash on hand, \$43.17.

PINEVILLE

Active membership last report, 12; pres. active membership, 18; pres. av'g. att., 15; number meetings held, 44; offerings received, \$20.00; total receipts, \$20.00; total expenditures, \$17.00; cash on hand, \$3.00.

SIMMS

Av'g. att. last report, 80; present active membership, 60; pres. av'g.

att., 65; net loss, 15; number meetings held, 52; cash brought forward, \$13.00; offerings received, \$50.00; total receipts, \$63.00; total expenditures, \$63.00.

TOTALS:

Active membership last report, 25; av'g. att. last report, 113; pres. active membership, 104; pres. av'g. att., 129; net gain, 16; number meetings held, 231; cash brought forward, \$22.93; offerings received, \$180.25; total receipts, \$203.18; total expenditures, \$145.03; cash on hand, \$58.15.

PROPERTY STATEMENT

BATON ROUGE

One church building and parsonage combined, \$6,000.00; no debt.

BIRMINGHAM I

Church, \$2,000.00; no debt; parsonage under construction.

BIRMINGHAM II

Parsonage, \$6,000.00; debt, \$5,380.00; equity, \$620.00.

BOGALUSA

Church and parsonage combined, \$3,500.00; no debt.

MAGNOLIA SPRINGS

Church, \$10,000.00; parsonage, \$3,500.00; debt, \$2,500.65; equity, \$10,999.35.

MOBILE

Parsonage, \$5,000.00; no debt; church building under construction.

MONTGOMERY

Parsonage, \$7,000.00; debt, \$3,942.00; equity, \$3,057.40.

PENSACOLA

Church, \$2,800.00; no debt; parsonage under construction.

PINEVILLE

Church, \$12,000.00; parsonage, \$4,200.00; debt, \$2,200.00; equity, \$14,000.00.

SHREVEPORT

Church, \$4,000.00; parsonage, \$1,800.00; equity, \$5,800.00.

SIMMS

Church, \$4,500.00; parsonage, \$4,000.00; equity, \$8,500.00.

TOTALS:

9 churches, \$44,800.00; 11 parsonages, \$31,500.00; debt, \$14,022.65; equity, \$59,476.75.

UNSTATIONED MINISTERS' & DEACONESSES' REPORTS

C. L. LOCHER

Sermons, 130; revivals held, 4; seeking regeneration, 84; seeking sanctification, 46; calls, 234; prayed with for healing, 32; tithe to Pilgrim Holiness Church; support, \$650.00.

J. M. HOOTER

Sermons, 10; revivals held, 7; calls, 30; tithe to Pilgrim Holiness Church; ordained; support, \$400.00; miles traveled, 4,000.

L. T. CRUTE

Sermons, 11; seeking regeneration, 5; seeking sanctification, 1; calls, 25; prayed with for healing, 3; tithe to Pilgrim Holiness Church; ordained; support, \$13.45.

J. S. CARTER

Sermons, 3; revivals held, 1; calls, 56; prayed with for healing, 4; tithe to Pilgrim Holiness Church; support, \$85.00; miles traveled, 300.

VIOLET L. HARBERT

Sermons, 30; revivals held, 6; seeking regeneration, 25; seeking sanctification, 10; calls, 50; prayed with for healing, 2; tithe to Pilgrim Holiness Church; support, \$200.00; miles traveled, 1,581.

ANNIE L. EUBANKS

Sermons, 30; revivals held, 6; seeking regeneration, 30; seeking sanctification, 10; calls, 50; prayed with for healing, 2; tithe to Pilgrim Holiness Church; support, \$200.00; miles traveled, 1,581.

MRS. C. E. JOHNSON

Sermons, 1; services conducted, 32; calls, 3,168; homes prayed in, 1,907; souls dealt with personally, 14; literature distributed, 2,407; poor helped, 26; tithe to Pilgrim Holiness Church; ordained.

MRS. ROLAND McCORD

Sermons, 2; services conducted, 38; calls, 402; homes prayed in, 29; prayed with for healing, 3; literature distributed, 200; tithe to Pilgrim Holiness Church; ordained.

TOTALS:

Sermons, 217; services conducted, 70; revivals held, 24; seeking regeneration, 144; seeking sanctification, 67; calls, 4,015; homes prayed in, 1,936; prayed with for healing, 46; souls dealt with personally, 14; literature distributed, 2,607; poor helped, 26; support, \$1,548.45; miles traveled, 7,462.

ALABAMA DISTRICT CONFERENCE MINUTES

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

General Superintendent - - - - - Rev. L. W. Sturk, 230 E. Ohio St.,
Indianapolis, Indiana

General Secretary of Home Missions - Rev. R. A. Beltz, 230 E. Ohio St.,
Indianapolis, Indiana

District Superintendent - - - - - Rev. C. E. Johnson, 1439 Van Dorn,
Mobile, Alabama

District Secretary - - - - - Rev. H. M. Lee, Box 4545, Warrington Br.,
Pensacola, Florida

District Treasurer - - - - - Rev. C. A. Simmons, 3804 Third Ave., S.,
Birmingham, Alabama

Mailing address: Box 3035 Avondale,
Birmingham, Alabama

Councilman - - - - - Rev. S. V. Repogle
Magnolia Springs, Alabama

Trustees - - - - - Rev. C. E. Johnson --three years
Rev. C. A. Simmons--two years
Rev. H. M. Lee--one year

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Crute, L. T. - - - - - Foley, Ala.

Johnson, C. E. - - - - - Phone 21208, 1439 Van Dorn, Mobile, Ala.

Lee, H. M. - - Phone 82744, Box 4545, Warrington Branch, Pensacola, Fla.

Repogle, S. V. - - - - - Magnolia Springs, Ala.

Simmons, C. A. - -Phone 59-4440, 3804 Third Ave., S., Birmingham 6, Ala.

Strong, F. W. - - - - - Phone 2-1570, 402 E. Third St., Montgomery, Ala.

Strong, Mrs. F. W. - - Phone 2-1570, 402 E. Third St., Montgomery, Ala.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Eubanks, Anna Laura (third year)-2300 20th St., Ensley, Birmingham, Ala.

Carr, G. W. (second year) - - - - - Foley, Ala.

Carter, Jesso (second year) - - - - - Box 411, Mobile, Ala.

Locher, Chester (second year) - - - - - West Portsmouth, Ohio

Miller, W. C. (second year) - - - - - Phone 85156, 3501 Ave. F.,
Ensley, Birmingham, Ala.

DEACONESSSES

Johnson, Mrs. C. E. (ordained) - - - - - 1439 Van Dorn, Mobile, Ala.
Simmons, Mrs. C. A. (first year) - - 3804 Third Ave., S., Birmingham, Ala.

EXAMINING AND EDUCATIONAL BOARD

Rev. C. A. Simmons - Rev. F. W. Strong - Rev. C. E. Johnson - Rev. H. M. Lee
Rev. S. V. Reprogie

COMMITTEES

Ways and Means - - - Rev. C. A. Simmons, Rev. H. M. Lee, Rev. S. V. Reprogie
Resolutions - - - - - Rev. G. W. Carr, Rev. Jesse Carter, Rev. F. W. Strong
Statistical - - - - - Rev. S. V. Reprogie
Auditing - - - - - Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Mrs. H. M. Lee
Editing - - - - - Rev. H. M. Lee
Reception - - - - - Rev. L. T. Crute, Rev. W. C. Miller
District Sunday School - - - - Rev. G. W. Carr, Richard Carr, Rev. H. M. Lee
District Young People's President - - - - - Rev. G. W. Carr

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Birmingham I - - - - - Rev. W. C. Miller
Birmingham II - - - - - Rev. C. A. Simmons
Magnolia Springs - - - - - Rev. S. V. Reprogie
Mobile - - - - - Rev. C. E. Johnson
Montgomery - - - - - Rev. F. W. Strong
Pensacola - - - - - Rev. H. M. Lee

GENERAL PROCEEDINGS

The first conference of the Alabama District convened at the Pilgrim Holiness Church, Pineville, Louisiana, July 22, 1948, at 2:30 p.m., Rev. R. A. Beltz, General Secretary of Home Missions, presiding. Rev. J. C. Williams led the conference in singing "In the New Jerusalem." Rev. George Carr led in prayer.

Rev. R. C. Hawkins, Superintendent of the Michigan District, brought an encouraging message to the ministers, using as his topic the word, "Success."

After the address Rev. R. A. Beltz took the chair and opened the business of the conference. The roll was called by the secretary. The conference bar was established as the first three rows of pews across the church and the platform.

The minutes of the preceding meeting of the Gulf States District were read and approved.

The secretary read the resolutions and they were adopted. (See resolutions).

The Ways and Means Committee read their report and on motion it was adopted. (See recommendations of the Ways and Means Committee.)

The District Council read the appointment of District committees and District trustees. (See official directory.)

Moved and seconded that the District Council approve the minutes of this meeting. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn. Motion carried.

Harry M. Lee
District Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved that our conference year close May 31.
2. Resolved that the quarterly reports be mailed to the District Superintendent and that the yearly reports be made in duplicate, one copy to be mailed immediately to the District Statistician and the other to be brought by the delegate to the conference.
3. Resolved that each minister and deaconess send a copy of his, or her, report to the District Statistician not later than ten days after the conference year closes, which is May 31.
4. Be it resolved that the District Treasurer's books close at noon, June 10.

5. Resolved that the District Treasurer send to each church a quarterly financial report of all monies the church has sent in to the District Treasurer.
6. Be it resolved that each church give a pounding for the pastor the first prayer meeting of each month.
7. Resolved that minister's license shall not be granted to anyone who does not tithe to the Pilgrim Holiness Church.
8. Resolved that the churches pay their pastors while attending the camp and conference the same as if they were on their charge.
9. Resolved that there be an offering taken in the local church to defray the pastor's expense to and from camp, this offering to be taken by the District Superintendent at his annual meeting with the local church.
10. Resolved that our Christian Workers Convention be held Thursday and Friday of the second week of the Camp at Magnolia Springs, Alabama; the 1949 date is March 31 to April 1.
11. Be it resolved the Alabama District Conference be held in Birmingham at the Second Pilgrim Holiness Church, June 22-23-24, 1949.
12. Be it resolved the pastors be given two weeks vacation each year with pay.
13. Resolved that we as a conference show our General Secretary of Home Missions, Rev. R. A. Beltz, that we greatly appreciate his presence with us and that we pledge our utmost loyalty to him by a rising vote and a hearty "God Bless You!"
14. Resolved that we as a conference show our appreciation to Rev. R. C. Hawkins, our camp evangelist, by a rising vote of thanks.
15. Resolved that this conference give a vote of thanks to our food and dining-hall manager, to our cook, and to all who kindly assisted with the work.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that all licensed and ordained ministers pay their ministerial tithes into the District Treasury to be applied on the District Budget.
2. We recommend that all birthday offerings be paid to the District Treasurer to be applied on District Home Missions.
3. We recommend that each church pay five per cent of all tithes, regular offerings and Sunday School offerings to the District Treasurer to be applied on the District Budget.

4. We recommend that the District Superintendent's traveling expenses, while traveling in the interest of the District, be paid at the rate of three cents per mile, also that his district correspondence and communications be paid by the District Treasurer.
5. We recommend that on each visit of the District Superintendent each church take an offering to be applied on traveling expenses.
6. We recommend that all monies be sent to the District Treasurer not later than the tenth of each month.
7. We recommend that each church pay the equivalent of one dollar per member per year to be applied on General Conference expense.
8. We recommend that each church contribute the equivalent of twenty-five cents per member per month to District Home Missions.
9. We recommend that the District Superintendent be paid twenty-five dollars per month, the same to be paid out of ministerial tithe and the District Budget.
10. We recommend that the District Superintendent be paid ten dollars per month to be applied on his rent for the period of six months.
11. We recommend that the District Treasurer be paid twenty-five dollars a year for his services, the same to be paid out of the District Budget.
12. We recommend that the District Secretary be paid fifteen dollars per year for his services.
13. We recommend that all unstationed ministers who hold conference licenses pay one dollar per month into the District Treasury.
14. We recommend that the District put into operation immediately the Pilgrim Pension Plan; that each church pay into the District Treasury monthly the sum of four per cent of their pastor's salary.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE MINUTES

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

General Superintendent - - - - - Rev. L. W. Sturk, 230 E. Ohio St.,
Indianapolis, Indiana

General Secretary of Home Missions - - Rev. R. A. Beltz, 230 E. Ohio St.,
Indianapolis, Indiana

District Superintendent - - - - - Rev. J. C. Williams, Box 56,
Pineville, Louisiana

District Secretary - - - - - Rev. Lee Rathbun, 136 N. Twelfth St.,
Oakdale, Louisiana

District Treasurer - - - - - Rev. A. T. Adams, Simms, Louisiana

Councilman - - - - - Rev. S. P. Creech, 5923 Lexington Ave.,
Shreveport, Louisiana

Mailing Address - Box 535, Cedar Grove
Station, Shreveport, Louisiana

Trustees - - - - - Rev. J. C. Williams --term three years
Rev. A. T. Adams --term two years
Rev. S. P. Creech --term one year

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Adams, A. T. - - - - - Simms, La.

Adams, Mrs. A. T. - - - - - Simms, La.

Creech, S. P. - - - - - Pho. 75181, 5923 Lexington Avenue, Shreveport, La.

Hooter, J. M. - - - - - Pineville, La.

McCord, R. S. - - - - - Pho. 752w, 801 Avenue G, Bogalusa, La.

Rathbun, Lee - - - - - 136 N. Twelfth Street, Oakdale, La.

Rathbun, Mable - - - - - 136 N. Twelfth Street, Oakdale, La.

Williams, J. C. - - - - - Pho. 3922, Box 56, Pineville, La.

York, Ed. - - - - - Jamestown, Tenn.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Carruth, W. A. (first year) - - - - - Pineville, La.

Cheveallier, J. C. (first year) - - - -2244 Cable Street, Baton Rouge, La.

DEACONESSES

McCord, Mrs. R. S. (ordained) - - - - - 801 Avenue G, Bogalusa, La.

Boyette, Mrs. John E. (first year) - - - - - Pineville, La.
Cheveallier, Mrs. J. C. (first year) - 2244 Cable Street, Baton Rouge, La.
Hooter, Mrs. J. M. (first year) - - - - - Pineville, La.
Williams, Mrs. J. C. - - - - - Box 56, Pineville, La.

EXAMINING BOARD

Rev. S. P. Creech - term three years Rev. R. S. McCord - term two years
Rev. A. T. Adams - term one year

EDUCATIONAL BOARD

Rev. Lee Rathbun - term three years Mrs. R. C. McCord - term two years
Rev. A. T. Adams - term one year

COMMITTEES

Ways and Means - Rev. A. T. Adams, Rev. Mable Rathbun, Rev. J. C. Williams
 Resolutions - - - - Rev. S. P. Creech, Rev. R. S. McCord, Rev. Lee Rathbun
 Statistician - Mrs. R. S. McCord
 Auditing - Mrs. A. T. Adams, Mrs. Mable Rathbun
 Editing - Mrs. R. S. McCord
 Reception - Rev. S. P. Creech
 District Sunday School Secretary - - - - - - - - - - Rev. J. C. Cheveallier
 District Young People's President - - - - - - - - - - Mrs. Mable Rathbun

DELEGATES

Baton Rouge	- - - - -	-No delegate
Bogalusa	- - - - -	Mrs. Cora Samford
Pineville	- - - - -	Mrs. J. C. Williams
Shreveport	- - - - -	Mrs. L. E. Worst
Simms	- - - - -	J. A. Farthing

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Baton Rouge	Rev. J. C. Cheveallier
Bogalusa	Rev. R. S. McCord
Kingville	Rev. G. W. Carr
Pineville	Rev. J. C. Williams
Shreveport	Rev. S. P. Creech
Simms	Rev. A. T. Adams

GENERAL PROCEEDINGS

The First Conference of the Louisiana District convened at the Pilgrim Holiness Church, Pineville, Louisiana, July 22, 1948, at 2:30 p.m., with Rev. R. A. Beltz, General Secretary of Home Missions, in charge. Rev. J. C. Williams, District Superintendent, led the conference in singing "In the New Jerusalem." Rev. Beltz spoke words of appreciation of the promising young people of our district and challenged the young Christian workers because they have a splendid future in our Pilgrim Holiness Church. Rev. George Carr led in prayer. Rev. R. C. Hawkins, camp evangelist, addressed the conference on the subject, "Success."

The Minutes of the preceding session of the Gulf States Conference were read and approved. The roll was called and approved.

The Committee on Resolutions reported. The motion was made and carried to adopt the resolutions as a whole. (See Resolutions).

The Committee on Ways and Means reported; the report was accepted. (See recommendations of the Ways and Means Committee.)

The District Council read the appointment of the District boards and committees. (See official directories.)

The names of churches and pastors for the coming year were read.

Moved and seconded that the District Council take care of all unfinished business. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn. Motion carried.

Mrs. R. S. McCord
Secretary Pro tem

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that all ordained and licensed ministers pay their ministerial tithe into the District Treasury.
2. We recommend that all birthday offerings be paid to the District Treasurer to be applied on District Home Missions.
3. We recommend that each church pay five per cent of all regular tithes and offerings to the District Treasurer to be applied on the District Budget.
4. We recommend that the District Superintendent's traveling expenses, while traveling in the interest of the district, be paid at the rate of five cents per mile, also that his district correspondence and communications be paid by the District Treasurer.
5. We recommend that on each visit of the District Superintendent each church take an offering to be applied on traveling expenses.

6. We recommend that all monies be sent to the District Treasurer not later than the tenth of each month.
7. We recommend that each church pay the equivalent of fifty cents per member per year to be applied on General Conference expense.
8. We recommend that there be a camp meeting registration fee of one dollar per person above the age of twelve to be applied on the expense of the camp.
9. We recommend that we have a camp meeting membership fee of one dollar per member per year, and that this money be applied on the camp expenses.
10. We recommend that five per cent of the District Budget be paid to our zone Bible school.
11. We recommend that for each examination in the study course a fee of twenty-five cents be paid to cover expense of questions and postage.
12. We recommend that the District continue in operation the Pilgrim Pension Plan; that each church pay into the District Treasury monthly the sum of four per cent of their pastor's salary to be forwarded to the Board of Pensions. Be it further resolved that the four per cent of evangelists' salaries be paid from the District Treasury providing they are paying their tithes into the District.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved that our conference year close May 31.
2. Resolved that the quarterly reports be mailed to the District Superintendent and that the yearly reports be made in duplicate, one copy to be mailed immediately to the District Statistician and the other to be brought by the delegate to the conference.
3. Resolved that each preacher and deaconess send a copy of his, or her, report to the District Statistician not later than ten days after the conference year closes, which is May 31, and that the Statistician disregard any and all reports received thereafter. Be it also resolved that the District Treasurer's books close at noon, June 10.
4. Resolved that the District Treasurer send to each church a quarterly financial report of all the monies the church has sent in to the District Treasurer.
5. Resolved that on the last Wednesday of each quarter a district meeting be held at one of our churches, eventually visiting each church.
6. Resolved that each church give a pounding for the pastor the first prayer-meeting of each month.
7. Resolved that minister's license shall not be granted to anyone who does not tithe to the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

8. Resolved that all ministers and workers attend the camp meeting throughout June 24-July 3, 1949.
9. Resolved that the churches pay their pastors while attending the camp and conference the same as if they were on their charge.
10. Resolved that there be an offering taken in the local church to defray the pastor's expense to and from camp, this offering to be taken by the District Superintendent at his annual meeting with the local church.
11. Resolved that all register who come to camp.
12. Resolved that all persons attending the camp bring their own bed linens.
13. Resolved that since our conference is not large it be conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday of the camp, June 28-29, 1949.
14. Resolved that each pastor be given a vacation of two weeks each year with pay.
15. Resolved that we as a conference show our General Secretary of Home Missions and acting District Superintendent, Rev. R. A. Beltz, that we greatly appreciate his presence with us and that we pledge our utmost loyalty to him by a rising vote and a hearty "God Bless You!"
16. Resolved that we as a conference show our appreciation to Rev. R. C. Hawkins, our camp evangelist, by a rising vote of thanks.
17. Resolved that this conference give a vote of thanks to our food and dining-hall manager, to our cook, and to all who kindly assisted with the work.