

ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA DISTRICT

Minutes of the First Annual Assembly of
the Arkansas-Louisiana District of the
Pilgrim Holiness Church held at Jonesboro,
Arkansas, August 31 and September 1,
1931.

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE ARKANSAS—
LOUISIANA DISTRICT OF THE
PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH
HELD AT JONESBORO, ARKANSAS,
AUGUST 31 AND SEPTEMBER 1,
1931.**

Morning Session—Monday, Aug. 31

The First Annual Assembly of the Arkansas Louisiana District of the Pilgrim Holiness church convened at the Pilgrim Holiness Tabernacle, Jonesboro, Arkansas at 9:30 a. m., August 31, 1931, with Rev. G. T. Bustin, District Superintendent in choir.

Bro. Sherwood led the congregation in singing the hymns, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." and "Glory to His Name." Mrs. Eva Johnson played the piano.

The entire assembly then gathered around the altar all kneeling while J. M. Craft and H. T. Nutter led in prayer.

The congregation joined in singing, "Blessed Assurance."

The chairman read the entire 12th chapter of Romans and gave a wonderful exhortation on the benefits of persecution and the power of a radically clean church and the joy and perfect peace and harmony of all God's people who will not compromise one bit with the world, the flesh, and the devil. He showed distinctly that God's true followers are indeed a "peculiar people" who never tie up in any way with the beggarly elements of the world but always "abhor that which is evil."

The assembly was led in prayer by

Rev. Jason Sherwood.

The roll was called.

Moved and supported that in the absence of the delegate from the Alexandria, La., Church that Mrs. Lura Bustin act as delegate. Motion carried.

Moved and supported that the three benches on the south side of the platform constitute the assembly bar. Motion carried.

Moved and supported that J. M. Craft of the Burnt Hill Church and H. C. Farrar of the Jonesboro church be granted seats in the assembly bar as advisory members. Motion carried.

Moved and supported that the times of meeting shall be from 9 to 12 a. m., 1:30 to 5 p. m. and 7:30 to 10 p. m. Motion carried.

Moved and supported that the secretary, H. T. Nutter, be granted the privilege of appointing an assistant secretary. Motion carried and Miss Lena Black was appointed assistant secretary.

Moved and supported that the minutes of the organization of the Arkansas-Louisiana District be read. Motion carried and the minutes were read and approved.

Moved and supported that we receive Rev. C. C. Elzey of Frankfort, Indiana into the Arkansas-Louisiana District and refer his standing to the examining committee. Motion carried.

Motion made and supported that we accept Rev. W. S. Sturdevant from Shreveport, Louisiana as an ordained minister and now pastoring the Pilgrim Holiness church at Alexandria, La. Motion carried.

Motion made and carried that we

receive Rev. C. E. Snow of the Indiana Assembly into the Ark-Louisiana Assembly. Motion carried.

The Assembly paused and rejoiced for a few minutes and sang "Sweet hour of Prayer."

The chairman named the following committees:

Examining Board, G. T. Bustin, Jason Sherwood and H. T. Nutter; Educational Board, G. T. Bustin, Jason Sherwood and H. T. Nutter; Ways and Means Committee, Jason Sherwood, M. C. Johnson and H. T. Nutter; Statistcal committee, Jason Sherwood and C. C. Elzie; Regolation Committee, Mrs. Bessie Rudesill and Mrs. Lura Bustin; Publicity committee, H. T. Nutter, Jason Sherwood and G. T. Bustin.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. C. C. Elzey.

Afternoon Session—Monday Aug. 31.

The session was opened at 1:30 p. m. by singing, "What a Friend we have in Jesus".

M. C. Johnson led in prayer.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved.

Moved and supported that we elect the district officers for the coming assembly year as early as possible in the night session this evening. Motion carried.

Moved and supported that we pass on the church reports as far as possible. Motion carried.

Full reports from the church at Alexandria, La., were read and approved.

Reports from the Brookland, Burnt Hill and Jonesboro churches were read and accepted.

Moved and supported to recess for ten minutes. Motion carried.

The Board of Examiners recommended that Rev. C. C. Elzey be received into the assembly as a third year licentiate. This recommendation was approved.

The Ways and Means Committee gave a partial report as follows:

1. We recommend that the secretaries of the Young Peoples Societies give a weekly report to their local societies. The recommendation was accepted.

2. We recommend that all the ministerial members of this assembly except the District Superintendent, pay one tenth of their income from ministerial labor into their local church treasury and that the local church treasurer remit same to the District Treasurer for the support of the District Superintendent. The same was adopted.

3. We recommend that the District Superintendent tithe his income from ministerial labor into District Treasury for the support of the General Burgett. Recommendation adopted.

4. We recommend that this Assembly require the ministerial members to attend Assembly and Camp meeting and that they be present on the first day and remain until close, that the churches keep up the salary of their pastors while attending the same, and that if they do not attend they shall send a report of their work and an excuse for their absence, and furthermore if they fail to do so for two consecutive years their names shall be dropped from the Assembly roll. Recommendation adopted.

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5. We recommend that the District Secretary notify in writing all members of this Assembly who have failed to meet the requirements of recommendation number "four" calling their attention to such failure and penalty for the same at least thirty days before our next Assembly. Recommendation adopted.

6. We recommend that the District Superintendent visit each church twice during the year and that he devote the remainder of his time to evangelistic work. Recommendation adopted.

7. We recommend that each local Woman's Missionary Society elect a delegate to the District Assembly and that the District Woman's Missionary Society be given the entire time of the first night session of the Assembly.

Benediction by G. T. Bustin.

Night Session — Monday, Aug. 31.

Robert Bustin led the Assembly in the opening song, "Draw Me Nearer", with Mrs. Eva Johnson at the piano.

All kneeling Willie Johnson led the opening prayer.

The Assembly led by Robert Bustin sang "Hallelujah, I am Free."

Motion carried that Rev. C. C. Elzey sing a special.

Rev. Elzey with guitar in hand sang "I'm Going Higher Some Day". A number of the Assembly wept and rejoiced.

There the Assembly called for the special song "I can't Feel at Home in this World any more." During the melody of this wonderful special the Assembly seemed in heaven for a time.

The roll was called.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Willie Johnson gave a good report of his work at Bono, Piggott and Rilethford. The report was accepted.

J. M. Craft of Burnt Hill made a good speech encouraging the organizing of a Pilgrim Holiness Church at Rilethford.

Mrs. Lura Bustin, president of the District Woman's Missionary Society, read a most excellent report showing good missionary societies organized at Brookland and Burnt Hill in Arkansas and at Alexandria, Louisiana.

The District Superintendent gave his report which was joyfully received.

Moved and supported that a copy of the District Superintendent's spiritual report be furnished to the Wayside Pulpit and to the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate for publication, also that if we have printed minutes of this Assembly that the report become a part of the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA DISTRICT AND ALL CONCERNED:

Being recalled to the pastorate of the Jonesboro church for the fourth year, I accepted it, the Assembly year beginning July 20, 1930. Later I was clearly led into the field to do Home Missionary work and tendered my resignation to take effect the first of October. Even before leaving the pastorate I spent much of the time in this line of work. We have not accomplished all we desired, but we give praise to the Lord for the three organized churches he has helped us dig out for His glory. Most of our

labors have hinged around these new works. We have held three revivals during the year in connection with each of the three churches. The major part of five months was spent in connection with our church in Alexandria.

Our work has been for the most part pioneer. We have gone out not knowing where we were going, but with the assurance that God was leading and that He would never forsake His trusting children. The Lord has been our stay. We have had no props for our faith. We have gone by faith and the Lord has not failed us. The God of Abraham has been our God. We have faced new and more complicated problems, we have learned new lessons. We are becoming more and more convinced that God's people thrive best amid trials, somber clouds, raging tempests howling demons, and the enemy's for here all failing props are knocked from under them. The year has not been all roses and no thorns, but all our thorns have been adorned with lovely roses casting around us heavenly aromatic fragrance. For the greater part of the year financial conditions have been bad, but for this we have not complained. God has seen us through. We have seen more than three hundred people seek the Lord in our services, and most of this numbr found victory. God be praised for all.

My vision for our beloved Pilgrim band in these two states is enlarging. I see greater things for us if we are true. God is depending on us. We are responsible, inasmuch as lieth in us, for the evangelization of these two states. Absolutely every Pilgrim is responsible. We are not

appointed merely to preach. Spirit-filled helpers, lay members who will live the life, pay, pray, and fight for the right, are in great demand as well as uncompromising preachers. All have a part, a large part, in this new field. It will take all the pulling, pushing, scotching, marching, and fighting that we can do to keep the Gospel wheels rolling. God wants us to expect great things from Him, and undertake great things for Him. The secret of our victory will be the divine illumination, the glory of God in our midst. Without this we would be a number of hypocritical professors which God cannot use. We must steer clear of worldliness of every form if God abides with us. Jesus' coming is near at hand. Let us all do our best to get others ready for His coming.

We tenderly love all the brethren and wish for all of them the greatest success in this great battle. We must all love one another and co-operate in all things if we would see the cause prosper. "Behold how they love one another" should be the observation of all men concerning us.

We wish to express our appreciation for the sacrifice and prayers of all the dear ones who have made this work possible, that is our missionary labors, and may He graciously reward all the faithful ones. We covet an interest in the prayers of all the saints that this year may be the most fruitful of our lives in the service of the Master. Pray for my dear companion who has suffered the loss of home, and sacrificed all to spend her life in this great work.

We are glad to report present victory full and free, and that the

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MINUTES OF ASSEMBLY

(Continued from two weeks ago)

cleansing blood of Christ is our portion.

Your radical brother in Christ.
G. T. BUSTIN.

Moved and supported that we enter into the election of officers at once. Motion carried.

C. C. Elzey and Willie Johnson were appointed tellers.

The Secretary was asked to preside.

The Assembly went to their knees to ask divine guidance in the important work of electing officers. Brother Elzie led us to a throne of grace as the Spirit gave utterance.

Secret ballots were passed to vote for District Superintendent. Rev. G. T. Bustin was elected District Superintendent on the first ballot. Bro. Bustin gave a most touching and humble little speech.

Jason Sherwood was elected on the first secret ballot for assistant District Superintendent. Brother Sherwood accepted in a speech of humility.

H. T. Nutter was elected District Secretary on the first secret ballot.

Willie Johnson was elected District Treasurer on the first secret ballot.

Moved and supported that we elect the other District officers by nomination and then voting by raising the right hand. Motion carried unanimously.

Rev. C. C. Elzey, Rev. C. E. Snow and M. C. Johnson were nominated and unanimously elected for the elective members on the District Council.

Rev. C. C. Elzey was elected to complete the examining board which now is composed of Rev. C. C. Elzie, for three years, G. T. Bustin, two

years and Jason Sherwood one year.

H. T. Nutter was elected on the educational board which now is composed of H. T. Nutter for three years, G. T. Bustin for two years and Jason Sherwood one year.

H. T. Nutter, Willie Johnson, and J. R. Hinchcliffe were reelected as board of trustees.

Rev. G. T. Bustin, Rev. C. C. Elzey and Rev. W. S. Sturdevant were elected on the Home Missionary Board and Rev. Jason Sherwood, Rev. C. E. Snow and Rev. Willie Johnson on the Foreign Missionary Board.

Motion moved and supported that we discuss the value of tithing. Motion carried. Brother J. M. Craft made a wonderful speech on the importance of tithing as God has commanded. G. T. Bustin, Jason Sherwood and others insisted that the church everywhere should tithe.

A motion carried that we recommend that each pastor at least once a month preach on tithing and insist that his members place their tithe in the local church treasury.

Motion to adjourn. All the Assembly knelt around the altar while Brother Sherwood led the closing prayer with special prayer for the healing of Willie Johnson.

Morning Session — Tuesday, Sept. 1,

Prayer by Brother Charles Hickman.

Moved and supported that Rev. W. C. Bowman of the Ohio District and Charles Hickman of Hot Springs be granted seats in the Assembly bar as advisory members. Motion carried.

With Mrs. Eva Johnson at the piano, Rev. Jason Sherwood led the Assembly in singing "Beulah Land."

Rev. Bowman led in a powerful prayer that caused the saints to rejoice.

The congregation joined in singing "Hallelujah, I am Free."

Moved and supported that Rev. W. C. Bowman speak to the Assembly as

long as the Holy Spirit leads him to speak. Motion carried.

Brother Bowman gave a wonderful testimony. He told how he was long a member of the Presbyterian church and how wonderful it was when God saved him, but how much more wonderful when God sanctified him.

Brother Hickman testified to being saved in the Salvation Army.

Roll call.

Minutes of Monday night session read and approved.

Moved and supported that the entire minutes of this Assembly be printed in the Wayside Pulpit from issue to issue until all are printed.

Moved and supported that Rev. J. C. Richey of the Baptist Church be seated within the conference bar as advisory member. Motion carried.

Moved and supported that Brother Richey be granted time as long as he wished to testify for Jesus. Motion carried and Rev. Richey gave a good testimony.

Moved and supported that all the ministers of the District take a special offering at least once every three months for the General Budget and thus stir up the minds of their people for the general church and missions. Motion carried.

Moved and supported that we recommend that Brother Sherwood the chairman of the Foreign Missionary Board, visit or write each pastor quarterly calling attention to the quarterly offering for the general budget. Motion carried.

A motion carried that we hear the report of the committee on resolutions.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED BY THE

ASSEMBLY

1. Inasmuch as God has so marvelously blessed our Camp and Assembly with His presence, power, love, unity of the saints, and the splendid spiritual atmosphere,

Be it resolved that we express our gratitude to God by rising and singing the first verse of hymn 250.

2. Inasmuch as God has favored us again with our great evangelist, Rev. Jack Donovan,

Be it resolved that we show our appreciation of His labor with us, by a rising vote of thanks and by pledging him our prayer and by sending him a copy of these minutes.

3. Inasmuch as the members of the Jonesboro Pilgrim Holiness church and their dear friends cooperated so beautifully with the pastor and his wife by bringing in showers of groceries and good things to eat, thus helping to care for the evangelists and workers during the Camp and Assembly,

Be it resolved that we show gratefulness to these dear ones by a rising vote.

4. Be it resolved that we show our appreciation to all who in any way helped on our tabernacle which made it so pleasant for our Camp and Assembly by a standing vote.

5. Be it resolved that we show our appreciation to our good Jonesboro pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Jason Sherwood, for their faithful service in taking care of the workers during our Camp and Assembly, by rising and singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

6. Inasmuch as Rev. C. C. Elzey has obeyed the Lord and come to the

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ASSEMBLY MINUTES (Continued from Sept. 6)

Arkansas-Louisiana District, Be it resolved that we express our appreciation of same by a rising vote pledging him our prayers and cooperation for his success and that we now ask him to favor us with the song, "I can't feel at home in this World any more."

7. Whereas H. T. Nutter has served both the Jonesboro church and the District as Secretary and Treasurer, Be it resolved that we show our appreciation of him by a standing vote and giving him a hearty hand shake.

8. Whereas, God has favored us again with the efficient work of our District Superintendent, Rev. G. T. Bustin and his good wife whose holy lives and sound counsel we do appreciate, we resolve by standing vote to show our love and we promise them our prayers and cooperation the coming year.

Submitted by,
BESSIE RUDESELL
LAURA BUSTIN.

We recommend that all our preachers and each Pilgrim family secure a copy of our church manual and the minutes of this Assembly and also if possible subscribe for the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate. The recommendation was accepted.

We recommend that all ministers have their reports made out in full before the Assembly convenes. This recommendation was accepted.

A motion carried that we fix the end of the Assembly year to be August 15, 1932.

A motion carried that the Camp meeting begin on the next Thursday

after the 15th day of August 1932 and last over two Sundays and that the Assembly convene at 9 o'clock on Monday morning following the close of the Camp meeting and continue as long as necessary to complete the business of the district.

A motion carried that all churches follow carefully Section 42, paragraphs 1 and 2 at the time of the annual meeting.

Moved and supported that the District Secretary send out the report blanks to the various churches at least one month before the end of the Assembly year. Motion carried.

The District Woman's Missionary officers were reelected for another year as follow:

President, Mrs. Lura Bustin.

Vice President, Mrs. Oliver Rude-sill.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Jason Sherwood.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Willie Johnson.

A motion carried that the District Council select an evangelist for the next Camp meeting as soon as possible. Rev. J. R. Siders of Arcanum, Ohio was recommended.

A motion carried that Rev. Willie Johnson be retained as first year licentiate.

Moved and supported that the statistical committee complete its work after the Assembly and that its report become a part of the minutes. Motion carried.

Moved and supported that the District Council complete any unfinished business of this assembly and that such become a part of the minutes. Motion carried.

A motion carried that we license

Mrs. Lura Bustin as District Deaconess.

As it was 12 o'clock, a motion carried extending the time, as Rev. Charles Hickman desired to be received into the Jonesboro Church. The District Superintendent read the the church covenant and administered the church vows to Charles Hickman and he became a member of the local church and the members of the Assembly gave him the right hand of fellowship as all sang "Amazing Grace."

During the report of the Resolution committee Bro. M. C. Johnson suddenly became very sick and went to the parsonage. The Assembly went to their knees in prayer for his healing and in twenty minutes Bro. Johnson was much better and back at his place in the Assembly.

A motion carried to adjourn until the Assembly next year. Rev. W. C. Bowman closed the Assembly in prayer.

LOCAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Jonesboro Church, Jason Sherwood, pastor offerings: \$1,290.56; Gifts: \$334.97; Pledges paid: \$195; For Evangelists: \$9.00; Miscellaneous: \$75.54; District Superintendent: \$137.50; Camp Meeting: \$11.50; Home Missions: \$59.25; On Gen. Church Budgett: \$22.36; Special interests: \$10.65; Total Income: \$2,310.33.

Paid Pastor Cash: \$940; Rents: \$110; Evangelist: \$9; Paid on property: \$433.66; Miscellaneous: \$527.07; Paid District Supt.: \$137.50; Camp Meeting: \$11.50; Home Missions: \$59.25; Paid Gen. Church Budgett: \$22.36; Special Interest: \$10.65; Cash on hand: \$49.34; Total expenditures: \$2,260.99. Value of church property: \$3,500; Total debts: \$500.

Burnt Hill Church, Jason Sherwood, Pastor, offerings: \$36.11; Evangelists: \$14; Total income: \$50.11.

Paid pastor cash: \$7.11; Evangelists: \$14; Miscellaneous: \$29; Total

paid out: \$50.11.

Brookland Church, Herbert Mitchell pastor. No reports. Value of property: \$750; Amount owing: \$140.

Alexandria, La., Church, W. S. Sturdevant, pastor. Total receipts in five weeks \$42.50.

Young People's Society Report

Jonesboro Church, Willie Johnson, president. Preaching services: 35; Prayer Meetings: 39; Visits to members: 20; Visits to others: 26; Number souls dealt with: 27; Pieces literature distributed: 298; Souls seeking pardon: 6; Sanctification: 3; Active members: 28; Associate members: 13; Honorary members: 9; Offerings: \$14.95; Paid for flowers: \$7.50; Paid into church treasury: \$7.45.

Brookland Church. Preaching services: 48; Prayer meeting: 46; Souls dealt with: 25; Pieces literature distributed: 50; Souls seeking pardon: 20; Sanctification: 15; Active members: 13; Associate members: 6; Honorary members: 4.

Alexandria, La., Church. Preaching services: 20; Prayer Meetings: 16; Visits to members: 49; Visits to others: 20; Souls dealt with: 50; Pieces literature distributed: 90; Souls seeking pardon: 25; Active members: 11; Associate: 11; Honorary: 20.

Annual Missionary Report

Jonesboro Church: Mrs. Anna Sherwood, president. Members on roll: 25; Average attendance: 11; Number meetings or Services: 48; Number visits made: 751; Money received: \$108.61; Paid out: \$106.09. On hand: \$2.52; Charity: \$81.05.

Brookland Church: Mrs. Alice Nelms, president. On roll: 10; Average attendance: 5; Number meetings or services: 12; Visits made: 4; Money received: \$8.20; Paid out: \$7.38; Balance on hand: 82 cents.

Alexandria, La. church: Mrs. W. S. Sturdevant, president; On roll: 19; Average attendance: 9; Meetings or services: 14; Visits made: 129; Money received: \$27; Paid out: \$25.48; on hand \$1.52.

Burnt Hill: Mrs. Ola Stalcup, president; organized with 15 members.

MINISTERS

**NAME AND
LOCATION OF
MINISTERS**

Regular Church Services
Prayer Services
Other Services
Times Preached
Visits to members
Visits non-members
Homes prayed in
Number of souls dealt with
Revivals in P. H. C.
In other churches

G. T. Bustin, Supt.	9	2	8	322	175	20	100	320	5	10
Alexandria, La., W. S. Sturdevant	26	16	3	10	50	20	35		1	
Brookland, Ark., Herbert Mitchell	66	33	0	86	126		50			
Burnt Hill, Ark., Jason Sherwood	8	3	2	8	7		7	17		
Jonesboro, Ark., Jason Sherwood	92	46	33	77	154	26	150	103		
Willie Johnson	33	3	4	35	14		11	27		1

Totals	234	103	85	538	526	46	353	467	6	11
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SUNDAY SCHO

SCHOOL

STATISTICAL

Number of sessions
Number of Classes
Number of Teachers
and Officers
Enrollment
Average attendance
Regular offerings
Birthday offerings

Alexandria, La.	H. M. French, Supt.	4	7	33	40	\$ 15.65	
Brookland, Ark.,	A. C. Adams, Supt.	51	4	30	40	25.50	
Burnt Hill, Ark.,	Mr. Perry, Supt.	29	4	50	60	8.40	
Jonesboro, Ark.,	W. T. Purtee, Supt.	56	8	120	88	99.96	10.70
Total		136	20	30	233	\$149.51	\$10.70

REPORT

Number regenerations	200	63	13	20	7	yes	yes	yes	yes	\$ 772	00	\$ 40.00	\$ 812.00
Number Sanctifications	5	2	6	18	2	yes	yes	yes	yes	40	00	2.50	42.50
Baptisms	28	9	12	12	1	yes	yes	yes	yes	40	00	20.00	60.00
Number prayed with for healing	12	3	6	11	1	yes	yes	yes	yes	7	11	7.11	7.11
Subscriptions to Advocate	76	29	7	11	15	yes	yes	yes	yes	715	00	68.23	783.23
Do you tithe?	140	7	17	17	3	yes	yes	yes	yes	24	20	1.50	25.70
To P. H. Church?													
Subscriber to Advocate?													
Total cash support										\$1598	31	\$132.23	\$1730.54
Other support													
Total													

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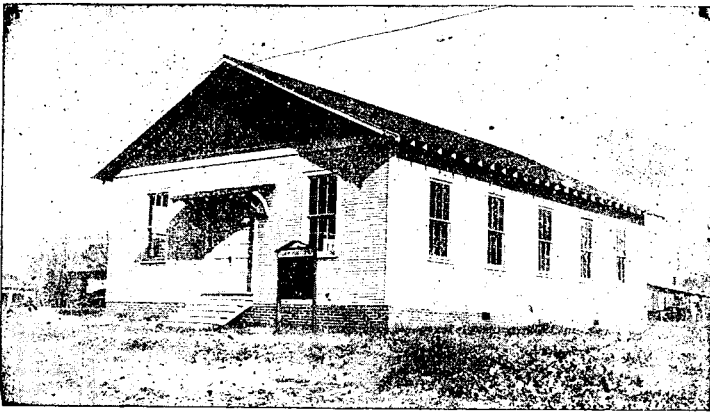
Special Offerings	20.00	15.65	6.37	12.87
	49.17	37.50	7.69	10.69
		8.40	8.30	8.30
		119.83	36.10	77.67
Total	\$69.17	\$171.38	\$58.46	\$109.53
FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE:				
S. S. Lit.				
Missions				
Special				
Total				

Wayside Pulpit

PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH

214 NORTH BRIDGE STREET

Sunday, September 6, 1931



THE CHURCH THAT GIVES A FRIENDLY
WELCOME TO ALL

JASON SHERWOOD, PASTOR
REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday School, 9:30. W. T. Purtee, Superintendent.

Song and Praise Service, 10:30.

Preaching at Eleven.

Young People's Society, 6:45, Willie Johnson, President.

Preaching at Seven Thirty.

Young People's Cottage Prayer Meeting, Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.

Mid-week prayer service at church 7:30 P. M. Thursday.

Woman's Missionary Society, Friday afternoon, beginning at
one o'clock, Mrs. Lura Bustin, President.