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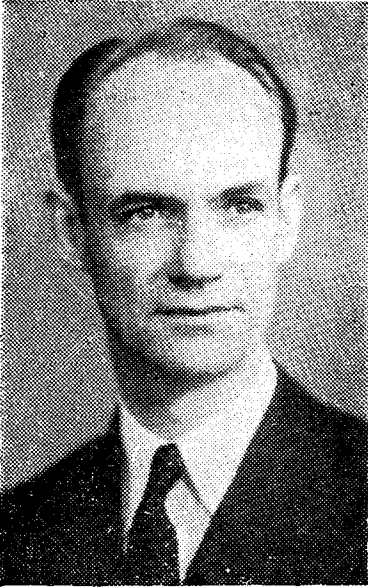
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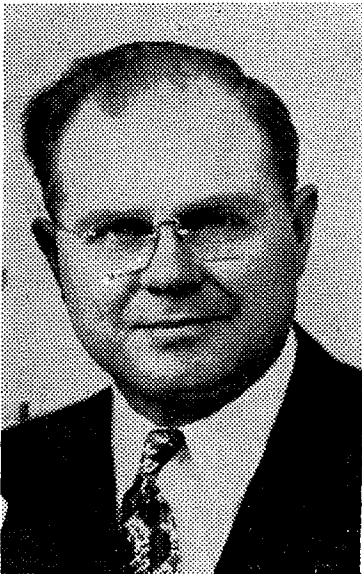
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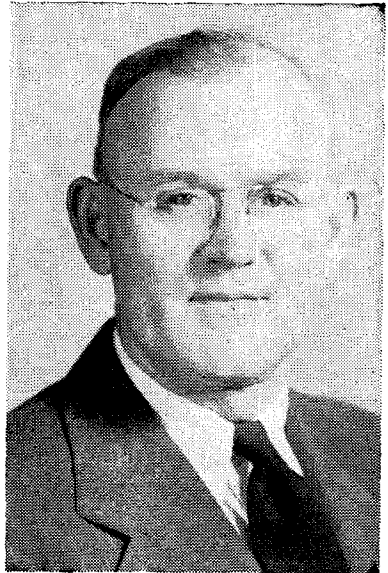
REV. J. C. WILLIAMS
District Superintendent



REV. LEE RATHBUN
District Secretary



REV. A. T. ADAMS
District Treasurer



REV. S. P. CREECH
Councilman

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, 1331 Grein Ave., Lake Charles, Louisiana
- District Secretary Rev. Lee Rathbun, 125 Eighth St., Oakdale, Louisiana
- District Treasurer Rev. A. T. Adams, P. O. Box 17, Simms, Louisiana
- Councilman Rev. S. P. Creech, 5923 Lexington Ave., Shreveport, Louisiana
Mailing Address, Box 535, Cedar Grove Station, Shreveport, Louisiana
- Trustees Rev. S. P. Creech—three years
Rev. J. C. Williams—two years
Rev. A. T. Adams—-one year

ORDAINED MINISTERS

- Adams, A. T. Box 17, Simms, La.
- Adams, Mrs. A. T. Box 17, Simms, La.
- Creech, S. P. Pho. 75181, 5923 Lexington Ave., Shreveport, La.
- Hooter, J. M. Pineville, La.
- McCord, R. S. Pho. 752W, 801 Ave. G, Bogalusa, La.
- Rathbun, Lee 125 Eighth St., Oakdale, La.
- Rathbun, Mabel 125 Eighth St., Oakdale, La.
- Stewart, L. C. Box 56, Pineville, La.
- Williams, J. C. 1331 Grein Ave., Lake Charles, La.
- York, Ed. Jamestown, Tenn.

LICENSED MINISTERS

- Carr, George W. (Second Year) Box 524, Pineville, La.
- Carruth, W. A. (Second Year) Pineville, La.
- Beatty, J. J. (First Year) Box 533, Carruthersville, Mo.
- Cheveallier, J. C. (First Year) 2244 Cable St., Baton Rouge, La.
- Hollingsworth, Lee (First Year) R. R. 1, Pollock, La.

DEACONESSES

- McCord, Mrs. R. S. (Ordained) 801 Ave. G, Bogalusa, La.
- Boyette, Mrs. John E. (First Year) Pineville, La.
- Cheveallier, Mrs. J. C. (First Year) 2244 Cable St., Baton Rouge, La.
- Williams, Mrs. J. C. (First Year) 1331 Grein Ave., Lake Charles, La.

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- Rev. J. C. Williams Term Three Years
- Rev. S. P. Creech Term Two Years
- Rev. R. S. McCord Term One Year

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- Rev. A. T. Adams Term Three Years
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- Rev. Mrs. A. T. Adams Term One Year

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Statistician	Mrs. R. S. McCord
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Editing	Mrs. R. S. McCord
Reception	Rev. Wallace Carruth
District Sunday School Secretary	Rev. J. C. Cheveallier
District Young People's President	Rev. Mabel Rathbun

DELEGATES

Baton Rouge	Jesse Beatty
Bogalusa	
Kingsville	Gracie Carr
Lake Charles	Ada Frahan
Oakdale	
Pineville	Edna Allen
Shreveport	Arletta Pack
Simms	H. D. Howard

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Baton Rouge	Rev. J. C. Cheveallier
Bogalusa	Rev. R. S. McCord
Kingsville	Rev. George Carr
Lake Charles	Rev. J. C. Williams
Oakdale	Rev. and Mrs. Lee Rathbun
Pineville	Rev. L. C. Stewart
Shreveport	Rev. S. P. Creech
Simms	Rev. A. T. Adams

Official Proceedings

The first annual meeting of the Louisiana District, after the division of the District which was formerly known as the "Gulf States District", but was divided into the Alabama, and Louisiana Districts, met Wednesday July 13, 1949, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., with Bro. J. C. Williams, the District Superintendent, in charge of the devotionals. Brother Joseph Uhrig, our general field representative for home missions, was asked to take charge of the song service. After singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", Bro. S. P. Creech, Pastor of the Shreveport Church, was asked to lead in prayer. We next sang the song, "He Brought Me Out of the Miry Clay"; after which Bro. Uhrig sang as a special number, "Jesus has Lifted Me." Testimonies were given by Bro. S. P. Creech and Rev. Wallace Carruth, after which Bro. Williams presented Bro. R. A. Beltz, the general secretary of home missions, who gave us a fine address. The theme of his message was "Facing our Problems and Solving Them." Following the address, Rev. S. M. Stikeleather, General Secretary, offered prayer.

The District Secretary called the roll.

The District Council was asked to send a Memorial to the general headquarters. The first three rows of seats across the church was appointed as the conference bar.

The reception committee presented Rev. S. M. Stikeleather to our conference and he was given a seat on the platform.

Bro. Joseph Uhrig was given an honorary seat with in our conference bar.

Bro. L. C. Stewart, new pastor of the Pineville Church, was given a seat in the conference bar.

The afternoon session was appointed to be at 2:00 o'clock.

The District Superintendent's report was read and accepted.

Sisters' Frahan and Morgan were introduced to the conference.

Statistician's report was read and accepted.

The auditing committee reported that the books were correct.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The young people's report was given verbally by the young people's President, Mrs. Mabel Rathbun. She was asked to give a written report to the district secretary.

The district Sunday School Secretary, Rev. J. C. Cheveallier, gave a verbal report of the past year's work. He was also asked to give the district secretary a written report.

The report of the ways and means was read, amended and accepted.

We were recessed for lunch.

The devotionals for the afternoon session were conducted by Rev. Joseph Uhrig.

As a special he sang his father's favorite: "When I get to the End of the Way;" after which he gave us a very inspirational and uplifting address. The theme of his address was "Being faithful to the end."

At the close of this address we entered into the business session with renewed vigor.

The resolutions committee's report was read and accepted.

The secretary was instructed to send a letter of thanks to the six floral shop for their beautiful bouquets of flowers that each presented to the conference.

Brother Stikeleather was given time to explain the Ministerial Benefit Plan to the conference.

Motion was made, seconded, and ratified that the district council work out plans for the 1950 district Camp of the Louisiana District.

Rev. S. P. Creech was elected 4th member of council.

The council was asked to draft a memorial to be sent to headquarters.

Since the general conference meets before our next annual conference, it became necessary to name the delegates to the general conference. By virtue of their offices: Rev.s' J. C. Williams, Lee Rathbun, and A. T. Adams are members. Rev. Mrs. A. T. Adams was chosen as the other Ministerial Delegate. Sr. Sidney Long was chosen as Lay-delegate. Alternate B. F. Garlington. Rev. L. C. Stewart was chosen as the alternate Ministerial delegate.

We were dismissed in prayer by Brother Stikeleather.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

In the words of St. Paul, let us go forward. The odds are against us unless we trust in the Lord. Through Him we can do all things. Like Nehemiah we must pray even if it takes four months. The answer will come. Patience is our chief asset for by patience we possess our soul.

We certainly need a forward move on in our churches in the state of Louisiana. We have new fields waiting for us to go into; new projects to be developed; and established churches that need to be strengthened. What shall we do with these needs? Some say that there is a depression coming. Shall we turn from the Word of God and deny Him and His promises? He declared He would supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory. Let us press forward this year to gain more territory for the Master. God whispered to His servant Joshua, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given you, as I said unto Moses." Let us defeat every obstacle, vanquish every foe, and unite every effort to accomplish the will of the Father for the Pilgrim Holiness Church in the state of Louisiana.

Our churches as a whole have made some decisive gains this year. The church at Baton Rouge under divine guidance, and the able leadership of the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Cheveallier, is the most outstanding one. These workers led the field in making calls, having made 1287. They have made a marked gain in the department of the Sunday School, and an increase of nine in the church membership. The dear Lord has given them some real good revivals. They have installed a nice large fan, and have done some needed redecorating on the building. There are brighter days ahead for the church at Baton Rouge.

The church at Simms has had a good year. They have a splendid gain in finances, a gain in church membership, and a gain of five in Sunday School in spite of the fact that several families moved away. They have made some real improvements on the church and parsonage. Now they have new screen on their windows, and they have purchased a new power mowing machine. The Adams have done a good work at Simms. They ranked second in calling, having made 1079 calls.

The Shreveport church made a gain this year along every line: an increase in the Sunday School attendance, new church members, and a splendid increase in finances. They are meeting the needs of the pastor and standing by the work of the district. They have done a lot of redecorating, and at this time they are finishing the building of some new Sunday School rooms. This is being paid for as they go, and most of the work is being done by the pastor and the members and friends of the church, some of them not even saved. God bless this church for their forward movement, and may He continue to let His grace and mercy rest upon the good pastor and his wife, Bro. and Sr. Creech, and his loyal people is our prayer. We can rest assured that the church at Shreveport will 'go places' this year by God's help.

Our new work at Kingsville under the direction of Bro. Carr has progressed this year. This is an unorganized work. We notice that they have an average of sixteen in Sunday School this year. They have a splendid report on finances; the most that they raised went to redecorate their building. God has blessed Bro. Carr at Kingsville and he is determined to see greater things accomplished this coming year.

Pineville had a good year though there has been no gain. Several families have moved away, and some dropped from the roll. They had a good year financially; also they have had a change of pastors, the Rev. L. C. Stewart from Ohio, taking the pastorate.

The Rathbuns have done a splendid piece of work at Oakdale. They have a fine new church almost finished, and they have a Sunday School of around fifty. We can rest assured that the Rathbuns will be on the job this coming year and we look forward to their doing things for the Lord. They have worked untiringly on the building being assisted some by the ministers of the district.

The work in Lake Charles started last spring under the preaching and singing of Bro. and Sr. Beltz assisted by Miss Ward from Indianapolis, Indiana. This meeting proved to be a success in spite of the weather conditions. We now have a nice parsonage, and a church site and the plans for a brick church. We organized in May with Bro. R. W. Wolfe presiding. We have a Sunday School of over forty. The prospects look good for Lake Charles, with Bro. and Sr. Williams at the helm.

Bogalusa made a small gain this year. They have a new attic fan and they have done some interior decorating. The McCords are carrying on there. There is a future for this work in Bogalusa; we covet your prayers that God will bless this work.

I have preached 150 times, held three revivals, traveled several thousand miles in the interest of the district, pastored a church, helped to get two works started, held two council meetings, attended three district rallies, and held four board meetings. This has been a good year in the Lord. We appreciate working with the Louisiana brethren, and should Jesus tarry we are looking for a better year in 1949-1950.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Williams

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 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 \$1.25 per member per year to be applied on General Conference expense not later than May 1, 1950.
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 expenses 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 a camp meeting fund be created, same to be held in reserve by the District Treasurer for this purpose.
11. We recommend that five per cent of the District Budget be paid to our zone Bible School.
12. 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.
13. 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 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Resolved that on the last Friday of each quarter a district meeting be held at one of our churches, eventually visiting each church.
5. Resolved that each church give a pounding for the pastor the first prayer meeting of each month.
6. Resolved that minister's license shall not be granted to anyone who does not tithe to the Pilgrim Holiness Church.
7. Resolved that the churches pay their pastors while attending camp and conference the same as if they were on their charge.
8. 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.
9. Resolved that all register who come to camp.
10. Resolved that all persons attending the camp bring their own bed linens.
11. Resolved that since our conference is not large it be conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday after the first Sunday of the camp.
12. Resolved that each pastor be given a vacation of two weeks each year with pay.
13. Resolved that the conference show our appreciation to our District

Superintendent, Rev. J. C. Williams, by a rising vote of thanks and a "God bless you."

14. Resolved that we as a conference show our General Secretary of Home Missions, Rev. R. A. Beitz, that we appreciate his presence with us, and that we pledge our utmost loyalty to him by a rising vote of thanks and a "God bless you."
15. Resolved that we as a conference show our appreciation to Rev. S. M. Stikeleather, General Secretary, for his presence in our midst, and so manifest by a rising vote of thanks.

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 1948 — June 10, 1949

Ministerial Tithe		
Receipts		\$727.59
Expenditures		345.32
Balance		382.27
District Budget		
Balance brought forward		89.16
Receipts		267.79
Total		356.95
Expenditures		171.26
Balance		185.69
District Home Missions		
Receipts		4657.49
Expenditures		5170.23
Deficit		512.74
General Home Missions		
Receipts		117.74
Disbursements		117.74
Bible School		
Receipts (5% of Dist. Budgets)		16.36
Disbursements		16.36
Camp Meeting		
Receipts		268.37
Disbursements		321.40
Deficit		53.03
Pension		
Receipts		284.90
Disbursements		199.20
Balance		85.70
Young People's Society		
Receipts		70.92
Disbursements		56.48
Balance		14.44

General Sunday School	
Receipts	27.45
Disbursements	27.45
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Foreign Missions	
Receipts	13.88
Disbursements	13.88
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Incidentals	
Receipts	101.25
Disbursements	100.00
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Balance	1.25
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Grand Total	
Balance brought forward	89.16
Receipts	6536.38
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Total	6626.54
Disbursements	6539.32
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Balance	87.24

Respectfully Submitted,
A. T. Adams, District Treasurer

YOUNG PEOPLE'S REPORT

The young people of the Louisiana district had three Youth Rallies this year. The first one was held at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where Bro. J. C. Cheveallier is pastor. Every church in the district was represented. A well planned program was given. God came on the scene and blessed our hearts together.

Our next Rally was in Pineville, Louisiana, where Bro. J. C. Williams was pastor. This Rally was a real spiritual feast. Bro. P. F. Elliott, Pilgrim Youth and Sunday Schools Secretary, was with us. His inspiring messages gave us a new vision and a determination to go forward.

The last Rally was at Shreveport, Louisiana, where Bro. S. P. Creech is pastor. Everything was ready for our coming. The church was in the midst of a revival. God surely blessed our hearts, and we left feeling "Behold, how blessed and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity!"

Rev. Mabel Rathbun, President

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PASTOR'S REPORT	Sermons	Prayer Services	Total Calls	Revivals in Local Church	Revivals Elsewhere	Total Seekers	Dealt with in Personal Work	Prayed with for Healing	Baptized	Communion Services	Marriages	Funerals	Cash Support	Donations and Gifts	Total Support	Parsonage Supplies	Time on Charge
J. C. Cheveallier	92	38	1287	2		38	11	16	6	11		2	547.05	100.00	647.05	yes	1 yr.
R. S. McCord	35	34	530	2		17		4					297.63	45.28	342.91	yes	4 yr. 4 mo.
George W. Carr	72	40	973	1		3	25	30					66.03	2.00	68.03	no	9½ mo.
J. C. Williams	155	38	750	5	3	50	30	20		2		2	2200.00	150.00	2350.00	yes	2 yr.
L. C. Stewart	7	5	67		3	1		3			2		200.00		200.00	yes	1 mo.
S. P. Creech	100	53	709	3	1	58	20	79		2		2	1550.00	30.00	1580.00	yes	3 yr. 5 mo.
A. T. Adams	116	43	1079	1	3	128	36	23		1	1	3	1198.08	32.00	1230.08	yes	11 mo.
Totals	627	251	5386	14	10	295	122	175	6	16	3	9	6058.79	359.28	6418.07		12 yr. 6½ mo.

UNSTATIONED MINISTERS' and DEACONESSES' REPORT	Sermons	Services Conducted	Revivals	Seekers	Calls	Homes Prayed In	Prayed with for Healing	Tithe to P. H. Church	Ordained	Support	Children Dedicated	Marriages	Funerals
Rev. and Mrs. Lee Rathbun	52	14	3	70	400		27	yes	yes	600.00	11	1	1
Mrs. J. C. Williams		46			150	100		yes	no				
Mrs. R. S. McCord		18			315	50		yes	yes				
Totals	52	78	3	70	865	150	27			600.00	11	1	1

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY REPORT	Statistical						Financial						
	Membership Last Report	Average Attendance Last Report	Present Membership	Present Average Attendance	Net Gain	Number Meetings Held	Cash Brought Forward	Offerings	Total Receipts	Transferred To Church Treasury	Miscellaneous	Total Expenditures	Cash on Hand
Baton Rouge			19	18	18	12		18.73	18.73	7.78	6.23	14.01	4.72
Bogalusa													
Kingsville													
Lake Charles													
Pineville													
Shreveport			23	15	15	52		109.00	109.00	109.00		109.00	.00
Simms	60	65	20	15	-50	40		26.82	26.82		23.21	23.21	3.61
Totals	60	65	62	48	-17	104		154.55	154.55	116.78	29.44	146.22	8.33

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CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORT	Members Last Report	Total Removals	Additions	Present Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Local Ministers	Deaconesses	Gain	No. Preaching Services	Church Prayer Services	All Other Services	Total Services	Subscribers to "P. H. Advocate"
	Baton Rouge	2		9	11		1		1	9	148	52	46	246
Bogalusa	7			7	1	1		1		104	43	27	174	4
Kingsville										82	42		124	1
Lake Charles			7	7	1			1	7	20		8	28	2
Pineville	83	7		79	1	1	1		-7	134	52	15	201	24
Shreveport	19		4	23	1	1			4	106	53		159	15
Simms	54	2	3	55	4		1		1	74	45		119	12
Totals	168	9	23	182	8	3	2	3	14	668	287	96	1051	60

SUNDAY SCHOOL
STATISTICAL
REPORT

	Enrollment Last Report	Average Attendance Last Report	Present Enrollment	Average Attendance	Net Gain	Teachers and Officers	Sessions	Cash Forward	Regular Offerings	Birthday Offerings	Special Offerings	Total Receipts	Literature	Equipment	Transferred to Church Treasury	Miscellaneous	Total Expenditures	Cash on Hand
Baton Rouge	30	15	64	45	30	4	48		185.68	6.00		191.68	23.00		168.68		191.68	.00
Bogalusa	33	17	39	21	4	6	48	2.12	95.70	3.84	1.00	102.66	20.07	17.68	7.42	46.15	91.32	11.34
Kingsville			18	16	16	4	42		45.96			45.96			45.96		45.96	.00
Lake Charles																		
Pineville	180	98	160	92	-6	7	48	.00	396.89	25.96	55.00	477.85	83.83		80.96	235.06	399.85	78.00
Shreveport	98	53	98	61	8	7	48	.00	277.31	18.11		295.42	80.29		180.93	34.20	295.42	.00
Simms	100	52	82	57	5	9	48	.00	152.92	12.96	10.63	176.51	92.83		41.43	36.82	171.08	5.43
Totals	441	235	461	292	57	37	282	2.12	1154.46	66.87	66.63	1290.08	300.02	17.68	525.38	352.23	1195.31	94.77

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CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT	Cash Forward	Regular Offerings	Special Offering	Building Fund	Total Receipts	Transferred from Sunday School	Transferred from Young People's Society	Grand Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Rents	Interests	Improvements	Local Indebtedness
Baton Rouge		577.98	124.12		702.10	168.68	7.78	878.56	547.05			46.24	
Bogalusa	25.10	302.04	214.21		541.35	7.42		548.77	297.63			44.29	
Kingsville		356.40	140.96	160.00	657.36	45.96		703.32	66.03	39.13		427.91	
Lake Charles		217.85	2568.52		2786.37			2786.37	200.00				2400.68
Pineville	260.00	2248.00	1879.00		4387.00	80.96		4467.96	2200.00		31.00	256.29	901.30
Shreveport	58.59	1669.73	329.90	432.39	2490.61	180.93		2671.54	1550.00				
Simms		1910.41	370.56		2280.97	41.43	17.41	2339.81	1198.08			197.70	
TOTALS	343.69	7282.41	5627.27	592.39	13845.76	525.38	25.19	14396.33	6058.79	39.13	31.00	972.43	3301.96

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Report Continued	Evangelists	Superintendent	Tithe	District Budget	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Sunday School Extension	Miscellaneous	Total Expenditures	Cash on Hand	Church Value	Parsonage Value	Debt	Equity
Baton Rouge ..	124.12		54.75			7.78		98.62	878.56	.00 *	7000.00			7000.00
Bogalusa	131.16	3.00		18.96	7.00	14.40	3.58	12.35	532.37	16.40 *	3500.00			3500.00
Kingsville	150.48							19.77	703.32	.00				
Lake Charles ..	125.00								2725.66	60.71 *	13512.00		9982.16	3529.84
Pineville	418.00	10.00	79.00			70.84	10.12	304.99	4281.54	186.42	12000.00	4200.00	1298.70	14901.30
Shreveport	329.90	68.79				21.87		243.15	2213.71	457.83	5000.00	2000.00		7000.00
Simms	219.52	3.89	163.00	142.36	6.88	18.69	10.63	329.93	2290.68	49.13	4500.00	4000.00		8500.00
TOTALS	1498.18	85.68	296.75	161.32	13.88	133.58	24.33	1008.81	13625.84	770.49	45512.00	10200.00	11280.86	44,431.14