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ORDAINED MINISTERS

Howell, E. O.....	740 Lakeview Street,	Pineville, La.
Howell, Mrs. E. O.....	740 Lakeview Street,	Pineville, La.
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Rathbun, Lee.....	923 College Drive,	Pineville, La.
Rathbun, Mrs. M.....	923 College Drive,	Pineville, La.
Sturdevant, W. S.....	5923 Lexington Ave.,	Shreveport, La.
Wolfe, R. W.....	1609 N. Delaware Street,	Indianapolis, Ind.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Abla, John.....	De Ridder,	La.
Brown, Mary.....	740 Lakeview Street,	Pineville, La.
Gatlin, Luella.....		Alexandria, La.
Wilcox, H. A.....	2244 Cable St.,	Baton Rouge, La.

CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS

Baton Rouge.....	H. A. Wilcox	
Bogalusa.....	S. Sanchez	
Pineville.....	E. O. Howell	
Shreveport.....	W. S. Sturdevant	

GENERAL PROCEEDINGS

The Second Assembly of the Louisiana-Mississippi District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church convened at Pineville, La., September 1, 1941, at 9:15 a. m. with Rev. W. E. Honeycutt officiating. The songs, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" and "He's Coming Again," were sung, after which Rev. G. A. McVey and Rev. W. F. Drown led in prayer.

The minutes of the last assembly were read and the assembly bar established after which the roll was called. Rev. Drown was introduced to the assembly and after hearing his testimony he was granted a seat within the assembly bar. Sister Beech was appointed delegate of the Alexandria church. The Shreveport church was received into the district with Brother Sturdevant receiving due credit. The district superintendent's report was read and accepted.

Inasmuch as the district treasurer was unable to be here it was voted that the district council receive his report.

It was requested that the secretary be instructed to write the office for a number of copies of the pamphlet containing the covenant and other information to acquaint people with our church.

Recessed while the committees worked on their reports.

SECOND SITTING

The second session convened at 1:00 p. m. The Ways and Means Committee report was accepted. The Resolution's Committee report was read and accepted.

Rev. M. Rathbun was elected ministerial delegate to the general assembly with W. S. Sturdevant as alternate. Clyde Stafford was elected lay delegate with Mrs. Effie Beech as alternate.

Inasmuch as the church was moved from Alexandria to Pineville, it was voted that the name be changed to the Pineville Church.

Committees for the following year were appointed.

Renewal of credentials was granted by the assembly for the ensuing year.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved, That each member of the district be assessed one dollar to help defray the expenses of the delegates to the general assembly; this to be sent to the district treasurer not later than May 11, 1942.

2. Resolved, That our ministerial convention be held March 3-5.

3. Resolved, That the secretary write a letter of appreciation to J. D. Hooter for securing tent for our camp meeting.

4. Resolved, That one hundred copies of the minutes be printed and sold for fifteen cents a copy.

5. In this day of worldliness let all of our ministers take a more definite stand against permanents, anklets, short sleeves and similar apparel.

WAYS AND MEANS

1. We recommend that all ordained and licensed ministers pay their ministerial tithe into the district budget.
2. We recommend that the birthday offerings be paid to the Bible school.
3. We recommend that each church set apart one service each month to be known as the World-Wide Gospel Service, at which time an offering is to be taken, after present the various departments of the district and general work. The offering is to be prorated as follows: General interests 60% and District interests 40%.
4. We recommend that the District Superintendent's traveling expenses, while traveling in the interests of the District, be paid from the District budget, also postage, telegrams and telephone calls.
5. We recommend that on each quarterly visit of the superintendent each church take an offering to help defray expenses, same to be credited to the churches district budget.
6. We recommend that each church and minister send monies to district treasurer the first of each month.
7. We recommend that each church hold one service each quarter in the interests of our district camp. An offering is to be taken and money sent to district treasurer.

CHURCH REPORTS

BATON ROUGE: Pastor, M. H. Russell and wife. Sermons preached 101, church services conducted 139, song services conducted 131, pastoral calls 171. Total support \$207.14.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total receipts \$395.92. Expenditures: Pastor's support \$467.14, evangelist support \$93.64, paid on indebtedness \$50, incidentals \$66.66, Bible School \$4.02, foreign missions \$14.46. No cash on hand.

STATISTICAL REPORT: Membership last report 19, transferred by letter 2, number deaths 1, total removal 3, additions by profession of faith 3, present membership 19, ordained ministers 2, local preachers 1, members in full standing 19, members of voting age 17, number of tithers 7, number of preaching services 129, number of prayer services 82, total number of services 211.

Sunday School: Total enrollment 35, average weekly attendance 30, number of sessions 52, regular offerings \$38.01, birthday offerings \$2.46, total receipts \$40.47, literature \$27.43, foreign missions \$9.34. Cash on hand \$5.70.

Church valued at \$1,500 and parsonage \$500.

BOGALUSA, La.: Pastor, S'las Sanchez. Sermons 94, church services 135, preaching services 151, song services 73, pastoral calls with prayer 163, without prayer 261, total calls 242, seeking regeneration on charge 3, revivals elsewhere 2, funerals 3. Do you tithe? Yes. Cash support \$259.73, donations \$85.28, total \$345.01.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total receipts \$646.77. Expenditures: Pastor's support \$345.01, evangelists \$50.33, interest \$2.50, paid on

indebtedness \$149.41, incidentals \$48.82. Total local expenditures \$596.12. Tithe to superintendent \$38.63, district superintendent travel expense \$2.55, Rescue home 50c. Total district expenditures \$43.68. General expenditures \$6.97.

STATISTICAL REPORT: Members last report 12, present membership 12, number tithers 3, preaching services 151, prayer services 62, all other services 10.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT: Total enrollment 25, average weekly attendance 13, number sessions 52, regular offerings 11.96, birthday offerings 1.38. Total receipts 13.34. Expenditures: Literature 8.38. On hand 4.96.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY: Number services 40, average attendance 7. Total receipts \$1.93. Expenditures \$1.41. On hand 52c.

PINEVILLE, LA.: Pastor, M. Rathbun. Sermons preached 215, church services conducted 225, pastoral calls 200, revivals in local church 2, seeking regeneration on charge 15, seeking sanctification on charge 6, revivals in other P. H. churches 1, revivals elsewhere 2, seeking regeneration off charge 30, seeking sanctification off charge 15, miles traveled 4,250, prayed with for healing 52, marriages 1, children dedicated 1. Do you tithe? Yes. Cash support \$510. Donations \$20. Total \$530.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Cash forwarded \$10.53, by church \$4,216.48, total \$4,227.01, pastor's support \$510, evangelist support \$110.30, incidentals \$144.02, erecting new building, paid out \$3,452.16.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT: Total enrollment 52, average weekly attendance 47, average weekly attendance last report 40, regular offerings \$48.52, birthday offerings \$5.35. Total 53.90.

STATISTICAL REPORT: Membership last report 31, additions 9, total 40.

SHREVEPORT, LA.: Pastor, W. S. Sturdevant. Sermons 195, church services 35, preaching services conducted 231, song services 184, revivals in local church 2, revivals in other P. H. churches 2, Advocate subscriptions 11. Total support \$51.06. W. E. Honeycutt. Sermons 41, church services 88, pastoral calls 150. Cash support \$39.44. Donations \$27. Total \$66.44.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Receipts \$121.13. Expenditures: Pastor's support \$66.44, evangelist \$40, camp meeting fund \$1.72, Bible school \$2.90, Rescue Home \$1.90, home missions \$3.36, foreign missions \$3. Balance on hand \$1.81.

STATISTICAL REPORT: Members last report 12, present membership 12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT: Brought forward \$5.95, regular offerings \$27.08, birthday offerings \$2.49, foreign missions \$4.50. Total receipts \$40.03. Expenditures: Literature \$7.79, transferred to church treasurer, foreign missions \$17.05, camp meeting \$1.72, all other purposes \$2.49. Total expenditures \$29.05. Cash on hand \$10.98.

UNSTATIONED MINISTERS REPORTS

G. A. McVey—sermons preached 300, calls 150, total seekers 400, miles traveled 1,400, prayed with for healing 100, baptisms 64, funerals 28, support \$300.

Lee Rathbun—Sermons 21, preaching services conducted 21, song service 100, prayed with for healing 4, baptized 9, calls 100.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Pineville, La.,

August 28, 1941.

To the Second Annual Assembly of the P. H. Church of the La.-Miss. District—Greetings:

We are glad to report that God has brought us safely through another year with good victory. The battle many times has been far from easy and sailing everything except smooth, but through it all we have been conscious of the ever guiding hand of God.

This has been a strenuous year in many respects, with so many souls lost, and so few to save them. We have been compelled to work under great handicap, for want of funds and equipment in which to reach out and advance on the strong holds of the enemy. Still we have been enabled to make some progress. Our pastors and people have for the most part done about all that was possible to be done under the circumstances in which they have had to work.

During the year each of the churches has had at least two revivals. The church at Bogalusa has recently made some nice gains and has reduced their debt considerably and now have the debt to where the local congregation can take care of it. The Baton Rouge church has finished up their parsonage inside, which has added much to the appearance and comfort of the work there, and the nice thing about it is, that it is all paid for. The local church here at Pineville has gone to considerable expense and sacrifice to move the church from Alexandria to Pineville, and have built a nice church and parsonage that will be a credit to our work when completed. They have so sacrificed and arranged to have this nice property of approximately \$7,500 and when finished will only have approximately \$1,200 of indebtedness which is surely commendable for such a splendid property as we now have.

The past year we have organized a new church at Shreveport with twelve charter members, also we acquired a nice church building there, all free of debt, which has been a very fine addition to this district. The Shreveport church is now arranging to do some repair work that will cost them approximately \$100, but will sure leave the property there in splendid condition for several years to come.

Personally during the past twelve months we have organized and pastored the Shreveport church six months, held three revivals on the district and three off, made from five to eight visits to all the churches, preached 167 times, made 305 pastoral calls, prayed in over 200 homes, anointed and prayed with for healing 27, have had 154 seekers, baptized 12, received into membership of the P. H. 20 members, traveled in interest of the district 8,247 miles, traveled in evangelistic work 4,488 miles, I received for support, from Shreveport church \$66.44, for my evangelistic work \$188.85, from the district for traveling expense \$92.87, my salary from the general church \$720. I have paid my own rent, utilities, moving expense, postage, telephone, telegram bills and paid my tithe to the district treasurer.

We are looking for a great year in the harvest field of souls if Jesus tarries.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. HONEYCUTT, Dist. Supt.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Number of churches	4
Number of sermons	967
Number of church services.....	1,139
Number of song services	496
Pastoral calls with prayer	684
Pastoral calls without prayer	361
Total calls	1,045
Revivals in local churches	4
Seekers on charge	24
Revivals in other P. H. churches	1
Prayed with for healing	156
Baptisms	73
Marriages	2
Funerals	31
Children dedicated	1
Advocate subscriptions	11
Total pastors support	\$1,759.65
Total regular offerings	6,046.74

PROPERTY STATEMENT: Churches—Valuation, \$11,000; indebtedness, none. Parsonages—Valuation, \$2,200; indebtedness, \$1,200.

