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## OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

<b>General Superintendent</b>		
Rev. W. L. Surbrook.....	225 Ferris Ave., Detroit, Mich.	
<b>General Secretary of Church Extension</b>		
Rev. R. W. Wolfe.....	5124 Sheldon St., Indianapolis, Ind.	
<b>District Superintendent</b>		
Rev. E. O. Howell.....	740 Lakeview St., Pineville, La.	
<b>Secretary-Treasurer</b>		
Rev. Lee Rathbun.....	923 College Drive, Pineville, La.	
<b>Additional Councilmen</b>		
Rev. W. S. Sturdevant	Rev. H. A. Wilcox	
<b>Examining-Educational Committee</b>		
Lee Rathbun	W. S. Sturdevant	Mrs. E. O. Howell
<b>Resolutions</b>		
Silas Sanchez	H. A. Wilcox	W. S. Sturdevant
<b>Ways and Means</b>		
M. Rathbun	Silas Sanchez	Mrs. E. O. Howell
<b>Reception</b>		
M. Hughes	H. A. Wilcox	
<b>Auditing Committee</b>		
Mary Brown	Myrtle Hughes	
<b>Statistical</b>		
H. A. Wilcox	M. Rathbun	
<b>Editing Committee</b>		
Mrs. E. O. Howell	Mary Brown	

## MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Howell, E. O.....	740 Lakeview St., Pineville, La.
Howell, Mrs. E. O.....	740 Lakeview St., Pineville, La.
McVay, G. A.....	R. F. D. No. 1, Pineville, La.
Rathbun, Lee.....	923 College Drive, Pineville, La.
Rathbun, M.....	923 College Drive, Pineville, La.
Sturdevant, W. S.....	5923 Lexington Ave., Shreveport, La.
Wolfe, R. W.....	1609 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind.

### LICENSED MINISTERS

#### Third Year

Brown, Mary.....	740 Lakeview St., Pineville, La.
H. A. Wilcox.....	801 Ave. G, Bogalusa, La.

#### Second Year

Sanchez, Silas.....	2244 Cable St., Baton Rouge, La.
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#### First Year

Crececius, Robert.....	Camp Livingston, La.
Gatlin, Luella.....	75 16th St., Alexandria, La.
Hutchins, M. A.....	2629 Merwin St., Shreveport, La.

### LICENSED DEACONESS

Hughes, Myrtle.....	740 Lakeview St., Pineville, La.
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## PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS AND PREACHING POINTS

Baton Rouge.....	Silas Sanchez, 2244 Cable St.
Bogalusa.....	H. A. Wilcox, 801 Ave. G
*Delaney's Chapel.....	M. Rathbun, 923 College Drive, Pineville, La.
*Hemp Hill.....	G. A. McVay, R. F. D. 1, Pineville, La.
*Little River.....	M. Rathbun, 923 College Drive, Pineville, La.
Pineville.....	E. O. Howell, 740 Lakeview St., Pineville, La.
Shreveport.....	W. S. Sturdevant, 5923 Lexington Ave.
*Preaching Points.	

## GENERAL PROCEEDINGS

The Third Annual Conference of the Louisiana-Mississippi District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church convened at Pineville, La., September 4, 1942, at 2 P. M. with Rev. E. O. Howell officiating.

The song, "I Am Thine O Lord," was sung after which Rev. W. S. Sturdevant led in prayer.

The first five seats were then established as the conference bar. The roll was called with the following present: E. O. Howell, Mrs. E. O. Howell, Lee Rathbun, M. Rathbun, W. S. Sturdevant, Silas Sanchez, H. A. Wilcox, Luella and M. Hutchins.

**Delegates:** Mrs. Julius Hooter, Mrs. G. L. Pack.

Rev. P. O. Carpenter, Camp Meeting Evangelist of Ashland, Ky., and Rev. Harold H. Barton of Tennessee Conference were introduced to the Conference and granted honorary seats within the bar.

At this time Mary L. Brown and H. A. Wilcox were accepted into the Louisiana-Mississippi District.

Moved and carried that the Rev. P. O. Carpenter address the Conference at 10:30 A. M. Saturday.

Moved and carried that Mrs. H. A. Wilcox be accepted as Alternate Delegate from Baton Rouge Church, and Mrs. Silas Sanchez as Alternate from Bogalusa Church.

Motion carried that we recess until 9 A. M. Saturday.

## SECOND SITTING

The Second Session convened at 9 A. M. September 5 by singing "He Abides" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Rev. M. E. Stockman of Colorado Springs Bible Training School then led in prayer.

Rev. R. W. Wolfe, General Secretary of Church Extension and Home Missions, was introduced and after reading and commenting on Colossians first chapter, presided during the remainder of the Conference.

Motion carried that we adjourn at 12 A. M. and convene at 1 P. M. until business is completed.

Statistical report read and accepted.

Report of District Superintendent read and accepted.

Sister Rathbun's report of work at Delaney's Chapel accepted.

Auditing Committee's report read and accepted.

District Treasurer's report read and accepted as corrected.

Resolutions Committee report read and accepted. (See Resolutions).

Ways and Means Committee report read and accepted. (See Ways and Means).

Rev. P. O. Carpenter, Camp Meeting Evangelist, addressed the Conference on "A Good Soldier."

### THIRD SITTING

The Third Session opened by singing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

Rev. Harold H. Barton of Tennessee led in prayer.

Motion prevailed that the District Council be empowered to grant renewal of credentials for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Hutchings was granted First Year License by the Conference.

Rev. Robert Crescelius was accepted from Indiana District into the Louisiana-Mississippi District.

Committees for the following year were then appointed. (See Directory).

Motion made and adopted to adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. P. O. Carpenter.

### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the Third Annual Conference of the Louisiana-Mississippi District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church—Greetings:

Through the kind providence of God we have reached another Conference. Twelve more months have become history. As a nation we are involved in another war. Yet we, as members of the Church Militant, must continue the holy war against sin. We must never relax our efforts to help dying men find the Saviour. The combined forces of evil are arrayed against the Church, yet our future is as bright as the promises of God. One year ago we were asked to assume the Superintendency of this District, and with much hesitancy we accepted the task. The field was new to us and we were confronted with some problems that required some time to adjust.

The District was without a tent, but this need has been supplied by the Department of Church Extension and Home Missions. Two churches were without pastors. This was settled by securing a new man for the church at Baton Rouge and we assumed the pastorate of the church at Pineville. During the year all of the churches have had revivals, some more profitable than others.

At Bogalusa the balance of indebtedness has been paid and new pews have been installed. At Baton Rouge, we have held our folk and believe under the right man, there is a great future for the Pilgrim Church. At Shreveport God has blessed and the church stands as a light-house for souls seeking God. The Pineville church was dedicated March the 8th by our General Superintendent and General Secretary of Church Extension, free of indebtedness. At the beginning of the year there was an indebtedness of \$1,200 on the Parsonage. But at this time it has been reduced to only \$700.00 with plumbing installed throughout.

New preaching points are as follows: Delaney's Chapel. Here the Bethans have labored fruitfully and with continued perseverance will see a good Pilgrim Church in that section. Little River: They also held a revival at this place and we believe it will be an addition to our work. Hemp Hill: Services are being conducted in this place under Brother McVay.

During the year we have pastored the church at Pineville and our activities as such are reported under the church. In the District we have labored to the best of our ability and as means would allow. We have traveled 16,174 miles for the District which includes one trip to the General Board and a School Board meeting at Colorado Springs. We have preached 29 times in our District work and conducted regular business meetings at the churches. Have received \$108.50 on traveling expenses from the District, \$709.50 from the General Church and \$480.00 from the church at Pineville.

There is a need of a camp ground in the District as well as an intensive Church Extension program.

What has been accomplished is due to the blessing of the Lord and the co-operation we have had from the ministry and laity of the District, which we deeply appreciate, and we feel that we are indebted to each and every one.

(Signd) E. O. HOWELL.

#### 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 designate one service each month to be known as "World Wide Gospel Service." We further recommend that each church raise, for District and general interests, the amounts each month, as follows: Baton Rouge, \$6.00; Bogalusa, \$3.00; Delaney's Chapel, \$3.00; Pineville, \$10.00; Shreveport, \$3.00; said funds to be prorated by District Treasurer as follows: General Budget, 30 per cent; District Budget, 70 per cent.

4. We recommend that the District Superintendent's traveling expenses, while traveling in the interest 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 said 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 interest of our District Camp. An offering is to be taken and money sent to District Treasurer.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved that all preachers and workers of the District attend the camp meeting throughout.

2. Resolved that the District Council take steps toward locating and purchasing a camp ground this year.

3. Resolved that churches pay their pastors while at the Conference same as if pastors were on charge.

4. Resolved that our Ministerial Convention be held March 2-3-4.

5. Resolved that one hundred copies of the minutes be printed and sold for fifteen cents per copy.

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

### TREASURER'S REPORT

	Brought Forward	Receipts	Disburse- ments	Balance
District Budget .....	\$ 20.00	\$135.39	\$152.35	\$ 3.04
General Budget .....	20.62	27.26	46.46	1.42
Bible School .....	10.84	12.84	21.94	1.74
Easter-Home Missions .....	.....	41.02	41.02	.....
General Conference .....	.....	23.60	23.60	.....
Totals .....	\$ 51.46	\$240.11	\$285.37	\$ 6.20

## EVANGELISTS AND UNSTATIONED MINISTERS REPORTS

	Sermons	Services Conducted	Calls	Seeking Renewal	Seeking Sanctification	Prayed With For Healing	Do You Tithe to P. H. Church	Miles Traveled	Cash Support	Revivals
Brown, Mary .....		68	240	26	1		Yes	622	90.00	1
Gatlin, Mrs. L. ....	10	3	49	1	1	1	Yes	252	22.00	1
Howell, Mrs. E. O. ....	2	12	216			12	Yes			
Hutchins, M. A. ....	36		12			5	Yes	300		
Rathbun, Lee .....	59	160	190				Yes		100.00	2
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>107</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>1174</b>	<b>212.00</b>	<b>4</b>



CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

CHURCHES	Cash Forwarded	Money Borrowed	Total Receipts	Pastor's Support	Evangelists	Interest	Improvements	Paid on Indebtedness	Incidentals	Total Local Expense	Tithe to District	Camp Meeting	Bible School	District Budget	General Conference Expense	Total District Expense	Home Missions and Administrative Expense	Foreign Missions	Total General Expense	Total Expenditures	Balance on Hand
Baton Rouge			664.30	357.99	99.00		5.00		100.54	508.53	35.80	10.00	2.90	27.10	15.00	85.92	4.00	6.05	10.05	664.30	
Bogalusa			874.41	529.04	49.24		120.61	68.25	45.43	812.57	42.79	5.00		4.00		51.79		10.05		874.41	
Pineville	18.72	1,200.00	3,139.17	527.25	50.58	75.00	756.81	1,152.00	197.00	2,758.64	92.00	21.00		27.00	12.75	152.75	17.10	17.93	35.03	3,134.20	4.97
Shreveport	1.81		223.33	76.11	20.00		40.50		15.92	152.53	2.40	10.00	5.16	8.25		25.81	6.88	10.33	17.21	195.55	
*Delaney Chapel				165.00						165.00											
Totals	20.53	1,200.00	4,901.21	1,655.39	218.82	75.00	922.92	1,220.25	364.89	4,457.27	172.99	40.00	8.12	66.41	22.75	316.27	27.98	34.36	62.29	4,868.46	32.75

\*Preaching Point.

PASTOR'S REPORT

PASTORS	Sermons	Church Services	Preaching Services Conducted	Calls With Prayer	Calls Without Prayer	Total Calls	Revivals in Local Church	Revivals Elsewhere	Seeking Regeneration	Seeking Sanctification	Seeking Regeneration Off Charge	Seeking Sanctification Off Charge	Prayed With For Healing	Marriages	Funerals	Children Dedicated	Advocate Subscriptions	Cash Support	Donations	Total Support	Do You Tithe to P. H. Church	Parsonage Provided
Howell, E. O.	102	178	119	362	42	404	2		14	3	6	2	42	2	2	6	8	480.00	69.18	549.18	Yes	Yes
Rathbun, M.	150	84	74			100	2	2	25	10	20	10	15	1				165.00	25.00	190.00	Yes	No
Sanchez, Silas	106	191	160	160	192	352	2	2	6		3		25				1	547.21	19.66	566.87	Yes	Yes
Stardevant, W. S.	210	109	205			300	1	2	165					3	1			76.11		76.11	Yes	Yes
Wilcox, H. A.	79	124	79	75	198	273	1		1				13	1			2	324.11	39.88	363.99	Yes	Yes
Total	647	686	637	597	432	1429	8	6	211	13	29	12	95	7	4	6	11	1,592.43	153.72	1,746.15		

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORT

PROPERTY STATEMENT

CHURCHES	Members Last Report	Dropped	Transferred by Letter	Deaths	Total Removals	Additions by Letter	Additions by Profession of Faith	Total Additions	Net Gain	Present Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Members in Full Standing Besides Ministerial	Members of Voting Age	Number of Tithers	Number of Preaching Services	Number of Prayer Services	All Other Services	Total Services	Church	Parsonage	Debt	Equity
	Baton Rouge	14		1		1					13		1	12	13	5	108	48	40	196	3,000.00	800.00	
Bogalusa	12									12		1	11	12	3	160	32		242	2,000.00	800.00		2,800.00
Pineville	33	1		1	2	2	2	4	3	35	4	1	30	34	12	132	46	28	206	4,000.00	2,500.00	900.00	5,600.00
Shreveport	10	3			3	1	2	3		10	1		9	10		210	48	30	288				
*Delaney Chapel																96	38		134				
Totals	69	4	1	1	6	3	4	7	3	70	5	3	62	69	20	706	262	98	1066	9,000.00	4,100.00	900.00	12,200.00

\*Preaching Point.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

	Enrollment	Net Gain	Net Loss	Average Weekly Attendance	Average Attendance Last Report	Number Sessions	Cash Forwarded	Regular Offerings	Birthday	Other Offerings	Total Offerings	Paid Out Literature	Equipment	Missions	All Others	Bible School	Total Paid Out	Balance on Hand
	Baton Rouge	49	2		28	30	52	3.70	53.10	2.96	15.01	74.77	24.57	10.00	15.01	18.27		67.85
Bogalusa	25		2	11	13	52	4.96	16.56	2.87		24.39	7.07	1.94		12.19	1.94	23.14	1.25
Pineville	92	4		51	47	52	9.00	64.36	14.73	33.50	121.59	42.90	23.10		33.50	8.90	108.40	13.19
Shreveport	19	2		20	18	52	5.93	47.68	5.16	11.50	70.27	18.11		17.21	23.64	5.16	64.18	6.09
Delaney Chapel	25			19		37					24.11						24.11	
Totals	210	8	2	129	108	245	23.59	181.70	25.72	60.01	315.13	92.65	35.04	32.22	87.60	16.00	287.68	27.45