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NOTICE

Place of Next Meeting—To be announced.

Time of Meeting—October 6-7, 1932.

Preacher of Annual Sermon—Rev. H. H. Bowser,
Ovid.

Alternate Preacher—Rev. R. B. Deer, Lansing.

**DIRECTORY OF THE SHIAWASSEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF
THE MICHIGAN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

1931-1932

Moderator—Mr. E. F. Wilson, Owosso.
Clerk—Rev. J. O. Nelson, Lansing.
Treasurer—Rev. Clyde Baldwin, Perry.
Church School Superintendent—Rev. H. H. Bowser, Ovid.
Delegate to State Convention—Rev. D. T. Grey, Lansing.
Member State Board of Managers—Rev. R. B. Deer, Lansing.

Committees

Ordination—Rev. J. Johnson, Rev. T. Toy, Rev. G. H. Hudson.
Missionary—Rev. H. Bowser, Rev. F. Donovan, Rev. W. Stewart.

Officers of Woman's Missionary Society

President—Mrs. Wm. Worth, Holmes Rd., Lansing.
Vice-President—Mrs. George Bearup, Okemos.
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Guy Hicks, 819 Clark St., Lansing.

Officers of the Young People's Association

President—Keith Crane, Lansing.
First Vice-President—Chas. Bushborough, Lansing.
Second Vice-President—James Finnerty, Corunna.
Third Vice-President—Ruth Pohly, Owosso.
Fourth Vice-President—Myron Woodruff, Ovid.
Secretary and Treasurer—Sarabelle Miller, Durand.
Adult Counsellor—Rev. J. O. Nelson, Lansing.

**MINUTES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
SHIAWASSEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, FIRST BAP-
TIST CHURCH, DURAND, MICHIGAN**

OCTOBER 1-2, 1931

Thursday Afternoon

The opening session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. Johnson, who welcomed the association. Rev. Levi Miller, clerk, responded briefly in behalf of the Association.

Rev. F. Donovan led the devotional service, giving a message on "Fellowship."

Letters from the following churches were read: Antrim, Bath, Byron, Corunna, Durand, Olivet, Elsie, Lansing First Church, Judson Memorial, Owosso, Ovid, Okemos, Perry, Vernon.

A conference on Evangelism followed, led by Rev. H. H. Savage of Pontiac, who read from the 2nd Chapter of Acts and introduced the

Association to the early church as a model church in a prelude to his talk on "Evangelism," which proved to be an inspirational and strengthening message.

This was followed by an informal discussion on Prayer and Evangelism.

Thursday Evening

This meeting was held in the Methodist Church because of its greater capacity. An organ and piano prelude was played by Mr. and Mrs. Gorton of Durand.

The opening services, conducted by Rev. Stewart, were as follows:
Congregational Singing.

Scripture Reading.

Vocal Duet—Mrs. Parsons and Miss Isabelle Pratt.

(Violin obl. by Mr. Peterson.)

Prayer—Announcements.

Solo—Mrs. Charles Hoffman.

Address—Rev. H. H. Savage.

The subject was "Morality vs. Immortality," using the 3rd Chapter of John.

Friday Morning

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator with Rev. H. H. Bowser leading the devotional service.

The report of the Nominating Committee, composed of Rev. W. Stewart, Rev. T. Toy, and Rev. R. Brown, was brought in and accepted by the Association.

The Obituary Committee reported as follows, and prayer was offered in memory of those who had passed away: Durand, Mrs. Mary Ann Smith, Mrs. Ella Bower; Olivet Baptist, Mrs. Cornelia Trumbull, Chester Morris, Linford Small, Mrs. David Stout; Elsie, Mrs. Susan Warner, Mrs. Lusk; Lansing First, Rev. J. I. Towner, Mrs. Elizabeth Filt, Emory E. Richard, Mrs. Mary Brown, Mrs. R. A. Tyler, Mrs. Phoebe Osborn, George R. Pegg, Charles E. Garner, Mrs. Ida Morrison, Miss Bertha White; Judson Memorial, John Crane; Owosso, Mrs. E. M. Miller, Mrs. Laura Shafer, Mrs. Jane Archer, Wm. D. Eames, Miss Anna Zolenka; Ovid, Rev. J. Baker; Vernon, W. R. Dean.

An interesting address was given by Miss Allene Bryan, followed by a vocal solo by Miss Isabelle Pratt.

Rev. George Hudson waived the privilege of delivering the Annual Sermon because of the lateness of the hour and gave a brief talk on the 24th Verse of the 14th Chapter of John.

Friday Afternoon

The report of the Resolutions Committee came at this time, and was accepted by the Association.

Resolutions

Adopted Oct. 2, 1931, Shiawassee Association.

1. We express our gratitude to the Baptist Church of Durand for its thoughtful, gracious hospitality.
2. We extend to the First Methodist Church of Durand our thanks for the use of their Meeting House for our evening service.

3. We call on our Churches :

- (1) To push evangelism prayerfully, definitely, and persistently.
- (2) To extend their ministry of teaching, in numbers, time and scope.
- (3) To enter into closer relation with the missionaries of the Denomination through prayer for individuals, and through increased study and giving.
- (4) To enter the effort for 100% givers of record to local church expenses and missions.
- (5) To use the denominational and interdenominational means for training leadership.
- (6) To enter a new campaign of education in temperance that shall save the cause of temperance and prohibition.
- (7) To press forward in a four-year program of advance that the Association may close its first century at the highest level of achievement for the Kingdom of Christ.

The afternoon was then turned over to the Woman's Mission Society with the following program, after which Rev. Ralph Taylor Andem took charge of the meeting.

Mrs. Wm. Worth, President, was unable to be present; Mrs. Robt. Crabb presided over the meeting.

Mrs. Chas. Hoffman of Bryon, led the singing of: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," and "Take My Life and Let It Be." Prayer by Mrs. Crabb. Several prayers were offered for Mrs. Geo. Bearup, who had been ill for some time; and for Mrs. Wm. Worth, for her recent sorrow. (Led by Mrs. C. G. Morse.) Motion made by Mrs. Grey and seconded that the Secretary write a letter of sympathy to both, and tell them of the meeting.

Minutes of July meeting read and accepted.

Roll call of Churches resulted as follows: Antrim, 3; Bryon, 1; Durand, 10; Elsie, 2; Olivet Baptist, 9; Penn. Ave., 1; First Baptist, 7; Ovid, 4. Fifty-seven were present, but not all responded to roll call.

Mrs. O. D. Canfield gave a report on the Summer Christmas tree.

The Antrim Ladies invited the Association to meet with them for the April basket luncheon; the invitation was accepted and greatly appreciated.

Nominating Committee—Mrs. Haveland, of Bath; Mrs. McCartney, of Owosso; Mrs. Beckwith, of Durand.

Mrs. Crabb announced the following offices had recently been filled: W. W. G., Mrs. Fred Griswold; C. W. C., Mrs. T. C. Rideout; Reading Contest, Mrs. R. G. Royce.

Fifth year seals were presented to Mrs. D. T. Grey of Olivet Baptist, and Mrs. C. G. Morse of First Church, Lansing. A new diploma was presented to Owosso.

Mrs. Crabb spoke a few words of the State Convention at Birmingham; each President asked to be present.

Mrs. T. M. Taylor, State Secretary-Director, gave a few details of the Convention. She described the "Givers of Record." The power and value of a prayer group. Spoke a few words on the dry movement.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

Miss Belle Love of Antrim, led the devotional, reading 14th Chapter of Romans, and stressing the fact that "We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, and every one of us shall give an account of himself to God."

Solo—"Is Your Lamp Burning?" Mrs. F. L. Parsons, of Durand.

Mrs. Grey and Mrs. Werner took up an offering amounting to \$8.38.

Mrs. C. G. Morse of Lansing, gave a very inspiring talk on "A Missionary Challenge," saying we have a changeless Christ in a changing world. Every Christian is a Missionary; then are we all doing our task?

Solo—"My Task," by Mrs. Chas. Hoffman, of Bryon.

Miss Allene Bryan gave a short talk; telling of some of her work. Said we were too afraid of carrying our Christianity. Told of several of the girls whom had been sent out from the Baptist Mission Society to the foreign fields during the last year.

Mrs. D. T. Grey led in a series of prayers for the workers in the fields.

Motion made and seconded for adjournment.

Meeting closed by singing "O Zion, Haste."

MRS. GUY C. HICKS, Secretary,
819 Clark St., Lansing.

Friday Evening

The meeting Friday evening was held under the auspices of the Young People's Association.

About eighty-five were in attendance at the Annual Rally and Banquet held in the private dining room of a local restaurant.

Rev. H. Bowser gave the invocation and Rev. R. T. Andem acted as song leader.

Short talks were given by Miss Ruth Pohly, who spoke on "What Evangelism Really Is," and Franklin Smith, who spoke on "Evangelism by Youth." Paul Beckwith substituted for Delbert Long, who was unable to be present.

The address of the evening was given by Rev. G. F. Sturtevant, State Director of Christian Education and Evangelism. He centered his thoughts around the heroism of a missionary, an athlete, an aviator, and a small boy, and used the following expression: "Come on—let's go, and evangelize the youth of America for Christ."

A benediction brought the meeting to a close.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SHIAWASSEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Constitution

Article 1—This Association shall be known as the Shiawassee Baptist Association.

Article 2—The object of this Association shall be to gather information as to the state of the churches; to promote Christian fellowship; and to advance the various missionary enterprises of the denomination.

Article 3—This Association shall be composed of Baptist churches which approve of this constitution and work in harmony with the same.

Article 4—This Association shall meet annually on the first Thursday and Friday of October.

Article 5—All members of the individual churches of the Association are eligible to attend as delegates, and are entitled to all the privileges of the Association.

• Article 6—The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, clerk, treasurer, church school superintendent, one member of the Board of Managers of the State Convention, and one delegate to the State Convention. The delegate to the State Convention shall serve as our member on the Nominating Committee at the time of the State Convention, and also be chairman of the Association Promotion Committee.

Article 7—Each church shall send to the clerk at the time of the annual meeting, a letter containing facts of interest regarding the condition of the local church, accomplishments during the past year, with any special programs in the making for the future. The church clerks shall be careful for the sake of the Obituary Committee to give correctly the full name, age, and date of death, of all members of our local churches called to their reward during the past year.

Article 8—This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, provided that notice of the amendments be given one year previous.

By-Laws

1—Each session shall open and close with prayer.

2—Each meeting shall be governed by the parliamentary usage common to such gatherings.

3—The order of business shall be arranged by the program committee, subject to the vote of the Association as represented by delegates present at the opening session of the annual meeting.

4—A Nominating Committee composed of three delegates from as many churches shall be appointed at the opening session of each annual meeting.

5—The Program Committee shall consist of the moderator, clerk, pastor of the entertaining church, and presiding officers of all auxiliary associational organizations.

6—The clerk shall receive ten dollars annually for his services.

7—The moderator shall appoint at each annual meeting of the Association a Promotion Committee to consist of three members and an Ordination Committee to consist of three members. These committees shall be standing committees. Temporary committees shall consist of the following, with three members on each committee: Obituary and Resolutions.

8—It shall be the duty of the Promotion Committee to itemize a definite program of objectives for the several churches of the Association in coordination with the State Convention program and the program of the Northern Baptist Convention, and to present the same with recommendations to the Association at its annual meeting.

9—Each church shall make a contribution toward the expenses of the State Convention to the extent of two cents per member, and toward the expenses of the Association to the extent of three cents per member.

10—These by-laws may be changed at any annual meeting by a majority vote of delegates present.

STATISTICAL TABLES
SHIAWASSEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
1930-1931

Churches and Year of Organization	Pastor's Name and Year of Settlement	Church Clerks	Property		Membership						Finances						
			Value of Houses of Worship	Value of Parsonages	Debt on Buildings	Gains		Losses		Total Present Membership	Local Expenses Including S. S.	Improvements	Missions	Other Benevolences	Total Local Expense and Benevolence		
			By Baptism	By Letter	Experience or Restoration	By Letter	Exclusion or Expire	Death									
Antrim.....1853	R. G. Brown.....1930	Miss Belle Love.....															
Bath.....1868	G. S. Northrup.....1927	Georgia Knapp.....		\$1,500		1	2							\$150	\$13	\$266	
Byron.....1873	Levi Miller.....1926	Mrs. J. Hubert Brown.....		1,200		1		1							27	537	
Chesaning.....1878	H. H. Bowser.....1930	Mrs. C. H. Watts.....		4,000		1									40	888	
Corunna.....1851	Mr. W. Y. Pohly (Sup.).....	Addie Linabury.....		6,000	\$2,100	2	8								25	170	
DeWitt (Com.).....1852	Thomas Toy.....1926	Harry Moon.....		5,000		4	5								40	1,321	
Durand.....1885	J. W. Johnson.....1929	Mrs. W. T. Beckwith.....		4,000		4	2								190	2,180	
Elaie.....1851	H. H. Bowser.....1930	Richard Fizzell.....		3,500	300	17	5	2							150	1,998	
Haslett.....1892	Roy B. Deer.....1930	Mabel Buxton.....		2,000		1	782	2							32	782	
Lansing-First.....1851	A. G. Schlesinger.....1927	Bernice Scott.....		185,000	27,000	59	40	6	30	2	9	147	60	600	8,000	600	
Lansing-Ger-Am.....1921	J. O. Nelson.....1930	Assaph Zitz.....		30,000	5,500	1	6								117	4,297	
Lansing-Jud. Mem.....1930	Donald T. Grey.....1920	Mrs. Jennie Holmes.....		75,000		23	3								35	565	
Lansing-Olivet.....1917	Thomas Toy.....1924	Mrs. Fred Hutton.....		40,000	780	1	12	1							440	5,466	
Lansing-Penn. Ave.....1912	W. S. Ross.....1929	Mrs. Bernie Scofield.....		15,800	2,450	6	5	11							127	3,372	
Lansing-South (1).....1913	W. S. Ross.....1929	Mrs. Vera Dick.....		40,000	2,200	6	15	14	78						1,222	8,313	
Okemos.....1868	F. H. Bowser.....1929	Mrs. George Bearup.....		3,000	5,000	41	21	15								1,000	
Ovid.....1860	H. H. Bowser.....1930	Mrs. A. S. Jorae.....		25,000	1,183	27	6	1	8	3	3	151	3,881		289	4,197	
Owosso.....1856	Walter S. Stewart.....1929	Ellis F. Wilson.....		50,000	5,000	22	11	11							789	9,094	
Perry.....1838	J. W. Johnson.....1929	Mrs. Mary Brown.....		2,000	1,200	8	7								10	492	
Vernon.....1845	Harold T. Reese.....1927	Minnie Perry.....		2,000	1,200	1									65	10	
Williamston.....1841		W. E. Magoon.....		4,000	1,200	1	2		1	1		139	1,281		40	1,704	
Totals.....			\$499,500	\$39,300	\$76,813	277	98	45	109	87	38	4,154	\$60,148	\$3,129	\$11,714	\$776	\$75,767

(1) Unassociated.

Churches	Sunday School										Young People's Dept.—B. Y. P. U.			Woman's Societies					
	Superintendent and Post Office Address	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Members	Average Attendance	Baptisms	Home Department	Cradle Roll	Number in Leaders Training Course	Number in Church Vacation Bible Schools	President and Post Office Address	Senior Members	Intermediate Members	Junior Members	Points on Mission Books Read	Honor Society—10 Points	Class A—9 Points	Class B—8 Points	Class C—7 Points
Antrim.....	E. A. Walters, Byron.....	12	38	50	35		13			1	Robert Rix, Byron.....	10			110				
Bath.....	Alton Church, Byron, R. 2.....	6	89	95	32		12												
Byron.....	J. Fred Smith, Byron, R. 2.....	10	74	85	47		13												
Chesaning.....	Mrs. C. H. Watts.....	10	45	55	47		13												
Corvina.....	Ackley Brainsd.....	18	100	118	75		25		37		Bruce Morris.....	15							
DeWitt (Com.).....	Thos. Maske.....	15	120	135	60	3	12				Arnold Tucker.....	18			500	x			
Duraud.....	Wm. T. Beckwith, 606 Fitzgerald.....	17	65	82	68	12	17				Bruce Miller, Genesee St.....	35			150				
Elsie.....	Mrs. Corrie Blunt.....	11	70	81	50														
Haskell.....	Walter Burton Bath, R. 2.....	7	91	98	50														
Lansing-First.....	D. F. Jones, R. 4.....	43	571	614	293	40	45	12	50		Lester Smith.....	20	15						
Lansing-Cer-Am.....	Fred Platz, East Lansing.....	12	133	145	104		16	15	16		Lewis Haigh, 513 Pacific St.....	45	36		8,460	x			
Lansing-Judson Mem.....	Mrs. Wm. Worth, Holmes Rd.....	16	185	201	135	23	40	15	15		Assaph Zilk, 1004 S. Holmes.....	22	36						
Lansing-Olivet.....	Mrs. I. L. Dixon.....	40	575	615	291	34	25	46	80		Doris Tindal, 147 Berry Ave.....	35	35		55				
Lansing-Penn. Ave.....	H. W. Newman, No. 50 Thomas St.....	26	322	348	208	11	10	20	21		Miss Mertie Van Epps.....	75	20		1,200	x			
Lansing-South (1).....	Chas. Drake, 4510 S. Cedar.....	28	666	694	274	31	35	29	195		Miss Rhena G. Brokaw, R. 3.....	12	30						
Okenos.....	Arnold Powell, Okemos.....	9	66	75	45		35												
Ovid.....	Mrs. Frank H. Rivest, R. 1.....	21	150	171	98	26	21	21	21		Myron Enos.....	20	50		3,000				
Owosso.....	Nelson I. Raymond.....	33	376	409	210	17	20	3	75		Wayne Crosby, 420 N. Adams.....	17	18						
Perry.....	Wilfred Phelps.....	12	100	112	60		7				Frederick Oliver.....	6	10						
Vernon.....	Mrs. May Gansley.....	10	45	55	38	1													
Williamston.....	Wealey Gaffner.....	13	132	145	71		7				Wesley Gaffner.....	6	10						
Valley Farms Mission.....	A. H. Eskes, Lansing, R. 4.....	6	78	84	30	3					Judson Bancroft, DeWitt, R. 1.....	9							
Wilsey Mission.....	A. Jones, 1319 W. Mich. Ave., Lansing.....	7	50	57	20														
Totals.....		383	4,141	4,524	2,319	201	56	363	75	437		389	123	28	13,475	2	1		

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