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NOTICE

Place of Next Meeting—First Baptist Church,
Durand.

Time of Meeting—October 1st and 2nd, 1931.

Preacher of Annual Sermon—Rev. George H. Hudson.

Alternate Preacher—Rev. Donald T. Grey.

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

1930—1931

Officers

Moderator—Rev. James W. Johnson, Vernon.
 Clerk—Rev. Levi Miller, Byron.
 Treasurer—Rev. H. H. Bowser, Ovid.
 Church School Superintendent—Rev. Harold Slocum, First Baptist Church,
 Lansing.
 Member State Board of Managers—Rev. Frederick Donovan, Okemos.
 Delegate to State Convention—Rev. R. B. Deer, First Baptist Church,
 Lansing.

Committees

Promotion—Rev. R. B. Deer, Rev. Frank L. Currey, Rev. Donald T. Grey.
 Ordination—Rev. James W. Johnson, Rev. Walter S. Stewart, Rev. G. S.
 Northrup.

Officers of the Woman's Missionary Society

President—Mrs. Frederick Donovan, Okemos.
 Vice-President—Mrs. George Bearup, Okemos.
 Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Guy Hicks, 819 Clark Street, Lansing.

Officers of the Young People's Association

President—Sarabelle Miller, Durand.
 First Vice-President—Keith Crane, Lansing.
 Second Vice-President—Thelma Albaugh, Ovid.
 Third Vice-President—Edith Starnaman, Lansing.
 Fourth Vice-President—Ralph Compson, Lansing.
 Secretary—Bernadean Cary, Lansing.
 Treasurer—Beatrice Moon, DeWitt.
 Adult Advisor—Rev. Harold Slocum, First Baptist Church, Lansing.

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AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, LANSING, MICHIGAN**

OCTOBER 2ND AND 3RD, 1930

Thursday Afternoon

The opening session was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Thomas Toy, who also gave the words of welcome as pastor of the entertaining church. There was a brief response by Rev. Harold Slocum, who was acting as clerk in the absence of Miss Zelda Waters. It was explained that Miss Waters was recovering nicely from a severe illness of typhoid fever.

Rev. H. H. Bowser led in a very helpful and appropriate devotional service. Reports on the Northern Baptist Convention at Cleveland were given by Rev. Donald T. Grey, Rev. George H. Hudson, Rev. H. H. Bowser, and Rev. Thomas Toy. Rev. R. B. Deer delivered an excellent address on the subject of Evangelism, which was followed by a conference.

Thursday Evening

This session was in the form of a worship service. Rev. James W. Johnson read the scripture lesson and we were led in prayer by Rev. Thomas Toy. Special music was given by the combined Junior-Intermediate choirs of the DeWitt and Pennsylvania Avenue churches and was appreciated by all. Rev. James W. Johnson delivered the annual sermon, speaking on the theme, "The Blessedness of the Christ-Like Life," emphasizing the real happiness that comes by living according to the highest Christian principles.

Friday Morning

We were called to order by the moderator and led in our devotional service by Rev. Walter S. Stewart.

Letters were read from the following churches: Antrim; Byron; Chesaning; Corunna; Durand; Elsie; Lansing, First; Lansing Pennsylvania Ave.; Okemos; Ovid; Owosso; and Vernon. Following a report from the clerk, it was moved that all bills be allowed. The Committee on Nominations, consisting of Rev. George H. Hudson, Mrs. C. T. Rideout, and Mrs. E. J. Ray, reported a slate of officers which were elected with the exception of the moderator and clerk. The committee was requested to bring back another report on these two officers at the afternoon session.

It was moved and carried that we favor the consideration of the committee to have one member from each Association serve on a State Ordination committee. It was also moved and carried that we appoint a Children's Worker for the Association.

Short addresses were given by Rev. G. J. Geis and Rev. George F. Sturtevant.

Friday Afternoon

Auspices Woman's Missionary Society

The afternoon session was presided over by the president, Mrs. Frederick Donovan, of Okemos. The meeting was opened by singing "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," led by Mrs. Donald T. Grey. Mrs. Williams of Okemos led in the devotionals, using the topic, "Co-operation," based on the twelfth chapter of Romans. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. H. Bowser of Ovid.

The minutes of the Summer Christmas Tree meeting in July were read and approved. This was followed by the treasurer's report which was also accepted. Reports were made representing the various departments of the work—W. W. G. by churches, as we have no secretary at present; C. W. C. by Mrs. Harold Slocum; Missionary Education and Secretary-Director by Mrs. Robert Crabb; White Cross by Mrs. O. D. Canfield.

During the afternoon we were favored by music from a dozen boys from the Vocational School. It was a splendid chorus with excellent harmony. Everyone present appreciated it to the full.

The Nominating committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. Donald T. Grey of Olivet Church, Lansing; Walter S. Stewart of Owosso; and Mrs. P. A. Johnson of First Church, Lansing. Seventeen churches responded to roll call.

Rev. G. J. Geis of Burma was introduced and he spoke most interestingly of his work among the Kachin people of Burma, giving particular emphasis to the work among the women.

Mrs. Donald T. Grey had charge of the round table discussion on what the churches were doing. The following churches were represented: First, Lansing, by Mrs. C. C. Ludwig; Judson Memorial, Lansing, by Mrs. W. T. Worth; Okemos, by Mrs. George Bearup; Owosso by Mrs. Walter S. Stewart; Olivet, Lansing, by Mrs. C. T. Rideout; Ovid, by Mrs. H. H. Bowser; Bath, by Mrs. Haviland; and Pennsylvania Avenue, Lansing, by Mrs. Thomas Toy.

An invitation for the spring meeting was extended from the Okemos ladies and it was accepted. Mrs. C. C. Ludwig made a plea for the Civic Department of each church to be organized and kept actively working.

Following announcements we sang one more verse of "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" and the meeting was turned over to the moderator for a continuance of business matters left from the morning session.

The nominating committee reported Rev. James W. Johnson of Vernon for moderator, and Rev. Levi Miller of Byron for clerk. These officers were duly elected by the delegates. Mrs. Graham of Durand was appointed to carry on the Children's Work in our Association. Reports for two committees were made—Rev. George Hudson reporting for the Promotion Committee and Rev. Donald T. Grey for the Resolutions Committee. The resolutions submitted and adopted were as follows.

Resolved, That we meet the depression and discouragement of this year by a courageous forward movement of evangelism, educational, and missionary activity.

That we call on all our churches to renewed training in the fundamentals of the temperance movement.

That we urge every church to co-operate in the state-wide evangelistic campaign during November and December, the missionary reading in January, and the State-wide Every Member Canvass in February and March.

That we express our appreciation of the gracious hospitality of the Pennsylvania Avenue Church.

A vote was taken to send a message of sympathy and love to both Miss Zelda Waters and Rev. J. I. Townner.

The report of the Obituary Committee was presented in the form of a Memorial Service for the following: Corunna—Mr. Fred H. Miller; Durand—Mrs. Van Arsdale; Elsie—Mrs. Alice Benear, George Dunham, and Mrs. Emma Knight; Lansing, First—Mrs. Hannah Molitor, Mrs. H. T. McKenzie, Mrs. William Palen, B. S. Chilcott, Mason Hakes, Mrs. Mary A. St. John, and Miss Isophine Rood; Lansing, Pennsylvania Avenue—Gertrude McGlone, and Mrs. Walter Dougherty; Ovid—Dr. C. D. Snover, Mrs. A. H. Johnson, Mrs. Laurs Buck, and Mrs. Cora Allen; Owosso—Miss Dorothy Ashford, Mrs. A. D. Chase, Charles M. Oliver, Mrs. Frank M. Johnson, and Mrs. Jasper Kelley; Vernon—Mrs. Emmaline Yerker. Rev. H. H. Bowser, chairman of the committee, offered prayer.

Rev. Donald T. Grey moved that the South Baptist Church again be sent our good wishes and renewed invitation to unite with the Shiawassee Association. This motion was carried.

A motion to adjourn was made and carried and brought to a close the final adult session for the year 1930.

Friday Evening

Auspices Young People's Association

About one hundred young people sat down to a splendid Fellowship Banquet. Miss Sarabelle Miller of Durand presided and Keith Crane of Lansing led in the singing. The theme of the program was "Whole-Heartedness." Short talks were given as follows: "Whole-Heartedness in the Individual" by Miss Iva Ansted, Corunna; "Whole-Heartedness in the Local Church" by Ralph Compson, Lansing; and "Whole-Heartedness in the Association" by Miss Bernice Scott, Lansing. The election of officers followed. Rev. George F. Sturtevant, Director of Christian Education and Evangelism, gave the main address of the evening. The program was brought to a close with prayer by Rev. Harold Slocum.

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 recommendation 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
1929-1930

Churches.	Sunday School.										B. Y. P. U. or C. E.				Subscriptions			
	Superintendent and Post Office Address.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total Members.	Average Attendance.	Baptisms.	Home Department.	Cradle Roll.	Leaders Training Course.	Church Vacation Bible Schools.	President and Post Office Address.	Senior Members.	Intermediate Members.	Junior Members.	Points on Mission Books Read. (Mission Study)	"The Baptist."	"Missions."	"The Michigan Baptist."
Antrim.....	Mr. Walters, Byron.....	12	32	47	85	15	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bath.....	Alton Church.....	16	87	95	95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Byron.....	J. F. Smith, Byron.....	12	33	45	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chessaning.....	Mrs. C. H. Watts.....	10	40	50	70	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Corunna.....	Ackley Brainerd.....	15	100	135	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
De Wilt (Com.).....	E. L. Marzke.....	15	120	135	90	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duraud.....	W. T. Beckwith, 600 Fitzgerald.....	16	82	98	68	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Essie.....	Mrs. Carrie Blunt.....	6	40	46	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hallett.....	Walter Burton, Bath, R. 2.....	7	91	98	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lausang, First.....	Russell R. Cardy, 1405 W. Ottawa St.....	47	528	575	308	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lausang, Ger-Am.....	A. Baier, 507 Jones St.....	10	130	140	100	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lausang, Judson Memo.....	Mrs. I. L. Dixon, E. Lausang.....	39	574	613	385	22	24	38	15	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lausang, Olivet.....	Howard Newman, R. 50.....	25	303	328	184	4	25	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lausang, Penn. Ave.....	Charles M. Drake, 4510 S. Cedar St.....	27	376	403	244	40	75	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lausang, South.....	Arnold Lowell, Okemos.....	9	166	175	45	7	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ovid.....	Mrs. Frank Rivest, R. F. D.....	18	100	118	58	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Owosso.....	N. I. Raymond, 610 Pine St.....	35	404	439	206	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Perry.....	Mrs. Lou Stichter.....	10	50	60	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vernon.....	Mrs. May Ganssley, Vernon.....	8	45	53	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamston.....	Wilford Gaffner.....	15	120	135	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	.....	344	3,324	3,668	2,083	158	146	387	54	96	292	101	21	5,935	26	39	123	.....