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CALLAHAN ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED IN 1889

BAIRD CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1881 WITH NINE MEMBERS

This church was organized in May, 1881, in a small school house which stood near where the home of Mrs. A. Cooke now stands. It has been more than 55 years since the little band of Baptists entered into covenant to undertake more efficient work for the Master. What changes have come to the community since that day!

Those entering into the organization were Brother and Sister G. P. Johnson, Miss Ellen Johnson, (now Mrs. Ellen Laird), M. Potts, T. J. Dean, Mrs. Josephine Richardson, and Brother W. C. Whitley, wife and daughter. Total nine. Since that time there have been possibly 1,000 others received into fellowship. From that time there have been possibly 1,000 others received into fellowship. From the best information at hand, only one of the charter members is living, viz: Mrs. Ellen Laird, who it yet a member, and like her preacher-father, is an inspiration to the church, and a beloved friend to all.

Baird being almost strictly a railroad town, has largely had a transient citizenship, all the years, which makes religious work difficult to build up. For more than 20 years this church has no record, except her roll of membership, and that like most church rolls, was not as well kept as it might have been. But from the best information to be had, on January 1, 1902, there were 110 resident members. During the 20 years following, there have been 721 members received and 408 have been let out, died, and excluded, leaving 313 on the present roll. Of the 110 members at the beginning of 1902, only 26 remain with us. These with the 313, net increase since that time, make up our complete roll of 339. Of this number 73 are non-resident, leaving 266 resident members at the present time.

Brother G. P. Johnson supplied the church as pastor about a year after organization. He was succeeded by Brother L. S. Knight, whom many of us know and greatly love, and who still lingers, in ripe old age, somewhere west of us, unless he has recently passed away. He was followed by Brethren J. R. Kelly, J. F. Duncan, J. A. Moore, and W. G. Caperton. During the pastorate of Brother Caperton, a meeting house was built upon the site of the present building. This came Brother R. E. Lee, and following him, Brother T. F. Stanton, under whose ministry the first pastor's home was erected, on the lot, now vacant, immediately South of the

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BAIRD PASTOR IS NATIVE OF CENTRAL WESTERN TEXAS



REV. JOE R. MAYES
Pastor, Baird Baptist Church

Joe R. Mayes was born in Young County, Texas, February 19, 1882. He is next to the youngest of seven children, and the youngest of five boys. He was reared in Young County. He was converted and joined the Fish Creek Missionary Baptist Church when he was 18. Brother J. H. Longan, who was pastor of that great old church 15 year baptized him. He surrendered to preach at the age of 25, and was licensed to preach by the Fish Creek Church. On the Fifth Sunday in December, 1905, the Tonk Valley Church, which had called him as pastor, ordained him. He lived on in Young County and pastored churches and served as missionary of the Young County Association until December, 1913. He was pastor of the following churches while living in Young County: Leming, Bend, Still, California Creek, Ming Bend, Hope Well, Pleasant Valley, Markley, and Jean in Young County. New Hope and West Fork in Archer County and he served one year as missionary in Young County.

The last of December, 1913, he moved with his family to Abilene where he entered Simmons College, and in June, 1922, received his A. B. degree. While living in Abilene and in school he was pastor of the following churches: Hawley, Avoca, and

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SANITARIUM'S NAME IS TO BE CHANGED

Announcement that the name of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium will change to Hendrick Memorial Hospital was made by George S. Anderson, chairman of the board of trustees of the institution.

The change was authorized by the board at a meeting Saturday evening, May 9th, at the hospital and the name was chosen in honor of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hendrick of Abilene pioneer West Texans.

For several years, said Mr. Anderson, the board has been discussing the change from sanitarium to hospital, since the latter is the proper designation of the institution, sanitarium implying more a place for rest.

Before the name Hendrick Memorial Hospital goes into use, it will have to be authorized by the state in an amendment to the charter of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, under which name the institution is incorporated. The new name will also be approved by the executive committee of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

As the result of a cash gift of \$110,000 by Mr. and Mrs. Hendrick last November, the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium now is debt free and a new wing for the five-story hospital is under construction. In addition to the main plant, the properties include six acres of land on which the structure is located, and the nurses' building and two lots east of the main campus.

Members of the board met Saturday at 6:30, taking up business following a chicken dinner, for which E. M. Collier, superintendent, was host.

Foundation and concrete structural frame work of the new wing for the hospital are practically complete. Work is going forward steadily.

WORKERS CONFERENCE MET WITH CALVARY CHURCH ON THURSDAY

Workers Conference of Sweetwater Association met with Calvary Baptist Church, Abilene, Thursday last week. The general theme of the meeting was "Evangelism." Rev. L. L. Trotter of Sweetwater presided. Music was led by Rev. W. C. Ashford. Two numbers were given by Hardin-Simmons girls' quartet. Hearts were stirred by inspiring devotion given by Mrs. J. L. Winter of Merkel.

Dr. D. W. Arnett of Hardin-Simmons University gave an instructive address on Sunday School as an evangelistic agency. In speaking of our tremendous task, he said in part: "Of the 34,000,000 white people in Southern Baptist territory, only 10,000,000 are in Sunday School. Of the 24,000,000 not in Sunday School, 5,000,000 are Baptistically inclined. There are 1,000,000 unsaved people enrolled in our Sunday Schools. We have 300,000 teachers in these schools."

What a challenging task! He said the Sunday School was the greatest evangelizing agency in the Kingdom. He recommended the Standard of Excellence as the best evangelizing instrument.

"The Why and How of Gospel Music," was ably discussed by Mr. J. D. Riddle of Abilene. He said in part: "The real function of music is spiritual. Its first and fundamental reactions are to divine worship. Its highest ministry is to man's nature. Its value is to create religious atmosphere, to enrich life and bring the power of God into the hearts of the people, to win souls and to solidify fellowship." He mentioned some of the good as well as the bad qualities of music.

Rev. Roy O. Young, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Abilene, gave a sermon, using as his theme, "The Challenge of Evangelism." He discussed with great interest the following thoughts: (1) God ordained it; (2) Christ commanded it; (3) Church must be evangelistic; (4) The lost world needs evangelizing.

After a sumptuous dinner was served by the ladies of the church, the congregation reassembled for afternoon session.

Rev. Finis Williams, pastor of Elm-dale Church, gave an interesting address on evangelizing and Christianizing. He emphasized the importance of Christianizing those whom we evangelize. Not only make disciples, but teach them to observe all things commanded of them, not only teach them how to be saved, but how to live after being saved.

The closing message of the day was given by Rev. F. A. Hollis of Putnam. He gave an able discussion of perennial evangelism. He emphasized the importance of having a revival spirit in the church throughout the year, and declared that the primary purpose of all the auxiliaries of the church throughout the year should be soul-winning. Such a spirit would solve all church problems.—L. B. Owens.

Pastor Roy Shahan of Rule is in a revival meeting with Pastor Carl A. Clark and the Oakhurst Baptist Church, Fort Worth. The meeting is to continue through May 24.

CLYDE CHURCH HAD BEGINNING IN LOG HOUSE IN 1884



REV. J. S. TIERCE
Pastor, Clyde Baptist Church

The church was organized in 1884 with 13 charter members, none of whom are living now. The organization took place in a little log school house about one mile southeast of the present town site of Clyde. The church was organized by a missionary worker by the name of Reynolds. The first pastor of the church was Rev. block north of the old school site G. B. Ely. Becoming pastor soon after the organization, he served the church some two years. At the end of this period the membership had grown to some 50. Brother Ely now lives in the town of Clyde, having reached the ripe old age of 95. Among the charter members the life of Mr. Asa Miller stands out as one who stood by the church in all of its pioneer difficulties. Mrs. Alice Estes who died in 1935, was the last of the

For some years after its organization the church worshipped in the school house: First in the one south-east of town, and later in the one erected about two blocks from present depot site. The first building erected for worship was erected about one block north of the old school site near the depot. The first building was destroyed by a storm. But on the same site another building was erected. This second building was later torn down, and the building that is now used by the church was erected. In more recent years two wings for Sunday School purposes have been added.

Most of the pastors who have served the church are here listed in approximately the order in which they served. Rev. Ely, Rev. Heath, Rev. Charles Kelley, Rev. W. J. Patterson, Rev. S. H. Blair, Rev. W. M. Reynolds, Rev. J. L. Mayes, Rev. H. A. Covington, Rev. Ben Richberg, Rev. F. C. Dick, Rev. G. W. Parks, Rev. J. H. Littleton, Rev. E. L. Mayfield, Rev. J. H. Hunt, Rev. C. A. Baskin, Rev. C. R. Smith, Rev. V. W. Tatum. The pastor who served longest in point of years is Rev. G. W. Parks, now of Roscoe, Texas. Rev. J. S. Tierce is the present pastor. He came to the church February 15, 1936.

The church organized in 1884 with 13 charter members, and has grown until today it has a resident membership of 398. Through the years this has been a great missionary church; interested in the redemption of the lost and the training of Christians not only at home but out to the ends of the earth.

The church now operates on a unified budget, co-operating with sister churches in associational, district, state, home and foreign missions. The church also supports with prayers and money Baptist hospitals, orphanages and schools of Christian education. The spirit, life, and work of the church has been such that individual lives do not stand out so much as individuals, but they stand out together as an organization. There was a time in the life of Mr. Asa Miller, one of the charter members, when he was the only member of the church organization. Rev. G. B. Ely, now of Clyde, and 95 years of age, was the first pastor. Rev. G. W. Parks, now of Roscoe, served the church as pastor longer than any other. Mrs. W. L. Sikes has served the W. M. U. as president longer than any other. Mr. E. F. Butler, present chairman of the board of deacons, and Sunday School teacher, has for many years served the church in one or another important church position as: Sunday School superintendent, treasurer, etc. Many others have also rendered most efficient and effective service. And this includes each of the present church officers.

Out from the church life has gone one preacher, Rev. A. L. Johnston.

In the early life of the church there was a conference that lasted for 11 hours. In more recent years, for lack of water, the church baptized in

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First Session Held With New Hope Church With W. J. Stone As Moderator

CALLAHAN W.M.U. HAD BEGINNING IN 1909 AT CLYDE MEETING

Mrs. John Cook On August 5, 1909, during the session of the Callahan County Association meeting at Clyde, a meeting was called at the school house for the purpose of considering the organization of a Women's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Callahan County Association. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. M. C. Mills and after singing and prayer, a short and festive reading of Scripture and a leaflet, we discussed the matter and adopted the following constitution and by-laws:

Preamble
Realizing the great possibilities for enlargement from the enlistment of all the women in the Baptist churches in active missionary work, we adopt as a means to that end, the formation of this Women's Missionary Union to the Sweetwater Baptist Association. The object of this union shall be (a) To inspire a deeper interest in the study of God's word in its bearing on world-wide missions; (b) to disseminate information concerning our mission fields; (c) to secure offerings of money and service after the pattern laid down in the New Testament; (d) where possible to organize a Women's Mission Society and a Sunbeam Band in each church in the bounds of the association.

By-Laws
Representative: That body shall be composed of members of the executive committee and later regularly accredited messengers elected by the churches. The representative shall have approved channels of the organized work and the chairman with three others whom they may select from the Mission literature committee in each Baptist church. Officers: The officers shall consist of a president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer each performing the duties pertaining to her office. An executive committee composed of the officers and four others selected by this union shall be empowered

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Lee Pool Organized at the New Hope Baptist Church, seven miles south of Putnam, Friday, September 21, 1889. The association was formed out of the Cisco Association, which in turn came out of the Battle Creek Association. The mother association was the Pecan Gap.

First session at New Hope, Sept. 21-23, 1889; moderator, W. J. Stone, clerk, J. R. Kelley, treasurer, W. R. McDermett.

Second session at Union Church, Aug. 14-16, 1890; moderator, W. J. Stone, clerk, T. F. Stanton, treasurer, W. R. McDermett.

Third session at Baird, August, 1891; moderator, W. J. Stone, clerk, T. F. Stanton, treasurer, W. R. McDermett.

Fourth session at Paint Creek, August, 1892; moderator, A. T. Ford, clerk, T. F. Stanton.

Fifth session at Board Flat, August, 1893; moderator, A. T. Ford, treasurer, J. L. Hood.

Sixth session at Putnam, August, 1894; moderator, A. T. Ford, treasurer, Major Surles.

Seventh session at Admiral, August, 1895; moderator, A. T. Ford.

Eighth session at Cottonwood, August 13, 1896; moderator, A. T. Ford, clerk, B. F. Mayes, treasurer, J. L. Hood.

Ninth session at New Hope, September 9-11, 1897; moderator, A. T. Ford, clerk, D. E. Jones, treasurer, M. S. Whaley.

Tenth session at Baird, August 11-14, 1899; moderator, A. T. Ford, clerk, F. S. Rantree, treasurer, E. R. Sartor.

Eleventh session at Shilo Church, August 8-10, 1900; moderator, A. T. Ford, clerk, F. S. Rantree, treasurer, John Hembree.

Twelfth session at Clyde, August 11-13, 1901; moderator, B. G. Richburg.

Thirteenth session at Lytle Cove Church, August 8-11, 1902; moderator, John M. Hembree, clerk, J. A. Brown, treasurer, A. D. Cecil.

Fourteenth session at Board Flat, August 6-8, 1903; moderator, John M. Hembree, clerk, G. W. Parks, treasurer, P. H. Miller.

Fifteenth session at Dressey Church, August 11-13, 1904; moderator, M. W. Uzzell, clerk, G. W. Parks, treasurer, P. H. Miller.

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Cross Plains Church was Organized in 1890 by Surles

The little city of Cross Plains is located in the southeast part of Callahan County. It is a center of an important oil, agriculture and cattle raising section. The Baptist work in the community dates back to 1890 when Rev. M. R. Surles led in the organization of the First Baptist Church. The church records burned several years ago, and as most of the old timers who participated in the organization are either dead or moved away, it is difficult to get some of the early facts connected with the church's development.

Some of the charter members of the Cross Plains church are, P. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Eldridge, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Steel Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price.

The church has had 21 pastors since its beginning. They are: M. R. Surles, A. T. Ford, R. D. Carter, Rev. Powers, B. G. Richburg, W. J. Cooper, W. D. Vinson, W. J. Rodgers, L. S. Smith, G. W. Thomas, Rev. Strickland, S. A. Rodgers, J. M. Parker, R. G. Richburg, J. H. Littleton, H. O. Hearne, J. H. Hunt, A. E. Hill, Graves Darby, C. A. Voyles, and the present pastor, Rev. V. W. Tatum. Brother Tatum came to Cross Plains about four months ago from Clyde.

The church has a membership of 264, with 135 enrolled in Sunday School. C. D. Lane is superintendent of the Sunday School.

Cross Plains Pastor
Brother V. W. Tatum, pastor of the church at Cross Plains, was ordained in August, 1916, by Rev. R. E. Cornelius, Rev. B. V. Tatum, and the deacons of the Ben Hur Church in Limestone County. He attended Hardin-Simmons for a few years, during which time he was actively engaged in the ministry. Before coming to West Texas Brother Tatum served the Ben Hur Church in Limestone County.

Some of the other churches pastored by him are: Shepherd, Looney Association; Moro, Tye and Ovalo, in Sweetwater Association; Weinert and Sagerton in Haskell Association; served the Anthony Baptist Church in New Mexico for nearly two years; Clyde Baptist Church, Clyde, for four and one-half years; now pastoring the Cross Plains Baptist Church.

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CLYDE PASTOR IS NATIVE TEXAN

Rev. Tierce is a native Texan. He was born in Williamson County, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Tierce, now of Ballinger. Most of his early life was spent near Elgin, Texas. He was educated in the Elgin High School, San Marcos Baptist Academy, and Baylor University. He graduated from the academy as valedictorian of the class of 1910.

Six years were spent in Baylor, where an A. B. degree was received in 1923, and the remaining two years were spent working on an M. A. degree. In 1924-25 he served his Alma Mater as an assistant teacher in the department of philosophy and psychology. As a student he was active in campus life, serving as a member and official of the Oratorical Association; Mission Workers, an organization that now has members on the foreign fields of South America, Africa, Japan, and China; Ministerial Association; and other student groups.

Rev. Tierce was licensed to the ministry by the Elgin Baptist Church of Elgin, Texas. And he was ordained to the ministry while a student in Baylor, by the Seventh and James Street Baptist Church of Waco. While a student he served as pastor of churches in central and east Texas. In 1925 he came to Runnels County, where he served as pastor of churches in that section until going to the First Baptist Church of Aspermont. Recently he has gone from Aspermont to the Clyde Baptist Church of Clyde, Texas, where he now serves as pastor.

In 1929 Rev. Tierce was married to Miss Lucille Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith of Winters. Mrs. Tierce is a graduate of the Winters High School and Hardin-Simmons University.

The editor will preach Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church, Midland, and at the evening hour will preach the commencement sermon for the Senior class at Seminole.

First Putnam Church Dates Back Prior 1885

By Mrs. John Cook The present Baptist Church at Putnam was organized July 11, 1908.

There was a church at Putnam prior to this. In a minute of the 2nd annual session in 1885 of the Cisco Association to which Callahan County formerly belonged, Putnam's messenger was seated and a letter resigned for Putnam Church; but the records of that first church could not be found. In looking over some of these old minutes it was noted that Putnam Church was listed among others as giving to missions, paying for minutes and other things that Baptists still contribute to. The present church, however, was organized by a presbytery composed of Brother John P. Hardesty, G. W. Parks, and W. A. Daniel, with the following as charter members: W. T. Crosby, John L. Woods, W. M. Isenhour, S. P. Wood, W. D. Dunnagin, G. W. Dodd, L. T. Renfro, Askew G. Dodd, Mmes. Beulah Anthony, A. F. Wood, R. C. Dunnagin, Lizzie Renfro, Lena Wood, M. E. Dodd, Elmer Dodd, Myrtle Dodd, Florence Crosby, Crecy Crosby, Lillie Crosby. A few of the church members are still living and none of them hold membership in the church at the present time.

In the minutes of the first meeting, carried that the name of the church be "The First Missionary Baptist Church of Putnam." The following pastors have served the church: W. C. Reeves from July, 1908, to March 12, 1910; John W. Inzer, April, 1910, to November, 1910; W. A. Daniels, December, 1910, to September, 1911; A. J. Price, October, 1911, to January, 1912; A. J. Morgan, April, 1912; Mack Richardson, March 8, 1912, to 1915; A. L. Johnston, March 15, 1915, to 1917; D. M. Strickland, June, 1917, to November, 1918; Richborough, March 3, 1919 to September, 1920; T. B. Prescott, December 19, 1920, to June 18, 1921; P. D. O'Brien, January, 1922; L. U. Comalander, July, 1923, to 1924; J. E. Black, January, 1925 to 1932; C. F. Bryant, May, 1932, to 1933; F. A. Hollis is the present pastor.

For several years the congregation had no place of their own. They met in a tabernacle or at the Methodist Church, but in 1909-1910 plans were formed whereby the present building was erected. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Woods gave the land on which the building was erected.

The church sent a petitionary letter to the association in September, 1908, asking for membership in Callahan Association. This was granted and since that time the Putnam Church has been identified with the association. The first mention of ordaining deacons is in a minute of February 12, 1910, when the church voted to select and elect two deacons. Brother J. T. Hesley joined the church by letter as an ordained deacon and Brother G. W. Dodd was elected. He was ordained in March, 1910. Other deacons were added from time to time. An incomplete list follows: James A. Littleton, W. H. Norred (deceased), W. M. Tatom, R. L. Buchanan, E. C. Scott, Otis Tatom, S. M. Eubank, George Brown, W. A. Ramsey.

The church minutes do not give date of the organization of the Sunday School but the first superintendent whose name is given is John F. Odor, who resigned and W. M. Crosby was elected May 10, 1913. He served quite a while. R. L. Buchanan was elected and is still serving in this capacity.

The first B. Y. P. U. was organized in August, 1911, with the following officers: Mrs. J. S. Yeager, president; Luke Cathey, vice-president; Paul Woods, secretary-treasurer. The following have served as church clerks: W. D. Dunnagin, W. M. Crosby, L. E. Stuart, Mrs. L. A. Willis, Mrs. J. S. Yeager, S. M. Eubank, Mrs. Willie Culwell. Mrs. E. G. Scott was elected clerk in 1926 and is the clerk at the present time.

E. G. Scott was elected treasurer in 1919 and is still serving the church. The church has been missionary since its organization and still is.

The W. M. S. was organized on about 1908. Mrs. J. A. Littleton was

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THE CALLAHAN ASSOCIATION

This week the West Texas Baptist is featuring the Callahan Baptist Association. This is one of the smaller associations in District 17, but the brethren in Callahan County have carried on the work in a credible manner for almost a half century under the name of the Callahan Baptist Association. There is to be found nowhere in Texas a more loyal group of pastors than those in this association. Most of the churches are small, but they are loyal to the entire Baptist program. The editor appreciates the fine manner in which the churches co-operated with us in getting out this historical edition. We would also express appreciation of the business men in the association for their patronage. We are sending several hundred copies of this issue to the churches in the association. Read the advertising matter, and then express appreciation to your merchant for his co-operation. We are also expressing the hope that a large number of the churches in the association will form West Texas Baptist Clubs. Remember the paper, published weekly, can be secured for the small sum of five cents per subscriber per month, where as many as ten subscribe for the paper. These subscriptions can be paid monthly, quarterly or annually.

J. D. REEVES, PIONEER PREACHER

On Monday of last week, death claimed one of Jones County's pioneer preachers, Brother J. D. Reeves. The editor has known this good man for many years. He was one of the most Christ-like characters we have ever known, and he was universally loved by those who knew him. He began his ministry late in life, but he tried to make every moment count for Christ and His cause. In a later issue we will publish a detailed account of his life.

GOING AFTER CRIMINALS

The Federal government is to be congratulated on the successful war that is being made on major crime. For a while it looked like the criminal element was going to take charge of affairs in America. In spite of our boasted civilization, America continues to lead the nations of the world in lawlessness and crime. The successful drive made on kidnapers and other major criminals during the past few months shows that the crime wave can be stopped if and when organized society determines to stop it. What the Federal government is doing in rounding up the big criminals on a large scale, local government can do in its prescribed limits if our citizenship decide they want the law enforced. The laws are being violated openly every day and every hour in almost every community and the citizenship seems to be unconcerned about it. So long as our people are indifferent about law enforcement, there will be no law enforcement. This Centennial year is also election year. Would it not be an appropriate time for our people to awaken out of sleep, elect officials that believe in law enforcement and then see that the laws of our country are enforced.

Missions in District 17

J. D. BRANNON, Missionary

The table below shows the comparative report of associations for April, giving the associations, number of churches, number giving in April, per cent giving in April, and the amount:

Callahan	16	9	56.2	\$50.67
Cisco	34	19	56.0	363.82
Fisher	21	13	61.4	175.52
Haskell	25	11	44.0	147.72
Jones	31	14	45.0	219.75
Stonewall	15	6	40.0	30.84
Sweetwater	34	17	50.0	664.21
TOTALS	175	89	50.0	\$1652.53

SUMMER EVANGELISTIC LEADERS

The following men have been asked to lead their associations in evangelism during the summer:

- Callahan, Rev. Joe R. Mayes, Baird.
- Cisco, Rev. H. D. Blair, Cisco.
- Fisher, Rev. John T. Taylor, Rotan.
- Haskell, Rev. H. R. Whatley, Haskell.
- Jones, Rev. J. H. Skiles, Stamford.
- Stonewall, Rev. H. T. Dennis, Swenson.
- Sweetwater, Rev. W. H. Howell, Abilene.

These men will have at the next Workers Conference a large chart of the Association, and will place on there dates of meetings of churches, and arrange for a meeting in every mission point in the association.

Be sure to turn in a report to your associational leader of every meeting held from last convention to the next.

MEETING AT HOUSTON

The Missionary recently held a two weeks meeting in the Magnolia Park Church, Houston, Rev. C. B. Stephenson, pastor, in which there were 49 additions for baptism, 25 by letter, and 35 other professions, making a total of 109 additions and professions.

This church gives more than \$200.00 a month to the Co-operative Program.

Dr. Millard Jenkins of the First Church, Abilene, Pastor Joyner of Merkel and the District Missionary left Monday night for St. Louis to attend the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HIGHT C. MOORE

May 17, 1936

JESUS INSPIRES HONESTY

Read Luke 19. Study Luke 10:1-10, 45-48
During the week before his crucifixion in the year 30, A. D., Jesus, on his final journey to Jerusalem, was the Guest-Savior of the chief publican at Jericho in the lower Jordan valley which was the regional headquarters for the regulation of exports and imports between the Roman Empire and the dominion of Herod.

On Sunday of Crucifixion Week Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and for the second time cleansed the Temple of the traffickers who had made it a robber's den.

1. The Conversion of the Publican
Jesus inspires honesty in business. Note two things here. (1) Through conversion he makes an honest man. Here are three glimpses of Jesus. First—Jesus arriving. The head of the colony of tax collectors in Jericho was named Zacchaeus who was almost certainly a Jew as appears from his name and from the fact that Jesus called him a son of Abraham. He must have been extremely unpopular with the Jews since revenue officers were generally hated, especially if they were Jews. No doubt his life was stained by extortion and injustice as seems from his confession. At any rate, he had amassed an immense fortune for "he was rich." Second—Jesus attracting. Zacchaeus had heard of the fame of Jesus which had filled Palestine and he was very desirous of seeing this distinguished personage. So when he heard that Jesus was near the city he went from curiosity to see the Great Teacher. Perhaps to his surprise he found him in the midst of an immense multitude. Being low of stature he was unable to work his way through the crowd to the Lord. Just ahead in the direction the crowd was moving stood a Syrian sycamore tree. Going forward and ascending this tree, Zacchaeus probably seated himself on a high limb stretching out over the road and there awaited the coming of the Savior. Third—Jesus abiding. Jesus approached and looking up discovered the waiting publican and a new opportunity for doing good was offered the Son of Man. Upon this hated publican the Jews had poured their hostility and remains unchanged; Jesus will try a mightier expedient with far different effect. The Jews would not under any consideration enter his life. Jesus will cross his threshold, enjoy his hospitality, and renovate his life. How welcome to Zacchaeus must have been the self-invitation of Jesus to his house! Instantly he obeyed and came down with haste and received Jesus—a far deeper and richer experience than he had yet had, and he received him not in a cool and

distant nor even dignified manner but joyfully. The acceptance of the publican's hospitality on the part of Jesus awakened long and loud. Why should he not lodge with some of the numerous priests of the city? Why should he put up at the house of "a man whose very profession was a symbol of the national degradation?" (2) Through consecration he makes a man honest. Jesus had a purpose in going to the house of Zacchaeus and it was soon accomplished. Doubtless before Zacchaeus seated himself in his house and entertained the Lord, he made to Jesus a promise and a proposition including also a confession. He said: "The half of my goods I give to the poor"—great liberality, showing likeness to the Master at once; and also "If I have wrongfully exacted aught of any man, I restore fourfold"—the highest restitution that even the Romans demanded, while the Jewish law ordinarily required only twofold. This was a most remarkable statement for a man of his grasping nature and record of extortion. It shows that a profound change had occurred in the publican who now made a sacrifice of his wealth in the most just and generous way and personally received into his inner life Jesus Christ as a regnant Lord, and Jesus said, "Today is salvation come to this house," for the publican's joyful reception of the Messiah had resulted in significant liberality, humble confession, and living faith. And so again our Lord could truly say, "The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost."

2. Cleansing of the Temple
Jesus inspires honesty in religion. Note two things here: (1) He requires honesty in practice. When Jesus entered the Temple he found it ringing with traffic and reeking with filth. In its very courts were the money-changers, assuming to seek the convenience of pilgrims from afar who must give into the treasury only Jewish coin, but in reality they were dominated by greed, filled with fraud, and guilty of most flagrant desecration of the Temple. There were also the dealers in cattle, sheep, and doves, who also professing to be on hand merely to accommodate the crowds wishing to sacrifice, had actually brought within the Temple area the confused and noisy animals and added to the din by crying them out for sale. And so instead of a calm, reposeful, appealing place of worship, Jesus found the Temple a filthy market-house and a thrifty robbers' den. At once he did his stern but blessed work. Out with the Temple traffickers and away with the clang of greed and pride!

W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

Mrs. E. B. Atwood, Editor

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

W. M. U., DISTRICT 17
Below is the report of the W. M. U. S. and Young People, the first figure being W. M. S., the latter Young People:

Co-operative Program, \$1,549.75; \$225.35; Lottie Moon Christmas offering, \$1,293.80, \$209.17; Home Mission thank offering \$651.79, \$117.92; Charity \$1,132.37, \$44.47; Miscellaneous \$485.03, \$28.50; Buckner Orphan's Home, cash \$1,077.26, \$63.67; Buckner Orphan's Home, boxes, \$1,844.26; Ministerial Relief, cash, \$434.46, \$1.75; Old Minister boxes, value, \$66.55, 50c; Missionary boxes, value, \$64.19; Association Missions, \$190.63, \$19.72; City Missions, \$74.98, \$10.30; District 17, \$20.65; District and Association expense fund \$221.31; Scholarships \$175.70; Mary Hardin-Baylor C. fund \$150.61; 100,000 Club \$819.74, \$2.50; Local Church \$15,565.86, \$5,206.90; Luaders Encampment \$125.05, \$129.86; West Texas Baptist Sanitarium boxes \$153.76, \$6.27; West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, cash \$118.93, \$15.04; West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, charity \$221.58; H-S general funds, \$877.60, \$236.34; Student fund, \$241.47; Love Gifts, \$395.65; Salaries of Missionaries, \$1,382.63; District Missions, \$61.43, \$22.10; Education for Students \$18.75; Foreign Missions, \$6.00, \$5.00; totals \$30,316.48, \$6,368.61; grand total \$36,385.09.

Buckner Orphan's Home
Received: April 20, offering at district meet, \$35.81; Cisco, 6.85; Fisher, 2.50; Haskell, 5.00; Jones, 3.00; Stonewall, 4.00; Sweetwater, 18.90; total, \$76.06.
Disbursed: State Treasurer \$75.56; Balance Fwd. 50c.

District Scholarship, Southwestern Training School
Received: April 12 balance, \$139.09; Callahan, 22.50; Cisco, 51.25; Cisco Special, 5.00; Fisher Special, 1.50; Sweetwater Special, 5.00; Fisher, 24.00; Haskell, 28.00; Jones, 22.30; Stonewall, 20.00; Sweetwater, 68.50; total, \$387.14.
Disbursed: Southwestern Training School, \$375.00; Miss Lucile Mattox, \$11.50; balance forward, 64c.

Education Foreign Student Fund
Received: Balance, 1.85; Callahan, 6.30; Cisco, 44.25; Fisher, 16.40; Jones, 12.50; Haskell, 12.00; Stonewall, 11.50; Sweetwater, 28.73; total \$133.53.
Disbursed: State Treasurer, \$125.70; balance forward, 7.83.
First Baptist Church Loan Fund
Received: Sweetwater, \$155.08; total, 155.08.
Disbursed: First Baptist Church,

\$145.98; H-S. Acct., 9.10; balance forward, 9.10

Hardin-Simmons Student Fund
Received: Rupert Richardson acct., \$1.75; Silver anniversary acct., 76.33; Sweetwater, 72.14; Callahan, 1.25; total, \$241.47.
Disbursed: Hardin-Simmons, 241.47.

Luaders Encampment
Received: Callahan, \$14.85; Cisco, 20.25; Fisher, 18.00; Haskell, 10.00; Jones, 15.00; Stonewall, 14.00; Sweetwater, 67.17; Y. P. Leader, 126.66; total, 289.93.
Disbursed: Mr. Tate May, 254.91; balance forward, 35.02.

Mary Hardin-Baylor
Received: Balance, 6.45; Callahan, 11.10; Cisco, 100.50; Fisher, 32.00; Haskell, 87.50; Jones, 24.00; Stonewall, 19.00; Sweetwater, 48.25; total 328.80.
Disbursed: State Treasurer, 306.80; balance forward, 22.00.

Miscellaneous
Received: Callahan Mag., 1.00; Fisher Mag., 2.00; Jones Mag., 2.00; Haskell Mag., 1.00; Stonewall Mag., 1.00; Sweetwater Mag., 1.00; Cisco Native Miss., 41.75; Cisco Ex. B. Sch., 1.50; Cisco Marg. fund girl, 7.90; Cisco Mrs. C. Gift, 1.00; Stonewall L. M. offering, 7.43; Stonewall 2 living messages, 3.00; Stonewall State Ex. B. Sch., 2.00; Stonewall Mrs. C. gift, 1.00; Fisher Marg. fund, 5.00; Fisher Mrs. C. gift, 1.00; Jones Mrs. C. gift, 1.00; Sweetwater Mrs. C. gift, 1.15; Sweetwater Marg. fund gift, 10.08; total, 91.81.

Disbursed: State treasurer, 63.43; Mrs. J. E. Leigh, 4.90; Claradine Le Seuer, 20.48; balance forward, 3.00.
Silver Anniversary
Received: Sweetwater, 277.16; total, 277.16.
Disbursed: 1st Baptist Ch., 185.11; H&S N., 48.80; H&S student acct., 43.25.

Texas Bible School Account
Received: Callahan, 2.00; Cisco, 2.00; Fisher, 2.00; Haskell, 2.00; Jones, 2.00; Stonewall, 2.00; Sweetwater, 2.00; total, 14.00.
Disbursed: State treasurer, 14.00.

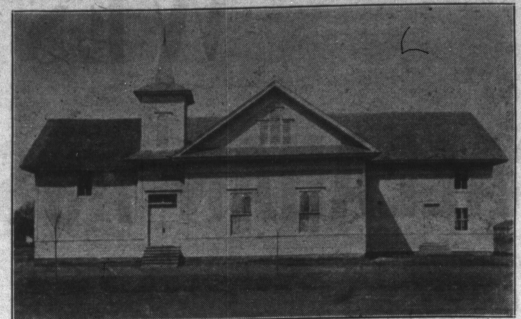
West Texas Baptist Sanitarium
Received: Sweetwater, 215.05; Cisco, 10,000; Fisher, 2.00; total, 227.08.
Disbursed: West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, 227.08.

Expense Fund
Received: Balance, 94.22; Cisco, (Continued on page three)

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THE CLYDE BAPTIST CHURCH



CLYDE CHURCH HAD BEGINNING IN LOG HOUSE IN 1884

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the bottom of one of the T. P. railroad wells.

History Church Auxiliary
SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sunday School of the Clyde Baptist Church was organized in the late 1880's soon after the church was organized. The school has grown as the church membership and community have grown. At present the enrollment is 217. The school is now being departmentized, and lacks only two points being standard. In the earlier years of the school it was difficult to secure teachers and workers. To help remedy this condition the W. M. U. of the church was organized. Some of those who have served as superintendent of the school are: Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Lee Pool, Mr. Miller, Mr. E. F. Butler, Mr. Perry, Mr. M. L. Green, the present superintendent.

W. M. U.: The W. M. U. of the church was first organized in 1906. Some women of the Clyde Church went to Abilene where they were organized by Mrs. O. H. Cooper. Mrs. Kuykendall was the first president. In 1912 the organization was revived and Mrs. Tisdell was elected president. In keeping with the purpose of the early W. M. U. organizations considerable church improvement was done by this group. They bought the bell, pews, and individual communion set, now used by the present church. In 1920, this organization, having disintegrated for the lack of a challenging task, was reorganized with 18 members. President serving since 1920 are: Mrs. W. L. Sikes, Mrs. Lee Cook, Mrs. Sam Barker, Mrs. Leslie Cook, Mrs. W. L. Sikes, Mrs. Jim Baulch, Mrs. W. B. Barton, Mrs. W. L. Sikes, president present. This revived organization has provided the church with collection plates and helped to provide the Sunday School with chairs. In more recent years the worthy work of world-wide missions has been kept before this organization and they have steadily grown in interest, membership and service until at present they have 67 women enrolled in active service.

B. T. U.: Growing out of inspiration coming from the B. Y. P. U. work of South Texas, and the Palacios encampment, B. Y. P. U. work was organized in the Clyde Baptist Church in 1919. From then until now this work has continued a part of the church life. At present there are four units with 57 enrolled. Miss Evelyn Hollis is the present president.
LAYMEN: This is the newest auxiliary in the church life. It was organized in 1935 with 24 charter members. Mr. M. L. Green was the first president, and Mr. Lawrence is the present president. This organization is sponsoring many enterprises in the local church life.

CALLAHAN W.M.U. HAD BEGINNING IN 1909 AT CLYDE MEETING

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to transact all necessary business in the interim between the meetings. As a plan of finance to defray expenses a ten-cent contribution from each member of all local society treasurers and forwarded to the treasurer of the associational union.

Baird, Cl-ve, and Potosi went into the organization. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Joiner, vice-president, Mrs. M. C. Willis, secretary-treasurer, Miss Josie Kuykendall.

In order to admit delegates to our union from churches not having an organization it was decided to have a Mission Literature committee in these churches. This committee to consist of a chairman, and three others whom she shall select. The duty of this committee is to distribute mission literature in their respective churches. Mrs. M. C. Morton of Cottonwood and Miss Bessie Wooten of Pleasant Valley Church were appointed chairmen of the mission literature committee in these churches. Meeting adjourned with prayer.

A year later, in 1910, a call came from a committee composed of Mrs. L. Mathis, Mrs. J. M. Wimbery, and Miss Rosa Bell Breadlove to the women of Callahan County not to let the union die, urging that they meet at the next 5th Sunday meeting to revive the union. The next mention of the union's work was in 1911 when a motion was made that the moderator appoint a committee to reorganize women's work. The following were appointed: Mrs. Laura D. Miller, Mrs. H. C. Norsworthy, Miss Tyler, Mrs. M. J. Holmes.

In 1912 the motion was made, seconded and carried that a committee on women's work be added to the other committees of the regular committees of the association. Much credit is due our early workers for their steadfastness. They had a lot to discourage them. Most of the time they were doing mission work they met only once a year for several years.

The following served as presidents: Mrs. Joiner Mrs. Mills, Mrs. L. B. Russell, Mrs. George Scott, Mrs. W. L. Sikes, and Mrs. John Cook. Mrs. V. W. Tatum of Cross Plains is the present president. We are following the plan of work outlined by our state workers. The W. M. U. of Callahan County has made wonderful progress yet there is much to do. No one person has made this progress possible but a number whom we might mention, all working together for the advancement of the Kingdom's work. We still have a host of unenlisted women. We are trusting and praying that all will be enlisted.

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BAIRD CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1881 WITH NINE MEMBERS

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church. Following Brother Stanton the church had the scholarly Dr. W. C. Friley for a while. Then came Brethren Barnum and L. B. Covington, who supplied the pulpit till 1894, or early 1895, when the greatly beloved Brother J. L. Mayes became pastor. In June, 1895, a cyclone came suddenly and blew both church and parsonage to pieces. The good pastor's wife and her son, Mitchell, were sitting on a bed together, when the wind toppled the church over on the parsonage, crushing out the life of the son, while the wife and mother was not seriously injured. It was clearly the Hand of Providence that protected her.

Due to the faithful and untiring efforts of the members, led by Brother S. M. Moon, long gone to his reward, the present house of worship was built, and three of the rooms of the splendid parsonage in which the present pastor lives, were erected, just a block north of the church.

The record does not show just when Brother Mayes resigned, but it is known that he was succeeded by the "silvery tongued" pulpit orator, William Crawford. He was followed by Brother J. F. Leake. Following Brother Leake, came our own much beloved Brother George W. Parks, now living at Roscoe. He was succeeded by I. C. Underwood, who turned aside from the ministry and became a lawyer. Then in the fall of 1905, Chas. A. Loveless became pastor for a little more than two years. Brother J. M. Joiner came next with his sweet-spirited ways, and remained for more than two years. (This dear, good man, died very suddenly, while attending the B. Y. P. U. encampment at Palacios, in 1914). From October, 1910, 'til May, 1911, the church had the ministry of Brother E. B. Shope, whose present whereabouts are unknown to the writer. Then dear old A. F. Loftin came and spent about two years. In March, 1914, one of several Stephenville lawyers who have entered the ministry, Brother L. O. Cox, was induced to give his energies of mind and heart to the work for two and half years. In November, 1916, Brother R. A. Scranton, came with his enthusiasm and did a telling work for a year and eight months. After remaining pastorless for several months, the church extended a call to Brother D. E. Adams, who is now doing missionary work down in the Alpine, Texas, country, which he accepted and worked hard for a year and a half. He was followed by Brother J. C. McKenzie. Then the poor church seemed not to know any better than to ask the present incumbent to return; and he having "about played out" everywhere else, during the 14 years since he left it, gladly accepted and says that he hopes he will live to be a hundred years old, and be actively the pastor of Baird Baptist Church to the last day of his earthly existence.

The above sketch of the Baird Church was written in 1922 by Rev. Chas. A. Loveless.

Rev. P. D. O'Brien followed Brother Loveless as pastor of the church. About a year later Brother O'Brien resigned as pastor to become pastor of the church at Munday.

The present pastor, Rev. Joe R. Mayes began his work on the field January 1, 1926. During these ten years there have been about 200 members baptized in the church. During these years the church has done extensive mission work throughout the association through the pastor. Brother Mayes has held revival meetings, taught singing lessons and led the churches in denominational enterprises all during these years.

During 1934 Pastor Mayes led the church in the erection of a new church building. The present membership of the church is 500, with about 300 resident members.

The Baird Church has done extensive mission work among the Mexicans in that section. Twelve Mexicans have been baptized into the fellowship of the church and others have come in by letter. The church licensed Alberto Dabilla to preach and ordained Raymond Torres to the full Gospel ministry.

The deacons of the Baird Church are: W. M. Coffman, B. L. Russell, Sr., W. D. Boydston, M. J. Holmes, R. L. Edwards, L. A. Beasley, and R. Y. Bracken.

The Sunday School superintendents who have served the church during the past ten years are: William J. Evans, Judge B. L. Russell, D. Thompson, W. D. Boydston. Brother Thompson is the present superintendent.

Last year the Callahan Association reported 101 baptisms, and 54 of these were reported from the Baird Church.

The W. M. U. of the Baird Church have been active through the years. The present active membership is composed of the following: Mrs. B. L. Russeel, H. F. Fay, M. J. Holmes, W. B. Atchison, L. B. Lewis, W. D. Boydston, R. E. Nunneley, C. C. Andrews, L. A. Beasley, F. M. Coates, Joe R. Mayes, John M. McGowan, J. P. Davis, George Scott.

HAWLEY CHURCH

G. E. Benson, Pastor

We are moving along well; have finished a study course, and will take census the third Sunday. We have set the third Sunday in July for our meeting. The pastor will do the preaching. Hope to have a real Holy Spirit, heaven-sent revival. Have had eight additions lately; one for baptism.

We hope to greatly enlarge our Sunday School soon. In June we will have a study course for B. T. U. We have the West Texas Baptist in our budget and like it. We commend it to other churches. It is a good assistant pastor. We look forward with hope.

DENTON VALLEY CHURCH

There have been three Baptist churches in what is now Denton Valley community.

The first, the Rough Creek Baptist Church, was organized, perhaps, by Rev. Wells. This church disbanded and most of its members went into the newly organized Denton Church about five miles southwest of the Rough Creek Church.

In 1908 Rev. A. J. Price organized the Pleasant Valley Church. This church was about four miles north of the Denton Church and two miles west of the old Rough Creek Church.

In 1922 the Denton and Pleasant Valley churches consolidated and one of the buildings was moved to the present location. M. F. Richardson served as the first pastor after the consolidation for two years. The church then called Rev. Frank Maddox; he served about two years. Then Rev. R. S. Bright served as pastor about six years. Then M. F. Richardson was called and is the present pastor.

Rev. R. S. Bright has wielded the greatest influence over the Denton Valley community and church than any other preacher. He served as pastor of both Denton and Pleasant Valley churches and of the present organization.

Among the preachers that have not been mentioned elsewhere who have served one or the other of the above organizations are: Revs. Wells, A. J. Price, A. C. Miller, John W. Williams, Lonnie Robins, R. H. Williams, J. H. Stone.

REV. R. H. WILLIAMS

One of the most faithful ministers this section of Texas has ever had is Rev. R. H. Williams of Abilene, who has served many rural churches in this section during the past 35 years.

Brother Williams was converted at the age of 40 at the old Board Flat Baptist Church in Callahan County, under the ministry of Rev. I. D. Hull. The revival meeting at the time was being held by Rev. R. D. Carter. Later Brother Williams moved to the Eula Church licensed and ordained him to preach. He was 44 years old at the time of his ordination, and the sermon was preached by Rev. G. W. Parks of Roscoe, who has had a fruitful ministry of over 40 years in this section.

After he surrendered to preach Brother Williams studied Bible in Hardin-Simmons under Dr. Ball. He also attended several Bible institutes at Baylor University. Some of the churches served by Brother Williams during these 35 years are as follows: Callahan Association: Rough Creek Church, his first pastorate; Denton Church, three years; Oplin, nine years; Eula, 10 years; Admiral, 10 years; Cottonwood, five years; Cross Plains, three years; Antioch, eight years.

Sweetwater Association: Colony Hill at two different periods; Bradshaw, two years; Cedar Gap, three years; assisted in the organization of the Mount Pleasant Church and was pastor for one year; missionary pastor of Walnut Street Mission for two years and later served the Walnut Street Church as pastor, and led in the rebuilding of the church building after the church had lost its home by fire.

Jones County Association: Amity Church, seven years; Golan Church, eight years, and a church building was erected during his pastorate. Stonewall Association: Johnson's Chapel, five years.

EULA CHURCH

The Eula Baptist Church was organized in 1890. Rev. H. G. Wells led in the organization. Some of the charter members of the church were, W. B. Ferguson, Mrs. J. T. Edwards, Jim Gibson, Mrs. Jim Gibson, Mrs. Acock, Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Chandler; Mrs. Edwards, a charter member of the church still resides in the Eula community.

Among the seventeen pastors who have served the church during these 46 years are: D. G. Wells, A. T. Ford, J. M. Reynolds, B. G. Richburg, G. W. Parks, F. C. Dick, R. H. Williams, Dick Bright, W. L. Stewart, M. F. Richardson, Sam Malone, Ramsey, N. W. Pitts, R. L. Shannon, and the present pastor, Rev. B. L. Strickland.

The Eula Church has a present membership of 108, with a Sunday School enrollment of 75. Brother M. E. Jolly is superintendent of the Sunday School.

OPLIN CHURCH

The Baptist Church at Oplin, in South Callahan County, was organized in 1903 by Rev. R. D. Cecil. Some of the charter members assisting in the organization were: Mrs. Amanda Smith, Miss Mary Lawler, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Strole, Mrs. Ethel Berry, J. M. Warren.

The church has had nine pastors, as follows: R. H. Williams, A. J. Price, C. R. Goodman, R. S. Bright, A. R. McClure, Frank Maddox, T. B. Ramsey, M. F. Richardson, and the present pastor, Brother Dick Griffin, student in Hardin-Simmons, who has been with the church about four months.

The church has a membership of 66 and a Sunday School enrollment of 80. Brother S. S. Harville is leading in the Sunday School work.

Dr. M. F. Newton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Spur, has recently returned from Covington, Tenn., where he conducted a successful revival meeting. Fourteen candidates were baptized at the close of the meeting.

COTTONWOOD CHURCH

The Missionary Baptist Church of Cottonwood was organized in 1882. Services were held for the first nine years in a school house and brush arbor. The present church building was erected in 1891. Mr. Reid had the contract to construct the building, but he contracted measles and died. Uncle Dock Borden finished the work. Brother R. D. Carter went to Sam Aldridge's, near Cross Plains, for cotton seed to feed oxen that they might haul foundation stone for the building. A storm blew the frame work off the foundation, but finally the building was completed.

The Cottonwood Church was joined to the Cisco Association, and in 1892 withdrew from this association to join the Callahan Association.

Brother Kelly was the first pastor of the church. Brother Dan Matthews, cowboy preacher, served the church for a while. Brother Kelly resigned as pastor in 1892 and Rev. R. D. Carter became pastor. Brother Carter was re-elected in 1907 and in 1908 Brother B. G. Richburg served the church for a year. Other pastors of the church are as follows: John P. Hardesty, 1908-1910; L. S. Smith, 1911-12; R. H. Williams, 1912-16; D. M. Strickland, 1916-18; S. A. Jones, 1919-21; W. M. Lawrence, 1922-24; M. F. Richardson, 1924-25; A. B. Oliver, 1925-26; C. A. Baskin, 1926-27; W. H. Howell, 1927-28; S. R. Respass, 1930-35. The present pastor is Rev. W. T. Preddy of Anson.

The Cottonwood Church has ordained two preachers, Brethren J. T. Tarrett and Ross Respass. All charter members of the church are dead.

The church has a present membership of 108, with 100 enrolled in Sunday School, W. R. Thompson is superintendent of the Sunday School. The church has adopted the budget plan of finances, with 80 per cent used for local expenses and 20 per cent going to the Co-operative Program.

SHILO CHURCH

The Shilo Church is one of the smaller churches in the Callahan Association, but its history dates back to 1881. Rev. Dan Matthews led in the organization of the church. Some of the charter members of the church are: Mrs. V. A. Harris, Mrs. R. C. Dankins, Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Walker, Mrs. Antha Anderson, Mrs. Richardson. All these first members of the church have answered the last roll call and have gone to their reward.

The church has had 18 pastors, but a complete list of them was not available. Rev. Roy O. O'Brien is the present pastor of the church.

The church has 104 members recorded on the roll, but many of these are non-resident. The Sunday School has a present enrollment of 44. Leo Thompson is superintendent of the Sunday School.

BAIRD PASTOR IS NATIVE OF CENTRAL WEST TEXAS

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West Side Stamford in Jones County, London, Post and Rock Dale in Haskell County, and Benjamin and Goree in Knox County, Tuscola in Taylor County, Atwell in Callahan County, and Friendship Church at Rag Town in Garza County. After his graduation from Simmons he moved to the Seminary at Fort Worth and in 1925 received his Th.B. there. And while in the Seminary he was pastor of old Tonk Valley Church where he was ordained, and Krum in Denton County and May Pearl in Ellis County; after his graduation from Seminary he went to Del Rio-Uvalde Association as missionary and from there moved to Baird and began work as pastor of the Baptist Church January 1, 1926, and for more than 10 years has been steadily going forward. There have been some 300 baptized into the church and every cause of the denomination has been cared for by the church, a new building has been erected and paid for during his stay with the church.

Brother Mayes has always been strong for missions and evangelism and all through his ministry he has held many meetings and has been rated as a safe dependable helper in a meeting. While pastor at Baird he was moderator of the Callahan Association for three years, and is regarded as the missionary pastor of all the little weak churches and mission points, as such has maintained an appointment at the Midway school house near Baird, and Dudley Church for 10 years. During his pastorate at Baird he has married more people, baptized more people, held more funerals than any other preacher of any communion in the entire county.

There is not a busier pastor anywhere than Joe R. Mayes. He has the true pastor's heart, and he is always to be found in the front line of battle between sin and righteousness.

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34.63; Callahan, 4.30; Fisher, 8.95; Haskell, 17.60; Jones, 8.77; Stonewall, 6.83; Sweetwater, 40.44; total, 215.77.	
Disbursed: M. E. J. Poe, 95; Mrs. J. Dawson, 5.00; Abilene Printing Co., 9.50; Pres. Exp. to S. B. C., 50.00; Cor. sec. treas. postage, stationery, tele. calls, and night letters, 7.84; district missions, 3.50; Mrs. Leigh's exp., 11.00; Y. P. Leader post., etc., 13.00; Dist. Officers exp., 20.85; Dist. Officers exp., 7.27; Florist acct., 8.50; app. sheets, 1.75; Lucile Mattox R. R. fare, 7.50; Deficit for Mrs. Copass gift, 4.60; Deficit in Tex. Sch. acct., 50c; balance forward, 64.01.	
Recapitulation	\$ 50
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Exp. fund	64.01
Lueders	35.02

Baccalaureate Sermon Set For Sunday, May 31

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church, has been selected to preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, May 31, at 11 o'clock at the First Baptist church.

Rev. Charles A. Powell, pastor of the University church, will preach the missionary sermon at the University Baptist church the same evening.

Hon. Edward F. McFaddin of Hope, Arkansas, will deliver the commencement address on Tuesday morning, June 2, at 10 o'clock in the university auditorium. McFaddin is an alumnus of Hardin-Simmons, graduating in 1913.

Fifty-five seniors will graduate at this time. Edelweiss Jenkins, whose father will give the baccalaureate sermon, is a member of the graduating class.

ON THE FIELD

WITH HARDIN-SIMMONS PREACHERS
By J. WILLIAM ARNETT

The church at Nolan had three great services Sunday. In the afternoon, after dinner was served at the church, a splendid Mother's Day program was given. Brother Pitts reports that there were one conversion and two additions to the church by letter.

June 28 is the day for the home coming of the Sparenburg Church. The church building will be dedicated to the Lord on that day also. All members, both present and former, and former pastors, are urged to attend these services. The public has a hearty invitation. Good services were reported for last Sunday. There were 94 in the B. T. U. It was organized a little better than a month ago with 98 members. W. I. Taylor is the pastor at Sparenburg.

Word comes that Brother Everett Milam, First Church, Abilene, has been called to the First Church, Midland, as educational director, and is to begin with them June 1.

The time for the revival meeting at Royston has been set for Friday night, August 14. The church through the pastor, Hobson Howell, are inviting Rev. J. M. Cooper, pastor of the Melwood Avenue Baptist Church, Brownwood, to be with them and do the preaching.

Arvil Richardson, pastor at Nugent, will do the preaching in a meeting to begin there June 7.

Date to begin revival meetings at Sweet Home has been set as August 2, according to Pastor Kirk. They had three good services on Mother's Day.

Services at Oplin were good Sunday, and this church has set the time for beginning the revival meeting as July 19. Brother Tatum, pastor at Cross Plains, will do the preaching. Brother Dick Griffin is the pastor. He is also pastor at Hatchell.

We have set the time for our meeting at Valley View, in Midland County, to begin August 9. Brother T. L. Nipp will be with us to do the preaching.

You will notice that most of these churches have set the time to begin their meetings. I believe this is the way, and close the meeting when the time comes to close.

The Ministerial Council of Hardin-Simmons, in connection with the Salvation Army, has closed a two weeks meeting. The services were held in the Salvation Hall and in the open at 1025 Locust Street. The meeting was worth while; many of the preachers were drawn closer to the Lord and have greater fellowship with others, and several souls were won to the Lord. One soul won would have made it worth the time spent.

Good services at Hamby were reported by Clyde Jackson. Had a splendid Mother's Day program. There were 98 in Sunday School.

This was Brother Jackson's last day with Hamby as pastor. Pray with them as they seek a shepherd.

M. H. Baylor	22.00
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Lueders Enc.	5.20
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Total	\$10.80
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Miss Lucile Mattox	2.00
Mary Hardin-Baylor	1.75
Hardin-Simmons Student	5.00
Total	\$8.75
Jones:	
Lueders Enc.	8.00
Mary Hardin-Baylor	2.00
B. O. H. Graduates	3.00
Miss Lucile Mattox	2.25
Total	\$15.25
Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Lueders Enc. Y.	
W. A. note	\$3.00

Ex-Student Dinner To Be Held May 30

Hardin-Simmons university alumni and ex-students association has recently appointed committees to arrange for the banquet for the organization May 30. Lacy Beckham, vice-president and social chairman of the association, made the appointments. Arthur Mayberry, superintendent

of the schools at Bangs, and W. B. Irvin, Perryton superintendent, have already been secured as speakers on the program. Toastmaster will be Raymond Foy, city advertising manager of the Dallas News, Dallas. All the speakers are Hardin-Simmons graduates.

Committee heads are: program, Frank Junell; menu and decoration, Jeanell Jennings; publicity, Nelson Hutto; attendance, Mrs. H. A. Pender; and reception, Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Richardson, all of Abilene.

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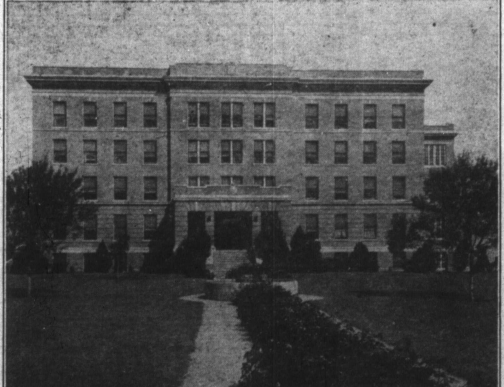
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FIRST PUTNAM CHURCH DATES BACK PRIOR TO YEAR OF 1885

(Continued from page 1)
The first president, Mrs. J. S. Yeager was the second president, who served six years. Mrs. Harve Jobe (deceased) served several years. Other presidents have been Mrs. E. G. Scott, Mrs. Fred Golsen, Mrs. J. L. Kennedy, Mrs. Adderholt, Mrs. S. W. Jobe, Mrs. S. M. Eubank, Mrs. G. P. Gaskin. Mrs. John Cook is president at the present time.

As early as 1926 the W. M. S. decided to work toward a new fund. After a few years, we had enough money for our pews. We had looked forward to the building of a new church, but in the crash we thought better to wait about the building; so we put our money out on interest. In a few years we had bought song books, repaired the parsonage, and done several other things. Then in 1934-35 the church decided to remodel the old building. The W. M. S. decided to buy the pews and add other improvements we so much needed, in the last two years. All the organization in the W. M. S. for the young people under the direction of Mrs. S. M. Eubank, Young People's leader, and Mrs. F. A. Hollis, pastor's wife, have been organized and are doing good work.

Many interesting things might have been added to this little history did space permit. Among the most interesting ones is that for years beginning with 1885, no women were named as messengers to any associational meeting. Another was the brevity of all the reports. Still another is the fact that in the beginning this association was about as large as our district is now. The oldest record the writer found is that this association was part of the Pecan Valley in 1883, then the Battle Creek, then Cisco. In 1889 the Callahan

County formed its own association.

F. A. Hollis, Pastor
Rev. F. A. Hollis, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Putnam, was born in Smith County at Lindale in 1876. He began preaching at Ogburn in Wood County in 1912, being licensed by the Ogburn Baptist Church. Rev. Hollis did mission work also in Wood County four years. He moved to Gilmer, Upson County, Texas, and was ordained by the First Baptist Church of Gilmer in 1916.

He also pastored the Baptist Church at New Hopewell in Upson County. He then moved to Tyler and pastored the Sheron Baptist Church near there, after which he entered Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, and pastored the Bright Hope Church at Fort Worth. After leaving the Seminary he came to Ranger and pastored New Hope No. 1 and Staff churches of Eastland County, Frankell and Weyland of Stephens County, Parks Camp of Stephens County, Harmony and Okra Church, Comyn and Carbon churches of Eastland county; Ovalo, Rogers, and Neill of Taylor county.

Rev. Hollis came to Putnam two years ago and has maintained half pastorate here and half at Neill church.

The Putnam church now has a full B. T. U. organization. Only one B. Y. P. U. was in operation when Rev. and Mrs. Hollis came to Putnam, which was the senior B. Y. P. U. It has made much improvement and progress since the arrival of Rev. Hollis. The Brotherhood for the church was organized about a year ago, with the following officers, J. S. Yeager, president; Fred Cook, vice-president; Willard Gaskin, secretary. Rev. Hollis was instrumental in organizing the Brotherhood.

REV. H. H. SUMMERS

Rev. H. H. Summers, pastor of the Potosi and North Park churches in the Callahan and Sweetwater Associations, has had a fruitful ministry of about thirty years as pastor of rural churches in this section of Texas. He was born in Caldwell Parish, Louisiana, and was converted and joined the church at the age of 15 years. He came to Texas at the age of 21 and united with the church at Strawn. He moved to Abilene in 1906 and united with the North Park Baptist Church, now University Church. In 1907, during the pastorate of Rev. M. C. Bishop, Brother Summers was licensed to preach. He entered Simmons College, and preached his first sermon in the North Park Church, and for three years preached at mission points in this section.

In 1900, during the ministry of Rev. F. C. Dick, Brother Summers was ordained by the North Park Church. The presbytery was composed of the following: F. C. Dick, A. L. Maddox, W. H. Ingle, John P. Hardesty, J. A. Gry, and J. W. King.

CROSS PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH



CROSS PLAINS CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1890 BY SURLS

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"The work is growing under his leadership," says Brother J. E. Hinkle, "and we are looking forward to great things in the near future. He is moderator of the Callahan Association, also organizer for the same and a member of the 17th district board."

The W. M. S. was organized in about 1894 and has done a good work through the years. It is at present doing a great work; there being some 21 women enrolled. Mrs. T. G. Edwards is the president. They are caring for every phase of the work with a Y.W.A., Sun Beams, and a large R. A. group.

B. T. U. work is growing with four unions. Mr. Earl Pyle is the good leader for this telling work. There is an enrollment of 64 in these unions and we will soon have more working in this department.

A Layman's Brotherhood was organized July 19, 1935, with 16 men, and we now have 25 men in this body. This is one of the best Brotherhoods in this section and is growing in helpfulness each time we meet. Mr. Jack Scott was the first president, followed by Mr. Jeff Clark and Carmen Wright is the president at present. This Brotherhood is really getting the job done.

The church has everything included in one budget except the Co-operative Program, and we take an offering the last Sunday in each month for this work. The bills are being met promptly. There are a good number of tithers in our church that help the finances of the work.

ANTIOCH CHURCH

Mrs. Grover Gibbe
In a meeting in the Pilgrimage house, Callahan County, on December 5, 1896, Rev. R. D. Carter and Rev. A. T. Ford formed a presbytery for the purpose of constituting a New Testament Church.

The following presented letters: Bros. T. Z. Poole, J. L. Hood, W. A. Sikes, Sisters Nancy Poole, Cora Poole, Belle Poole, Etta Hood, Belle Sikes, Bro. W. E. F. Shelton, Bro. W. E. Pruitt, Sisters Lou Pruitt and Fannie Maltby, Bro. O. A. Taylor.

Antioch was agreed on as a name for the church. Rev. M. S. Whitley was pastor for the remainder of the year then the church called Rev. A. T. Ford. He served until 1898. Then Rev. M. S. Whitley was called again and served another year.

The following are names of pastors who have served the church since: Revs. J. F. Leak, R. D. Carter, W. D. Cooper, B. F. Lovorn, C. C. Smith, F. C. Dick, W. J. Rodgers, A. J. Price, K. Cook, C. A. Monaghan, J. W. Williams, A. R. Tyson, L. R. Stegall, S. H. Williams, Andy Foster, H. Scott, Frank Maddux, Royce Gilliland, and R. H. Williams.

Our church house was built in 1917. We had used the school house in the winter or when weather was bad, and in summer we used the old brush arbor. During revival meetings people who were too far away to attend would come in their covered wagons and camp.

ATWELL CHURCH

The Atwell Baptist Church was organized in 1890 and was known as Live Oak Gap Church for about 10 years, or until the present church was built. The name was changed to Atwell.

Rev. J. R. Kelly and Brother Knight led in the organization. Rev. J. R. Kelly was first pastor. Some of the charter members now living are: Mrs. Judge Russel of Baird, Mrs. C. G. Andrews of Baird, and Mrs. J. H. Surls of Putnam.

The Atwell Church has ordained four preachers during its existence. They are, Major Surls, Frank Maddux, now of Anthony, N. M., Reno Williams, Anson, and W. H. Cook, Fort Worth, Rte 4, Box 110.

The church has also licensed the following preachers: S. S. Pilleon, Cisco, C. K. Mercer, Kilgore, Glynn Purvis, Cisco.

Following are the name of the pastors of the Atwell Church: Revs. J. R. Kelly, Knight, Ford, Major Surls, C. C. Hightower, I. D. Hull, C. C. Hightower, Rodgers, B. G. Richburg, A. L. Johnston, Thompson, Joe R. Mayes, George Scott, Frank Maddux, S. H. Williams, I. D. Hull, O. H. Hearn, A. A. Carter, Roy Obrian. Brother W. R. Ivey, the present pastor, was ordained to the ministry in January, 1930, and has been actively engaged in the pastorate of rural churches since he accepted the call of this church October 28, 1934. At this time he is pastor of three other churches, Union, Ivan, and Bluff Branch. He has been at Union and Ivan four years each. The Atwell Church has a membership of 100, with 68 enrolled in Sunday School. Roy Tatum is the superintendent.

CALLAHAN ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED IN 1889

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Seventeenth session at Admiral, August 10-12, 1905; moderator, John M. Hembree, clerk, G. W. Parks, treasurer, P. H. Miller.

Eighteenth session at New Hope, August 10-13, 1906; moderator, F. S. Rountree, clerk, G. W. Parks, treasurer, R. D. Carter.

Nineteenth session at Cottonwood, August 6-9, 1907; moderator, John M. Hembree, clerk, G. W. Parks, treasurer, J. M. Cooper.

Twentieth session at Eagle Cove Church, August 4-6, 1908; moderator, John M. Hembree, clerk, G. W. Parks, treasurer, J. M. Cooper.

Twenty-first session at Clyde, Aug. 3-5, 1909; moderator, F. S. Rountree, clerk, G. W. Parks, treasurer, J. M. Cooper.

Twenty-second at Atwell, Aug. 9-11, 1910; moderator, John M. Hembree, clerk, G. W. Parks, treasurer, T. L. Conway.

Twenty-third session at Baird, Aug. 8-10, 1911; moderator, A. J. Price, clerk, Geo. B. Scott, treasurer, Asa Skiles.

Twenty-fourth session at Cross Plains, August 5-7, 1912; moderator, A. J. Price, clerk, Geo. B. Scott, treasurer, J. H. Burnam.

Twenty-fifth session at Oplin, Oct. 9-11, 1913; moderator, A. L. Johnston, clerk, Geo. B. Scott, treasurer, A. F. Loftin.

Twenty-sixth session at Antioch Church, Sept. 10-12, 1914; moderator, W. D. Boydston, clerk, Geo. B. Scott, treasurer, L. J. Kelley.

Twenty-seventh session at Putnam, Sept. 7-9, 1915; moderator, W. D. Boydston, clerk, Geo. B. Scott, treasurer, W. T. Denton.

Twenty-eighth session at Scranton, Sept. 5-7, 1916; moderator, W. D. Boydston, clerk, Geo. B. Scott, secretary-treasurer, A. T. Denton.

Twenty-ninth session at Clyde, September, 1917; moderator, W. D. Boydston, clerk, Geo. B. Scott, secretary-treasurer, Leo Tyler.

30th session at Admiral, September 3-4, 1918; moderator, W. D. Boydston, clerk, Geo. B. Scott, secretary-treasurer, J. H. Burnam.

31st session at Baird, September 11-13, 1919; moderator, W. D. Boydston, clerk, W. Lee Pool, secretary-treasurer, Leo Tyler.

32nd session at Eula, September 9-11, 1920; moderator, W. D. Boydston, clerk, M. A. Williams, secretary-treasurer, Leo Tyler.

33rd session at Scranton, September 8-10, 1921; moderator, J. H. Burnam, clerk, M. A. Williams, secretary-treasurer, Geo. B. Scott.

34th session at Cottonwood, Sept. 7-9, 1922; moderator, J. H. Burnam, clerk, M. A. Williams, secretary-treasurer, W. E. Melton.

35th session at Clyde, September, 1923; clerk, W. D. Boydston.

36th session at Cross Plains, September, 1924; moderator, R. S. Bright, clerk, M. F. Richardson.

37th session at Oplin, September, 1925; moderator, R. S. Bright, clerk, M. F. Richardson.

40th session at Admiral, September 5-7, 1928; moderator, J. H. Burnam, clerk, J. E. Black, secretary-treasurer, Leo Tyler.

41st session at Potosi, September 4-6, 1929; moderator, J. H. Burnam, clerk, J. E. Black, secretary-treasurer, Leo Tyler.

42nd session at Scranton, September 10-12, 1930; moderator, J. H. Burnam, clerk, J. E. Black, secretary-treasurer, Leo Tyler.

43rd session at Clyde, September 9-11, 1931; moderator, Joe R. Mayes, clerk, V. W. Tatum, secretary-treasurer, Richard Thompson.

44th session at Baird, September 21-22, 1932; moderator, Joe R. Mayes, clerk, V. W. Tatum, secretary-treasurer, Richard Thompson.

45th session at Putnam, September 6-7, 1933; moderator, Joe R. Mayes, clerk, S. R. Respress, secretary-treasurer, R. Thompson.

46th session at Atwell, September 5, 1934; moderator, V. W. Tatum, secretary-treasurer, R. Thompson.

47th session at Clyde, September 17-18, 1935; moderator, V. W. Tatum, clerk, E. N. McCoy, secretary-treasurer, R. Thompson.

48th session to be held with the First Baptist Church, Baird, September 8-9, 1936.

We would like to make mention of Bro. R. D. Carter, who now lives at Anson. He was elected first missionary of the association at New Hope, September 11, 1897.

Under the present leadership of our most efficient moderator, V. W. Tatum, the work in this association is going forward.

POTOSI CHURCH

One of the interesting things about the organization of the Potosi Church is that of the eight charter members of the church, seven of them bore the name of Robinson. The church was organized May 26, 1888. Rev. A. R. Watson led in the organization. The charter members of the church were, J. E. Robinson, W. H. Robinson, R. M. Robinson and wife, C. J. Robinson

and wife, Jesse E. Robinson, and M. S. Stiles. Mrs. Lidia Pollard joined the church the day after the organization and R. A. Pollard joined the church in August following.

The church has had 21 pastors, as follows: Revs. W. M. Reynolds, J. M. Reynolds, Salter, A. J. Leach, A. T. Ford, W. B. Davis, J. P. Hardesty, M. F. Richardson, R. S. Bright, O. A. Fleming, E. T. Miller, B. M. Jackson, W. L. Stewart, D. G. Reid, W. A. Foster, Roy Shahan, John G. Moore, Ben Stripling, N. E. McGuire, and the present pastor, Rev. H. H. Summers, who has been with the church for the past three years.

The Potosi Church has sent out three men to preach the Gospel: J. E. Robinson, R. S. Bright and M. F. Richardson.

The present membership of the Potosi Church is 140, with a Sunday School enrollment of 114. J. Welch

is superintendent of the Sunday School.

A CORRECTION

In the history of Immanuel Church, Abilene, which appeared in the Sweetwater Association Centennial edition, it was stated that, after the burning of the church building, Rev. Scott W. Hickey led in raising the money for the new building. This was an error. Brother R. H. Williams was pastor of the church at the time the building burned, and the new building was erected under his leadership. The First Church, Abilene, gave \$1,000 toward erecting the new building. Brother Williams was pastor of the church for about a year after the building was completed, and he was succeeded by Rev. Scott W. Hickey, who led in building an annex to the building.

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