

to the BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

Paul, called to be an apostle, sent greeting to them who were called to be saints - so we in like manner, we are pilgrims start on their yearly pilgrimages to meet in council and prayer with other pilgrims, and messengers of love and cheer. As the year draws to a close we have nothing but songs of thanksgiving to spread them on their way. Thanksgiving that he who came to us one year ago has led us close to the Heavenly Father while there seems an earnest of still greater blessings in store for us, in our week prayer service. Thanksgiving that our baptismal waters have been stirred many times by tender feet that have passed through them from the S. S. to the fold of the church, and thanksgiving that the same influence has led us a little more out of self into earnest helpful work in mission schools. Throughout the entire year, our temple doors have been thrown open to us with a welcome. The various societies have been most faithful in their support of the interests of the church both temporal and spiritual. The note of sorrow has been struck, from our number have been called home after years of service, and one in the prime of life who belonged to us by birth, but whose membership was in far away Texas, represents our Bible school in the Courts of Heaven.

By order and in behalf of the church
 Mrs. Campfield
 E. Arnold - clerk.

STATISTICS

of the First Baptist Church, Iowa for 1878

Name of Pastor, E. M. Jeffers Post-office Address, Iowa

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.		CHURCH PROPERTY.	
Number reported last year,	322	Church Edifices,	1
INCREASE		Chapels,	400
By Baptism,	5	Number of Sittings,	1
By Letter,	11	Parsonages,	1
By Experience,		Total Value of Property,	\$17200
By Restoration,	1	CONTRIBUTIONS.	
DECREASE		Home Church Expenses,	1155.50
By Letter,	9	Sunday-school Expenses,	143.02
By Exclusion,	1	Bible Work,	
By Erasure,	7	State Missions,	25.00
By Death,	3	Ministerial Education,	14.82
Present Membership,	329	Foreign Missions,	71.86
Students for the Ministry,		Publication Society; Colportage and Sunday-school Mission Work,	18.07
SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.		Home Missions,	44.28
Number of Schools,	2	Miscellaneous,	148.26
Number of Officers and Teachers,	42	For Printing Minutes,	3.81
Number of Pupils,	151	" Local Missions	24.00
Average Attendance,	170	" Min. Aid Soc.,	11.90
Number Baptized,	3	" Bay City Ch.,	59.55
Volumes in Library,	200		
Contributions for Missions,	8.60		
Total Amount of Money raised,	\$07.77		
Superintendent's Name, <u>Miss E. Hutchins</u>		Total,	\$1686.32
P. O. Address,			

MESSENGERS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.	DEACONS.	OTHER MEMBERS.
Rev. E. M. Jeffers		Mrs. E. M. Jeffers
" H. W. Powell		" W. C. Steere
		" E. P. Morrison
		" L. Waterbury
LICENTIATES.		

Name of Church Clerk, _____ P. O. Address, _____

The First Baptist Church at
Tonia, Michigan
 to the Grand River BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

Today looking backward it seems but a watch in the night since meeting you in life's passage one year ago. And today we greet you the same message we gave you then "All's well" springs from thankful hearts. Passing our second mile-stone recently, our beloved pastor bade us remember that "all the strength and beauty of our individual lives" was blended in this thought "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" and to this thought was that other added, "God never changes, He is ready at all times to prove the promise sure, 'Lo, I am with you always'". Our church life the past year has been tinged with lights and shadows - we have been called upon to grant letters to ^{Rev.} J. Powell and wife, who go to another field of labor. And to say the final fare well to four former members of the Church, three in old age, the fourth in early manhood. Yet each sent back the same message we give to you "All's well." We have rec'd Rev. H. W. Powell and wife and nine others by letter - by baptism five - three from the S. S. Our S. S. zone has been one of marked improvement, under the direction of Miss Hutchins, who spared no pains in bringing it up to a graded system. Our mission school under J. C. Bouttie, has done good work. In April we adopted the apportionment plan for paying current expenses and it has proved most satisfactory. The systematic beneficence plan has been adopted as a part of our regular work. Our prayer meetings are in good and healthful tone. As the months go by the confidence and affection between Pastor and people grows steadily stronger. While on every hand we signs that indicate the Master of the Harvest draweth nigh - and content we await His coming. In behalf of the church,
 Mrs. Carfield and Emma Arnold

STATISTICS

of the First Baptist Church, of Tonia for 18 79

Name of Pastor, Edu. M. Jeffers Post-office Address, Tonia

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.		CHURCH PROPERTY.	
Number reported last year,	327	Church Edifices,	1
INCREASE		Chapels,	0
By Baptism,	10	Number of Sittings,	500
By Letter,	14	Parsonages,	1
By Experience,	2	Total Value of Property,	16,000
By Restoration,	0	CONTRIBUTIONS.	
DECREASE		Home Church Expenses,	13,355.58
By Letter,	19	Sunday-school Expenses,	84.41
By Exclusion,	0	Bible Work,	0
By Erasure,	0	State Missions,	15.25
By Death,	10	Ministerial Education,	7.47
Present Membership,	328	Foreign Missions,	62.60
Students for the Ministry,	0	Publication Society; Colportage and Sunday-school Mission Work,	8.34
SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.		Home Missions,	39.04
Number of Schools,	1	Miscellaneous,	18.67
Number of Officers and Teachers,	18	For Printing Minutes,	5.00
Number of Pupils,	72	" Local Miss.,	21.83
Average Attendance,	90	" Min. Aid	8.67
Number Baptized,	8		
Volumes in Library,	0		
Contributions for Missions,	0		
Total Amount of Money raised,	84.41		
Superintendent's Name, <u>W. D. Arnold</u>			
P. O. Address, <u>Tonia, Mich.</u>		Total,	\$1602.58

MESSENGERS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.	DEACONS.	OTHER MEMBERS.
H. W. Powell	T. E. Smith	Mrs. Smith
H. J. "	M. C. "	" Powell
Edu. M. Jeffers	W. D. Arnold	" Jeffers
		" Steen
		" Rupert

Name of Church Clerk, _____ P. O. Address, _____

to the _____ BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

Through storm and sunshine, Lord, abide with us. This prayer has been answered sweet graciously. Last year we came to you sorrowful because of the severed tie between our dearly loved pastor and our people. As this letter goes up to the yearly ingathering of April news, we cast a retrospective eye on the months, and rejoice that the Father hath dealt so mercifully with us. Not at once did the mantle fall. yet while we waited work was done for the Master. Morning services were maintained, and all prayer services held, while the different societies carried forward their work. In April Rev. D. L. Martin was welcomed as pastor. He has taken hold of all lines of work with vigor, and with his bicycle as an aid, has spared neither time nor strength in advancing the interests of the church life. With the earnest pleading of Bro. Jeffers farewell sermon fresh in our memory we have tried to prove ourselves, like loyal soldiers worthy the confidence reposed in us, and have cheerfully striven to further the plans made by our new guide. While our membership has decreased we are really stronger, for "one revision of the list the effort was made to eliminate dead timber. Many new workers have come to us - and others "set not for God has called them home".

Mrs. Campfield, Com.
Emma Arnold, Clerk

STATISTICS

of the First Baptist Church, Ionia for 1801

Name of Pastor, D. L. Martin Post-office Address, Ionia

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.		CHURCH PROPERTY.	
Number reported last year,	304	Church Edifices,	1
INCREASE		Chapels,	5-00
By Baptism,	3	Number of Sittings,	1
By Letter,	4	Parsonages,	1
By Experience,	2	Total Value of Property,	\$16,000.00
By Restoration,	2	CONTRIBUTIONS.	
DECREASE		Home Church Expenses,	1,494.58
By Letter,	8	Sunday-school Expenses,	98.88
By Exclusion,	1	Bible Work,	18.92
By Erasure,	5	State Missions,	6.71
By Death,	5	Ministerial Education,	162.67
Present Membership,	299	Foreign Missions,	6.05
Students for the Ministry,		Publication Society; Colportage and Sunday-school Mission Work,	43.17
SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.		Home Missions,	51.65
Number of Schools,	1	Miscellaneous,	4.50
Number of Officers and Teachers,	24	For Printing Minutes,	158.48
Number of Pupils,	166	<u>Imp. Ch. property</u>	171.58
Average Attendance,	100	<u>Aid Society</u>	
Number Baptized,	3		
Volumes in Library,	125		
Contributions for Missions,	6.98		
Total Amount of Money raised,	106.86		
Superintendent's Name, <u>D. L. Martin</u>			
P. O. Address, <u>Ionia</u>		Total,	\$2263.25

MESSENGERS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.	DEACONS.	OTHER MEMBERS.
D. L. Martin		O. Waterbury
H. W. Powell		Mrs "
W. R. Connelly		
LICENTIATES.		

Name of Church Clerk, E. Arnold P. O. Address, Ionia

to the _____ BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

In the report we bring you today we have nothing but the Bible definitions of Righteousness - peace - to report.

A steady, quiet growth. Lately our baptismal waters have been stirred and others are soon to follow. As in other years some have gone home from our midst and our hearts were deeply stirred in bidding farewell to our beloved brother, our faithful treasure, Josie W. Baldie.

In our mission circle and Aid Soc. the women of the church have proved themselves most efficient helpers.

In a quiet way the Young People's Union have done good work.

And now as the Autumn tints grow richer on our hills there has come home to us our dearly loved sister, Mrs Katie Cornell.

Never has church extended more loving welcome than we extend to her. And as our pastor comes to us so refreshed by his vacation, and with renewed zeal in service, our prayer is that we may yield him our most earnest support, and accomplish much for the Master.

Mrs Curfield, come.

STATISTICS

of the First Baptist Church, Ionida for 1802

Name of Pastor, Rev. D. L. Martin Post-office Address, Ionida

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.		CHURCH PROPERTY.	
Number reported last year,	297	Church Edifices,	1
INCREASE		Chapels,	400
By Baptism,	8	Number of Sittings,	1
By Letter,	7	Parsonages,	18,000
By Experience,	1	CONTRIBUTIONS.	
By Restoration,	1	Home Church Expenses,	13,20,20
DECREASE		Sunday-school Expenses,	82,40
By Letter,	11	Bible Work,	
By Exclusion,		State Missions,	16,23
By Erasure,	4	Ministerial Education,	168,18
By Death,	5	Foreign Missions,	83,66
Present Membership,	296	Publication Society; Colportage and Sunday-school Mission Work,	26,10
Students for the Ministry,		Home Missions,	49,69
SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.		Miscellaneous,	78
Number of Schools,	1	For Printing Minutes,	3,50
Number of Officers and Teachers,	25	Local Missions,	37,50
Number of Pupils,	216	Ministerial Aids,	7,71
Average Attendance,	107	Other sources,	214,50
Number Baptized,	5		
Volumes in Library,	200		
Contributions for Missions,	13,54		
Total Amount of Money raised,	27,64		
Superintendent's Name, <u>D. L. Martin</u>			
P. O. Address, <u>Ionida</u>		Total,	\$2357,87

MESSENGERS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.	DEACONS.	OTHER MEMBERS.
<u>Rev. H. W. Powell</u>	<u>E. C. Gates</u>	<u>C. Waterbury</u>
	<u>L. A. Cornell</u>	<u>Mrs "</u>
		<u>Mrs Cornell</u>
LICENTIATES.		

Name of Church Clerk, Emma P. O. Address, Ionida

to the Grand River BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

Not only greetings, but a cordial welcome to our church and our homes.

We welcome you, to a gathering of those whose interests are, like ours, for the uplifting of humanity, the advancement of Baptists in truth, and the giving of the Gospel to all peoples. We regret the unfinished condition of our audience room, but you will rejoice with us over the improvements, they represent many sacrifices, willingly made for the cause we love, and the work we hope to do in the future. By invitation we have worshipped since the first of August.

The year has been one of growth, in material things and much more so in spiritual, for in every service there has been a trend toward a higher standard of living.

Spiritual and practical, true justness remains have been a source of strength, and every day we have felt his faithful attention to all the interests of the church.

Many have come among us, 9 by baptism, others by letter, still others as earnest workers. Our list has been increased five only, as several have left us by letter and two by death. Archie Benedict and our honored deacon Thos. E. Smith.

All societies have done good work this year, especially the Sunday School.

During the year we have raised by special subscription for improvements \$2400. paying out over \$500, for benevolence including Bro. Powell's gifts \$651.01, and for all purposes a total of 3091.13.

Still we are not satisfied - pray for us.
Emma Arnold, clerk

STATISTICS

of the First Baptist Church, Louisiana for 1897

Name of Pastor, E. E. Branch Post-office Address, Louisiana

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.		CHURCH PROPERTY.	
Number reported last year,	273	Church Edifice,	1
INCREASE		Chapels,	6.00
By Baptism,	4	Number of Sittings,	1
By Letter,	6	Parsonages,	18.00
By Experience,		Total Value of Property,	
By Restoration,		CONTRIBUTIONS.	
DECREASE		Home Church Expenses,	3805.54
By Letter,	12	Sunday-school Expenses,	80.00
By Exclusion,		Bible Work,	32.05
By Erasure,		State Missions,	35.90
By Death,	2	Ministerial Education,	42.00
Present Membership,	269	Foreign Missions,	28.32
Students for the Ministry,		Publication Society; Colportage and Sunday-school Mission Work,	15.81
SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.		Home Missions,	35.00
Number of Schools,	1	Miscellaneous,	18.90
Number of Officers and Teachers,	20	For Printing Minutes,	6.00
Number of Pupils,	160	Local Missions,	23.60
Average Attendance,	100	Ministers Aid,	5.00
Number Baptized,	4		
Volumes in Library,	200		
Contributions for Missions,	\$26.11		
Total Amount of Money raised,	106.11		
Superintendent's Name, Mrs. W. C. Steen			
P. O. Address, 166 Wash. Parish		Total,	\$4251.66

MESSENGERS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.	DEACONS.	OTHER MEMBERS.
Rev. E. E. Branch		Mrs Branch
		" Baldie
		Mrs Bloomer
		Rolph Powell
		Mrs R. "
		" L. A. Cornell
		Miss M. Powell

Name of Church Clerk, Emma Arnold P. O. Address, Louisiana

The First Baptist Church at
Jonia
to the Grand River BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

Again we greet you, bringing tidings of loyal service on the part of our people. There has been much of sorrow among us this year, several members having been called home. Our senior deacon, Walter D. Arnold was just 80 years of age, having spent many years in loving service for the church.

We have lost more members than we have gained but are rich in workers who have come to us during the year. Our present number is 268. We have raised and expended during the year for home expenses \$1818.78, and for benevolences \$266.90.

We have reason to be very thankful for a pastor who gives us such strong, helpful sermons. Until their new house of worship is completed the Presbyterians have joined with us in the midweek services, and the Sunday evening services, Dr. Spencer and Mr. Branch alternating in leadership.

The event of the year for us has been the celebration of the 75th year of our organization as a church.

It was fittingly observed by services on Sunday and Monday, October 3rd and 4th. By the reading of the history of the church prepared by Dr. W. B. Lincoln, our first clerk, and Miss Ella Hutchins - by addresses given by Dr. T. S. McCall a former pastor, and a former layman Lee M. Hutchins; the keynote of the addresses being Christ as the only Saviour, and the Word of God as the only and foundation on which to stand. It will be a season long to be remembered and we hope to start the next year with new courage.

STATISTICS

of the First Baptist Church, Jonia for 1810

Name of Pastor, Rev. E. E. Branch Post-office Address Jonia, Mich.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.		CHURCH PROPERTY.	
Number reported last year,	268	Church Edifices,	1
INCREASE		Chapels,	500
By Baptism,	7	Number of Sittings,	1
By Letter,	9	Parsonages,	18,500
By Experience,	3	Total Value of Property,	
By Restoration,		CONTRIBUTIONS.	
DECREASE		Home Church Expenses,	1959.68
By Letter,	14	Sunday-school Expenses,	179.80
By Exclusion,	1	Bible Work,	80.00
By Erasure,	5	State Missions,	10.00
By Death,		Ministerial Education,	168.75
Present Membership,	267	Foreign Missions,	15.00
Students for the Ministry,		Publication Society; Colportage and Sunday-school Mission Work,	78.00
SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.		Home Missions,	6.00
Number of Schools,	1	Miscellaneous,	41.15
Number of Officers and Teachers,	22	For Printing Minutes,	10.00
Number of Pupils,	200	Local Missions	
Average Attendance,	105	Ministers' Aid	
Number Baptized,	7		
Volumes in Library,	\$41.10		
Contributions for Missions,	224.90		
Total Amount of Money raised,			
Superintendent's Name, <u>H. L. Felton</u>			
P. O. Address,		Total,	\$2548.38

MESSENGERS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.	DEACONS.	OTHER MEMBERS.
Rev. E. E. Branch	W. L. Brooks	Mrs. E. E. Branch
		Miss Harriet Brooks
		Miss Lula Cornell
		Mrs. W. A. Wilder
LICENTIATES.		

Name of Church Clerk, Emma Arnold P. O. Address, by H. M. Hoag

The First Baptist Church at
Jonah
 to the Grand River BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

Another year of service for the Master has just closed. We record joy and sorrow, - joy because seven have been baptized and twelve others have united with us, - sorrow because five valued members have left us for the heavenly home and fifteen others have moved to other fields.

Our Deacons society has been a valued helper both financially and socially. Our Missionary society has accomplished much educationally and has been successful in raising its full apportionments. The B. Y. P. U. and S. L. have done good work, and our regular church services have been well sustained.

Our present membership is 267, with a good many non-residents.

We have raised for home expenses for church and societies \$2175.78, and for benevolences, with the help of Rev. N. H. Powell and the Women's Missionary society, \$402.90. The use of the duplex envelope system has proved satisfactory and will be continued another year.

Our pastor, Rev. E. E. Branch, has been with us as a faithful worker for the last five years, and has endeared himself to us in ways manifold. His gentlemanly Christian bearing toward one and all has helped to increase the unity of the church in all its work for the upbuilding of the Master's cause.

Emma Arnold
 Mrs. C. A. Ireland.

STATISTICS

of the First Baptist Church, Jonah for 1811

Name of Pastor, Rev. E. E. Branch Post-office Address, Jonah, Mich.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.		CHURCH PROPERTY.	
Number reported last year,	267	Church Edifices,	1
INCREASE		Chapels,	
By Baptism,	2	Number of Sittings,	500
By Letter,	5	Parsonages,	1
By Experience,		Total Value of Property,	18,500
By Restoration,		CONTRIBUTIONS.	
DECREASE		Home Church Expenses,	1572.05
By Letter,	3	Sunday-school Expenses,	128.70
By Exclusion,		Bible Work,	
By Erasure,		State Missions,	67.04
By Death,	7	Ministerial Education,	
Present Membership,	264	Foreign Missions,	129.82
Students for the Ministry,		Publication Society: Colportage and Sunday-school Mission Work,	7.50
SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.		Home Missions,	76.07
Number of Schools,	1	Miscellaneous,	
Number of Officers and Teachers,	20	For Printing Minutes,	4.00
Number of Pupils,	175	Local Missions,	27.96
Average Attendance,	100	Minister's Aid,	10.
Number Baptized,	2		
Volumes in Library,			
Contributions for Missions,	\$35.88		
Total Amount of Money raised,	\$252.24		
Superintendent's Name, <u>Mrs. H. G. Steere</u>			
P. O. Address, <u>Jonah, Mich.</u>		Total,	\$2023.14

MESSENGRERS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.	DEACONS.	OTHER MEMBERS.
Rev. E. E. Branch	Mr. L. Brookins	Mrs. E. E. Branch
Rev. N. H. Powell		Mrs. Swaney Powell
		Mrs. Ethel Crispin
LICENTIATES.		

Name of Church Clerk, E. H. Crispin P. O. Address, Jonah, Mich.

The First Baptist Church at
Jonca
 to the Grand River BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

At the close of another year of united effort on the part of pastor and people we bring to you our record of joy and sorrow.

We rejoice because of the harmonious way in which all work together for the up building of Christ's kingdom and we are greatly strengthened and encouraged by the helpful and uplifting sermons given to us by our pastor.

Our hearts are also made glad because some of our Sunday School are deciding for Christ and uniting with us.

There has been much of sadness among us during the year, seven of our number having been called home, one of them, Mrs. H. D. Arnold having been baptized into this church fifty seven years ago. We miss them greatly for we have lost some choice workers.

We have also dismissed three members by letter, our present membership being 262.

We have raised for church expenses \$1704.75 and for missions \$318.39.

Our Dorcas Society has been a great help to the church financially and socially.

Our basement has been redecorated and some new lights have been installed in the church proper by the B. Y. P. U.

We are looking forward to the work of the new year with fresh courage and renewed consecration and hope to see still greater things accomplished for the Master.

Ethel S. Crispin Clerk
 Miss Emma Arnold, Committee

STATISTICS

of the First Baptist Church, Jonca for 18/2

Name of Pastor, E. C. Branch Post-office Address, Jonca, Mich.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.		CHURCH PROPERTY.	
Number reported last year,	264	Church Edifices,	1
INCREASE		Chapels,	500
By Baptism,	6	Number of Sittings,	1
By Letter,	3	Parsonages,	18,500
By Experience,		Total Value of Property,	
By Restoration,		CONTRIBUTIONS.	
DECREASE		Home Church Expenses,	1702.75
By Letter,	5	Sunday-school Expenses,	137.83
By Exclusion,		Bible Work,	60.00
By Erasure,		State Missions,	72.94
By Death,	2	Ministerial Education,	6.00
Present Membership,	266	Foreign Missions,	6.00
Students for the Ministry,		Publication Society: Colportage and Sunday-school Mission Work,	3.60
SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.		Home Missions,	4.25
Number of Schools,	1	Miscellaneous,	21.68
Number of Officers and Teachers,	22	For Printing Minutes,	31.42
Number of Pupils,	184	Ministers Aid,	8.00
Average Attendance,	92		
Number Baptized,	6		
Volumes in Library,			
Contributions for Missions,	19.17		
Total Amount of Money raised,	115.21		
Superintendent's Name, <u>Mrs. J. C. Steere</u>			
P. O. Address, <u>Jonca, Mich.</u>		Total,	\$2122.49

MESSENGERS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.	DEACONS.	OTHER MEMBERS.
Rev. E. C. Branch.	R. L. Brookins	Mrs. Branch
Rev. H. D. Powell		Mrs. Geo. Aldred
		Mrs. J. C. Steere
		Miss Mary Powell
		Miss Clara Worthington
		Miss Ethel Crispin
LICENTIATES.		

Name of Church Clerk, _____

P. O. Address, _____

Sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

We count it not only a joy and pleasure but a real privilege to welcome you into our church and homes. We are glad to have the fellowship, for a time, of others who are vitally interested in building up Christ's kingdom. We feel that we shall receive a rich blessing and hope that you also may gather some inspiration that will enrich your lives and others to whom you may carry the message. We extend to you therefore a very hearty welcome and trust that you will feel well repaid for the time you spend in our midst.

For our part, we feel that the past year has been one of steady growth, especially among the young people. Six of them have come into the church and others are awaiting baptism. We have had a chorus choir of about thirty voices and there has been a fine enthusiasm and a splendid spirit among them. The church will doubtless be greatly benefited by these young people in the future.

The work of the Sunday School has also been very helpful during the past year and our endeavor is to exhibit still more among its members. The Women's Mission Circle has been very active throughout the year and the Deacons Society has been a great financial aid to the church, having given a large subscription towards church expenses.

We have lost two members by death, one of these, Miss Emma Arnold, was doubtless quite generally known throughout the Association and was a choice worker and a helpful friend to any one in need.

There is such a spirit of unity and good fellowship among our members and between pastor and people that we are looking forward to still larger results and greater consecration the coming year.

E. H. Crispin
Church Clerk

STATISTICS

of the First Baptist Church, Ionia for 181913

Name of Pastor, E. E. Branch Post-office Address, Ionia, Mich

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.		CHURCH PROPERTY.	
Number reported last year,	246	Church Edifices,	1
INCREASE		Chapels,	500
By Baptism,	1	Number of Sittings,	1
By Letter,	1	Parsonages,	18,500
By Experience,	1	CONTRIBUTIONS.	
By Restoration,		Home Church Expenses,	1208.51
DECREASE		Sunday-school Expenses,	134.30
By Letter,	10	Bible Work,	32.53
By Exclusion,		State Missions,	139.05
By Erasure,	30	Ministerial Education,	8.50
By Death,	5	Foreign Missions,	110.97
Present Membership,	223	Publication Society; Colportage and Sunday-school Mission Work,	18.34
Students for the Ministry,		Home Missions,	5.00
SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.		Miscellaneous,	
Number of Schools,	1	For Printing Minutes,	
Number of Officers and Teachers,	27		
Number of Pupils,	160		
Average Attendance,	96		
Number Baptized,	1		
Volumes in Library,			
Contributions for Missions,	21.15		
Total Amount of Money raised,	274.26		
Superintendent's Name, <u>Mrs. J. C. Steere</u>			
P. O. Address, <u>Ionia, Mich.</u>		Total,	\$1657.20

MESSENGERS.		
ORDAINED MINISTERS.	DEACONS.	OTHER MEMBERS.
E. E. Branch		Mrs. Schenker
W. H. Powell		Mrs. Branch
		Mrs. Steere
LICENTIATES.		Miss Mary Powell
		Mrs. & Mrs. Sessions

Name of Church Clerk, E. H. Crispin P. O. Address, Ionia

The First Baptist Church at
Jonah Mich.
 to the Grand River BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

at the close of another year, it is our privilege to report a growing interest and intense earnestness for the work of the kingdom. This is especially true of our young people, who are very enthusiastic and active and seem to be learning more and more the true value of consecrated Christian lives.

Our S. S. is growing in interest as well as in numbers and we have recently gained several new members for our orchestra, which will be a great help in the future.

The Dorcas Society continues to be a valued help to the church, socially and financially and the Mission Circle is active and endeavoring to meet its apportionments, as usual, although the constant loss of members, by death is keenly felt.

Our church building has been undergoing some much needed repairs, a new plank wood floor having just been laid in the auditorium and painting done on the outside of the building. Services have been held in the basement, during this time, so that there has been no break in our church activities.

While we have taken in but few new members this year, and have lost several faithful and devoted ones by death, yet we feel that there has been a steady growth spiritually, and that we are better equipped to cope with the problems of the new year.

E. H. P. Crispin, Clerk

STATISTICS

of the First Baptist Church, Jonah for 1874

Name of Pastor E. E. Branch Post-office Address, Jonah Mich.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.		CHURCH PROPERTY.	
Number reported last year,	273	Church Edifices,	1
INCREASE		Chapels,	—
By Baptism,	2	Number of Sitzings,	500
By Letter,	5	Parsonages,	1
By Experience,	8	Total Value of Property,	10,500
By Restoration,	—	CONTRIBUTIONS.	
DECREASE		Home Church Expenses,	—
By Letter,	2	Sunday-school Expenses,	—
By Exclusion,	20	Bible Work,	—
By Erasure,	20	State Missions,	—
By Death,	4	Ministerial Education,	—
Present Membership,	212	Foreign Missions,	—
Students for the Ministry,	—	Publication Society; Colportage and Sunday-school Mission Work,	—
SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.		Home Missions,	—
Number of Schools,	1	Miscellaneous,	—
Number of Officers and Teachers,	24	For Printing Minutes,	—
Number of Pupils,	300		—
Average Attendance,	115		—
Number Baptized,	1		—
Volumes in Library,	—		—
Contributions for Missions,	56.23		—
Total Amount of Money raised,	—		—
Superintendent's Name, <u>C. E. Sessions</u>		Total,	\$
P. O. Address, <u>Jonah, Mich.</u>			

MESSENGERS.		
ORDAINED MINISTERS.	DEACONS.	OTHER MEMBERS.
<u>H. H. Powell</u>	<u>Mr. Marble</u>	<u>Mrs. Marble</u>
<u>Fred Bitten</u>		<u>Mrs. Branch</u>
<u>E. E. Branch</u>		<u>Mrs. Scheuer</u>
		<u>Miss Mary Powell</u>
LICENTIATES.		

Name of Church Clerk, E. H. P. Crispin P. O. Address, Jonah

to the Sonia Irish
Grand River BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

The past year in this church has, seemingly, not been marked by any unusual accomplishment in any department, but we feel, nevertheless, that there has been a steady growth spiritually.

This has been made evident from the fact that we have had fifteen baptisms from the Sunday School without having any special meetings, but simply through the quiet, personal work of the teachers and the observance of Decision Day.

We have recently appointed a director of education and intend to bring our schools up to a higher mark educationally and to lay still more emphasis than we have in the past upon the training of the children for right living.

Under the auspices of the brotherhood, which is proving to be a great source of strength to the church, our pastor, E. E. Branch gave a series of very strong and helpful sermons on "The Foundations of our Faith": These proved to be a source of great inspiration to those who were fortunate enough to hear them and our only regret is that they could not benefit a larger number of people.

Our young people have been putting forth a great effort to reach the Standard of Excellence but while they had reached a high percentage, have failed on a few points. With a little more effort this year they are bound to win. Decision studies are taken up in our S. Y. P. U. Sunday, and also in the regular church, which meets monthly. They have been studying "The Child in the Middle" and "The Bad Man" during the past year. The Women's Soc. continues to be a source of invaluable help to the church and one which we could not well do without as the new year opens, we are confident that there will be a greater effort made to extend the kingdom of Christ and to make our work more practical and helpful to the church.

STATISTICS

of the First Baptist Church, Sonia Irish for 1895

Name of Pastor E. E. Branch Post-office Address Sonia Irish

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.		CHURCH PROPERTY.	
Number reported last year.	212	Church Edifice.	1
INCREASE		Chapels.	
By Baptism.	15	Number of Sittings.	500
By Letter.	1	Parsonages.	1
By Experience.		Total Value of Property.	18,500
By Restoration.		CONTRIBUTIONS.	
DECREASE		Home Church Expenses.	2197.14
By Letter.	6	Sunday-school Expenses.	
By Exclusion.		Bible Work.	
By Erasure.		State Missions.	
By Death.	1	Ministerial Education.	
Present Membership.	210	Foreign Missions.	
Students for the Ministry.		Publication Society; Colportage and Sunday-school Mission Work.	
SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.		Home Missions.	
Number of Schools.	1	Miscellaneous.	
Number of Officers and Teachers.	23	For Printing Minutes.	
Number of Pupils.	240	Total Benevolence	505.67
Average Attendance.	149		
Number Baptized.	15		
Volumes in Library.			
Contributions for Missions.	95.45		
Total Amount of Money raised.	133.20		
Superintendent's Name.	<u>D. H. Snapp</u>		
P. O. Address.	<u>Sonia Irish</u>	Total.	2682.81

MESSENGRERS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.	DEACONS.	OTHER MEMBERS.
<u>E. E. Branch</u>		<u>Mrs. Branch</u>
<u>A. H. Powell</u>		<u>Mrs. Mary Powell</u>
		<u>Mrs. E. G. Ireland</u>
		<u>Mrs. Douglas</u>
		<u>Mrs. H. E. Steere</u>
		<u>Mrs. E. P. Waterbury</u>
LICENTIATES.		

Name of Church Clerk, Etha Crispin P. O. Address: Sonia Irish

to the Grand River BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

As we take a backward look over the past year, it reveals to us many things that have been accomplished and also many things that are still before us to be worked out.

We have adopted the five year program and are endeavoring to do our part in carrying on the work as outlined by the Northern Baptist Convention. We are proud to report that a former member and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Powell sailed in August for China where they will engage in University extension work.

The work has been kept up in all departments and has been successful in many different ways.

The young people have had a good year financially considering the number of members and the fact that most of the money was raised by free will offerings. They have purchased a fine stereopticon for use in the Sunday evening service besides helping with the current expenses of the church.

The Sunday School, aside from carrying on its regular work has done much in a social way. Several classes are organized and meet quite regularly to plan their work as well as enjoy a social time. An attendance contest between the men and women ended in a victory for the men but the women proved themselves capable of providing a splendid supper and entertainment.

The Devotional Society and Mission Circle have held their meetings regularly and in various ways have made themselves invaluable as a means of broadening and uplifting the influence of the church.

Our pastor, E. E. Branch continues to give us very helpful and inspiring sermons and with a hearty cooperation of all departments, we are hoping to see greater advancement, a larger church and a wider interest in all things pertaining to the kingdom of Christ.

Ethel C. Crispin, Clerk

STATISTICS

of the Jonie Baptist Church, for 1816

Name of Pastor E. E. Branch Post-office Address, Jonie, Mich.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.		CHURCH PROPERTY.	
Number reported last year,		Church Edifices,	1
INCREASE		Chapels,	500
By Baptism,	2	Number of Sittings,	17,000
By Letter,	3	Parsonages,	
By Experience,		Total Value of Property,	17,000
By Restoration,	2	CONTRIBUTIONS.	
DECREASE		Home Church Expenses,	1773.22
By Letter,	4	Sunday-school Expenses,	
By Exclusion,		Bible Work,	
By Erasure,	6	State Missions,	
By Death,	4	Ministerial Education,	
Present Membership,	213	Foreign Missions,	
Students for the Ministry,		Publication Society: Colportage and Sunday-school Mission Work,	
SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.		Home Missions,	
Number of Schools,	1	Miscellaneous,	
Number of Officers and Teachers,	20	For Printing Minutes,	
Number of Pupils,	153	Total Benevolence,	411.91
Average Attendance,	110		
Number Baptized,	2		
Volumes in Library,			
Contributions for Missions,			
Total Amount of Money raised,	136.33		
Superintendent's Name, <u>Dr. W. B. Knapp</u>			
P. O. Address, <u>Jonie, Mich.</u>		Total,	2205

MESSENGERS.		
ORDAINED MINISTERS.	DEACONS.	OTHER MEMBERS.
<u>W. H. Powell</u>		<u>Mrs. E. E. Branch</u>
<u>E. E. Branch</u>		<u>Mrs. Powell</u>
		<u>Carl Ireland</u>
		<u>Mrs. Douglas</u>
		<u>Mrs. Steere</u>
		<u>Chester Waterbury</u>
		<u>Mrs. Baldie</u>
		<u>Mrs. Markle</u>
LICENTIATES.		

Name of Church Clerk, Ethel Crispin P. O. Address, Jonie, Mich.

The

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Grand River

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

The work of the past year has gone steadily on in all the various departments of the church in spite of many difficulties. In January, we were visited by a fire which did so much damage to the church building that it had to be closed for about three months, to undergo the necessary repairs. In the meantime, the services were held in the courtroom which was kindly offered for our use.

Much interest was shown during the winter months and several were ready for baptism when the church was reopened on Easter Sunday.

Our pastor was again called away for about three months to act as director of state work in the Victory Campaign. He was able to be with us for part of the Sunday services and supplies were furnished for the rest of the time. We feel proud to report that the church at Ionis stood by their pastor in this work and pledged about a thousand dollars for the Victory Fund.

There has been a good deal of activity in all departments of church work, the various societies as well as the organized classes of the S. S. have done many things which were a great help to the church and have shown as well what a splendid spirit of harmony and cooperation exists among us. Young and old each try to have a part in the work.

We are glad to welcome back the boys who have been in service and pray that we may all work together in the larger service of Christ's Kingdom. We have much to encourage us at the beginning of the year and will endeavor, with Christ's help, to make it the best year in the history of the church, remembering that we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.

Ethel S. Crispin Clerk.

Financial Report 1920

Sunday School Expense.		\$269.91
Dorcas Soc.		9.80
Mission Circle.		11.56
B.Y. P. U.		13.24

		304.51
Church.	\$2,871.94	
	33.48	

		2,905.42

		3,209.93
Benevolence.	\$291.23	
Jubilee fund.	108.75	

		399.98
Communion	\$45.00	
Flowers.	83.28	

		128.28

		3,738.19

Membership.

Increase.		
Baptism.	14	
Letter.	1	
Experience.	1	

		16

Decrease		
Letter 6		
Death. 5	11	

Total Membership 241.

Sunday School		
Officers and Teachers.	21	
Scholars..	221	

		242

Average Attendance.	132
Baptised from school	12
No in Home department.	100
" Cradle roll.	37

Church Letter Oct. 5th. 1921
 To our guests, the delegates and friends of our sister Churches of the Grand River Baptist Association, and to the speakers who meet with us - greeting.

As we clasp hands for this final harvesting of sheaves of the year, we can but rejoice in part growth and increasing courage for our future.

The Ionia Church has had additions both by baptism and by letter. Some of our members have moved away and the Master has called some of them to their reward.

Since the first of July we have united with five other protestant churches to hold evening services, meetings on the court house lawn in pleasant weather.

Our pastor now in his 17th. year of service with us, is spiritually advancing as shown by his sermons and helpfulness among his fellowmen.

Under the efficient leadership of our pastors wife our Bible School has grown in members and the spirit of service.

The adult classes are having an increased attendance contest as recommended by the Publication Society.

Every department of the Bible School is wide awake and growing. The church is helping to fill the ship in fellowship. The missionary Society has charge of this work.

Once more we say we are glad it is our privilege to have you all meet with us. and hope that each church represented here may be benefited on account of this meeting together.

May, 1st. 1922.
 The following Members have passed to their reward since Oct 1st. 1920.

- *****
- Mrs. Anna Butcher
 - Mrs. Ruth Powell.
 - Mrs. E. A. Worthy.
 - Mrs. Jane Soule.
 - Mrs. Lucy Harris.
 - Mrs. Martha McMullen.
 - Miss. Mary Powell.
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First Baptist Church of Ionia to
the Grand River Baptist Association;
greeting: 1920

Dear Brethren, -

The year just closed has
been one of the best in the history
of our church.

As far as possible, we have
endeavored to follow the program
of enlargement outlined by the
Northern Baptist Convention, using
the months of January, February and
March to make a special study of
the subjects, Prayer, Stewardship and
Life Enrichment.

We followed the group plan
and held meetings in the various
parts of the city each week, with
a general meeting and pot luck
supper once a month, ^{at the church} at which
time, reports of group meetings
were given and further plans made.

Our church assumed their
full apportionment of \$12,475 for
the New World Movement and have

raised nearly the entire amount.
Aside from this, we have had
an unusually good financial year,
having raised a larger amount than
ever before for current expenses.

Work, in all departments, has
been kept up as usual with
splendid results. We are proud of
the number of baptisms from our
Sunday School as well as those
from other sources.

The splendid sermons of our
pastor are a practical help in
doing the work of the kingdom and
a continual inspiration to nobler
living. We feel that the spirit
of Christ is working in our midst
and know that he will ever lead
us into larger fields of usefulness.

Ethel S. Crispin
Clerk.

Financial Reports Baptist Church
and Societies October 1st 1921.

	Expense	Missions
Sunday School.		
Supplies.	\$298.32	
Christmas	43.60	
Delegates	18.37	
Other Expenses.	20.03	
Sunday School		
Missions		
European Relief.	60.30	
Chines	27.15	
Missions	46.67	
Maywood C's Home.	25.00	
		\$159.12
Dorcas Soc.		
Church Pledge	100.00	
Cleaning Church.	7.40	
Miscellaneous.	52.19	
		159.59
B. Y. P. U.		
Expense	64.46	
Flowers.	9.25	
		73.71.
Missions		11.79
Ella Hutchins Circle.		
Pledge to Church	25.00	
Flowers	7.07	
		32.07
Missions		10.00
World Movement	6.85	
Xmas. to outside institute	10.00	
		16.25
Miss Ethel Crispin's Class		
Flowers.		9.34
Mrs. Krainbrinks Class		
Bullition Board	59.00	
Flowers	6.00	
		65.00
Near East relief.		10.00
Brother-Hood.		
Paid to Church.	25.00	
Expenses	43.98	
		68.98
Church Treas. Report.	691.05	207.16
Expenses	3,157.95	
Beneficence		2,751.80
		3,849.00
		2,958.96

Church letter.

Oct 5-1922

To the delegates and friends of our sister churches of the Grand River Association, from the Ionia church Greeting:

A year ago the Association met with us at Ionia. Many changes have come to our church during the past year.

Rev. E. E. Branch, our pastor for 17 years, resigned the first of March ~~to take his resignation~~ ^{later} effect June 1st. The church reluctantly accepted the resignation.

For a year and a half Mrs. Branch had been superintendent of our Sunday school and there was a greater growth in numbers and interest than in any other time during the history of the school.

August 1st Rev. W. J. Woodhouse began his pastorate with us.

Many of you know Mr. W. J. Woodhouse. You will congratulate the Ionia church in being able to procure a pastor so efficient in leadership and so Christ like in spirit as Rev. Woodhouse.

The mission circle, although it seemed an impossibility at first, raised their apportionment of \$300 for the Continuation Campaign. 723 members

We have an active Chapter of the World Wide Guild - Mrs. Chas. A. Hildner & Mrs. W. C. Steere Comm

Financial Report's Baptist Church
and Societies October 1st. 1921. to May 1st 1922.

Sunday School Expenses	\$250.94	Expenses	\$250.94	Missions.	\$71.22
Missions.					
Dorcas Soc. Collected. 17177			161.26		
B. Y. P. U. Money raised \$13.83. Paid out.					12.50
Ella Hutchins Circle. Expense. Missions.		36.10			13.33
Mrs, Krainbrinks Class Expenses Missions.		90.00			5.00
Brother-hood.			89.96		
Miss, Crispin's Class. Total Collected.	106.80				
Paid out.		44.09			58.15
Church Treas. Expense. Beneficence.		1.663,57			1.868.36
Mrs, Briggs. Total Collected.	20.90	3.00			17.90

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STATISTICS
of the First Baptist Church of Ionia.
From Oct 1st. 1920 to May 1st. 1922.

Rev. E. E. Branch Pastor. Mrs E. E. Branch Supt.

Church Membership.		
Increase.		
By. Baptism,	16	from S. S.
Letter	15	
Experience	4	
	35	
Decrease		
By. Letter.	11	
Deaths	7	
	19	
Net increase	16	
Total Membership		244.

Sunday - School	
Officers and Teachers.	31.
Pupils	263.
Average Attendance	170
Number Baptized	16