

assoc letter - for year. May 1/51 to Apr 30/52
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(2nd book)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, IONIA

Greetings to the Churches of the Grand River Association.

During the past year we have received blessings from our Heavenly Father, for which we give thanks.

Since we last met as an Association we have lost one member by death, Mrs. Rose Gordon aged 89, one by letter, and gained seven by baptism. Several names have been transferred to the inactive list.

Covenant meetings have been held each month and we had a consecration service for three of our children. In November we were privileged to have Dr. Chas. S. Detweiler with us for a week's teaching mission on the book of Hebrews. A School of Missions was held with special features, films, and speakers: Mrs. H. W. Smith of Burma, Fannie Goodgame of Mather School and Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Andem with pictures of Indian Mission stations in Arizona.

We united with the Methodist and Christian Churches in a city visitation. Dr. Elias den Arend was with us four evenings in April and gave instructive talks concerning Jewish people.

Our pastor was our delegate to the American Baptist Convention in Chicago in May. A vacation Bible School was held under the supervision of Rev. and Mrs. Pixley with an average attendance of 56. Four decisions for Christ were made at the time.

Five of our W.W.G. girls accompanied by their sponsor, Mrs. Pixley, attended the Guild House party at Hillsdale. Nine from our Sunday School were at Lake Louise.

White Cross boxes have been sent to Jamaica, India, Africa, besides Mather School and other home stations. A White Cross play "The Magic Carpet" was given under direction of the Chairman, Mrs. Fern Johnson. Our Love Gift totaled \$73.00.

One-hundred eighty-seven Mission books have been read, and twenty-four by the Guild girls, with 46,355 points to our credit.

Improvements have been made at the parsonage and our church kitchen is being modernized.

Under the earnest leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Pixley we have moved forward in many ways. If all goals have not been achieved we are stronger for striving to reach them.

Nettie E. Krainbrink,
Church Clerk

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RECORD

Senior Membership	Active,	7
	Associate,	
Junior Membership	Active,	19
	Associate,	

President, Mary Pixley
Address, 350 - E. Main St.

FINANCE AND BUDGET

	Church Current Expenses	Buildings and Improvements	Sunday School Expenses	Care of Church Year	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Publication Society	Colyt. and S. S. Work
<u>Receipts</u>									
Church	Bal. 261.34	74.90							
	5597.11	449.75							
Sunday School	Bal 74.90								
	449.75								
Young People { Senior									
{ Junior									
Woman's Missionary Society { Home									
{ Foreign									
Ladies' Aid									
GRAND TOTAL									

* Pastor's and Sexton's Salary, Repairs, Fuel, Lights, etc.

STATISTICS

of the First

Baptist Church,

Louis Mich. for 19

May 1-52
Apr. 30-53

Name of Pastor, Geo. W. W. Piquley

Post Office Address, 350. E. Main St.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Number Reported Last Year, 198

INCREASE

By Baptism, 4

By Letter,

By Experience, 2

By Restoration,

DECREASE

By Letter, 4

By Exclusion,

By Erasure, 2

By Death, 1

Present Membership, 197

Students for Ministry,

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RECORD

Senior Membership { Active, 7
Associate,

Junior Membership { Active, 19
Associate,

President, Mary Piquley
Address, 350. E. Main St.

CHURCH PROPERTY

Church Buildings, 38000

Chapels,

Number of Sittings,

Parsonages, 8000

Total Value of Property, 46000

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

Number of Schools,

Officers and Teachers, 20

Scholars, 179

Total Number Enrolled, 199

Average Attendance, 924

Number Baptized from School, 4

Volumes in Library,

Contributions, 449.75

Superintendent's Name, Robert De Potter

P. O. Address, 422. State St.

FINANCE AND BENEVOLENCE

	Church Current Expenses*	Buildings and Improvements	Sunday School Expenses	Care of Church Year	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Publication Society Colpt. and S. S. Work	Baptist Orphanage	Minister's and Widows' Fund	Education	Printing Minutes	B. V. P. U.	City Missions	Baptist Home	Miscellaneous	TOTAL
<i>Receipts</i>																	
Church	Bal. 261.34 5597.11	74.90 449.75				1810.94											
Sunday School	Bal 74.90 449.75																
Young People { Senior { Junior																	
Woman's Missionary Society { Home { Foreign																	
Ladies' Aid																	
GRAND TOTAL																	

* Pastor's and Sexton's Salary, Repairs, Fuel, Lights, etc.

MESSENGERS

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Geo. W. W. Piquley

DEACONS

OTHER MEMBERS

LICENTIATES

Name of Church Clerk, Nettie E. Krambrink
Post Office Address, 269. E. Washington, Louis Mich.

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The First Baptist Church at

Ionia - Mich.

Oct 5-1954

to the Grand River BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting: W. Ashley Baptist Church.

Dear Brethren:

First Baptist Church of Ionia Mich.

Greetings to the Grand River Baptist Association:

Since we last met as an association twenty six have united with our church by baptism.

The Church and Sunday School has had an increasing Attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Knox from Baptist Central Philippine College, ~~the~~ were with us in January for a family night and Sunday morning service.

Our B.Y.F. was host to the State Officers Retreat in March.

June 27th, the 120th. anniversary of our Church was observed. Two former pastors were present and many non-resident and former members.

Our Pastor attended the A.B. Convention in Minneapolis, Minn.

Fifteen of our young people were at various Lake Louise camps and Rev. Pixley was counselor for one of these groups.

Two of our girls attended the Guild House Party and we were also represented at the Women's House Party.

A beautiful Communion table given in memory of R.F. Whitesides by his family was dedicated in May.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wheeler presented to the Church a very fine desk and guest register.

Mr and Mrs H.R. Darling have given as a "Living Memorial" two very modern rest rooms with the finest of installations and furniture, also a Sunday School Class Room.

These gifts show love and devotion for their Church and are greatly appreciated.

"Another year is before us
Dear Master, may it be
Our best, in loving service,
Another year for thee."

Nettie E Krainbrink
Church Clerk.

STATISTICS

of the First Baptist Church, Ionia - Mich. for 19 May 1/54
Name of Pastor, Rev. W.W. Pixley Post Office Address, 350 - E Main Apr. 30/55

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP		CHURCH PROPERTY	
Number Reported Last Year,	216	Church Buildings,	78005
INCREASE		Chapels,	
By Baptism,	22	Number of Sitzings,	
By Letter,		Parsonages,	10000
By Experience,	2	Total Value of Property,	88000
By Restoration,		SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD	
DECREASE		Number of Schools,	
By Letter,	6	Officers and Teachers,	23
By Exclusion,		Scholars,	232
By Erasure,	5	Total Number Enrolled,	255
By Death,	2	Average Attendance,	116
Present Membership,	227	Number Baptized from School,	18
Students for Ministry,		Volumes in Library,	
YOUNG PEOPLE'S RECORD		Contributions,	
Senior Membership { Active,		Superintendent's Name, <u>Norbert Lee Poole</u>	
Associate,		P. O. Address, <u>422 State St.</u>	
Junior Membership { Active,			
Associate,			
President,			
Address,			

FINANCE AND BENEVOLENCE

	Church Current Expenses	Buildings and Improvements	Sunday School Expenses	Care of Church Year	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Publication Society Conf. and S. Work	Baptist Orphanage	Ministers' and Widows' Fund	Education	Printing, Minutes	B. Y. P. U.	City Missions	Baptist Home	Miscellaneous	TOTAL
Church	8845 ²¹				2721 ⁵²												
Sunday School	583 ⁵⁰																
Young People { Senior																	
{ Junior																	
Woman's Missionary Society { Home																	
{ Foreign	360 ³⁵																
Ladies' Aid																	
GRAND TOTAL																	

* Pastor's and Sexton's Salary, Repairs, Fuel, Lights, etc.

ORDAINED MINISTERS	MESSENGERS	OTHER MEMBERS
<p>Deacons</p> <p>Nettie E. Krainbrink</p>	<p>Deacons</p>	<p>Other Members</p>
LICENTIATES		
Name of Church Clerk, <u>Nettie E. Krainbrink</u>		
Post Office Address, <u>269 E. Washington</u>		

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The _____ Baptist Church at _____

to the _____ BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

STATISTICS

of the First Baptist Church, Lonie for 19 58
 Name of Pastor, Rev. A. P. Miller Post Office Address, 250. E. Main 59

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Number Reported Last Year, 215

INCREASE

By Baptism,

By Letter, 4

By Experience,

By Restoration, 1

DECREASE

By Letter, 1

By Exclusion,

By Erasure, 28

By Death, 3

Present Membership, 188

Students for Ministry,

CHURCH PROPERTY

Church Buildings, 7,800

Chapels,

Number of Sittings,

Parsonages, 10000

Total Value of Property, 88000

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RECORD

Senior Membership { Active,

 { Associate,

Junior Membership { Active,

 { Associate,

President, _____

Address, _____

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

Number of Schools, 1

Officers and Teachers, 25

Scholars, 120

Total Number Enrolled, 145

Average Attendance,

Number Baptized from School,

Volumes in Library,

Contributions,

Superintendent's Name, Ada De Bau

P. O. Address, 2442. E. Riverside Dr.

FINANCE AND BENEVOLENCE

	Church Current Expenses*	Buildings and Improvements	Sunday School Expenses	Care of Church Year	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Publication Society, Conf. and S. S. Work	Baptist Orphanage	Ministry and Women's Fund	Education	Printing Minutes	D. Y. P. U.	City Missions	Baptist Home	Miscellaneous	TOTAL
Church	7474 ⁶⁹					1801 ⁴											9593 ²⁶
Sunday School																	
Young People { Senior																	
{ Junior																	
Women's Missionary Society { Home																	
{ Foreign																	
Ladies' Aid																	
GRAND TOTAL																	

* Pastor's and Sexton's Salary, Repairs, Fuel, Light, etc.

ORDAINED MINISTERS	MESSENGERS	OTHER MEMBERS
<u>Rev. A. P. Miller</u>	DEACONS	
LICENTIATES		

Name of Church Clerk, Nettie E. Neasberry
 Post Office Address, 269. E. Washington St.

Jonio, Michigan

to the Grand River May 1961 BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

Greetings from the First Baptist Church of Jonio to the Churches of the Grand River Association

During the past year many changes have taken place at the First Baptist Church of Jonio

Our Church steeple which was struck by lightning on the evening of Sept. 21, 1959 with resulting fire has been completely repaired.

The remainder of the indebtedness on our general redecorating program of the auditorium has been erased. Two screens were presented to the Church by Mr. Harry Meyer.

Four of our young people attended Lake House Camps and Rev. Miller was a counselor at one camp.

A one week daily vacation Bible school was held in June with a good response from the children.

The B.Y.F. groups remain active. We have one group of junior age children and a combined group of junior and senior high young people.

We have lost one member in death. On July 19, 1960 Mrs. Carolyn Signs passed away at the age of 17.

Three new members were added by baptism.

Changes not only have been made in the church building itself but in personnel as well. Reverend Miller resigned effective Sept 7, 1960 to accept a call at the Tawas City Church. During the time that we were without a pastor our pulpit was supplied by men sent to us by the Lansing office. We all received many blessings from the service of these men, and because of their willingness to minister to us the transition period between pastors left the church with few scars.

In December we extended a call to Rev. John Tennyson which he accepted and he and his lovely wife and three daughters moved into the parsonage the day after Christmas. His first sermon as our pastor was preached New Year's day, 1961.

I would like to tell you of our increased attendance, numerous decisions for Christ, changes in Church by-laws and other great blessings that have taken place in the last few months but that must wait for next year's report.

The Lord is truly blessing the people and the work that is being done among us. We would be careful to give Him all the praise and the honor and the glory.

Ada DeBoer
Church Clerk

STATISTICS

of the First

Baptist Church, Jonio

Name of Pastor, Rev. A.P. Miller

Post Office Address, 350 E. Main for 19 60

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Number Reported Last Year,	196
INCREASE	
By Baptism,	43
By Letter,	13
By Experience,	
By Restoration,	7
DECREASE	
By Letter,	10
By Exclusion,	
By Erasure,	4
By Death,	2
Present Membership,	244
Students for Ministry,	

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RECORD

Senior Membership	Active,	
	Associate,	
Junior Membership	Active,	
	Associate,	
President,		
Address,		

CHURCH PROPERTY

Church Buildings,	\$ 78,000.00
Chapels,	
Number of Sitzings,	
Parsonages,	\$ 10,000.00
Total Value of Property,	\$ 88,000.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

Number of Schools,	1
Officers and Teachers,	2549
Scholars,	167
Total Number Enrolled,	192
Average Attendance,	124
Number Baptized from School,	14
Volumes in Library,	
Contributions,	

Superintendent's Name, Antonia Reynolds
P. O. Address, 13 Terrace, Jonio

FINANCE AND BENEVOLENCE

	Church Current Expenses	Buildings and Improvements	Sunday School Expenses	Care of Church Tree	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Publication Society, Bible, and S. S. Works	Baptist Orphanage	Minister's and Widows' Fund	Education	Printing Missions	B. Y. F. U.	City Missions	Baptist Home	Miscellaneous	TOTAL
Church																	27,443
Sunday School																	
Young People																	
Woman's Missionary Society																	
Ladies Aid																	
GRAND TOTAL																	

* Pastor's and Sexton's Salary, Repairs, Fuel, Lights, etc.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. A.P. Miller
Rev. John W. Tennyson

LICENTIATES

MESSENGRERS

DEACONS

OTHER MEMBERS

Name of Church Clerk, Ada A. DeBoer
Post Office Address, 243 1/2 E. Lincoln Dr. Jonio

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Lonia, Mich.

to the Grand River BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

During the past year our church has been active in many ways. In January our pastor attended a 10 day training course, in "Administration", at Hillsdale College.

A recognition service was held in September for D. & S. Teachers and Assistants. Honor pins have been given to the younger scholars, throughout the year.

The organized D. & S. classes have carried on various projects.

A vacation Bible school was held. Several of our young people attended Summer camps.

The Women's Mission Society under the fine leadership of Mrs. Mabel Jones, has assisted in many projects of the A. B. C. and State Conventions Women's Work. Our circles are active and several of our women attended Summer conferences.

A pulpit light, in memory of Archie Baly, was given by Mrs. Baly and Mr. & Mrs. Harold Segis.

We have a nursery for babies and small children during church service. A new pulpit microphone has been installed, with extension speakers throughout church basement.

The resignation of our pastor, Rev. John Jewison, effective Dec. 1, was accepted with deep regret.

Five of our members have been called to their Heavenly Home: -

Mrs. Flora Arnold - age 95

R. Harmon Pickett - age 60

Donald Crawford - age 82

Mrs. Florence Parker - age 88

Miss Ruth Greer - age 65

At present we are without a pastor. The pulpit is supplied each Sunday by our State Convention office.

Nettie E. Kraibreich,

acting clerk

STATISTICS

of the Baptist Church, Jan 1 - to Dec 1/66 for 19 66

Name of Pastor, _____

Post Office Address, _____

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Number Reported Last Year,	
INCREASE	
By Baptism,	
By Letter,	
By Experience,	
By Restoration,	
DECREASE	
By Letter,	
By Exclusion,	
By Erasure,	
By Death,	
Present Membership,	
Students for Ministry,	

CHURCH PROPERTY \$

Church Buildings,	115,000
Chapels,	
Number of Sitings,	
Parsonages,	10,000
Total Value of Property,	125,000

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

Number of Schools,	
Officers and Teachers,	
Scholars,	
Total Number Enrolled,	
Average Attendance,	
Number Baptized from School,	
Volumes in Library,	
Contributions,	
Superintendent's Name, _____	
P. O. Address, _____	

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RECORD

Senior Membership	{ Active,
	{ Associate,
Junior Membership	{ Active,
	{ Associate,
President, _____	
Address, _____	

FINANCE AND BENEVOLENCE

	Church Current Expenses*	Buildings and Improvements	Sunday School Expenses	Care of Church Year	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Publication Society, Colport. and S. Work	Baptist Dephanage	Minister's and Widows' Fund	Education	Printing Minutes	B. Y. P. U.	City Missions	Baptist Home	Miscellaneous	TOTAL
Church																	
Sunday School																	
Young People { Senior																	
{ Junior																	
Women's Missionary Society { Home																	
{ Foreign																	
Ladies' Aid																	
GRAND TOTAL																	

* Pastor's and Sexton's Salary, Repairs, Fuel, Lights, etc.

MESSENGERS

ORDAINED MINISTERS

DEACONS

OTHER MEMBERS

LICENTIATES

Name of Church Clerk, _____

Post Office Address, _____

The Baptist Church at

to the Grand River BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

1966

Dear Brethren:

No letter sent -

*Mabel Jones attended and gave
a report to church on May 1, 1966*

STATISTICS

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1966*

ANNUAL CHURCH LETTER

IMPORTANT SUGGESTIONS

Please retain one copy for your church, and send one copy to the Baptist state or city office and one copy to the clerk of your association.

Write plainly; use a typewriter if convenient.

Please give full names and such designations as Mr., Mrs., Miss or Rev. Also give full Post Office address, with P. O. box, street number or rural route number.

Please exercise great care in entering figures and put TOTALS where required.

THE First Baptist Church Ionia, Michigan
(Name of Church) (Town or City)

TO THE Grand River Baptist ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT _____ DATES _____

VOTING DELEGATES:

<i>Mrs Mabel Jones</i>		<i>Ionia Mich.</i>

CHURCH LETTER *

Greetings to our association friends.

During the first five months of 1966 our church was without a regular pastor. The state office provided us with many splendid speakers which helped maintain devotion and attendance.

All departments functioned all year including adopting a boy in Costa Rica, an increase in Sunday School enrollment, much work accomplished in both foreign and home missions, attendance of both young folks and our women at church camps and conferences was good. One Sunday School class celebrated the 40th anniversary of their organization and have 57 members at this time.

A gift of an outdoor bulletin board was made in honor of Ford Halsted by his wife and daughters.

Rev. Lowell Young and Mrs. Young began their pastorate in June. Many out of town guests and state church officials attended the installation ceremony on July 7. Rev. Young has done a great deal of door-knocking making a total of over 700 calls and has made contacts at the county jail.

A Service Board honors all our boys in the armed forces and our members in foreign mission fields.

We lost three members by death this year: Mrs. Lena Raglin, Mrs. Daisy Krause and Mr. LeRoy Swett.

The present parsonage is being sold and the contract has been let to build a parsonage which it is hoped Rev. and Mrs. Young can occupy by mid-March, 1967. This has truly been a busy, fruitful year with plans for much Christian activity next year.

Amount contributed for associational expenses \$ 5.00

Date Feb 1967

Church clerk Cherrell Edwards

* MARK THE ITEMS YOU ESPECIALLY WANT TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Ionia

to the Grand River BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

This letter passed by congregation 3/21/71

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF IONIA, MICHIGAN,
MARCH 1971 re: 1970 activities.

Dear Association friends:

In February of 1970 Rev. Gilbert Kohler and family began their pastorate here.

We had several gospel singing groups take part in our services during the year and in every case they proved inspirational.

The pastor and groups of members attended Baptist conventions and conferences in the area. Pastor Kohler and Linda also were at the National Baptist Convention in Cincinnati. The Fine Arts Festival at Jackson was attended by a busload of members both teen-age and older.

Our daily vacation Bible school was able to give the "good news" to over 85 daily attendants.

We had as guest speakers a Gideon representative and a Temperance advocate, plus other ministers and missionaries at some of our family night suppers. They all brought good messages.

Many stewardship calls were made which strengthens the bond between members.

Our fine old pipe-organ was cleaned and repaired.

We lost our beloved sister Lena Edington by death in June and one young man John Cronk in August.

Living memorials reduced our parsonage debt by \$1500.

It was a busy year and involved more of our younger age group members for which we thank God.

We feel blessed and strengthened for the coming year's work.

Respectfully submitted,

Chrystell Edwards, Clerk

STATISTICS

of the Baptist Church,

Name of Pastor, _____

Post Office Address, _____

for 19 70

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Number Reported Last Year,

INCREASE

By Baptism, 1

By Letter, 2

By Experience,

By Restoration,

DECREASE

By Letter, 0

By Exclusion,

By Erasure, 2 from inactive list

By Death, 2

Present Membership,

Students for Ministry,

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RECORD

Senior Membership { Active,

{ Associate,

Junior Membership { Active,

{ Associate,

President, _____

Address, _____

CHURCH PROPERTY

Church Buildings,

Chapels,

Number of Sittings,

Parsonages,

Total Value of Property,

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

Number of Schools,

Officers and Teachers,

Scholars,

Total Number Enrolled,

Average Attendance,

Number Baptized from School,

Volumes in Library,

Contributions,

Superintendent's Name, _____

P. O. Address, _____

FINANCE AND BENEVOLENCE

	Church Current Expenses*	Buildings and Improvements	Sunday School Expenses	Care of Church Year	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Epworth League (Gifts and S. Work)	Baptist Orphanage	Missionary and Women's Fund	Ebenezer	Praying Minutes	B. Y. P. U.	City Missions	Baptist House	Miscellaneous	TOTAL
Church																	
Sunday School																	
Young People																	
Women's Missionary Society																	
Ladies Aid																	
GRAND TOTAL																	

* Pastor's and Sexton's Salary, Repairs, Fuel, Lights, etc.

MESSENGERS

ORDAINED MINISTERS

DEACONS

OTHER MEMBERS

LICENTIATES

Name of Church Clerk, _____

P. O. Address, _____