

STATE N.C.**BAPTIST BIOGRAPHY DATA FORM**

Please read carefully the *Instruction Sheet* and then list the appropriate information as it directs.

1. NAME Wainwright Robert Henry  
(Last) (First) (Second)

Give full names. For a married woman please put maiden name in parentheses.

[EXAMPLE: Cole, Mary Ann (Smith).]

2. BIRTH Hampton Va. 6-13-32  
(Place) (County) (State) (Date)

DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

3. PARENTS Harry DeWitt Wainwright and Sadie Virginia (Scriminger) Wainwright  
[EXAMPLE: Alec Joe Doaks and Lucy Mae (Brown) Doaks]

Father's occupation Cook, Grocery Store Owner Mother's occupation Homemaker, Grocery Store Worker

4. BROTHERS (3) List full names and year of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Living or deceased) Number

Deceased - John Scriminger Wainwright - 1929

Living - Harry William Wainwright - 1934

Living - Faye Lee Wainwright - 1940

5. SISTERS (1) List full names and year of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Living or deceased) Number

Living - Doris (Wainwright) Laughlin Dance - 1926

6. CHILDHOOD RESIDENCE: (Please list each residence of 3 years duration or more, up to the time of the 18th birthday)

Type of Community Post Office County State Dates  
Rural (R); town under 2500 pop. (T); city 2500 or more pop. (C). Check one.

R ☒ T ☐ C ☐ Hampton Elizabeth City Va. 1932-50

R ☐ T ☐ C ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

R ☐ T ☐ C ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

R ☐ T ☐ C ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

7. EDUCATION:

Grammar school: Graduate? Yes (x) No ( ) Year graduated 1945

High school: Graduate? Yes (x) No ( ) Year graduated 1951

School attended: Hampton High Hampton Va.  
(Name) (Place) (State)

(Whether graduate or not; if more than one was attended, show the last one.)

College: Years attended: None ( ) One ( ) 2-3 ( ) Graduate (x)

Whether graduated or not, list college(s) attended: (EXAMPLE: 1935-'38)

Chowan Murfreesboro NC 1956-58 AA  
(Name) (Place) (State) (Years attended) (Degree)

Univ. of Richmond Richmond VA 1958-60 BA  
(Name) (Place) (State) (Years attended) (Degree)

Graduate-level: List college(s), seminary(ies), etc. attended; earned degrees

Southeastern Seminary Wake Forest NC 1960-63 BD  
(Name) (Place) (State) (Years attended) (Degree)

8. SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION RECEIVED: (Honorary degrees, such as: D.D., Howard College, 1948; citations, such as: *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, 1939; honorary positions, such as: "Man of the Year"—Pryor, Okla., 1943; etc.)

9. MARITAL INFORMATION:

| Spouse                         | Birthdate of Spouse | Place of Marriage (Town and State) | Date of Marriage |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| (1) <u>Betty Jean Portwood</u> | <u>7-17-33</u>      | <u>Newport News, Va.</u>           | <u>6-21-58</u>   |
| (2)                            |                     |                                    |                  |

Number of children (3). List their full names and birthdates: (an example of a married daughter would be: Mrs. John Alan (Mary Lou) Ross, 3-7-1918)

Robert Bruce Wainwright 3-3-59 Morris DeWitt Wainwright 6-1-63  
Brian Neal Wainwright 9-10-66

10. VOCATIONAL HISTORY (List all vocations, occupations, trades, or professions engaged in for two or more years) Sheet metal, carpentry, grocery clerk

11. RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE:

Conversion 1943 11 Baptism 1943 Parkview Baptist, Newport News, Va.  
 (Date) (Age) (Date) (Church) (Location of Church)

List any church, other than Baptist, with which formerly affiliated

Ordained as: Minister ( ☒ ) Deacon ( ☒ ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

1963 West Hampton Baptist Church Hampton VA  
 (Date ordained) (Church) (Place) (State)

12. LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITY, *UNSALARIED* (Place the number of years service, in the space provided, for each office ever held.)

| Gen. Supt.,<br>Director,<br>President | Dept. Supt.,<br>Director,<br>Circle Chm. | Teacher,<br>Counselor,<br>Sponsor,<br>Leader | List below other<br>offices or service,<br>such as: Sec.,<br>Assoc. Supt., etc. | Other Offices<br>(give number of years service)                                                              |                      |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                       |                                          |                                              |                                                                                 | Deacon <u>2</u>                                                                                              | Ch. Treas. _____     |
|                                       |                                          |                                              |                                                                                 | Trustee _____                                                                                                | Ch. Library _____    |
|                                       |                                          |                                              |                                                                                 | Usher _____                                                                                                  | Ch. Recreation _____ |
| S.S. _____                            |                                          |                                              |                                                                                 | Ch. Clerk _____                                                                                              | Choir Mem. <u>12</u> |
| T.U. <u>2</u>                         | <u>2</u>                                 |                                              |                                                                                 | Other _____                                                                                                  | Choir Direc. _____   |
|                                       |                                          |                                              |                                                                                 | Ch. Committee Chm. _____                                                                                     |                      |
| V.B.S. _____                          |                                          |                                              |                                                                                 | List completed Study Course diplomas<br>(Indicate related organizations, such<br>as: S.S., T.U., etc.) _____ |                      |
| Broth. _____                          |                                          | <u>10</u>                                    |                                                                                 |                                                                                                              |                      |
| W.M.U. _____                          |                                          |                                              |                                                                                 |                                                                                                              |                      |
|                                       |                                          |                                              |                                                                                 |                                                                                                              |                      |

13. DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE, *UNSALARIED*. (Please list positions held in Baptist associations, conventions (state or Southern), national and world-wide organizations, such as; moderator, president, clerk, trustee, board, commission or committee members; etc.)

Example: S.S. Superintendent Bethel Association Kentucky 1942-1944  
 (Position) (Organization, board, agency, etc.) (State) (Date)

|                                             |                                        |           |                |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| <u>Consultant</u>                           | <u>NC Baptist Men</u>                  | <u>NC</u> | <u>1970-91</u> |
| <u>Ministers Support Advisory Committee</u> | <u>NCBSC</u>                           | <u>NC</u> | <u>1991-94</u> |
| <u>Special Worker</u>                       | <u>SS Dept., Bapt State Convention</u> | <u>NC</u> | <u>1975-80</u> |

14. TO BE FILLED OUT ONLY BY THOSE WHO ARE, OR HAVE BEEN, IN SALARIED CHURCH-RELATED VOCATIONS. (Including pastors, denominational workers, missionaries, ministers of education and music, church secretaries, faculty members or employees of Baptist institutions, agencies, etc.)

TYPE AND LENGTH OF SERVICE: List all positions of such service with one or more years of duration; check F (full-time) or P (part-time). Examples:

|                                                                  | (Position)            | (Church, agency, area, institution, place of service) | (Date of service) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| F <input type="checkbox"/> P <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1. pastor             | County Line Baptist Church, Turkey Creek, La.         | 1925-1929         |
| F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. missionary         | Ogbomoshos, Nigeria, W. Africa                        | 1930-1952         |
| F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Minister of Educ., | Smithfield Baptist Church<br>Smithfield, VA           | 1963-66           |
| F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Minister of Ed;    | 1st Baptist, N.Wilkesboro, NC                         | 1966-1973         |
| F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. D.O.M.             | Flat River Baptist Assoc., Oxford, NC                 | 1973-             |
| F <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/>            |                       |                                                       |                   |
| F <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/>            |                       |                                                       |                   |
| F <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/>            |                       |                                                       |                   |
| F <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/>            |                       |                                                       |                   |
| F <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/>            |                       |                                                       |                   |
| F <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/>            |                       |                                                       |                   |
| F <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/>            |                       |                                                       |                   |
| F <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/>            |                       |                                                       |                   |

15. OTHER TYPES OF RELIGIOUS SERVICE: (In associations, assemblies, colleges, conventions (state or Southern), national or world-wide meetings, such as: speaker, music director, committee chairman, etc.)

|  | (Position)            | (Place of Service)                             | (Date of Service) |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
|  | Chairman              | Billy Graham Area Crusade for Christ           | 1972              |
|  | Treasurer             | SBC, Director of Missionions Conference        | 1985-89           |
|  | President & Secretary | North Carolina Director of Missions Conference | 1980-83           |

16. AUTHORSHIP (Include books, booklets, lesson courses or curriculum material, and tracts) (Book, item, etc.) (Publisher) (Date published)

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

17. CLUB OR GROUP MEMBERSHIP: (Service organizations, fraternal, P.T.A., Civic, etc.) List important positions of leadership held YMCA "Ys" Men's Club, President, 1970, N. Wilkesboro, NC

18. HOBBIES AND LEISURE INTERESTS:

Favorite Gardening Others Photography, woodwork

19. PUBLIC SERVICE: (Military, educational, political, etc. not previously listed)

USAF 1951-1956 - aircraft mechanic

The information for items #1-19 has been filled in by Robert Wainwright

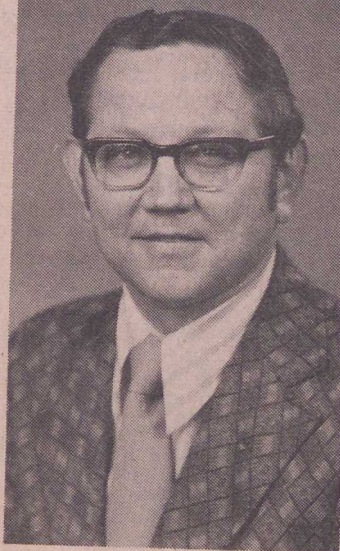
Mailing address 216 W. Thorndale Dr., Oxford, NC 27565

Sources used in compiling the information are: (Example: personal knowledge; minutes, Calvary Baptist Church, Wisner, La.; Court Records, Covich County, Miss.; etc.)

Personal records

**DO YOU HAVE LETTERS, DIARIES,  
PHOTOGRAPHS, OR OTHER MEMENTOES????**

The Baptist Historical Collection would like to have this material or be allowed to photocopy such items for permanent preservation here in the Collection. We establish personal collections by the name of the donor. Any donated materials relating to the life and endeavors of our N.C. Baptist pastors and denominational leaders will be preserved for future generations of Baptists. Too often in our highly mobile society these items are thrown away or hastily discarded. They should be preserved. Let us know if we can assist you with the preservation of your personal papers. Phone (919) 825-9711, extension 277 collect.



WAINWRIGHT

## Wainwright to Begin FRBA Duties July 10

A Virginian who came to North Carolina in pursuit of educational opportunities, returned to his native state to marry and brought his uncle back to North Carolina to pursue his ministerial inclinations, has arrived from Wilkes County to assume duties as superintendent of missions in the Flat River Baptist Association.

He is the Rev. Robert H. Wainwright, a native of Hampton, Va., who is 41. He is coming to Oxford from North Wilkesboro where he has been Minister of Education since 1966, serving First Baptist Church in that city. His experience has been in Training Unions, work with Royal Ambassadors, Bible Schools and recreational endeavors. He has also served as vice president of the Wilkes County Council on Alcoholism and Drugs and has worked with the YMCA in its various endeavors.

Married to the former Betty Portwood of Hampton, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Wainwright have three sons, Bruce, 13, Morris, 10, and Brian, 7.

Wainwright attended Chowan College, the University of Richmond and Southeastern Baptist Seminary, winning degrees at each.

Mr. and Mrs. Wainwright and their sons will reside at 216 West Thorndale, where they have acquired a residence. He will have his first day in the FRBA office over Hall's Drug Store on Tuesday, July 10.

Nashville Graphic

Newland: Avery Journal

Newton: Observer-News-Enterprise

North Wilksboro: Journal-Patriot

Oxford Ledger

Pittsboro: Chatham Record

Plymouth: Roanoke Beacon

JUL 5 1973

37  
Flat River

# Missions Director

## Mt. Creek Speaker

The Rev. Bob Wainwright, director of missions for the Flat River Baptist Association, was guest speaker at the worship service at Mt. Creek Baptist Church Sunday morning.

The Rev. Mr. Wainwright explained the importance of state missions, which will be emphasized during Missions Month in the state this month. In addition to his message, he showed a film of various phases of mission work.

## Advertising Pays

Nashville: ~~Observer-News-Enterprise~~  
Newland: Avery Journal  
Newton: Observer-News-Enterprise  
North Wilksboro: Journal-Patriot  
Oxford Ledger

9-1-77

*Carolina*

CLIPPING SERVICE  
1115 HILLSBORO  
RALEIGH, NC 27603  
TEL. (919) 833-2079

PUBLIC LEDGER  
OXFORD, N. C.

MAY-01-86

## Flat River Official, Wife In England For 3 Months

291

The Rev. Robert H. Wainwright, director of missions of the Flat River Baptist Association, and his wife, Betty, left from Raleigh-Durham Airport Wednesday and arrived in London, England, today. He will serve as interim pastor of Temple Baptist Church at Huntingdon, 60 miles north of London.

The FRBA executive committee granted Wainwright a three-month leave of absence to go to England, and his wife took a leave of absence

from school to go with him. They will be living in a house provided by the church. The church is made up mainly of military families who are stationed at an airbase nearby.

The church at Huntingdon was started as a mission in 1967 and organized formally into a church in June 1969. The original thrust was to provide a place of worship and a base of witness to those attached to the military base. Sixteen years later, the congregation finds itself not only meeting that need but reaching out also to natives of England and sharing in ministry with Baptists who have been in the locale for many years, Wainwright said.

While ministering to the congregation and witnessing to others in the community, the church conducts services three out of four Sundays each month at a nearby home for the aged. Despite its youth as a congregation, Temple has been asked to assist two existing Baptist congregations which have been around for years, perhaps centuries, which need a revitalization.

The congregation meets in a 200-year-old building, temporarily, once occupied by a "free church" for a fee of one British pound per year. The rent was 2,000 pounds per year at first but those holding title to the building saw what the Baptists were doing in the community and wanted to lighten the financial load, the minister said.

Haunting the congregation is the need to complete a permanent building. The foundation has been

See N 3, Page 14

✓

**3**

**continued from page 1**

---

poured, walls have been started, only to have some of them collapse in a storm. Labor and materials are expensive and hard to obtain. The congregation ran out of money and the building project came to a halt, and has remained at a standstill for a long time.

# Minister, Wife Return From Post In England

By JANE JOHNSON

After serving as interim pastor of Temple Baptist Church near Huntingdon, England, for three months, the Rev. Robert H. Wainwright and his wife returned home last Monday (July 28).

They will have only been home six days when another Granville County minister will leave his parishioners here to serve the same church on a three-year contract.

Temple Church was started as a mission in 1967 and organized formally into a church in June of 1969. The original thrust was to provide a place of worship and a base of witness to those attached to a nearby military base. Now, the congregation finds itself not only meeting that need but reaching out also to natives of England and sharing in ministry with Baptists who have been in locale for many years.

The pastor who had been serving the church left in January. The Rev. Mr. Wainwright was asked by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention to go to England and fill in until a pastor was found.

The congregation meets in a 200-year-old building once occupied by a "free church." The turnover is tremendous. With most of the congregation serving in the military, most of them will be relocated by the fall of this year, decreasing the number both in the pews and in leadership roles. Only one deacon now serving will be left.

In 1980, the church purchased property adjacent to the main gate at RAF Alconbury. With monies from the church, the European Baptist Convention and Lottie Moon Offering funds, a building was started. Volunteer work crews have come from Florida, Louisiana, Missouri and North Carolina to help with the work. The building is under roof and can soon be completely enclosed, after which work on the heating system, electrical wiring and other interior construction items can proceed. It is estimated that an additional \$126,000 will enable the congregation to utilize the building. Hopefully enough

money will be given to enable the church to borrow the additional amount needed to complete the building.

With a new squadron on TR-1's being based at RAF Alconbury, and other personnel increases, it has been announced that the build-up at Alconbury will continue until it is the largest single base in England. For this reason, the completion of the new church is of greater importance, and the location of the new church is proving to be important. When the church is finished and begins to reach the new people at Alconbury, it will be able to support itself completely.

"We had mostly good weather while we were there. We got to do a lot of sightseeing. We went to such places as France, Switzerland, Belgrum, and other places of interest. We saw the play of Romeo and Juliet, which was done in modern-day dress," Mrs. Wainwright said.

"We took plenty of pictures and plan to make up a slide show to present to different churches and organizations," the Rev. Mr. Wainwright added.

"Every place we went, the people were so nice and friendly. We really enjoyed the warm fellowship," Mrs. Wainwright continued. "We did not go to the royal wedding, but we did attend the trooping of colors—a birthday celebration for the queen. You would think that the poorer people would feel resentment toward the royal family, but they don't. They dearly love them. Every place we went, love was reflected for the royal family. There was something on the television every day about what the family was doing and places they had been," she added.

"Getting used to driving on the right side of the road and learning their vocabulary was difficult. They don't have yards, they have front gardens and back gardens. They use the space they have very wisely," Mrs. Wainwright continued. "They make the best use of what they've got and never complain about it," she added.

See No. 2, Page 16



Staff photo by Leon Crumpler

## Rev., Mrs. Wainwright, Gift

*Carolina*

CLIPPING SERVICE  
1115 HILLSBORO  
RALEIGH, NC 27603  
TEL. (919) 833-2079

PUBLIC LEDGER  
OXFORD, N. C.

AUG--4-86

*1*  
Public Ledger

**2** continued from page 1

"The speed limits are much higher there compared to here. The prices of gas is something like \$2.50 per gallon because of all of the taxes. If the price of the gas goes down, they just simply add more taxes," the Rev. Mr. Wainwright said.

"You see a lot of bicycles. The roads are just full with them. Every place we went, we just saw lines and lines of them," he continued. "The roads are narrow and if two cars were meeting and a bicycle was passing through, you would almost have to stop," Mrs. Wainwright added.

"We saw many historic buildings, some well over 1,000 years old, and most of them were still being used by the people. Some were government buildings and some were public," Mrs. Wainwright said.

When the Wainwrights were leaving for home, the people of the church presented them with a

*✓*  
framed oil painting, hand-painted by one of the local people.

The Wainwrights said that they are going to miss the people there, but are glad to be home with family and friends.

The Rev. Cliff Houston of Stem, pastor of Tally Ho Baptist Church, will be going to England to serve as pastor of Temple Baptist Church. He and his family left Sunday for Georgia where they will spend several weeks before going on to England. He will preach at a Georgia church for a couple of weeks.

After the three-year contract ends, the Houstons will return home for three months before possibly returning to Temple Church on a two-year extension of the contract, an option in their agreement.

The Houstons have two daughters, Amanda, 11, and Emily, four. *//*

*4*

Carolina

CLIPPING SERVICE  
1115 HILLSBORO  
RALEIGH, NC 27603  
TEL. (919) 833-2079

PUBLIC LEDGER  
OXFORD, N. C.

JUN 7 93

## Caring Neighbors

By VICKY M. JIGGETTS

The Rev. Bob Wainwright has been director of Associational Missions for the Flat River Baptist Association for almost 20 years, and he still finds his work quite challenging. Overseeing an organization which involves 33 churches is often a tough job, but the Rev. Wainwright has gained loyalty and respect from members of the community who recognize him as a caring neighbor.

His work in church began when he was growing up in Hampton, Va. When he participated in Associational and training meetings, he developed a strong foundation for his future work with missions.

The Rev. Wainwright is motivated by the work involved while enlisting others to help on mission projects. "Getting people involved is one of the most meaningful parts of my work. It isn't always easy to get people to volunteer, but when they do, it's very rewarding," he said.

The Flat River Baptist Association is divided into three major areas: training, mission projects, and fellowship activities. Training opportunities are available for leaders in all church organizations; coordination and leadership skills are taught for mission projects (local, out-of-state, overseas); fellowship activities for youths and adults are regularly planned.

There are several special projects in the making, such as the Rest Stop Ministry. Churches will donate coffee and drinks, and Christian literature will be offered to travelers. The Association is trying to build a church for members of the Hispanic community, who are already active in worship services.

Plans are also underway to develop more activities for singles. "We are trying to help singles find more constructive ways to use their time, such as getting involved in mission projects," said the Rev. Wainwright. "We try to challenge them to do



REV. BOB WAINWRIGHT

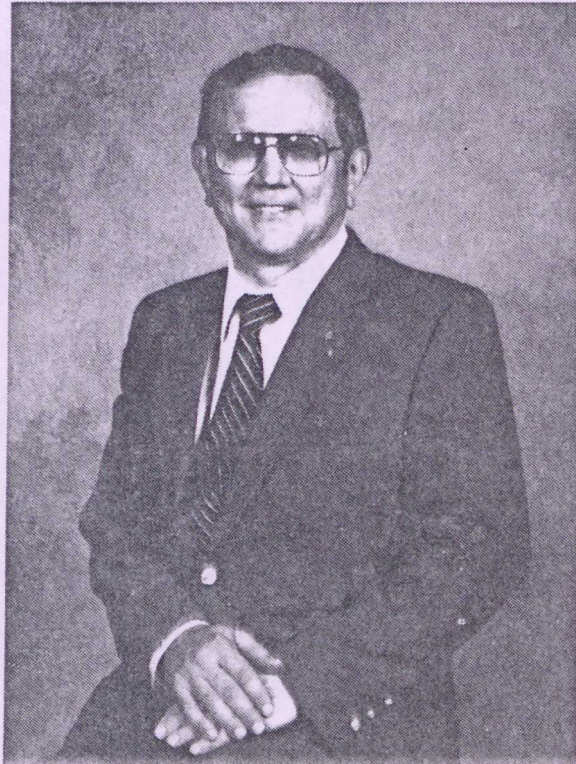
things for others, and get involved in wholesome activities that will give them a chance to fellowship with others."

All of the work that is involved in reaching the Association's goals can sometimes be very difficult. The Rev. Wainwright does not claim to know the key to making it all work so well, but he tries very hard to reach as many as possible.

"I don't think we can solve the world's problems, nor can we change whole populations, states or towns. But we can help bring positive changes to individuals," he said. "You can't reach everybody, but you work hard with those who respond. You must recognize that there are real needs out there. By working with other organizations in the community, I truly believe we can make a difference."

The Rev. Wainwright is president of Area Congregations in Ministry, a member of Oxford Area Ministers (an interdenominational group), volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, and a member of the board of directors for the Oxford Housing Authority.

## Dedication



Robert H. Wainwright

*In recognition and appreciation of the faithful fifteen years of dedicated service of Rev. Robert H. Wainwright, we dedicate this 195th Flat River Baptist Association Annual in his honor. He has served as director of missions since 1973 and continues to serve in this capacity.*

DEDICATION OF ANNUAL  
 DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION  
 General Officers .....  
 Executive Committee Members .....  
 Pastors .....  
 Lay Representatives from .....  
 Committee on Committees .....  
 Committees Appointed by .....  
 Officers of F.R.B.A. Mission .....  
 Woman's Missionary Union .....  
 Brotherhood Committee .....  
 DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES  
 Sunday School Directors .....  
 Chairman of Deacons .....  
 Church Clerks .....  
 Church Treasurers .....  
 W.M.U. Directors .....  
 Brotherhood Directors/Representatives .....  
 Church Training Directors .....  
 Pianists .....  
 Organists .....  
 Music Directors .....  
 Church Secretaries .....  
 Directors of Church Medical .....  
 Stewardship Chairman (Church) .....  
 Evangelism Council .....  
 Senior Adult Coordinator .....  
 Ministers of Education/Church .....  
 Recreation Directors/Church .....  
 Ordained Members Other .....  
 MINISTERS LICENSED BY CHURCHES  
 MINISTERS LEAVING PASTORATE  
 THOSE FROM F.R.B.A. MISSION .....  
 THE PROGRAM OF ANNUAL MEETINGS  
 PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS  
 REPORTS:  
 Sunday School, No. 1 .....  
 Church Training, No. 2 .....  
 Woman's Missionary Union, No. 3 .....  
 Brotherhood, No. 4 .....  
 State Missions, No. 5 .....  
 Nominating Committee, No. 6 .....  
 Committee on Committees, No. 7 .....  
 Cooperative Program, No. 8 .....  
 Director of Missions, No. 9 .....  
 Treasurer, No. 10 and 10 .....  
 Auditor, No. 11 .....  
 Missions Advisory Committee, No. 12 .....  
 Budget Promotion and Extension, No. 13 .....  
 Trustees, No. 14 .....  
 Van Committee, No. 15 .....  
 Honduras Mission Project, No. 16

Rev. Robert Henry Wainwright



We dedicate this 202nd Flat River Baptist Association Annual in honor of Rev. Robert Henry Wainwright. This in recognition and appreciation for his 22 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Flat River Baptist Association as the director of missions from July 1973 to October 1995.