

MINUTES
—OF THE—
14th ANNUAL SESSION
—OF THE—
Avery County
Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—
CHESTNUTDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 20 & 21,

1925

*SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY
Wake Forest, North Carolina*
The next session to be held at Green Valley Baptist Church,
beginning on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August,

1926

Rev. L. W. Hall to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.

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AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
August 20 - 21, 1925.

The Avery County Baptist Association met with Chestnutdale Baptist church Aug. 20, 1925 at 10, a. m. The Moderator read and commented on Gal. 5 chap. Prayer by D. A. Greene.

Program read and adopted.

Sermon by J. W. P. Hill. Text, Matt. 16: 18. He preached an able sermon. Prayer led by L. W. Hall, after which election of officers entertained: N. S. Hampton Moderator, Ed W. Buchanan Clk.

Letters called for and the following received:—

Aaron, Big Meadows, Beech Mountain, Bellview, Chestnutdale, Crossnore, Cranberry, Elk Valley, Flat Springs, Green Valley, Henson Creek, Jonas Ridge, Minneapolis, Oak Grove, Newland, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Valley, Powdermill, Roaring Creek, Mt. Pleasant, and Yellow Mountain.

Visiting brethren invited and the following responded: R. T. Teague, our new Supt. Pub. Ins., A. P. Sorrels of Green River Asso., J. N. Barnett of the Sunday School Board.

Adjourned for one hour.

AFTER NOON

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Choir sang O, How I Love Jesus.

The following committees were appointed:—

State, Home and Foreign Missions: D. P. Bridges, A C Hamby, V W Green.

Education: J W P Hill, R T Teague, N A Buchanan.

Temperance: G W McGuire, L W Hall, H S Burleson.

Obituaries: W W Pyatte, L G Reid, J G Hughes.

Periodicals: R N Cardwell, A P Sorrels, W M Wright.

Orphanage: R T Teague, A C Hamby, D A Greene.

Hospitals: N A Buchanan, R T Lewis, N M Johnson.

Resolutions: R T Teague, C T Hicks.

Sunday Schools: Dewey Johnson, J N Barnett, L McGuire.

State of Churches: R T Lewis, L W Hall.

Place and Preacher: L G Reid, Dock Wetherman, E O Pyatte.

Finance: J G Buchanan, J W Taylor, V B Hicks.

Nominations: H S Burleson, D P Bridges, Billie Buchanan, R L Hall, B F McGuire.

Report on Sunday Schools called for.
Discussed by J. N. Barnett and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday-school is the teaching part of the church. Then first we should prepare a place suitable to teach.

Second, we should enlarge our organization to take care of everybody and we should train our teachers that they can rightly teach the Word of Truth. We should use our Bibles in the Sunday-school.

Lets try to add at least 500 new pupils in our association and take the standard of excellency as our ideal. Respt.

J. N. Barnett, Luther McGuire, A. P. Sorrels, Com.

Report on Periodicals called for and received. Dis. by A. P. Sorels

PERIODICALS

Information is essential to success in all things. If we as Baptist people succeed in fulfilling our mission we must inform our people.

First, we should know and obey the Bible.

Second, we should know as much as possible about the work being done and the work needed doing. There is a stream of information flowing in reach of all our people. Sunday-school literature includes Kind Words, Charity and Children, Home & Foreign Fields, and Biblical Recorder. These are all good reading matter and bring an abundance of information to those who read them. We urge all Baptists to take and read the Recorder.

R. N. Cardwell, } Com
W. M. Wright, }
A. P. Sorrels, }

R. T. Teague suggests that we in co-operation with the State and Sunday School Board employ an Enlistment Worker for our county. On motion J. W. P. Hill was appointed for this year and that we raise \$100. for same.

Report on Temperance read by L. W. Hall. Discussed by him.
Report adopted.

TEMPERANCE

And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.— I. Cor. 9th 25.

Paul, through inspiration, wisdom and observation, saw fit to give this admonition to the Corinthian brethren. All down the ages there has been a mania for excessive indulgence in the things that will demoralize, weaken and poison the human mind, body and intellect. We feel this is the time to broadcast the warning, to shun the ten thousand things that hurry you on from one fancy to another, until your life is marred, weakened and blighted, the vigor of manhood, the joy of old age is lost, you become a candidate for an early grave.

It was once thought that intoxicating liquors about covered the field of intemperance, but since the law has made it hot for the boot-legger, this craze for intemperance has turned into other channels perhaps as destructive as the original.

In this fast age the devil has invented things for quick and decisive work. We see the promising boy yet in his teens, as he blights his young life by smoking cigarettes, and inhaling the poisonous nicotine. And the fair sex are not exempt from the fashions and fancies that tend to weaken their lives and marr their usefulness as good Christian mothers in setting good examples for their daughters. The snuff box, lip stick and face powder have been resorted to to supply the wasted strength and faded beauty of our daughters.

The night craze for parties and car rides which brings many of our young people to a low ebb in character, should be guarded against by every Christian father and mother.

G. W. McGuire }
L. W. Hall } Com
H. S. Burleson }

Report on B. Y. P. U. Read by J. W. P. Hill. Discussed by him and Paul Caudill. Report adopted.

B. Y. P. U.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed; rightly dividing the wnrđ of truth." 1 Tim. 2: 15 was not spoken to Timothy alone, but to every young or old person who is called to work. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. If our young men and women are trained in the Kingdom work while young they have their lives before them for active and useful service. Then why not put them into service for the Master, and show the young workers that the church needs every one of them.

The B. Y. P. U. does three things for her members:

1. Trains them in doctrinal subjects;
2. Trains them in missionary activities;
3. Trains them in systematic work.

We, your committee, recommend that every church in the association organize a Union for the purpose of enlarging the work of the Kingdom, and to give the young people the right kind of social training.

W. W. Braswell, J. W. P. Hill, J. H. Hicks.

Adjourned till 9: 30 a. m. Friday.

Second Day.

Opened by singing. Prayer by E. N. Gardner.

Brethren Paul Caudill and E. N. Gardner were welcomed to seats as visitors with us.

Report on Woman's Work read and adopted. Discussed by J. W. P. Hill and E. N. Gardner.

WOMAN'S WORK

The W. M. U. is an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. The officers are, the President, Vice President, Sect'y. and Treasurer. Any one may become a member by contributing regularly each month and attending as many meetings as possible.

Go ye into all the world; and ye shall be my witnesses, Mark 16: 15, Acts 1: 8 should be the watchword.

The chief aims of the W. M. U. are as follows:

1. Prayer.
2. Bible Study.
3. Mission Study.
4. Enlistment and Training for Service.
5. Organized Personal Service: Soul-winning.
6. Systematic and Proportionate Giving.

Who would not like to join hands and hearts in a W. M. S. and work out these things for our Master?

After we will have organized, let as many of the members as possible subscribe for "Royal Service", the adopted magazine, which has an interesting study each month on missions.

In the last year the Woman's Work has doubled, one society reporting last year, two this year. Let us make for our goal next year five Societies, active and \$100.00 for missions.

Let us all join hands, hearts and prayers and work mightily for the One who said, Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel.

Mrs J. W. P. Hill, }
Sarah Pyatt. }

Report on State of Churches. Read and adopted.

STATE OF CHURCHES

We your committee respectfully submit the following report:

No new churches reported.

Last year 19 churches reported a total membership of 2,018; this year 19 churches reported a membership of 1,982.

Last year 19 churches paid pastors' salaries \$3,001.28; this year 19 churches paid pastors \$2,525.18, an average to the church \$138.34

Last year 19 churches reported 145 baptisms; this year 19 churches report 90 baptisms.

Last year 19 churches reported total financial expenses, exclusive of pastors' salaries, \$2,361.03; this year 19 churches reported total financial expenses, exclusive of pastors' salaries, \$2,716.19.

Last year 18 churches out of 19 reported Sunday-schools; this

year 18 churches out of 19 reported Sunday-schools.

Three churches report Woman's Missionary Societies

Three churches report B. Y. P. U. Societies.

We, your committee, recommend that each church in this association that has no B. Y. P. U. society organize one at the earliest day possible, so that our young people may be better trained for Christian work than the older ones are now.

R. T. Lewis, }
L. W. Hall, } Com

Report on State, Home and Foreign Missions read by D. P. Bridges Discussed by A. C. Hamby and D. P. Bridges and adopted.

MISSIONS,-- STATE, HOME AND FOREIGN

The word missions means sending. Sending messengers with the gospel tidings. These good tidings are to cover the whole earth. Our job is unfinished till this is done.

God called Abraham and sent him out into a strange land. He said to him, "I will bless thee and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." The way he was to bless men was by teaching them of the true God and of his righteousness.

God said again to him: "And thou shalt be a blessing." God said to Judah through Zechariah: "So will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing."

When we come to the New Testament times, Jesus emphasizes this great idea, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." This is our only task. Let us bend every energy to carry the starving millions the bread of life.

D. P. Bridges, A. C. Hamby, V. W. Greene.

Adjourned till 1 P. M.

SECOND DAY,-- Afternoon.

Opened by singing.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted.

OBITUARIES

We, your committee on obituaries, submit the following:

Ever since our fore father and mother, Adam and Eve, transgressed God's laws in the garden, death has been abroad in the land, because sin and disobedience brought about death. God created man in his own image, but man has, to some extent, lost the image of God

After the fall of man sin abounded in the world. God looked down and saw the state which the world was in. It grieved God that he had made man, so heaven was searched and the earth

was searched for one who was able to redeem the world but none was found able except the blessed Son of God. He was born of the virgin Mary, took upon himself a body like unto ours, only sin excepted, Christ grew up as we, only He was a child which was obedient to his Heavenly Father, also his earthly parents. When his time was accomplished which God ordained, He tasted death for all.

In our association in the last year we have lost 20 members.

Oh that when we are called to die may we say as one of old: "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

J. G. Hughes, C. G. Reid.

Report on Orphanage read by R. T. Teague. Discussed by E. N. Gardner, R. T. Teague, N. S. Hampton, E. O. Pyatt, and adopted.

ORPHANAGE

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: 'To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world'".

Low indeed is a person in the scale of life when the needs of the hungry, the wail of the widow, or the cry of a child do not at once enlist the sympathy of his heart. The real test of Christianity is that we answer with our means the needs of those in distress. Jesus said: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, ye did it unto Me." If we fail to answer these needy calls, the same Jesus says that "we shall go away into everlasting punishment."

We are proud of the fact that the Baptists of North Carolina have homes for the orphans of the State equal to any. We rejoice in the strong personalities and loving touch of those in charge of this work. We thank God for having planted this work in our hearts. May we never falter in this humane task.

The needs of these 500 children in the homes and the hundred others being helped demand that we increase our contributions to this object. We recommend that each Sunday-school take a monthly collection for this work, and place a copy of *Charity and Children* in each Baptist home; and that each church take a special Thanksgiving collection for this object urging each person to contribute at least the income of one day.

R. T. Teague, A. C. Hamby, D. A. Green, Com.

The Report on Hospitals read and adopted.

HOSPITALS

The North Carolina Baptist Hospital located at Winston, is the youngest institution of the Baptist State Convention. During its brief period of existence there have been about 400 patients treated free who were not financially able to take treatment, and a number

of others have been treated at a low cost. The purpose of this institution is to give to our people the advantage of hospital service under religious influences at the lowest possible cost.

We ask that all our churches make at least two offerings during the next year for this great institution.

R. T. Lewis

N. A. Buchanan.

Report on Education read. Discussed by R. T. Teague and Paul Caudill.

EDUCATION

The life of a nation depends upon its schools. The value of a school depends upon its ideals. The ideals of a school have their highest worth only as they are Christian. It is the duty of the churches to make these ideals dominant in education.

To this end, North Carolina Baptists have inaugurated a broad and systematic educational program. They are undertaking to maintain in this State one college for men at Wake Forest, and two for women — Meredith at Raleigh, and Chowan, at Murfreesboro. From last reports, Wake Forest enrolled 1171 students—701 of whom were in the regular session, including 93 ministerial students and 4 volunteers for the Foreign Fields; the two women colleges enrolled together 584, including 20 student volunteers. The combined property value of the three, including plants, equipment and endowments is \$3,545,071.00.

We also maintain two junior colleges, for both sexes— Mars Hill, at Mars Hill, and Wingate at Wingate. These two enrolled 782 pupils, including 68 ministerial students and 30 student volunteers. Their property value was \$433,940.

Our two high schools are Buie's Creek and Boiling Springs, enrolling 1018 pupils, including 356 pupils in grades 1 to 7 at Buie's Creek. This includes 65 ministerial students and 23 student volunteers. Their property value is \$361,340.00. We also have 149 high school students in Thomasville Orphanage.

So the Baptist high schools and colleges in this State, owned and controlled by Associations and the State Convention, enrolled 3,704 students, including 226 ministerial students and 97 mission volunteers and own property worth \$4,40,301.00.

In addition to these institutions, our Home Mission Board in Atlanta, maintains 6 high schools, which enrolled 972 pupils, and are worth \$431,118.00. Their student bodies include 43 ministerial students and 8 student volunteers. So the total number of students enrolled in our North Carolina Baptist schools was 4,675, with 269 ministerial students and 105 student volunteers. And their total property value was \$4,771,469.00.

South-wide institutions in which we have a part include the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Ky; the Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans. These institutions altogether enrolled 1186 pupils, and their property is valued at \$4,249,881.00. It is for the maintenance of these institutions, State and South-wide, that our Education Board is laboring. Since 1900, Baptist Schools in the South have increased from 65 to 118, students from 11,130 to 38,000, property and endowment from 7½ million to 40 million.

While the \$5,000,000.00, in round numbers, which we have invested in school property in this state seems a large sum, it is small in comparison with the many millions invested in State Schools: the value of either of the plants of the two leading institutions supported by the State, is equal to the value of our 13 institutions including their endowment; and the few thousands which we raise annually for our schools is a trifling sum when compared with the State's annual appropriation to her high schools, colleges and universities. In addition to maintaining these institutions themselves, we are helping to support about 200 of our 374 young ministerial and missinary students which are being trained in them; on these we expend about \$15,000 a year.

The necessity for maintaining our schools, great as it has been in the past, must increase rather than deminish for the future, for the following reasons:

1st. Because our institutions must be kept in the front rank along with those of the State in the cultural training that they give, or we cannot hope to keep our Baptist boys and girls in our schools.

2nd. Heretofore, practically nine-tenths of our educated ministers and missionaries have come from our Baptist institutions; and in the nature of the case, these still must be trained in our schools or nowhere. Moreover, the State is rapidly enlarging and strengthening her educational program, and compelling all her children to be educated. This, of course, means a much more intelligent membership in our churches, and that we must educate a still larger proportion of our ministers and leaders; for an educated membership will demand an educated leadership.

3rd. Because of the tendency of some students of science to attack the Bible from the standpoint of science, we must train our God-fearing men and women to meet these scientists on their own ground, and while pursuing all knowledge in all realms, to relate all knowledge and all science to God Almighty.

4th. The denominational schools emphasize not only the religious spirit but the denominational principles as well, and thus they enlighten and strengthen their students in respect to our distinctive doctrines, and also to enlist them loyally in our Baptist enterprises.

Our institutions are rendering service to the denomination, 1. by requiring all of the students to study the Bible; 2. by providing for active participation in Sunday-school work; 3. by providing classes for the training of Sunday-school workers and 4. by providing for active work in the B. Y. P. U. In short, it may be said, without fear of successful contradiction, that they are providing an environment and an atmosphere wherein the personality of the individual boy or girl has full opportunity of growing into well-rounded manhood and womanhood.

J. W. P. Hill, N. A. Buchanan, R. T. Teague.

Report on Place and Preacher read and adopted.

PLACE and PREACHER

We your Committee on Place and Preacher submit the following report:

That the next session of the Avery County Association meet with the Green Valley Baptist church, beginning on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August 1926, and that Bro. L. W. Hall preach the Introductory Sermon.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. Reid Ch., E. O. Pyatte, D. T. Weatherman.

Report on Resolutions read and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved:

1. That the minutes of the Sunday-school Convention be printed with Associational minutes.

2. That the churches in the association join heartily with Bro. J. W. P. Hill in the enlistment work given him and make contributions for its support.

3. That the thanks of this body be extended to the good people of Chestnutdale for their loyal support and generous hospitality.

R. T. Teague, C. T. Hicks, Com.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

NOMINATIONS

We nominate the following:

Executive Committee, Rev. N. S. Hampton, Ed Buchanan, Rev. L. W. Hall, J. G. Buchanan, R. T. Lewis, Mrs. J. W. P. Hill, R. T. Teague, R. N. Cardwell, Rev. and Mrs. D. P. Bridges, Mrs. Doc Ollis, Newbern Johnson.

For Director of B. Y. P. U. work, Wallace Buchanaan.
 Delegates to State Convention, Rev. N. S. Hampton, R. T. Teague, Rufus Johnson.
 Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. J. W. P. Hill.
 Correspondents: Mitchell, H. S. Burleson,
 Stony Fork, N. S. Hampton.

Yancy,

Three Forks,

Trustee Yancey Col. Inst., R. T. Lewis.

H. S. Burleson, D.P. Bridges, B.F. McGuire, Billie Buchanan.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

FINANCE

We your committee on Finance report as follows:

Received from the different churches:

Minute Funds,	\$31.96
For Missions,	3.70
For Orphanage,	17.50

Total,

\$54.29 [Like copy.]

Two churches did not report.

We find that the association is due for minute funds \$2.24 for 1924, and we recommend that this amount be raised at this association. We also recommend that our clerk be paid \$8.00 for his services.

Respectfully submitted.

J. G. Buchanan, }
 J. W. Taylor }
 V. B. Hicks. }

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Brethren:— I herewith submit my annual report as follows:

Received from finance com. for printing

the 1924 minutes,	\$37.35
From S. S. Convention,	8.00

\$45.35

This amount not being sufficient to meet all expenses, I asked the churches to pay more as the association advised me, and received from the churches as follows:

Aaron \$2.50, Cranberry 1.00, Chestnutdale .50, Elk Valley .75, Jonas Ridge .75;

Total received,

\$6.50
 \$51.85

Postage,	\$ 1.74
Due Clerk for 1923,	6.25
Fees allowed,	8.00

38.25 = 54.29

51.85

Balance due,

\$ 2.34

D. Buchanan.

Standing Committees

Order of Business: Prof. R. T. Teague, L. M. Hall, Ed Buchanan.
 Woman's Work: Mrs. J. W. P. Hill.
 State, Home & Foreign Missions: J. W. P. Hill.
 Education: R. T. Lewis.
 Temperance: L. G. Reid.
 Obituaries: John Hicks.
 Periodicals: E. P. Bridges.
 Orphanage: V. W. Green.
 Hospitals: H. M. Horney.
 Resolutions: Luther McGuire.
 Sunday Schools: L. W. Hall.
 State of Churches: H. S. Burleson.
 Place and Preacher: E. O. Pyatte.
 Finance: J. G. Buchanan.
 B. Y. P. U.: Wallace Buchanaan.

Roll of Delegates

Aaron—J. G. Buchanan, Edgar Pritchett, Harlen Ledford.
 Beech Mountain—B. F. McGuire.
 Big Meadows—D. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Pyatte.
 Belview—Henry Hoilman.
 Crossnore—N. W. Johnson.
 Cranberry—Mrs. Clyde Green, Gertie Pitman, Mrs. Steven Staton.
 Chestnutdale—W Holtsclaw, Mary Braswell, W M Wright, D S Hoffman.
 Elk Valley—H M Horney.
 Flat Springs—S M Green, J L Green.
 Green Valley—R L Hall, Mrs Dock Ollis, D L Wetherman, Mrs Fritz Hall.
 Jonas Ridge—Ed Barrier, J D Clark, L G Reid.
 Minneapolis—J W Taylor, V W Green, R T Lewis, Ed Green, J A Harmon.

The association closed by singing "I Am Going Home to Die No More," and a general hand-shake.
 N. S. HAMPTON, Moderator.

ED W. BUCHANAN, Clerk.

Roll of Delegates- Continued.

Newland—R. T. Teague, D. P. Bridges.
 Oak Grove—Arthur Ledford.
 Pleasant Hill—B A Ollis, N A Buchanan, Ed Hughes, E L Ollis,
 G C Buchanan, Billie Buchanan.
 Pleasant Valley—W P Hicks, L McGuire.
 Powder Mill—Claud Stafford, R L Buchanan.
 Yellow Mtn—Vester Stafford, D Buchanan.
 Roaring Creek—J G Hughes.
 Mt Pleasant—H S Burleson, Arthur Vance.
 Henson Creek—Wesley Houston.

Church	President & Post Office	No. R. A.'s	No. Sunbeams	Gifts to local Church work	To Missions &c	Total Gifts
Aaron	Mrs Belle Suddeth, Montezuma	18	10	10.00	31.95	41.95
Minneapolis	Blanch Johnson, Crossnore	1	25			
Newland	Mrs S B Lacy, Newland	1	30			
Pleasant Hill	Miss Margaret Teague, Frank, N O	1	32			
Valley	Miss Lucy Cooper, Frank	1	35			

W. M. U.

B. Y. P. U.

CHURCH	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Rec'd by Baptism	By Letter	By Statement	Restoration	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Died	TOTAL
Aaron	D R Kilgore	Montezuma	Elmer Pritchett	Montezuma	4	6000	9	3	1	4	1	1	115	
Beech Mtn	D M Wheeler	Bamboo	Roy McGuire	Dark Ridge	4	1000	4	3	1	3	4	2	231	
Big Meadows	M L Buchanan	Spruce Pine	E O Fyatte	Fyatte	4	2000	4	3	3	3	2	2	121	
Bellevue	J M Whitaker	Johnson City	M A Gouge	Cranberry	1	500	1	1	1	3	4	1	24	
Crossnore	J W P Hill	Newland	N W Johnson	Crossnore	1	2500	12	13	2	10	4	2	143	
Cranberry	J H Henline	Spruce Pine	Hazel McCoury	Cranberry	1	3000	12	13	2	10	4	2	98	
Chestnutdale	L W Hall	Minneapolis	S J Hughes	Hughes	1	3000	12	13	2	10	4	2	96	
Elk Park	J W P Hill	Newland	O Carol	Elk Park	2	1000	No report	1	2	3	3	1	106	
Elk Valley	G W Trivett	Valas	D T Bailiff	Memory	2	1000	7	2	2	2	2	1	84	
Flat Springs	D A Greene	Butler, Tenn	J W Greene	Whalley	4	800	1	1	1	1	1	4	100	
Green Valley	N S Hampton	Pinola	J P Grindstaff	Lotta	4	1000	3	3	4	5	1	1	141	
Henson Creek	J Y Sparks	Ledger	L S Vance	Spear	3	600	4	4	5	1	1	1	111	
Jonas Ridge	N S Hampton	Pinola	L O Shell	Jonas Ridge	1	500	14	8	1	1	1	2	100	
Minneapolis	D A Greene	Butler, Tenn.	W W Pyatte	Minneapolis	3	1500	3	3	1	1	1	2	48	
Mt Pleasant	N S Hampton	Newland	H S Burleson	Hughes	3	350	3	3	11	1	1	1	108	
Newland	J W P Hill	Minneapolis	J M Gragg	Newland	1	313000	3	3	1	1	1	1	46	
Oak Grove	L W Hall	Johnson City	Bertha Parker	Newland	3	500	16	7	8	3	3	10	218	
Pleasant Hill	J M Whitaker	Pinola	L A Ollis	Frank	1	2500	7	7	3	3	3	3	136	
Valley	N S Hampton	Spruce Pine	T McGuire	Elk Park	2	500	6	6	2	2	2	2	40	
Powder Mill	M L Buchanan	Valdese	Tom Greene	Senia Valley	4	450	4	4	4	4	3	3	103	
Roaring Creek	W B Mull	Minneapolis	J D Hughes	Vester Stafford	2	1000	4	4	4	4	5	1	103	
Yellow Mtn	L W Hall	Minneapolis	Vester Stafford	Spear	4	800	4	4	4	4	5	1	75	

Church Treasurers

(No space in Finance Table for them.)

Aaron	Mrs. J. W. Hayes, Mentezuma.
Beech Mtn	Roy McGuire, Dark Ridge.
Big Meadows	S. Carpenter, Pyatte.
Belview	Geo. Tolley, Cranberry.
Crossnore	W. W. Benfield, Crossnore.
Cranberry	Don Buchanan, Cranberry.
Chestnutdale	D S Huffman, Hughes.
Elk Valley	D T Bailiff, Memory.
Elk Park	Mrs B M Hamrick, Elk Park.
Flat Springs	R M Green, Whaley.
Green Valley	R L Hall, Spruce Pine.
Henson Creek	L S Vance, Spear.
Jonas Ridge	M E Shell, Jonas Ridge.
Minneapolis	W W Pyatte, Minneapolis.
Mt Pleasant	H S Burleson, Hughes.
Newland	D P Bridges, Newland.
Oak Grove	Bertha Parker.
Pleasant Hill	Ed W Buchanan, Minneapolis.
" Valley	W P Hix, Elk Park.
Powder Mill	Rob McKinney, Senia.
Roaring Creek	N V Hughes, Valley.
Yellow Mtn	Vester Stafford, Spear.

-M-I-N-U-T-E-S-**Avery County Baptist S. S. Convention**

July 24—25, 1925.

Avery County Sunday School Convention met with Minneapolis Baptist church at 10 a. m. Opened by singing Sweet Hour of Prayer. Devotional services conducted by R. T. Teague.

Election of officers was gone into which resulted as follows:

N. S. Hampton Chairman; Ed W. Buchanan Secretary.

Letters called for and read.

Sermon by Rev. F. M. Huggins. Text, I. Cor. 3: 9: For we are God's fellow workers. A very interesting and impressional sermon. Delegates assigned homes.

Adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Devotion conducted by N. C. Teague. General conference led by J. N. Barnett. Subject: The Teacher and the Superintendent in the Sunday School. Adjourned till 8 p. m.

Evening Session.

Devotion. Prayers by J. W. P. Hill and N. C. Teague. Sermon by Rev. A. P. Sorrels. Text, Psalm 24: 1. Theme: Stewardship. He preached an able sermon.

SATURDAY MORNING

Convention met at 9:30 a. m. Devotion conducted by Prof. Francum. Committees were appointed as follows:
 Program: R. T. Teague Ch'n., W. W. Pyatte, W. W. Braswell.
 Finance: N A Buchanan, J W Taylor, Henry Hoilman.
 Resolutions: J W P Hill, V W Green, Luther McGuire.
 Time and Place: D P Bridges, J H Hicks, J L Pyatte.
 Sermon by N. C. Teague. Theme: A Call to China. Response: What shall we do with that call? Deferred by a committee to the association. Adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

Afternoon

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by L. W. Hall. R. T. Teague and L. W. Hall were appointed Reading Clerks, and read letters as follows: Big Meadows, Bellview, Chestnutdale, Oak Grove, Pleasant Valley, Pleasant Hill, Green Valley, Mt Pleasant, Roaring Creek, Elk Park, Newland, Minneapolis, Jonas Ridge, and Crossnore.

Shall Avery Standardize her Sunday Schools?

Discussed by J. N. Burnett and others.

Report of Finance Committee:

Received for Minute Fund from					
Big Meadows	1.00	Bellview	1.00	Chestnutdale	1.00
Green Valley	1.00	Pleasant Val.	.35	Oak Grove	.50
Pleasant Hill	1.00	Minneapolis	1.00	Newland	1.00
N. A. Buchanan, Ch'n.					

Report adopted.

On Time and Place:

Time, on Friday before the last Sunday in July 1926.

Place, Elk Park.

D. P. Bridges, Ch'n.

Report on time and place adopted.

Roll Call of Delegates

Elk Park—Mr. & Mrs. R. N. Cardwell.
 Roaring Creek— No delegates.
 Mt. Pleasant—H S Burleson, Anlee Griffin, Mrs W H Daniels.
 Green Valley—Mrs Dock Ollis, Mrs Fritz Hall, R L Hall.
 Pleasant Hill—Ed W Buchanan, Lucy Cooper, J H Hix, Mae Hix.
 Pleasant Valley—Luther McGuire, W P Hix.
 Oak Grove—Bertha Parker, Ethel Nance.
 Bellview—Henry Hoilman, Mrs Henry Hoilman.
 Chestnutdale—Mary Braswell, Sylvester Huffman.
 Big Meadows—J L Pyatte, Gladys Pyatte.
 Minneapolis—W R Buchanan, Nell Buchanan, J L Pritchard.
 Newland—D P Bridges, R T Teague, S C Braswell, W A Buchanan
 Jonas Ridge— No delegates.
 Crossnore—Schuyler Johnson.

Report on Resolutions read by W. M. Francum.

Be it resolved, That this convention do hereby tender its thanks to the people of Minneapolis for their hospitality to the delegates and visitors. Respectfully.

By the Committee.

Adopted.

Convention closed by singing Amazing Grace, and a general hand shake. Prayer by J. N. Burnett.

N. S. Hampton, Chairman.
 Ed W. Buchanan, Sec'y.

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