

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
OF THE  
**BRUSHY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST**  
**ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH  
**GOSHEN BAPTIST CHURCH**

**September 22, 23 and 24, 1927**

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The following were appointed to visit other Associations:

Stony Fork—R. L. Proffit, A. J. Foster.

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Stone Mountain—J. C. Pruitt, I. S. Baity.

Elkin—J. F. Jordan, George G. Reeves, F. B. Hendren.

Alexander—G. M. Earp, V. McGhinnis.

Brier Creek—C. C. Wright, A. G. Hendren, J. L. Hemphill.

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## LIST OF MESSENGERS

Beaver Creek—Miss Leora Johnson, Miss Mattie Gould, L. C. Matherly, G. H. Walker.  
Cub Creek—J. L. Hemphill, G. Anderson, J. M. Lankford.  
Edgewood—J. W. Fletcher, L. R. Miller, A. G. Hendren.  
Fishing Creek—R. C. Miller, R. N. Holland, S. S. Jarvis, Sherman Anderson.  
Gordon—A. B. McNeill, J. L. Parsons, Gilbert Osborne.  
Goshen—R. L. Proffit, H. A. Carlton, F. F. Bumgarner.  
Harmony—Monroe Faw, C. C. Jones, H. D. Caudill.  
Hinshaw Street—I. S. Baity, A. C. Chambers, J. W. Porter.  
Lewis Fork—J. R. Triplett, W. T. West, C. H. Jones.  
Little Rock—N. C. Andrews, William Jarvis, V. McGhinnis.  
Moravian Falls—B. M. Pardue, R. L. Earp, R. A. Greer.  
Mount Carmel—John Jenkins, John Pearson, Ernest Pearson.  
Mount Zion—R. L. Wooten, Lelia Barnett, W. O. Barnett.  
Mount Pleasant—U. G. Foster, A. M. McGee, J. R. McNeil.  
New Hope—A. S. Eller, W. L. Church, M. D. Faw.  
First North Wilkesboro—E. E. Eller, E. M. Blackburn, A. O. Bray.  
Second North Wilkesboro—John Anderson, J. S. Hall, J. N. White.  
Oak Grove—Greene Blackburn, Carey Pardue, A. T. Pardue.  
Oakwoods—W. A. Ellis, R. L. Jones, W. T. Stroud.  
Pleasant Grove—T. V. Church, Willie Church, Albert Evans.  
Pleasant Home—C. C. Church, Miss Minnie McNeil, Grant Whittington.  
Pilgrim—W. M. Eller, J. A. Parsons, F. O. Foster.  
Stony Hill—W. H. Powell, G. W. Walsh, J. F. Hamby, Ed. B. Parsons.  
Shady Grove—Represented by letter.  
Walnut Grove—W. A. Jennings, R. C. Meadows, C. P. Brock, J. E. Bentley.  
Wilkesboro—Mrs. R. L. Welborn, L. Bumgarner, B. J. Kennedy.  
Zion Hill—G. B. Carlton, G. M. Earp, J. E. German.

## LIST OF COMMITTEES

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Goshen Church.  
Digest of Church Letters—N. C. Teague, A. J. Foster, V. McGhinnis.  
Temperance — Milton McNeil, R. L. Proffit, G. W. Walsh.  
Religious Literature—T. E. Story, A. G. Hendren, J. E. German.  
Orphanage—R. C. Meadows, F. O. Foster, John Jenkins.  
State Missions—Mrs. J. W. Nichols, R. L. Wooten, R. L. Earp.  
Home Missions—N. C. Teague, N. C. Andrews, A. B. McNeil.  
Foreign Missions—Mrs. W. F. Miller, Mrs. R. L. Wellborn, J. L. Hemphill.  
Ministerial Relief—I. C. Woodruff, L. C. Matherly, F. G. Holman.  
Education—A. O. Bray, R. N. Holland, J. B. Hall.  
Evangelism—A. T. Pardue, T. V. Church, W. M. Eller.  
State of the Churches—R. L. Proffit, W. H. Powell, G. M. Earp.  
Enlistment—J. C. McNeil, I. S. Baity, J. W. Porter.  
Sunday Schools — U. G. Foster, J. F. Hamby, J. A. Parsons.  
Co-Operative Program — J. F. Jordan, Willie Church, J. N. White.  
B. Y. P. U.—Miss Leora Johnson, L. C. Matherly.  
Historian—H. A. Carlton, V. McGhinnis, R. L. Proffit.  
Time, Place and Preachers—L. R. Miller, A. M. McGee, H. A. Carlton.  
W. M. U.—Mrs. A. O. Bray, B. M. Pardue, Mrs. Ila Holman, Miss Valeria Belle Nichols.  
Prayer Meeting—G. W. Walsh, John Jenkins, V. McGhinnis.  
Resolutions — Finley Walsh, George G. Reeves, N. C. Teague.  
Hospitals—A. S. Eller, V. McGhinnis, George G. Reeves, T. T. Bumgarner.  
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary — V. McGhinnis, George G. Reeves, N. C. Teague.

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Goshen, N. C., Sept. 23, 1927.

The Brushy Mountain Baptist Association met this day with Goshen Baptist Church. The devotional meeting was conducted by Rev. George G. Reeves. At the conclusion of the devotional exercises, the Moderator introduced Rev. G. W. Sebastian, who preached a very appropriate and inspiring Introductory sermon.

The congregation then adjourned one hour for dinner and recreation. After the expiration of that time the messengers reassembled in the house and were called to order by the Moderator.

After the roll call of churches the body proceeded with the annual election of officers (election by acclamation.) C. C. Wright was re-elected Moderator and V. McGhinnis was re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

Dr. M. L. Kesler, General Manager of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, Rev. W. R. Beach, representing the Biblical Recorder, H. S. Deal and Rev. Mr. Stephenson, of Alexander Association, Rev. L. C. Wilson of Three Forks Association, and Dr. Perkins, of Wilkesboro, were present and were recognized and welcomed to seats in the body.

Dr. Kesler, of the Orphanage, having to go away before the close of the Association, was requested to read and discuss the report on the Orphanage, which he did in a very informing and interesting manner. The report was also ably spoken to by a number of the other brethren and on motion was adopted and committee discharged.

The following is the report on the

**ORPHANAGE**

For forty-two years our Orphanage has been making answer to the roll call of institutions set apart to carry on the service of Him "who went about doing good." The last annual report gives the number of children present 614, of these 114 are at the Eastern

branch known as the Kennedy Home. There are 365 cared for with their own mothers, making in all 979. From the beginning, for shorter or longer periods, 3200 children have felt the helping hand of North Carolina Baptists. We now have sixteen cottages at Thomasville and four at the Kennedy Home. These are that many households having their own dining rooms and kitchens.

The health, training and well-balanced education of these children engage the heads, hands and hearts of those who have them in charge. The training ranges from the kindergarten through high school, and from simple, useful labor to work combining the skill of head and hand. An effort is made to have the children grow up in a Christian atmosphere. The pastor, in addition to his regular work, teaches the Bible and several training courses.

Our children, all our children, are our greatest asset, and the only hope of the race; but neglected they become our liability and our despair. This is particularly true of the children at the Orphanage. There, we open to them the door of hope and turn their young feet into safe paths.

The Orphanage, like all our institutions, is suffering from debt. This can be easily handled if we press the simple program followed from the beginning, a collection once a month from every Sunday School in the Association, and a great thank offering urging one day's work, or one day's income.

For the next three years, while the one and a half millions are being raised for our schools, this is of utmost importance. The Orphanage cannot rely on big gifts and it must not put on high pressure methods, hence, as never before, we make the modest request, that once a month a collection be taken in every Sunday School. We also urge that a club of Charity and Children be taken by every school. The paper is \$1.00 per single copy, and 60 cents a copy in clubs of ten or more to one address.

In order that the Orphanage may keep in closer touch with the Sunday Schools, we recommend the appointment of an orphanage representative by the Association. This may be a man or woman whose duty it shall be to keep the management at Thomasville in touch with the schools in the Association.

Miss Edwards, in the Mothers' Aid department, has saved the breaking up of 107 homes, and is caring for 383 children at a cost of \$67.17 per child during the year. At the Orphanage it costs \$293.65.

Be it ever so humble there is no place like home. There they have the love, sympathy and care of their mother, brothers and sisters.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MEADOWS,

R. C. MEADOWS,

F. O. FOSTER,

JOHN JENKINS, Committee.

Hinshaw Street Baptist Church, a newly constituted church in North Wilkesboro, presented a letter asking

permission to join the Brushy Mountain Association. A committee was appointed to look into the orthodoxy of the church. The committee made a favorable report and the church was received and I. S. Baity, A. C. Church and J. W. Porter accepted seats in the Association as messengers.

Rev. W. C. Meadows, an aged, useful and highly respected citizen and Baptist minister of Wilkes county and Brushy Mountain Association, being unwell and not able to attend this session of the body, sent the following letter to the Association which was publicly read and ordered printed in the minutes.

The following is Bro. Meadows' letter:

"To the Brushy Mountain Association:

Dear Brethren:—It is with profound sorrow that I must fail to get to our Association at this session. I have been attending this body fifty-nine years and missed only four times, being providentially prevented those times. Those sessions have been the joy of my life. Now I have no idea of living till another Association.

I have been preaching fifty-four years, and Bro. Milton McNeil the same length of time. I have tried to be faithful in all the Lord's work, but I have made many failures; but I am trusting to a merciful Heavenly Father for His forgiveness and His watch-care over me as I go down through the valley and shadow of death. I am feeling that all will be well with me.

Now, dear Brethren, I commend you to the guiding care of Him who has kept us over a half century and that He will ever be the guiding star and that you will ever stand by His word. Now I bid you an affectionate farewell.

Your brother in Christ,

W. C. MEADOWS."

After hearing Bro. Meadows' letter read, the Association passed the following resolution:

Whereas our beloved and highly esteemed brother, Rev. W. C. Meadows, is unable to be with us because of age and infirmity, and whereas, we the messengers of the Brushy Mountain Association, reflecting upon the great amount of good and the faithful and unselfish service rendered to us by him.

Therefore, be it resolved: That we desire to express our appreciation and thanks to Bro. Meadows for his unselfish service to the cause of the Master for this long period of time.

Rev. Milton McNeil read the report on

#### TEMPERANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Your committee on Temperance and Law Enforcement beg leave to submit the following report:

We are sorry to have to report again that the cause of Temperance has not advanced in Wilkes County nor in the State of North Carolina as we hoped and prayed it would after the adoption of the prohibition act. It seems that the manufacturing of intoxicating liquor is advancing all over the State of North Carolina and especially in Wilkes County in violation of the oath they have taken.

We want to urge again that the good law abiding citizens of Wilkes County, both men and women, to see that no blockade stills are allowed to be operated in their sections of the county. If one should be put up in your section of the county, report it to the United States officers and to the sheriff of your county. We want to urge the officers to enforce the law and break up the violation of the law of the United States in each and every county; but especially in Wilkes County.

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON McNEIL,

R. L. PROFIT,

G. W. WALSH, Committee.

The report was ably discussed by Milton McNeil, R. L. Proffit, G. W. Walsh and others, and on motion was adopted and committee discharged.

T. E. Story read the report on

#### RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Denominational papers have made so large a contribution to the life of our denomination that it is impossible for any one to adequately state their worth. Their helpfulness reaches out in every direction to the individual reader, to the home, to the church and the denomination at large. In order that we may not grow indifferent in our valuation and lax in our appreciation of our papers, it is worth while that we consider, from time to time, the outstanding elements in their value.

In the first place the denominational papers are valuable in the kind and variety of information furnished. In every sphere of life, the importance of information is recognized. There are hundreds of papers and magazines on business, farming, manufacturing, and many other subjects. These are all valuable to those who are interested. How much more important it is that a Baptist have information about the affairs of his denomination and about the interests of his Master's cause. Every Baptist should have his memory well stored with all kinds of facts about his denomination—about the various departments of work and the methods of conducting them, about the needs that are pressing, about the results that are soul stirring, and about all the affairs of Christ's world program.

The denominational papers are valuable in the second place in teaching Baptist doctrines. There are certain doctrines that are

distinctively Baptists. They are, we fully believe, the correct interpretations of great Bible truths. Our people should fully understand these teachings and be able both to defend and proclaim them. Our papers, from time to time, wisely discuss and explain our distinctive doctrines. And of course, they expound the great Bible truths that are held in common by all Christians.

Again, the denominational papers are valuable in the enrichment they bring to the spiritual life which must have food just like our physical and mental systems. Without food the body will weaken and die. Without great thoughts on which to dwell the mental powers will rapidly decline. And without proper food the spiritual life will not grow. There is much of such food to be found in our denominational papers.

The denominational papers are valuable, too, as an offset to the baneful influence of the trashy literature now flooding the country. There is little use to bewail the fact that such literature is in circulation. The best way to meet it is to provide other literature that is good. For this reason, if for no other, every Baptist should have the weekly visit of one or more denominational papers. Few things are more important than the reaching of our people. It is true that as a man "thinketh in his heart so is he." What a man thinks about reveals the kind of man he is. And it is also true that what a man reads largely shapes his thinking. Parents should see to it that their children have only the purest and best reading matter. In providing such reading matter, of course, the Bible will come first.

Furthermore, the denominational papers are valuable in the denominational results they produce. Every worker, in whatever line of denominational service he is engaged, knows the value of our papers. If our denominational papers were discontinued, all our denominational work would be in a sad plight.

Realizing the helpfulness of our papers in our work, the Southern Baptist Convention endorsed and urged a campaign endeavoring to put our denominational papers into at least sixty per cent of our Baptist homes. By all means this ought to be done.

• For 95 years the Biblical Recorder has been the organ and the mouthpiece of the Baptists of North Carolina, and furthermore has been a great and telling force through the South and the world wherever Baptists have gone forth to labor in Christ's Kingdom. Fifty-two issues of this paper can be had for \$2.00. Mail your subscription at once to J. G. Farmer, business manager, Raleigh, N. C.

Charity and Children is perhaps the best orphanage paper in this country. Every Baptist Sunday School in the Brushy Mountain Association should take it at club rates. Ten copies per week can be had in a club for \$6.00 per year.

Home and Foreign Fields, our great mission organ, published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., can be had for \$1.00 per year. Every Baptist home should be a reader of this publication.

In this report we feel we should also mention the numerous Sunday School helps, children's papers, etc., published by our Sunday School Board, the B. Y. P. U. Magazine and other helps for young people, and finally the Baptist Book Shop at Raleigh, which ever keeps in stock the very best of books that every Baptist should read.

Respectfully submitted,  
T. E. STORY,  
A. G. HENDREN,  
J. E. GERMAN, Committee.

The report was discussed by T. E. Story and others and on motion was adopted and committee discharged.

The report on

### STATE MISSIONS

was read by Mrs. J. W. Nichols as follows:

Ever since the day the Baptist State Convention was organized, March 26, 1830, at Greenville, with 14 members, its avowed purpose has been to give the gospel to North Carolina and then to all the world. How successfully the founders of the Convention and their successors have wrought may be seen by the following comparisons:

In 1830 there were only 15,000 Baptists in North Carolina, white and colored. There are 375,767 white Baptists alone, and approximately 240,000 negro Baptists, making a total of around 600,000, or about 48 church members in every 100 in North Carolina are Baptists. There is not a county in the State and scarcely a town of any size without a Baptist church. However, in many places the Baptist cause greatly needs strengthening. The first year the Convention met it contributed \$700 for Missions and Education, the two objects to which it contributed. Last year contributions to all benevolent objects, including the Orphanage, amounted to \$737,317.32.

Not until 40 years ago when Columbus Durham became Correspondent Secretary, devoting all of his time to the work, did the Baptist cause begin to gather momentum. For seven years Dr. Durham threw himself into the work with the zeal of the early disciples. Then came John E. White for 5 years, followed by Livingston Johnson for 15 progressive years, when the cause went forward by leaps and bounds. Then came Walter N. Johnson for five years, during which period the 75 Million Campaign was launched and new financial levels were reached, which we have not been able to attain since. For the past seven and a half years Charles E. Maddry has directed in a masterly way the affairs of the Board as its executive head, being now the General Secretary of the General Board. He has associated with him in the direction of the State Mission Department A. C. Hamby, Mars Hill, and Walter M. Gilmore, Raleigh.

Notwithstanding the appropriation for State Missions has been reduced each year for the past four from \$146,000 to \$132,000, then

to \$92,000 and then to \$77,000 for this year, there is a debt of around \$60,000 on the running account of State Missions. Still more drastic cuts will be made next year unless there is a marked increase in the income of the Board. This would be suicidal to all the work; for it is only as we strengthen the stakes at home that we can hope to lengthen the cords to the end of the earth.

To evangelize 600,000 people in North Carolina over 10 years of age who are not Christians; to enlist in all the work of the Kingdom the 250,000 members who are doing nothing; to train for effective leadership our young people; to bring about a great revival of Christian stewardship. When this is done, the Kingdom of God will come in a day. 23 cents out of each dollar given to the Co-operative Program will be devoted to the promotion of our State Mission work.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. J. W. NICHOLS,  
R. L. WOOTEN,  
R. L. EARP, Committee.

The report was discussed by Mrs. J. W. Nichols and others, and on motion was adopted and committee discharged.

It was then decided that the B. Y. P. U. of Goshen church have a recital tomorrow night at 7:30 P. M.

The Committee on devotional exercises reported that the Association meet to-morrow at 9:30 A. M. Rev. L. C. Wilson to conduct the devotional exercises. On motion adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 A. M.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Friday, Sept. 23, 1927.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. C. Wilson.

At 10 A. M. the body was called to order by the Moderator.

Rev. N. C. Teague read the report on

### HOME MISSIONS

One of our greatest agencies for carrying the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world is our Home Mission Board located at Atlanta, Ga. This board does work within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, including Cuba and Panama. We have this year 977 workers. These are supported through our gifts to the Co-operative Program. Out of every dollar given, Home Missions gets 11¼ cents. These workers have a large field, 18 states, Cuba and Panama, with a population of 40,000,000. Thirteen million of these are unsaved people. We have 5,000,000 foreigners, 10,000,000 negroes, 500,000 Jews and 200,000 Indians to reach for Christ.

The Home Board work is divided into departments as follows:

1. Co-operative work with State Conventions, 783 workers.
  2. Evangelism, 14 workers.
  3. Independent work among the foreigners, Indians, Negroes, Soldiers and Seamen, Deaf Mutes and Jews, 125 workers.
  4. Cuba and Panama, 55 workers.
  5. Mountain Mission Schools, 212 teachers and 4808 students.
  6. Southern Baptist Sanatorium, 271 patients.
  7. Church Extension.
  8. Publicity, Tracts and Books.
- Total Workers, 977.

All these workers report 20686 baptisms, 168 new churches, and 406 new Sunday Schools for last year.

One department calls for special mention, that of Mountain Schools. Mountain View Institute of our county is one of these. This school needs our prayers, patronage, and support as never before in its history. All our pastors received a letter recently in which was this statement: "Mountain View needs two things—pupils and money." This school is essential to the growth of our Baptist churches, but yet we can refuse to see the opportunity and let our only dependence for Christian Education in North Western North Carolina slip away from us. We recommend that this Association give full support to this great school.

In Home Missions we have a two fold task: (1) to provide a base for sending the gospel to the whole world, and (2) to save our homeland from destruction to salvation and Christian service. We recommend, therefore, that every Baptist study our great Home Mission work, Home and Foreign Fields, published at Nashville, Tenn., our denominational papers, minutes, and books and tracts published by the Home Mission Board furnish us an almost unlimited source for information. We call attention to the fact that this is a most trying time in our work. Retrenchment on account of the lack of funds is being made on every side. Twenty-five workers among the foreigners were discontinued in June. We urge that all our people pray earnestly and give liberally to Home Missions.

N. C. TEAGUE,  
N. C. ANDREWS,  
A. B. McNEIL, Committee.

The report was discussed by N. C. Teague and others and on motion was adopted and committee discharged.

The Clerk read the report on

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board in its 82nd annual report says "That in spite of disappointment, discouragements and difficulties in the work, glorious things have been wrought in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Ghost." 12085 persons were baptized.

There has been a decline of more than \$480,000.00 compared with last year. The Board has had to retrench in all of its work. Unless more is received the missionaries home on furloughs cannot be sent back; young people who have stepped forward to go on the foreign fields to give their lives for the Master's service are just waiting for us Southern Baptists to get a vision large enough to send them.

From every field—China, Africa, South America, all—we hear the same report, that the doors are open as never before, opportunities just waiting for us to go in and take the field for Jesus.

What is wrong? Is our missionary ardor growing weak? We would recommend to this Association that each church put on a program of prayer and giving. Pray for missions, give to missions. Are we robbing God? Have we brought in the tithes and offerings? Our missionary staff has been reduced from 544 to 513. Let us pray as we have never done before. Let us give as we never have before and help to increase this staff, so that we may help to carry out the commandment given by our Master, "Go ye into all the world."

MRS. W. F. MILLER,  
MRS. L. R. WELLBORN,  
J. L. HEMPHILL, Committee.

The report was ably and interestingly discussed by A. C. Hamby and others and on motion was adopted and the committee discharged.

The Clerk read the report on

### MINISTERIAL RELIEF and ANNUITIES

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, through its relief fund and its annuity fund, is grappling with a great and growing problem of providing for ministers, their widows and dependent orphans in the best possible way. This Board is located in Dallas, Texas, and has made rapid progress in the work committed to it and there is a growing appreciation of its work on the part of the brotherhood throughout the South.

The action of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas, in May, 1926, in adopting the New Service Annuity Plan, as recommended by the Laymen's Committee and by the Relief and Annuity Board itself, has been hailed with great satisfaction by thousands of our ministers and by the brotherhood generally. The provisions of this plan mark a distinct advance in the work of Ministerial Relief and the carrying out of these provisions will give to every participating minister, the widows and orphans of participating ministers, within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, a support worthy of our great denomination, when they shall come to require it by reason of age, physical disability or dependancy.

Some of the outstanding features of the New Service Plan are as follows:

1. An age annuity available at sixty-five for every active minister. This plan builds to a retirement annuity of approximately 50% of the average salary on a basis of thirty-five years of service, that is on a basis of an average salary of \$2400.00 there will eventually be given an annuity of \$1200.00, and so on. There will be guaranteed to every active minister participating in this plan, a minimum of 50% of his average salary up to \$600.00. Three-fifths of the retirement annuity will be continued to the widow.

2. Total and permanent disability prior to the age of sixty-five will entitle the participant to an annuity amounting to 40% of his average annual salary, during the five years preceding disability.

3. There will be a death benefit to the widows, after the first year of membership, amounting to 75% of the current year's salary of the minister, but not to exceed \$1,000.00.

4. Minor children of disabled ministers will participate in this plan to receive \$100.00 a year each, up to the age of eighteen with certain educational allowances up to the age of twenty-one.

For details concerning the New Service Annuity Plan, ministers or others interested should write to the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1226 Athletic Club Building, Dallas, Texas, and illuminating literature will be sent promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

FLOYD HOLMAN,

L. C. MATHERLY,

I. C. WOODRUFF, Committee.

The report on motion was adopted without discussion.

A. O. Bray read the report on

### EDUCATION

When Christ fed the five thousand men and women and children He gave us a wonderful example to apply to Christian Education. He began by doing three definite things. He took the food they had in hand; He organized the disciples, His leaders; and He began work immediately.

When we speak of Christian Education we naturally think first of our own Mountain View Institute. Then we think of other denominational schools. They each have their place and serve their capacity and locality. Our Sunday Schools, Churches, Baptist Schools and Periodicals using the Holy Bible as our source of information, give us and our children our Christian Education. The influence of Christian parents prevails over boys and girls as long as they live in the home and the most important change of environment in lives of young people is when they go to boarding school or to college. When they leave the influence of a Christian home we want to be very sure that their environment has the spiritual influence that will be for their best development and usefulness.



The Lord gave this section almost entirely to Baptists but we are given no assurance that we are to keep it. Unless we live up to our opportunities we are sure to lose ground.

Is there a real need? Is Mountain View Institute entitled to our devotion and support? Develop the body alone and you have an athlete; develop the mind alone and you have a sceptic; develop the soul alone and you have a fanatic; develop body, mind and soul and you have indeed the noblest work of God. We need the Baptist denomination. About twenty per cent of the Baptist pastors of the Southland have been students in our mountain schools. Fifty per cent of the ministerial students at our Baptist Theological Seminary come from a radius of 150 miles of Asheville. Our mountains positively do produce preachers. One of our State Evangelists conducted a simple Bible test in senior classes in high schools and State schools in many points in North Carolina and only thirty-five per cent of the pupils passed this simple test. The same test was given at Mountain View. Sixty-five per cent of the pupils passed this test. This is a definite evidence of the work done at Mountain View. A great opportunity and responsibility lies before us.

Is Mountain View the place? There is not a school in the whole country more beautifully located. The nearest Baptist school to it in North Carolina is 90 miles away.

How shall we do the job? Mountain View Institute has done a great work in sending out many teachers and leaders. It will do a much greater work with our co-operation, more pupils and better equipment. Your committee begs to recommend to this Association the "God's Acre" plan to be used among our farmers for their share in supporting Mountain View Institute and other Christian obligatons. Rendering a servce in labor of love brings us in closer relationship with our Master than the merely paying over cash and with many of us is easier to do. Every father, mother, sister and brother can take a part in the "God's Acre" plan of service, and it will be to the farm what the family altar is to the home, a place for worship in service. In actual experience the "God's Acre" plan has brought blessings almost beyond belief to individuals in communities where it is in operation. The plan is to locate one acre on each farm and let it be known as God's Acre. Set aside all of the income from this acre to be used only for Christian obligations.

A. O. BRAY,  
R. N. HOLLAND,  
J. B. HALL, Committee.

The report was ably discussed by A. O. Bray and others and on motion was adopted and committee discharged.

A. T. Pardue read the report on

### EVANGELISM

The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Peter, John, James and Paul taught the people true Evangelism

by the power of the Holy Spirit. By faith men have walked on the water, subdued kingdoms and stopped the mouths of lions.

When the Hebrew children were bound and cast into the fire their faith quenched the violence of the fire, and the king, who had them cast in said, "Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and the fourth is like the Son of God."

Our faith and evangelism, then, must not stand in the wisdom of men; but in the power of God. Our Lord taught the rich man to sell that which he had and give to the poor, but he failed to obey. So after this failure of the rich man, our Saviour told the apostles the preparation they should make to evangelize the world. Jesus said unto them, "Ye who have followed me in the regeneration shall sit upon twelve thrones," and "every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or fathers or mothers, or wife or children or lands for my name's sake shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting life." Matt. 19:28-29.

After the Lord conquered death and the power of darkness and rose from the dead, He said unto them, "All things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses and in the Prophets, and in the Psalms concerning me." Then opened He their understanding that they might understand the scriptures and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, "But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high."

The preaching and working under this high power, the apostles made converts by the thousands in a day, and they continued in the apostles doctrine and fellowship steadfastly; and had money and goods to supply the needs of all that believed. So we see that the simple gospel did more in a month than our long drawn out college and hospital expenses do in forty years. When the Spirit of God leads, it unites the believers in heart and soul. When men and denominations lead they make factions and divisions without number. When false teachers caused trouble in the church at Antioch the apostles and elders came together for to consider this matter, then James said, "My sentence is that we trouble not them which from among the Gentiles are turned to God, but that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornications and from things strangled and from blood." Acts 15:20.

Thus we find this short God-given creed can furnish all true teaching of the doctrine of evangelism and faith without any new creed making or adding or taking away anything taught in it.

Paul and Silas went out confirming the churches, and as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees to keep that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem, and so were the churches established in the faith.

The rules of Anarchy, Hierarchy and Oglarchy have so taken the place of church antonomy that twenty thousand churches of the South stand almost idle in the work of evangelism. It has been said that the churches of the South have an income of \$1,500,000,000 each year, the tenth of this income is \$150,000,000 each year for widows and orphans and all other legitimate objects.

About thirty years ago the churches of this Association voted to work on a direct plan of missions. Since then visitors have ignored our chosen plans and even offered to alienate our affections from these chosen plans. For years we have been wishing that the churches, delegates and officers would urge the people to tenfold more good work of their own choice.

A. T. PARDUE,  
T. V. CHURCH,  
W. M. ELLER, Committee.

The report was interestingly discussed by A. T. Pardue, George G. Reeves and others and on motion was adopted and committee discharged.

R. L. Proffit read the report on

### STATE OF THE CHURCHES

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy is a command of our Lord, with a promise of both temporal and spiritual blessings. The great trouble with our churches to-day seems to be the non-attendance of church members who seem to be overcome with worldly pleasures to the extent that they also disobey His command to forsake not the assembling of yourselves together. To be a Christian means to be Christ-like and we learn that it was His custom to attend worship in the synagogue on the sabbath day. We thought that good roads and automobiles would improve the attendance at church and Sunday School; but we learn by observation that we were sadly mistaken.

"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." If his heart is set more on worldly pleasure trips on the Sabbath day, than on religious worship, then he is of the world worldly. We would earnestly recommend that our church members who wish to take pleasure trips would include them in the program of the six days allotted to them and quit desecrating the Lord's day, thereby training the young people of our communities to be more considerate in obeying the commendments of our Lord.

R. L. PROFFIT,  
G. M. EARP,  
W. H. POWELL, Committee.

The report was interestingly spoken to by R. L. Proffit and others and on motion was adopted and committee discharged.

The report on Enlistment was handed in and reads as follows:

What is

### ENLISTMENT?

First, to enroll; Second, to enlist for service; Third, to enter heartily in a cause, as a soldier enlists into the ranks of warfare, to work and strive with his comrades for the accomplishment of the purpose for which they labor.

Obedience to our Lord is the best proof of a sound conversion. It is to be understood when the new convert has connected himself with a church that he has at the same time in a most solemn manner enlisted for service and has taken upon himself a solemn obligation to the church and to Christ, the great head of the church. The design of churches evidently was that they should be the light of the world, the salt of the earth, etc. They constitute the effective instrumentality by which the will of God and the knowledge of salvation through Christ are made known to men, and at the same time they form homes for the saints on earth, sheepfolds for the safety of the flock, and schools for the instruction of its converts. The churches should well understand their high calling and seek to accomplish it according to the will of God.

Church fellowship is of first importance, and when fully obtained, then it will be a comparatively small matter to enlist them in the financial work of the churches.

J. C. McNEIL,  
I. S. BAITY,  
J. W. PORTER, Committee.

On motion this report was adopted without discussion and the committee discharged.

U. G. Foster read the report on

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We find by investigation that our Sunday Schools are not what they should be. From the fact we find that just a little over one half of our church members attend Sunday School who are in reach, making about thirty per cent of the total church membership who attend Sunday School. We also find that there are about one half of school students who are unsaved people who do not attend any Sunday School at all.

For these reasons we think there is a great possibility and room for consecrated church members to do some fine mission work to get those church members in Sunday School and the unsaved interested who are out of Sunday School, because we believe that Christ taught on the Sabbath when He was here on earth. We have proof that it pays to run a good successful Sunday School by the number of converts who join the churches from the Sunday Schools. We find about sixty per cent that join the churches are members from the Sunday School.

There is a small per cent gain of the attendance over last year in Sunday School. For a good many years the Sunday Schools of

the Brushy Mountain Association have been progressing in attendance, in the offerings, and in the service rendered.

But yet to look at the present condition of affairs of the churches and Sunday Schools, there is a great need of extending the usefulness of the Sunday Schools among our people. We find there are a few churches yet that do not have an evergreen Sunday School. We believe that all churches should run an evergreen Sunday School.

We urge all Sunday School officers to inform themselves so they can be of greater usefulness in leading the Sunday Schools to a higher plane of Christian service.

The Bible is a missionary book and is the good news of salvation for all men everywhere in the saving name of Jesus.

The business of the Sunday School is to teach, interpret, apply and make effective this missionary Book. It has been well said that the mission of the Sunday School is missions. No Sunday School is true to its mission unless it is a missionary Sunday School.

But we cannot understand and interpret the missionary message of the Bible aright if we do not know what God through His servants is doing in our day to win the lost nations to himself. It is sadly true that so many of our Sunday School teachers don't know about our great missionary achievements, needs, opportunities and difficulties, in this day of wide open doors throughout the world. No wonder our boards are in debt and our missionaries discouraged by our failure to support them adequately when so many of our people are uninformed of the facts.

We have a missionary magazine which brings all this information and inspiration month by month. We refer to our mission journal, Home and Foreign Fields, published by the Sunday School Board. The Sunday School Board has now made it possible for this magazine to be ordered just as any other supplies, and paid for quarterly by the Sunday School. No greater investment for the Kingdom nor for the building of a greater missionary Sunday School and church, could be made than for the Sunday School to provide enough copies of this magazine to be placed in the hands of its officers and teachers, and B. Y. P. U. leaders.

We your committee therefore urgently recommend that every Sunday School in this Association order a supply of Home and Foreign Fields, that our Sunday Schools may be better informed and that we raise up a generation of church members who are genuine missionaries in spirit and in deed.

U. G. FOSTER,  
J. F. HAMBY,  
J. A. PARSONS, Committee.

The report was ably spoken to by U. G. Foster and others and on motion was adopted and committee discharged.

## EVENING SESSION

After an intermission of one hour the messengers re-assembled in the house. After singing an appropriate hymn and prayer by Rev. Mr. Caldwell, the Moderator called the body to order. J. F. Jordan read the report on the

### CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

The General Board of the Baptist State Convention at its June meeting adopted \$600,000 as the goal for North Carolina Baptists to raise in 1928 for all the objects included in Co-operative Program, except the Orphanage.

This objective is to be divided equally between State-wide and South-wide objects as follows:

#### State-wide Objects

Out of each dollar given, unless otherwise designated, the objects will receive the following amounts:

State Missions .....	23 cents
Baptist Schools .....	23 cents
Baptist Hospitals .....	4 cents

Total.....50 cents

#### South-wide Objects

Foreign Missions .....	25 cents
Home Missions .....	11¼ cents
Theological Seminaries .....	8¼ cents
Ministers Relief .....	4½ cents
New Orleans Hospital .....	1 cent

Total.....50 cents

In co-operation with the other associations in the State, we recommend that this Association adopt the above ratio of division of its funds and that it set as its goal for 1928 \$3,000.00, which is a little more than the Association raised for the objects included in the Co-operative Program for 1926; that this amount be apportioned upon as fair and equitable a basis as possible among all the churches of the Association, or by a special committee; and that each church endeavor to raise its objective by making an every member canvas Dec. 4-11, the Southwide date set, or at such other time as may seem best, or to raise it by some other method adopted by the church.

In order that this every-member canvass be successful, we would recommend further that the most thorough and prayerful preparation be made, beginning several weeks in advance, giving information about the objects included in the program, and thoroughly indoctrinating the people with the idea of stewardship.

We also recommend that a mission leader be elected to represent this Association in its dealing with the general State organization,

and that this mission leader, in co-operation with the Executive Committee of the Association or a special mission committee to be appointed, communicate with each local church and try to effect a simple organization consisting of a mission leader and a mission committee of four others at least, and to co-operate with this committee in every possible way in putting on and successfully carrying through the co-operative program for 1928.

J. F. JORDAN,  
WILLIE CHURCH,  
J. N. WHITE, Committee.

The report was discussed by J. F. Jordan, A. C. Hamby and others and on motion was adopted and committee discharged.

The committee on devotional exercises reported N. C. Teague to conduct devotional exercises tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

On motion adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9:30 A. M.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Saturday, Sept. 24, 1927.

The Association met according to appointment. Devotional exercises were conducted by George G. Reeves. At 10 A. M. the body was called to order by the Moderator.

T. E. Story read the report on

### BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

The object of the B. Y. P. U. as given in the B. Y. P. U. manual, shall be the increased spirituality of the young Christians, their training in essential church activities; their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history; their enlistment in all forms of missionary endeavor through existing denominational organizations. The meaning of which is, in brief, Preparation, Inspiration and Service.

The B. Y. P. U. is the training service of a Baptist church financially and otherwise. The church should assist in the election of its officers, publicly install them and recognize them as church officers, and call upon them for reports. The B. Y. P. U. is a church task and should be assumed seriously as such by the church. Churches are weak because the members are weak. In the future our churches will be strong in just the proportion that we train and enlist our constituency in Kingdom Service.

The B. Y. P. U. Department in the state has had a phenomenal growth. Just 16 years ago we began this work with many fears and misgivings, and even opposition in some places. At the convention held at Meredith College nearly fifteen hundred were in attendance. Secretary Perry Morgan is rapidly becoming one of the outstanding men in young people's work in the South. He is

doing a wonderful work among our young people and must have more assistance in his department as soon as possible.

In bringing to the State Convention his seventh report, Perry Morgan, Secretary of B. Y. P. U. work, declares it to be his conviction that "Wisdom has fled from us if we neglect longer to train the young members of all our churches in the duties, and privileges of church membership."

There is no such thing as reaping a harvest where the soil has not been prepared and no seed sown. The future hope for Baptist churches is dependent upon the membership of the same being filled with consecrated and useful Christians.

Our state workers with offices at Raleigh, N. C., are, Perry Morgan and Miss Winnie Rickett. They are ready at any time to give assistance to any church that will ask them.

The churches in the Brushy Mountain Associations having Unions are: North Wilkesboro First, Wilkesboro, Beaver Creek, Walnut Grove, New Hope and Mount Pleasant. Your committee hopes that by another year every church in the Association will have a good working B. Y. P. U.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. STORY, for Committee.

The report was ably and interestingly discussed by a number of brethren and sisters and on motion was adopted, and committee discharged.

Mrs. A. O. Bray read the report on

### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The object of our W. M. U. is a two-fold one, (1) "to distribute missionary information and stimulate effort through State Women's Missionary Unions; (2) to secure the earnest, sympathetic cooperation of women and young people in collecting and raising money for missions." In reviewing the past year's work of the Brushy Mountain W. M. U. we can say "Thank God" that our W. M. U. has found its rightful place in some of our churches as a force in teaching, training, enlisting, giving, and fostering a zeal for missions. We can say "Thank God" for the societies that have labored together. The work has been one of development rather than expansion. Several societies report better seasons of prayer, personal service and mission study. None of our societies reached our aim for the year, but we express a hope to attain next year. The churches having a W. M. S. are North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro, Goshen, Pilgrim and Mount Pleasant. The churches having young people's societies are North Wilkesboro, a Y. W. A., a G. A., and a Sunbeam Band, Wilkesboro a Jr. G. A., an Intermediate G. A., and a Sunbeam Band; and Pilgrim Church a Sunbeam Band. Various efforts have been made to organize the work in a number of other places, but for the lack of leaders or other hindrances the work has not yet been begun. From

during the preparatory or high school years. An appalling leakage is evident in the college period as evinced by a contrast between the number ministerial matriculates and ministerial graduates. Then, to make a bad matter worse, only a small percentage of college ministerial graduates immediately go to the Seminary. There were twelve ministerial students at one Baptist college last Spring but not one was planning to enter the Seminary in the Fall.

We must remember here that many called men do not answer, and that many of those who answer turn back or aside. God's call is adequate, but our moral and financial aid is lacking.

There is no attempt to restate the age-worn claims that small salaries cause ministerial shortage. Personal experience and personal impressions teach, while better salaries are in order, that small salaries do not figure in any appreciable way in this matter. Called men are interested in giving, not getting. Regardless, however, their preparation for the ministry depends in large measure on financial assistance.

Strong reasons for a shortage in ministerial recruits and for leakage in ministerial ranks are that many attractive side-lines are soliciting called men, many called men are skilled in some trade, vocation or art that has been incorporated in the modern Christian program, and many men left to themselves follow their bent rather than their call. A called man who succeeds with young people is immediately tempted to become a young people's leader. Another, skilled as a musician, is tempted to emphasize music at the expense of his call to preach. We are in danger of saying that there are other things as important as preaching.

Here is an example: A young missionary went to China thinking he could answer his call by teaching physics. He shortly found, however, that the Chinese's greatest need was Christ and he returned to the Seminary to prepare to preach the Gospel. His motto now is: "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel."

No minister is void of a bent that leads away from his call and ministry. One's bent is not his call, the opinion of many consecrated persons to the contrary. A bent, fully surrendered to God, is a great asset in one's ministry, but only an asset. Simon Peter was a skilled fisher of Galilee, and leaving his net, he retained his skill in a new occupation as a fisher of men. And it was the devil's suggestion when he later said, "I go a fishing."

It is high time that we take cognizance of these conditions and prayerfully try to remedy them. Two things seem necessary. One is the supplying of funds that will be wisely handled in aiding to complete their whole educational programs. And the other is to effect a closer contact with each ministerial student for his encouragement and spiritual discipline. Choice laymen and pastors could assume the role of big brothers as Barnabas to Paul and every group could give ministerial enlistment and education vital consideration on their programs.

A student has just this minute related his experience in this connection to me. He said, "The only encouragement I received was to have a good layman to say, as I was leaving for school, 'I'm sorry to see you go, you're just ruining a good business man.'"

Now a word relative to the part of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in the program. Naturally, the Seminary is primarily a training agency and only secondarily an enlisting agency. Apparently the Seminary feels no ministerial shortage. During Dr. Boyce's administration the enrollment went over 100, while Dr. Broadus was president it reached over 200, the three hundred mark was passed during Dr. Whitsitt's term, and Dr. Mullins has already seen more than 400 preachers at the Seminary in one session. It looks as if Dr. Boyce's vision of 500 will shortly be realized.

Last session 434 licensed or ordained ministers were enrolled from 37 states, the District of Columbia, and 16 foreign countries. There were 37 from North Carolina; 33 of them were from Wake Forest College. These men enjoyed the Seminary's first full session at "The Beeches," its new suburban home. It was a year of rejoicing with Southern Baptists over the achievement of erecting the new buildings in such ideal surroundings and a year of thanksgiving over every effort and every gift contributing toward this great enterprise.

The Seminary aided about 320 students last session with a total of \$45,159.68. This was divided as follows: Gifts to married students, \$13,456.35; gifts to single students, \$12,274.73, and loans to both classes, \$19,428.60. There is, however, grave danger now that these student aid funds, so necessary to the Seminary's program, shall become depleted because the Seminary's income is inadequate to replenish them.

V. McGHINNIS, for Committee.

H. A. Carlton, Historian, made the following report:

### HISTORY OF GOSHEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Situated as we are in this beautiful Yadkin Valley, among a noble, kind hearted people and in a radius of eight or ten miles, without any church of this denomination, we were impressed, and we believe, directed by our Master, to erect a house of worship at this place.

Goshen Baptist Church was organized April 11, 1914, by Rev. L. B. Murray. The church building was erected in April, 1916.

Rev. L. B. Murray was chosen moderator and pastor, with H. A. Carlton as Clerk. Rev. Murray served this church for six years after his election. Rev. B. F. Austin, now residing near Greensboro, served this church as pastor for one year. Rev. I. C. Woodruff, of Hays, N. C., has served this church as pastor for six years.

When the church was organized it consisted of 58 members. At present, it has 92 members; however, a number of them are living in nearby towns.

We have a very good attendance at Sunday School, also an increasing attendance in the Woman's Missionary Society Work.

While this church is considered very young, we feel that we are accomplishing a little of the great work that God has assigned for us to do.

Respectfully submitted,

By H. A. CARLTON, Historian.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Reassembled at 1:30 P. M. The moderator called the body to order.

The committee on the Co-operative Program made the following report, which was endorsed by a unanimous vote of the body, that the Brushy Mountain Association adopt as an objective, \$3,000 for the 1928 Program. It was recommended that each church in the Association try to raise the following amounts during 1928:

Beaver Creek, \$20; Cub Creek, \$15; Edgewood, \$15; Fishing Creek, \$15; Gordon, \$45; Goshen, \$20; Harmony, \$25; Hinshaw Street, \$10; Lewis Fork, \$20; Little Rock, \$10; Moravian Falls, \$15; Mount Carmel, \$10; Mount Pleasant, \$65; Mount Zion, \$15; New Hope, \$40; First North Wilkesboro, \$2115; Second North Wilkesboro, \$10; Oak Grove, \$10; Oakwoods, \$15; Pleasant Grove \$15; Pleasant Home \$35; Pilgrim, \$10; Stony Hill, \$15; Shady Grove, \$5.00; Walnut Grove, \$45; Wilkesboro, \$350; Zion Hill, \$20.

#### Recommendation of the Executive Committee:

We recommend to the Brushy Mountain Association that the time of meeting be changed back to Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, instead of Thursday as heretofore.

V. McGHINNIS, Chairman;  
N. C. TEAGUE, Secretary;  
MRS. A. O. BRAY,  
MILTON McNEIL,  
GEORGE G. REEVES,  
T. E. STORY.

The reasons for changing the time of meeting back to August is, the majority of the churches of the Association are located in the country and the members make their living by farming. August being the most leisure month for farmers it was decided to change the time of meeting back to Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1928.

The Committee on Digest of Church Letters beg leave to submit the following report:

There are now 27 churches in the Brushy Mountain Association, one new church having joined this year (Hinshaw Street Church, of North Wilkesboro). This year, every church was represented

either by messenger or by letter. These letters show a total membership of 4263, a gain of 252 in 1927; Baptisms, 208, a gain of 40 in 1927; deaths, 35, fewer deaths by 8 in 1927; church property valued at \$129,910.00; total contributions, \$19,325.57.

The Committee on Obituaries reported the list of members who died during the last Associational year:

Beaver Creek—Mr. Z. T. Ferguson.  
Cub Creek—Miss Margaret Leach.  
Goshen—Mrs. Com Holder.  
Hinshaw Street—Mrs. Ellen Griffin.  
Lewis Fork—Mr. I. E. Shepherd, Mrs. Ethel Taylor, Mr. A. E. Church, Mr. J. G. Church, Mrs. M. L. Atkins.  
Little Rock—Mrs. Amanda Walker, Mr. William Andrews.  
Moravian Falls—Miss Marie Sloop.  
Mount Carmel—Mr. Thomas Pearson.  
Mount Pleasant—Mrs. Sarah Ann McNeil, Mr. G. F. Walsh, Mr. L. V. Church.  
Mount Zion—Mrs. M. C. Watson.  
First North Wilkesboro—Mr. W. H. Waugh.  
Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Martha Parsons, Mrs. Moriah Eller, Mr. T. S. Logan.  
Pleasant Home—Mrs. Lon Nichols, Miss Calla Lovette.  
Stony Hill—Mr. Thomas Wheeling.  
Wilkesboro—Mrs. M. A. Edwards, Mrs. D. E. Ginnings, Mrs. R. E. Lewis.  
Zion Hill—Mrs. John Russell, Mr. Claud Barlow, Mrs. S. S. Carlton, Mr. H. A. Kilby.

The Committee on **Time, Place and Preachers** report as follows:

**Time** — Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1928, at 11 A. M.

**Place**—Mount Pleasant Baptist Church 12 miles northwest of North Wilkesboro.

**To Preach Introductory Sermon** — Rev. N. C. Teague.  
**Alternate**, Rev. A. J. Foster.

The following resolution of thanks offered by Rev. Geo. G. Reeves was unanimously and heartily adopted:

Be it resolved, that we the messengers and visitors, do hereby express our thanks and appreciation to the members of Goshen Baptist Church and the community generally for their kind hospitality in entertaining the messengers and visitors during the sessions of this Association.

Also that we express our keen regret of the absence and illness of Bro. W. C. Meadows and send him our love and prayers for his speedy recovery.

GEORGE G. REEVES, for Committee.

It was decided by a unanimous vote of the body that the next annual session of the Association begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August instead of September as heretofore. This was done because farmers have more leisure time in August than September.

Again this year only a few of the churches of the Association report any W. M. U. work or B. Y. P. U. work. The Secretary finds it necessary to leave out Tables VI and VII.

It costs about twice as much to print the tables as it does other pages of the same size in the minutes and as the minute funds are inadequate we deem it advisable to omit Tables VI and VII this year, hoping that all the churches that possibly can do so, will have the Woman's Work and the Young People's Work organized by next session of the Association in order that a full report from all the churches may appear in Tables VI and VII of the minutes of 1928.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Mount Pleasant Baptist Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1928.

V. MCGHINNIS,  
Clerk.

C. C. WRIGHT,  
Moderator.

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., of Brushy Mountain Baptist Association, Sept. 1927

CHURCHES	Village, Town, City or Country	When Constituted	Church Clerks and Postoffices	Days of Meeting	Members Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES			Present Members	Wk'y Prayer Meet.	Revivals during yr.	Ob. Lord's Supper	Rec. Sta. Bap. paper	
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures						Deaths
Beaver Creek.....	Co. 1811	G. H. Walker, Boomer.....	3	117	2	1	.....	2	.....	1	117	no	1	1	.....	.....	.....	
Cub Creek.....	Co. 1860	J. M. Lankford, Wilkesboro.....	3	48	4	8	.....	.....	.....	1	58	yes	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Edgewood.....	Co. 1893	A. G. Hendren, Wilkesboro.....	2	166	6	.....	.....	2	6	17	147	no	1	1	6	.....	.....	
Fishing Creek.....	Co. 1822	Miss Pearl Jarvis, Wilkesboro	1	134	20	3	.....	2	.....	2	153	no	1	1	.....	.....	.....	
Gordon.....	V. 1919	Gilbert Osborne, N. Wilkesboro	1	75	4	1	.....	1	.....	3	75	yes	1	1	.....	.....	.....	
Goshen.....	Co. 1914	H. A. Carlton, Goshen.....	1	89	3	.....	.....	2	.....	1	92	yes	1	1	3	.....	.....	
Harmony.....	Co. 1900	C. J. Jones, Wilkesboro.....	1	147	3	3	.....	6	7	.....	140	yes	1	1	3	.....	.....	
Hinshaw Street.....	V. 1927	A. E. Chambers, N. Wilkesboro	1	52	4	7	2	.....	.....	1	52	yes	1	1	.....	.....	.....	
Lewis Fork.....	Co. 1792	C. H. Jones, Ready Branch.....	1	185	9	1	.....	7	2	.....	181	no	1	2	.....	.....	.....	
Little Rock.....	Co. 1866	S. M. Knight, Boomer.....	1	112	6	1	1	.....	.....	2	118	no	1	1	1	.....	.....	
Moravian Falls.....	V. 1888	B. M. Pardue, Moravian Falls	2	99	3	2	.....	1	1	.....	100	no	1	1	.....	.....	.....	
Mount Carmel.....	Co. 1884	Miss Janie McNeil, Boomer.....	3	88	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	1	82	no	1	1	.....	.....	.....	
Mount Pleasant.....	Co. 1875	A. M. McGee, Purlear.....	2	346	5	6	1	2	.....	2	354	yes	1	1	.....	.....	.....	
Mount Zion.....	Co. 1849	W. O. Barnett, Mt. Zion.....	4	140	3	1	1	.....	.....	1	144	no	1	1	.....	.....	.....	
New Hope.....	Co. 1830	J. H. Davis, Purlear.....	4	244	20	1	4	6	8	1	252	yes	1	1	15	.....	.....	
1st N. Wilkesboro.....	T. 1892	J. E. Caudill, N. Wilkesboro.....	Twice	587	8	24	1	13	5	1	601	yes	2	4	35	.....	.....	
2nd N. Wilkesboro.....	T. 1907	John Anderson, N. Wilkesboro	1 & 4	162	6	3	.....	45	3	.....	162	yes	2	1	.....	.....	.....	
Oak Grove.....	Co. 1904	M. Alexander, N. Wilkesboro	1	59	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	59	no	1	1	1	.....	.....	
Oakwoods.....	Co. 1917	W. A. Ellis, Wilkesboro.....	4	74	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	104	no	1	1	.....	.....	.....	
Pleasant Grove.....	Co. 1886	V. M. Baker, Wilkesboro.....	1	181	42	8	6	1	.....	3	232	no	2	2	.....	.....	.....	
Pleasant Home.....	Co. 1880	J. C. Whittington, Wilkesboro	3	173	11	2	.....	2	13	2	169	yes	1	1	.....	.....	.....	
Pilgrim.....	Co. 1859	F. O. Foster, Congo.....	3	80	23	2	2	1	1	.....	105	no	1	1	.....	.....	.....	
Stony Hill.....	Co. 1888	Ed. B. Parsons, Parsonville.....	2	110	.....	2	.....	1	.....	1	110	no	1	1	.....	.....	.....	
Shady Grove.....	Co. 1886	T. B. Jarvis, Wilkesboro.....	2	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	no	1	1	.....	.....	.....	
Walnut Grove.....	Co. 1840	W. A. Jennings, Pores Knob..	4	296	6	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	256	no	2	1	1	.....	.....	
Wilkesboro.....	T. 1880	L. Bumgarner, Wilkesboro.....	Twice	228	11	12	2	3	.....	3	228	yes	1	2	15	.....	.....	
Zion Hill.....	V. 1813	J. E. German, Boomer.....	2	180	9	.....	1	2	.....	3	185	yes	1	1	1	.....	.....	
Total.....				4212	211	90	7	16	106	47	20	4316	.....	31	32	81	.....	.....

**TABLE IV—Gifts For Local Church Work of Brushy Mountain Baptist Association, Sept. 1927.**

CHURCHES	Regular Treasurers and Postoffices	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B.Y.P.U. and W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Total for Support of Local Church Work
Beaver Creek.....	G. H. Walker, Boomer.....	85.00		43.00				3.00	1.00		162.85
Cub Creek.....	Will Anderson, Wilkesboro.....	100.00		57.43	124.44	22.82					146.52
Edgewood.....	L. R. Miller, Wilkesboro.....	125.00		25.00					1.00		166.00
Fishing Creek.....	Pearl Jarvis, Wilkesboro.....	100.00	30.00	90.00		10.00			4.50		239.50
Gordon.....	Gilbert Osborne, N. Wilkesboro.....	175.00			330.00	17.16			1.15	12.00	544.45
Goshen.....	H. A. Carlton, Goshen.....	150.00		30.00	10.00	10.00			1.00	10.00	221.00
Harmony.....	C. J. Jones, Wilkesboro.....	140.00	13.45	23.65	25.00				1.50		256.60
Hinshaw Street.....	I. S. Baity, N. Wilkesboro.....	43.38		46.00	986.91				1.04		1077.33
Lewis Fork.....	C. H. Jones, Ready Branch.....	172.95	66.10								265.55
Little Rock.....	I. J. Broyhill, Boomer.....	146.30	50.00	33.70	300.00		10.00	50.00	2.00		580.00
Moravian Falls.....	R. L. Earp, Moravian Falls.....	250.00		43.00	75.00	30.00					398.00
Mount Carmel.....	Janie McNeil, Moravian Falls.....	30.00							.65		30.65
Mount Pleasant.....	U. G. Foster, Champion.....	116.00	127.00	11.50	1.85	30.18	15.15		1.00		324.91
Mount Zion.....	D. M. Triplett, Mt. Zion.....	137.30		20.00	200.00	5.00			1.50	11.50	389.12
New Hope.....	J. H. Davis, Purlear.....	150.00			73.00				.30		114.00
1st N. Wilkesboro.....	E. M. Blackburn, N. Wilkesboro.....	2712.00	495.00	839.00	311.99	734.58			5.00	1390.00	6994.77
2nd N. Wilkesboro.....	J. N. White, N. Wilkesboro.....	60.00		18.00	75.00	12.00			1.20		174.20
Oak Grove.....	W. N. Alexander, N. Wilkesboro.....	50.00		20.00					.50		350.50
Oakwoods.....	W. A. Ellis, Wilkesboro.....	75.00									3.44
Pleasant Grove.....	V. M. Baker, Wilkesboro.....	85.00		54.71		2.00			1.00		157.71
Pleasant Home.....	C. C. Church, Millers Creek.....	65.27	16.00					75.00	2.00		158.27
Pilgrim.....	F. O. Foster, Congo.....	164.20			24.00	12.19			1.00		201.39
Stony Hill.....	Ed. B. Parsons, Parsonville.....	40.00							1.35		48.85
Shady Grove.....	T. B. Jarvis, Wilkesboro.....	36.00									30.00
Walnut Grove.....	W. A. Jennings, Pores Knob.....	200.00		90.00		10.00				40.00	376.00
Wilkesboro.....	Mrs. W. E. Harris, Wilkesboro.....	1000.00		274.21	164.69	144.69			4.10	67.50	1769.08
Zion Hill.....	A. F. Greer, Boomer.....	210.50	20.00	102.00				10.00		100.00	432.50
Total.....		6619.90	817.55	1791.20	2701.88	1040.62	25.15	138.00	32.79	1631.00	15613.24

**TABLE V—Gifts for All Missions, Etc., Brushy Mt. Asso., Sept. 1927**

CHURCHES	Gifts to Co-operative Program	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Schools and Colleges	Hospitals	Orphanage	Aged Minister's Relief	Total All Missions, Education and Benevolence	Grand Total All Local Church Expenses, Missions and Benevolences
Beaver Creek.....							6.00			162.85
Cub Creek.....				18.29						164.81
Edgewood.....		5.00		5.00			20.00		30.00	196.00
Fishing Creek.....							8.00		8.00	247.50
Gordon.....	33.30					3.15			36.45	580.90
Goshen.....		2.00		2.00			2.00	2.00	221.00	229.00
Harmony.....							24.00		256.60	280.60
Hinshaw Street.....										1077.33
Lewis Fork.....										265.55
Little Rock.....							4.00		580.00	584.00
Moravian Falls.....				10.00	5.00		2.10		22.10	420.10
Mount Carmel.....										30.65
Mount Pleasant.....	36.56	14.76		6.00			17.46		74.78	399.69
Mount Zion.....							17.30		17.30	405.42
New Hope.....	35.00									149.00
1st N. Wilkesboro.....	2024.11						506.59		2530.70	9525.47
2nd N. Wilkesboro.....										174.20
Oak Grove.....		250.00		10.00			5.00			350.50
Oakwoods.....				.85			2.64			3.49
Pleasant Grove.....							4.00			161.71
Pleasant Home.....		5.00	5.00	5.00			53.00		68.00	226.00
Pilgrim.....			3.27				4.00		7.27	247.31
Stony Hill.....		2.00					2.45			57.85
Shady Grove.....										66.00
Walnut Grove.....				13.65	62.00		20.00		95.65	531.65
Wilkesboro.....	254.60	12.31	11.30	18.00	7.00		184.08	17.15	510.09	2279.17
Zion Hill.....				26.26			25.00		51.26	513.76
Total.....	2383.57	291.07	19.57	115.05	74.00	8.15	908.04	19.15	4509.20	19325.51

Tithers reported: Beaver Creek, 2; Wilkesboro, 5; Total 7. Budget for Local Expenses adopted: Wilkesboro, \$1300.00; Budget for Missions, etc, Wilkesboro \$500.00.



