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OF THE

Sixty-Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

Brier Creek Baptist Association,

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HELD WITH
Wake Forest, North Carolina
UNION CHURCH, WILKES COUNTY, N. C.

SEPTEMBER 24th, 25th and 26th, 1885.

REV. W. A. MYERS, MODERATOR, Osbornville, N. C.
REV. E. N. GWYN, CLERK, Elkin, N. C.

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J. P. ADAMS,	Jonesville, N. C.	
A. N. BARKER,	New Hope,	"
C. C. BROWN,	Buck Shoal,	"
W. DOWEL,	Jening's Mill,	"
A. GILREATH,	.....	Cedar Run,	"
S. S. GOFORTH,	.....	Loveiace,	"
A. GOODIN,	.....	Sweet Home,	"
L. P. GWALTNEY,	.....	Cedar Run,	"
J. P. GWALTNEY,	.....	York Institute,	"
W. F. GRAY,	.....	Buck Shoal,	"
E. N. GWYN,	.....	Elkin,	"
J. S. FORESTER,	.....	Brier Creek,	"
I. N. HAYNES,	.....	Dela Plane,	"
E. HOLLER,	.....	Zimmerman,	"
I. HOLLER,	.....	Zimmerman,	"
J. N. GREGORY,	.....	Elkin,	"
Y. JORDAN,	.....	New Hope,	"
W. A. MYERS,	.....	Osbornville,	"
B. MATHEWS,	.....	Buck Shoal,	"
J. H. MARTIN,	.....	Long Town,	"
T. W. PARIS,	.....	Brier Creek,	"
D. W. POOL,	.....	Cedar Run,	"
S. F. SIMMONS,	.....	Jonesville,	"
W. SEGRAVES,	.....	Jonesville,	"
R. W. WOOTON,	.....	Clingman,	"
J. G. WETHERMAN,	.....	Jening's Mill,	"
T. WRIGHT,	.....	Zimmerman,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

UNION CHURCH, September 24th, 1885.

Introductory sermon preached by Rev. R. W. Wooton.
 Refreshments thirty minutes. Association convened.
 Prayer by Rev. J. P. Gwaltney.
 Church letters received; and read by brother J. T. Parris and the Clerk.
 The Association elected officers, brethren Fields and Turner acting as tellers.
 Rev. W. A. Myers elected Moderator, and E. N. Gwyn Clerk.
 Correspondents invited: Brethren C. F. Fields and J. M. Gambill from the Elkin Association; Elders J. B. Pool, C. C. Pool, J. R. Teague, with brethren Jabez Pool and W. R. Hendren, from the Brushy Mountain; Elder J. W. Perry, with brother J. C. Turner from the South Yadkin.
 Brother C. L. Smith representing the BIBLICAL RECORDER was present and kindly received.
 Committees appointed:

On Arrangements—W. Goforth, R. W. Wooton, L. P. and J. P. Gwaltney, with Moderator, Clerk and Correspondents.
Religious Exercises—T. W. Roadman, with pastor and delegates of this church.
State Missions—E. N. Gwyn, C. C. Pool and J. C. Turner.
Periodicals—C. L. Smith and J. T. Parris.
Sabbath Schools—W. C. Penix and I. N. Haynes.
Temperance—J. B. Pool and J. E. Childers.
Education—J. J. Hendren and D. Mayberry.
Home and Foreign Missions—J. W. Perry and M. C. Williams.
Time and Place—J. F. Adams and J. A. Cass.
Obituaries—J. P. Adams and W. F. Gray.
Finance—E. B. Hendren and W. A. Goforth.
Resolutions—A. N. Barker and T. L. Jennings.

Correspondents reported. Elder J. H. Martin attended the Yadkin; Elders J. P. and L. P. Gwaltney attended the Brushy Mountain; Brother M. C. Williams attended the South Yadkin.
 Correspondents appointed:

To *Yadkin*—Elders J. H. Martin, E. N. Gwyn, with brother Z. R. Tharp.

To *Elkin*—Elders J. P. Adams, J. N. Gregory, W. A. Myers.

To *Brushy Mountain*—Elders J. P. and L. P. Gwaltney, A. N. Barker, with brethren M. C. Williams and D. Mayberry.

To *South Yadkin*—Elders J. P. Gwaltney, E. N. Gwyn, with brethren W. Goforth and J. T. Parris.

To *Baptist State Convention*—E. N. Gwyn.

On motion adjourned till to-morrow 9 A. M. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Perry.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

9 A. M.

Convened. Prayer by the Clerk.
Committee on Arrangements reported. Report received and adopted.

Constitution and Rules of Decorum read.
Invitation extended to correspondents. Rev. W. G. Brown, with brethren Swim and Hampton, from the *Yadkin*; Brother W. C. Clement from *South Yadkin*, and representing the Baptist Orphan Asylum; Rev. G. M. Burchum, with brother Carter, from *Elkin*, accepted seats.

Committee on Temperance reported:

Temperance is one of the christian graces. It should be planted in the heart and cherished by every christian. Therefore, we would recommend the adoption of the language of the Prophet Hab. "Wo unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness." Respectfully submitted,
J. B. POOL,
J. E. CHILDERS.

After remarks by J. B. Pool, W. A. Myers and J. W. Perry, the report was adopted.

Sabbath School report read by brother Penix:

We are much gratified at the present indications of the Sabbath School cause. Nearly all the churches report good schools. May we, as a body, stimulate the growth of this glorious institution, and as the growth of the church depends in a measure upon the efficiency of the Sabbath School, let every church have a school,

at least a part of the year. We, as your committee, recommend the organization of a Sunday School Convention, composed of the Sabbath Schools in our Association.

J. C. PENIX,
I. N. HAYNES,
Committee.

Remarks by Elder C. C. Pool and brother Penix. The report was adopted.

The Association appointed a Convention to be held with the church at New Prospect on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in November.

By request of the Association Rev. L. P. Gwaltney preached a sermon on Pastoral and Church Relation, with the duties of each. Text 9 chapter 1 Cor.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1 P. M.

Report on State Missions was read by brother Turner:

The fields are white for the harvest. Over sixty Missionaries are employed by the State Board, who are laboring in destitute places from the mountains to the sea; and still the cry is "come over and help us." It was said to Joshua when he was an old man: "Thou art old and stricken in years, and there is much land yet to be possessed." So brethren, we, after having done much, need only to look around and see much yet to be done. We plead for this glorious old commonwealth (our dear mother land), which has much destitution. There are yet places in which the glorious gospel of the Son of God is not heard. Shame on any one who hears the cry of his mother land and heeds it not. While many are doing but little, and some apparently nothing for the spread of the gospel in our State, yet others are doing something and the Lord is blessing their efforts. These sixty odd Missionaries are organizing churches, building houses of worship, and building up the waste places in the towns and in the country. Let every one examine himself by the light of God's word, and see if he is doing his duty for the salvation of our people. We call attention to the fact that the *work of the State Board* is not confined to towns and villages, but its object is to reach out and take in the entire country.

E. N. GWYN,
C. C. POOL,
J. C. TURNER,
Committee.

After remarks by J. C. Turner, J. W. Perry, J. B. Pool and W. G. Brown, the report was adopted.

The Association made the following amendment to the above report:

Resolved, That we as an Association make an earnest effort to raise all the funds that we can during the coming year, as the "Lord hath prospered us," and as we know that there is great destitution of the truth of the gospel of Christ almost on our border along the Catawba river, we indicate our willingness to co-operate with the Brushy Mountain Association or with the Baptist State Convention in the cultivation of this field. We commend to our ministry the prayerful consideration of their duty in relation to this great destitution in our midst.

The churches sent up for State Missions as follows:

Oak Forest, \$6.00; Elkin Valley, \$5.50; Shady Grove, \$7.00; Taylor Spring, \$5.50; Bethel, \$16.71; Zion, \$4.05; Damascus, \$5.00; Pilgrim, \$3.65; Brier Creek, \$4.27; Holly Spring, \$2.30; Pleasant Grove, \$2.35; Swan Creek, \$2.75; Antioch., \$1.00; Grassy Knob, \$2.25; Mt. Pisgah, \$1.85; Bennett's School House, \$8.00; contributions, \$12.75.

By request, brother Clement made an address in regard to the Baptist Orphanage, which was commended by the Association.

Committee on Time and Place reported, Grassy Knob Church on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1886.

Rev. T. W. Parris was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and J. P. Gwaltney, alternate.

Committee on Finance reported \$30.53.
Clerk instructed to have 1,000 copies of Minutes printed.

Adjourned to 9 A. M. Saturday morning. Prayer by W. G. Brown.

THIRD DAY--MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 A. M.

Prayer by J. B. Pool.

Treasurer reported:

Received at last Association for State Missions... \$52.75
Received at last Association for Foreign Missions... 7.99

Total.....\$60.74

Paid out for State Missions.....\$52.75
Paid out for Foreign Missions..... 7.99

Total.....\$60.74

On hand at last Association.....	\$ 4 90
From Committee on Finance.....	32 00
Total.....	\$36.90
Expended for printing Minutes.....	\$22 00
My own fees.....	8 00
On hand.....	6 90
Total.....	\$36 99

Respectfully,
ENOCH N. GWYN, Treasurer.

Committee on Periodicals reported:

The religious press is a potent educator, and we know of no paper so well suited to the Baptist families of this state as the *BIBLICAL RECORDER*. It is a faithful exponent of our doctrine, and is worthy the support of the denomination. We urge the pastors of this Association to make special efforts to extend its circulation. We recommend *Kind Words* and the *Foreign Mission Journal* to the Sunday Schools and Churches.

C. L. SMITH,
J. T. PARIS,
Committee.

Remarks by brother Smith and others. Report adopted. Committee on Education reported:

Only a few years hence, the interests of our country will be controlled by the youth of to-day. The progress and development which is to be made in the next generation depends, in a large measure, upon the training which the boys and girls of to-day are receiving. The future will call for educated men to grasp and solve the problems which are now taking shape, both in church and State. The boys of our country are soon to be the ministers of the gospel, the law-makers of the land, and leaders of the people, in social, religious and political ranks of our State. Since material development must be preceded by intellectual development, the importance of general education is no longer a question of doubt. The fact that we have been created as social, intellectual beings, capable of elevating or degrading society, places a responsibility upon us from which there is no escape. There is a responsibility resting upon those who are to be educated and upon those who have the guardianship of these boys and girls. Parents and people must lend their aid and give encouragement. Teachers need to be stirred themselves. Teaching should be the end in view, and not a means to an end. If we would have higher education more generally disseminated, the interest must first begin in common school education. We recommend the high school at Moravian Falls and Wake Forest College worthy the patronage of every one.

J. J. HENDREN,
D. W. MAYBERRY,
Committee.

Remarks were submitted by Professors J. J. Hendren and G. W. Greene. Report adopted.

The Association recommended also the High School at Cedar Run, supervised by brethren J. J. and J. W. Hendren as worthy the patronage of parents and children.

The Committee on Foreign and Domestic Missions submitted the following report:

The cause of Foreign Missions is more popular among the Baptists of the south than ever before. The contributions of the Foreign Mission Board are drawn from a greater number of meetings, and are more systematic, and yield a larger aggregate than at any time in the past. The Southern Baptists have Missionaries in China, Africa, Italy, Mexico and Brazil. The whole number of men and women under the employ of the Board is about ninety, and it is going to send out several more. The Board is about sending two others from our State, and we should do all we can in our power for their support. Every church in the Association should collect funds and forward for this object.

The Home Mission Board is designed to preach the gospel in the bounds of the Southern States, where the State Boards are unable to occupy the ground. This Board has Missionaries in Western North Carolina, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Mexico and the Indian Territory. Brother Tichenor is calling for help, and we as an Association should also render help to this worthy cause.

J. W. PERRY,
M. C. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

Remarks submitted by Elders C. J. Woodson, W. G. Brown and G. W. Greene. Report adopted.

Contribution for these objects, \$17.54; Hunting Creek Church sends \$1.35.

Committee on Obituaries reported:

WHEREAS, The Allwise Being has in the dispensation of his righteous providence taken from his work and sorrows below to his rest in heaven, deacon John Jennings in the seventy ninth year of his age. He was a member of the Baptist Church for over fifty years. His home was long the resting place of the weary-worn minister of Christ. Many of God's faithful servants of days gone by have shared his hospitality and have crossed death's river, viz: Swain, Garner, Goforth, Loyd, Wait and others. Many still living testify to his hospitalities. He said to his children just before death, "I have done all I can for you, and wish to close the drama of life and rest with God." He leaves an aged and afflicted wife and several children to mourn their loss. They all hope to meet him in heaven. His last words were "to-day has been a bright day to me." "He rests from his labors and his works do follow him."

"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won—
Enter thy Masters joy."

Sister Brown, wife of Rev. C. C. Brown was an acceptable member of the Baptist Church at Union and died the 7th of July, 1885. She leaves a dear husband and seven children to mourn their loss. "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh."

W. F. GRAY,
J. P. ADAMS,
Committee.

The Committee on Resolutions reported:

As God has let us live to meet in another Association, let us as brothers and sisters in Christ resolve to live more devoted to our Heavenly Father, in the support of Missions, in visiting the sick and in seeking to win souls to Christ. We also tender our thanks to the citizens of this community for kind hospitalities in supporting this Association.

A. N. BARKER,
T. L. JENINGS,
Committee.

Rev. J. P. Gwaltney then preached to the Association. Subject, duty to the poor.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next session.

W. A. MYERS, *Moderator.*

E. N. GWYN, *Clerk.*

SABBATH.

Morning sermon by Rev. C. J. Woodson. Then collection raised for Baptist Orphanage, \$12.20.
Rev. G. W. Greene preached the evening sermon.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	DELEGATES.	Experience.	Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Fellowship.	Minute Fund.	Sabbath.
Antioch.....	J. A. Jordan.....	E. Johnson, Della Plane.....	E. Johnson, A. M. Johnson, W. I. Johnson.....	4	4	2	2	2	2	59	\$1 00	1
Brier Creek.....	R. W. Wooton.....	J. W. Sales, Brier Creek.....	J. Gilliam, F. Gilliam, J. S. Forester.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	54	1 50	4
Bethel.....	W. A. Myers.....	E. B. Hendren, Cedar Run.....	E. B. Hendren, E. E. Hendren, E. M. Parleir, J. J. Hendren.....	11	8	6	1	1	1	200	2 65	2
Damascus.....	W. G. Brown.....	E. C. Sloan, Sweet Home.....	E. C. Sloan, S. C. Johnson.....	9	9	4	1	1	1	151	1 55	1
Elkin Valley.....	W. A. Myers.....	J. A. Childers, Elkin.....	J. E. Childers, C. A. Cooper, J. Burcham, E. N. Gwynn.....	5	1	5	5	5	5	20	1 00	4
Fishing Creek.....	I. Holler.....	J. A. Glass, Wilkesboro.....	J. Parker, H. J. Glass.....	5	12	5	2	5	2	123	1 05	4
Grassy Knob.....	J. G. Weath'man.....	J. Cass, Jennings's Mills.....	J. Cass, J. A. Reed, E. Brown, E. Mitchell.....	8	1	2	3	13	1	131	1 00	4
Holly Spring.....	E. N. Gwynn.....	Z. R. Tharp, Williamsburg.....	Z. R. Tharp, G. A. Baity, J. P. Tharp, J. T. Paris.....	9	4	1	1	1	1	1108	1 15	1
Hunting Creek.....	I. Holler.....	J. A. Johnson, Zimmerman.....	J. F. Anderson, W. Moore, T. J. Smithy.....	1	2	2	2	2	2	54	1 00	2
Lewis.....	I. Holler.....	J. D. Holler, Felt's.....	E. Holler, T. S. Bell, W. A. Baity.....	3	3	3	3	3	3	87	80	3
Liberty.....	E. N. Gwynn.....	D. L. McHargue, Olin.....	W. A. Goforth, D. L. McHargue, J. N. Holland, F. Alenathy.....	3	1	3	1	3	1	69	1 00	4
Mt. Vernon.....	J. G. Weath'man.....	J. R. Wright, Felt's.....	J. R. Wright, N. C. Lewis, J. P. McCarter, W. McCarter.....	4	2	2	2	2	2	30	65	2
Mt. Pisgah.....	I. Holler.....	T. L. Williams, New Hope.....	T. L. Williams, W. Goforth.....	4	2	2	1	4	1	131	1 20	2
New Prospect.....	I. Holler.....	J. F. Parleir, Brushy Mt.....	W. P. Penix.....	1	1	3	4	4	68	50	1	1
New Hope.....	C. C. Brown.....	J. A. Sisk, Buck Shoal.....	J. A. Sisk, J. H. Martin, W. C. Penix, J. C. Shore.....	1	1	3	4	4	75	45	3	3
Oak Grove.....	D. W. Pool.....	D. W. Mayberry, Grade.....	J. B. Parks, I. N. Haynes.....	1	1	4	4	4	44	75	3	3
Oak Forest.....	R. W. Wooton.....	J. T. Martin, Clingman.....	J. D. Mabry, D. W. Mabry, J. W. Millsaps, E. S. Millsaps,.....	16	1	3	2	2	2	110	1 40	4
Pilgrim.....	G. M. Burcham.....	J. F. Adams, Jonesville.....	T. M. Green, T. F. Calloway, W. Walker, J. T. Martin.....	10	3	1	2	3	3	85	1 63	3
Pleasant Grove.....	W. A. Myers.....	W. D. Bron, Lovelace.....	J. P. Adams, J. F. Adams, E. D. Swain, W. Reece.....	5	3	6	3	5	225	1 85	1	1
Swann Creek.....	I. Holler.....	U. C. Goodwin, Sweet Home.....	J. Byrd, T. P. Combs, J. R. Norman, J. Henderson.....	5	2	7	3	157	2 25	1	1	1
Shady Grove.....	A. H. Goodin.....	M. Money, A. H. Money, W. M. Money, L. Nicholson.....	M. Money, A. H. Money, W. M. Money, L. Nicholson.....	1	2	1	1	1	1	20	1 20	4
Sweet Home.....	R. W. Wooton.....	T. W. Readman, M. O. Williams, M. C. Williams.....	T. W. Readman, M. O. Williams, M. C. Williams.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	19	50	3
Rocky Hill.....	J. P. Gwaltney.....	W. Sparks, Osbornville.....	J. Maddison, W. C. Myers, W. Sparks, C. Cook.....	5	1	3	3	73	75	1	1	1
Taylor Spring.....	W. A. Myers.....	J. M. Crater, Zion.....	T. L. Jennings, E. A. Johnson, J. M. Casey, J. M. Crater.....	6	1	2	1	108	90	2	2	2
Union.....	W. A. Myers.....	J. M. Crater, Zion.....	T. L. Jennings, E. A. Johnson, J. M. Casey, J. M. Crater.....	6	1	3	1	133	2 05	3	3	3