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FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BRUSHY MOUNTAIN

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

NORTH WILKESBORO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

August 26, 27 and 28, 1921.

The next session will be held with Pleasant Grove
Church on Friday at 11 o'clock, before the
Fourth Sunday in August, 1922.

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North Wilkesboro, N. C., Aug. 26, 1921.

The Brushy Mountain Baptist Association met at the morning hour this day, with the North Wilkesboro First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, N. C., for devotional services, and a quarum of the churches were found present by delegates or letter. Prayer by Brother W. C. Meadows. An address of welcome was made by Brother W. F. Staley, pastor of North Wilkesboro church and response by Brother C. C. Wright, moderator, who also, introduced Rev. G. W. Sebastian.

After reading the scriptures and prayer, Brother Sebastian announced his text, chosen from Joshua, first chapter and eighth verse, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

Recess was then taken for dinner and recreation. Benediction by Bro. Staley.

At 1 P. M. the body reassembled and was called to order by Bro. C. C. Wright, the moderator of last year. Prayer by Rev. W. C. Meadows.

On motion the Association went into permanent organization by re-electing C. C. Wright, moderator and electing V. McGhinnis, clerk and treasurer. Election by acclamation.

The moderator extended an invitation to correspondents and visitors, whereupon, Rev. G. W. Sebastian, Bro. J. S. Kilby and Mrs. Kilby, his wife, from Stone Mountain

Association, A. T. Pardue from Elkin Association and Bro. A. Johnson, representing Charity and Children, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats in the body.

Letters from the different churches were then handed in and the following delegates enrolled, to-wit:

Beaver Creek—G. H. Walker.
Cub Creek—J. B. Hall, Hilary Jones.
Edgewood—A. G. Hendren, J. W. Moore, L. R. Miller.
Fishing Creek—R. L. Welborn.
Goshen—Homer Carlton, T. F. Walsh.
Gordon—J. H. Curtis, G. L. Carter, C. M. Coleman.
Harmony—L. E. Phillips, H. W. Mahaffey.
Little Rock—V. McGhinnis.
Mount Pleasant—W. G. Foster, J. G. Walsh, A. F. Parsons.
Mount Zion—W. O. Barnett, W. M. Minton, G. W. Walsh.
New Hope—W. T. Eller, A. M. Church, W. H. Eller.
North Wilkesboro First—J. W. Nichols, E. F. Stafford, J. I. Myers.
North Wilkesboro Second—Bro. Combs, J. M. Minton.
Oak Grove—R. C. Campbell, W. A. Alexander, J. W. Blackburn.
Oakwoods—J. F. Jones, J. D. Laws, R. L. Jones.
Pleasant Grove—R. L. Lankford, T. V. Church, Dewey Caudill.
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Ronda—A. M. Blackburn, W. H. Church, J. A. Poplin.
Stony Hill—L. D. Whittington, G. W. Walsh, J. M. Parsons.
Walnut Grove—W. A. Jennings, J. S. Jennings, P. V. Lowe.
Wilkesboro—W. A. Stroud, A. C. Dennis, F. B. Hendren.
Delegates from a few of the churches were not present at the time of enrollment, hence, their names do not appear in the list.

The moderator announced the following committees, to-wit:

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Delegates of North Wilkesboro Church.
Executive—W. F. Staley, A. T. Pardue, W. E. Linney, M. McNeil, W. C. Meadows.
Digest of Church Letters—V. McGhinnis, W. F. Staley, J. W. Nichols.
Foreign Missions—Arthur Eller, W. A. Jennings, B. L. Minton.
Home Missions—M. McNeil, W. T. Kilby, Hilary Jones.
State Missions—G. W. Sebastian, R. L. Welborn, J. I. Myers.
Orphanage—W. C. Meadows, T. F. Walsh, L. E. Phillips.
Sunday Schools—W. H. Church, J. W. Nichols, G. H. Walker.
Education—F. B. Hendren, J. A. Poplin, J. M. Parsons.
Ministerial Relief—W. E. Linney, A. T. Parsons, A. G. Hendren.
Periodicals—W. C. Meadows, E. F. Stafford, G. W. Walsh.
Temperance—G. W. Sebastian, J. W. Blackburn, W. N. Minton.
Evangelism—W. F. Staley, U. G. Foster, A. B. McNeil.
Obituaries—W. T. Eller, J. B. Hall, L. R. Miller.
Historian—W. F. Staley, J. I. Myers.
Resolutions—W. C. Meadows, W. F. Staley, A. T. Pardue.
Time and Place—F. B. Hendren, John Laws, J. W. Moore.

It was then decided by a unanimous vote of the body that only the names of the delegates who were present during the session of the association, shall be enrolled in the minutes.

The Baptist Orphanage being the special order of the hour, the following report was read by W. C. Meadows

and spoken to by W. C. Meadows, W. F. Staley and Archibald Johnson:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Under the blessings of God our orphanage has enjoyed another good year. Nothing unusual has happened. No serious sickness nor deaths have marred the onward march of this great institution. The contributions have fallen short of last year by \$17,000, yet by strict economy and good management the orphanage has come safely through another year and is still pressing on in the great work for which God called it into existence, and we have no fears about its future support, as we are sure that God has laid this work on the hearts of the Baptist of North Carolina with a grip that will never let go. We now have 531 children, 85 of which are at the Kenedy Home. The annual cost per child is, 214.02, the total annual expenses are \$252,789.84. A large amount of this comes from the the Sunday Schools. Eternity alone can tell the good accomplished in taking the fatherless and helpless children, supplying all their needs and making them first class citizens and many of them christian workers. Let all our people remember the orphanage needs you, and you need the orphanage as a call from God to save you from a life of selfishness and help you to remember, God says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Let us not forget our motto, a thanksgiving offering of "One day's work for the orphanage," and let all our Sunday Schools take once a month collections for the orphanage, and all that can, take one child to support.

W. C. MEADOWS,
T. F. WALSH,
L. E. PHILLIPS,

Committee.

The report was adopted and the committee discharged.

The committee on order of business or program committee, submitted the following report which was adopted and the committee discharged:

Friday 11 A. M.—Introductory Sermon.
Friday 12 M.—Intermission.
Friday 1 P. M.—Organization.
Friday 1:30 P. M.—Report on Orphanage.
Friday 2:30 P. M.—Report on Evangelism.
Friday 3:30 P. M.—Miscellaneous.
Friday 3:45 P. M.—Report on Devotional Exercises.
Friday 4:00 P. M.—Dismiss.
Saturday 9:00 A. M.—Devotional Exercises.
Saturday 9:30 A. M.—Report on Home Missions.

Saturday 10:30 A. M.—Report on State Missions.
Saturday 11:30 A. M.—Report on Ministerial Relief.
Saturday 12 M.—Intermission.
Saturday 1:00 P. M.—Report on Education.
Saturday 2:00 P. M.—Report on Sunday Schools.
Saturday 3:00 P. M.—Report on Periodicals.
Saturday 3:30 P. M.—Report on Woman's Work.
Saturday 3:45 P. M.—Report on B. Y. P. U.
Saturday 4:00 P. M.—Miscellaneous.
Saturday 4:15 P. M.—Adjourn.

The report was adopted and the committee discharged.

Bro. W. M. Sebastian, County Superintendent of Public Welfare, of Elkin Association, and Rev. R. N. Garner of Brier Creek Association were recognized and welcomed to seats in the body.

Bro. W. F. Staley read the report on Evangelism. The report was ably discussed by Brethren Staley, Meadows, McNeil and others.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

The work on evangelism was one of the principal features of the 75 million campaign. The objective was 75 million dollars and 2 million souls won to Christ. At the present time our attention is called at the special campaign. At the great session of the Southern Baptist Convention at Chattahoochee a Southwide movement was presented by the commission, which was endorsed by the convention. The Evangelistic Department of the Home Mission Board suggests the following slogan, Every One Win One. Last year, we saw the blessing of God on our Southwide efforts. One hundred and seventy-five thousand converts were baptised into the fellowship of our churches. This year, we expect far greater results. Evangelism naturally has two phases, first pastoral, this work is carried on by our pastors throughout the association; second, personal, lay members of our churches engaged in the task of leading souls to Christ. The commission outlines a two-fold plan: First summer campaigns with the association as the units. This is to be under the direction of the state secretaries, working through the associational organization. The plan is to have as far as possible a simultaneous meeting going in every church. The second plan is to have a denominational day, the idea is to have one day set apart for the discussion of the 75 million program. The work of our boards, State, Home, Foreign, Education, Relief, Sunday School, W. M. U., B. Y. P. U. are to be discussed, this is for the enlightenment of the people. Special emphasis is

to be laid on calling out the called. Endeavor should be made to lead young men to dedicate their lives to the ministry and the young women to the work of the Kingdom. A special effort should be made to turn all of our young people to our Baptist schools and seminaries. Baptists ought to have at least this year as their goal 250 thousand souls won to Christ, and brought into the services of our churches. Every possible effort should be put forth by evangelists, pastors, and laymen to lead souls to Christ. Your committee asks that we cooperate with the State Mission Board in this work of evangelism, and that each church may cultivate a spirit of the Master who came to seek and to save the lost. We further recommend that something definite be done in our association this year along this line.

W. F. STALEY,
U. G. FOSTER,
A. B. McNEIL,

Committee.

The report was adopted and committee discharged.

The matter of enlistment would be in order in connection with the report on Evangelism.

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 in 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 or herself with a church that he or she has at the same time in a most solemn manner enlisted for service and has taken upon himself or herself 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, sheep folds for the safety of the flock, and schools for 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.

V. McGHINNIS.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported Bro., A. C. Hamby to conduct Devotional Exercises to-morrow morning at 9 A. M. In the event that Bro. Hamby should not be present, Bro. Meadows should conduct the exercises.

On motion adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 A. M.

SECOND DAY

Saturday, Aug., 27. 1921.

Met as per adjournment.

Devotional led by Bro. A. C. Hamby.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of State Missions, Rev. G. W. Sebastian read the report on that topic.

The report was spoken to by brethren, Sebastian, Hendren, Staley, Meadows, Hamby and others.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

We are glad we have a Baptist State convention for North Carolina and we feel that every true Baptist throughout the State should be proud of State Missions. It was organized nearly one Hundred years ago and its progress has been retarded by many obstacles but it has gradually grown stronger year by year, until at the present day it stands as a great power for God in this great South land of ours. Its main object is to repair and build up waste places in our state and we as your committee do earnestly request the good people of the Brushy Mountain Association to do all in their power to develop the church work in Wilkes county, with their prayers and money and make a great drive against the liquor traffic and evil society in Wilkes county and raise the standard of morality and Christianity to a higher plane than we have at present and save the boys and girls of Wilkes county.

But we should remember the supreme need of the land to teach and preach Christ and be witnesses for Him both in Jerusalem and

all Judea, in Sameria and to the uttermost parts of the earth, Acts 1:8.

G. W. SEBASTIAN,
R. L. WELBORN,
J. I. MYERS,
Committee.

The report was adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. Meadows read the report on Periodicals. The report was very interestingly discussed by a number of the brethren.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

We cannot over estimate the value of our denominational papers. "Knowledge is power," but the person who reads no denominational paper has no power to defend himself, or his church against the tidal wave of error and false doctrine now flooding our country. To be a strong and useful Christian one must know his bible and must read other good literature too. Nothing can take the place of our periodicals.

The Biblical Recorder keeps us informed about our churches and the work they are doing to save the lost, train the saved and educate the young men and women, that they may be able to lead our people to higher and more noble lives for our Lord, and to be able to contend for truth as it is taught in the Bible, all of which is believed and taught by Baptist only. We wish to urge our people to take and read the Biblical Recorder, also our Home and Foreign Fields, which tell us about the great work of our Denomination, in the Southern States, Cuba and Panama, also the work of our Foreign Fields, Brazil, China, Japan, Italy, Africa and Spain. We further recommend Royal Service which tells of the great work of our women. We should by no means forget Charity and Children which keeps us informed about our whole work in caring for the orphan children of our State.

W. C. MEADOWS,
E. F. STAFFORD,
G. W. WALSH,
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted and the committee discharged.

Bro. Milton McNeil read the report on Home Missions. The report was discussed by a number of the brethren and adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The work of our Home Mission Board is fundamental. This

statement will be fully sustained when we consider the following incontrovertible facts. The hope of the world is Christianity, for there is no other name under the heaven, given among men whereby we must be saved. The Foreign Mission enterprise is the divine method of giving the gospel to a lost and perishing world, but the salvation of America rests upon the enterprise of Home Missions. These assertions are manifestly true, and if so, then the work of Home Missions is second to no other enterprise and should have the support of all our churches. Upon the Home Mission Board rests some of the profoundest questions of our times, for salvation is the outlook upon the work needed to be done and to be done immediately, for if it is not done now, it may never be done. The work to be done in our towns, our cities and in the counties, as our people grow in numbers and in intelligence the pressure of the work becomes greater and more work needs to be done to overcome the gigantic forces that are uniting to hinder and defeat the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ. The divine program of missions as announced by our Lord after his resurrection and before his ascension was: Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, Matthew 28:18, Mark 16:15, Beginning at Jerusalem Luke 24:47, and "Lo! I am with you always, even unto the end." It is said our Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria are the United States, Panama, Cuba, Isle of Pines and that every Christian in all the Southern Baptist Churches should all get of one mind and of one accord and all engage in prayer, asking for the power of the Holy Spirit to come upon us that we might have a Pentecostal shower of the Spirit and that the people of God might be greatly revived and built up and that the servants of God might go out unto Judea and Samaria, (As it were,) then into all the world and preach the everlasting gospel to a lost world.

MILTON McNEIL,
W. T. KILBY,
HILARY JONES,
Committee.

W. E. Linney read the report on

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The Ministers Relief Board has been in existence for more than twenty-five years, and during that time it has aided more than 125 needy preachers. The Sunday School Board a few years ago, at a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, made an offer of \$100,000 as a nucleus around which there might be gathered a fund in the future for the purpose of pensioning aged and infirm ministers.

The object is a worthy one and we recommend:

1. That our churches make an offering for aged ministers' relief near Christmas each year.

2. That where possible we make life more comfortable and pleasant to all beneficiaries.

3. That we lend our support readily to whatever movement the convention may launch for the accumulation of an endowment fund.

W. E. LINNEY,
A. T. PARSONS,
A. G. HENDREN,
Committee,

The report was discussed at some length by a number of brethren and on motion, was adopted and committee discharged.

F. B. Hendren read the report on

EDUCATION

The last census report will place North Carolina several steps higher in the scale of general education than she has hitherto occupied. This should be grounds for pride on the part of every patriotic citizen of the state. Wilkes county, during the past twenty years, has likewise made rapid progress in all that pertains to general education. But the outstanding fault of our North Carolina system of education is that it falls short of the demands of the times. We are surely entering upon a period when most difficult problems of church and state will press heavily for wise solution. A clear recognition of this condition should be accepted as a challenge by every forward looking man and woman to educate their children for a more strenuous life than they themselves have been called upon to lead. We need more and better high schools today than at any previous period in our history. We need to train our boys and girls for intelligent citizenship in every community. Social and economic dangers threaten every step of our progress and the weak will continually fall a prey to them. If we would avoid falling into a state of religious stagnation, we must foster wholesome Christian education. We can no longer afford to treat this subject lightly. The zero hour has struck and we must put on our gas masks and storm the lines of ignorance and prejudice.

Happily we have in our midst and under our nurture an agency calculated to supply our needs in this respect. It is not too much to say that Mountain View Institute is ordained to revitalize the civic and religious activities of this section of the state. It has already quickened our denominational life. For the future it promises life and strength. We rejoice not only in its past achieve-

ments, but shout a glorious future for it. We believe it was planted by the hands of God for the rejuvenation of his cause in North Western North Carolina, and in pleading for Mountain View, we believe we are making most effective possible plea for all our other denominational institutions of learning.

F. B. HENDREN,
J. A. POPLIN,
J. M. PARSONS,
Committee.

This report was very ably discussed by F. B. Hendren, W. F. Staley, Arthur Carmack and others.

Pledges were given for Mountain View Institute amounting to over \$5,000.00.

On motion the report was adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. G. W. Sebastian read the report on Temperance. The report was interestingly discussed by G. W. Sebastian, W. C. Meadows, Milton McNeil and others.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report. Since the adoption of the Prohibition law in North Carolina, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits, the cause of temperance had greatly advanced in North Carolina and especially in Wilkes county, up to the time of the great world war, but during the war and since that time conditions have become distressingly bad, especially in certain sections of Wilkes county. Blockade distilleries have been running almost continually, making blockade liquor, loading automobiles and supplying boot-leggers with ardent spirits. Now with law enforcement upon the statute books of North Carolina, we believe the country can be freed the blighting influence of intoxicating liquors. To this end we would urge the officers of Wilkes county to do all in their power to see that the law is enforced. We your committee would urge the good people of Brushy Mountain Association and the better element of Wilkes county to aid and assist in putting down the great evil that is blighting the land and country we all love.

G. W. SEBASTIAN,
J. W. BLACKBURN,
W. N. MINTON,
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. Edward Long read the report on Foreign Missions. The report was spoken to by brethren Long, Meadows, Staley and others.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Christian Religion is primarily a missionary religion. Christ's program begins at Jerusalem and embraces the ends of the earth. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is our superior officer and as good soldiers we have no choice but to obey Him. He has commanded us to preach the gospel to all the world and it is our business to see that His orders are carried out. We should not only be willing soldiers, but should find great joy in obeying his command. Foreign Missions is the work of giving the gospel to the people living outside the borders of our own country. This is a great task, but let us remember that the Master is leading, an ultimate victory is assured. We have approximately one billion people living in heathen lands, and while the Lord has greatly blessed our work, yet, we have only made a beginning in our task of evangelizing this world of humanity.

Our work is administered by our Foreign Mission Board, which is located in Richmond, Va. Dr. J. F. Love is our efficient Corresponding Secretary.

Southern Baptist are now engaged in mission work in seven different fields—Africa, Argentina, Brazil, China, Italy, Japan and Mexico.

We believe our people will respond to the call of Foreign Missions in a way which will startle us when we give them the facts regarding the most advanced work of the kingdom. We, therefore, wish to urge our pastors to preach more on this phase of the kingdom enterprise. We should also urge our people to read books and tracts on this work and by all means they should read the Home and Foreign Field. This is an important time for foreign missions and we need to be in constant prayer and supplication for the Father's constant blessings upon our brethren at Richmond, the missionaries abroad, and that He may open the eyes of the heathen that they may see and be saved.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR ELLER,
W. A. JENNINGS,
R. L. MINTON,

Committee.

The report was adopted and committee discharged.

Sunday school being the special order of the hour, and

the committee not having the report ready the clerk was requested to write the report for them.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Bible school, commonly called Sunday school, is one of our oldest religious institutions. The teaching of the word of God to the people, from the days of the wilderness wandering down thru the centuries to the present time, has always been a powerful force in keeping nations from falling into sin and going off after false gods.

Whenever God's people have magnified the teaching of his word his cause has prospered greatly, and on the other hand whenever the teaching of the Word was neglected, His cause has languished and the progress of the Christian religion has been retarded.

There has been great growth in teacher training, larger buildings, and better equipment, the grading of schools in order to more properly instruct and develop all ages, the organization of home departments to reach those who for various reasons are unable to attend Sunday school, planning evangelistic campaigns to win the lost, etc.

If every school in the Brushy Mountain Association would start a teacher training class and take up the study of the normal manual and after that other books in the regular course, we would see a wonderful impetus given to the work, and our report a year hence would show that very much bigger things had been accomplished.

We would, therefore, make the following recommendations for the coming year:

1. Definite campaign for reaching more of our people for Sunday school.
2. An enlistment of more of our workers in study courses and reading courses. Our schools can never do their best until we have trained workers.
3. A close touch and cooperation with the Sunday School Department of our Mission Board. The Secretary, Brother E. L. Middleton, will furnish free valuable tracts and suggestions on every phase of Sunday school work.
4. A persistent effort to train the children and young people regarding the great interest of the kingdom fostered by our convention.
5. Finally, a vitalizing of all of our schools to make them more effective in evangelism and more definite in training every one for personal service.

Respectfully submitted,

V. McGHINNIS,
For Committee

Following the report on Sunday schools we would suggest a few thoughts on

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

The Sabbath Day is an institution of God. "On the seventh day God ended his work which he had made, and he rested on the seventh day. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it." When He gave his code of Ten Commandments to Israel, He there placed a safeguard around the Sabbath day, saying, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." To emphasize the importance of keeping this commandment, and as a warning to future generations, on one occasion a man was ordered stoned to death for gathering sticks on the Sabbath Day.

When Jesus came He brushed aside many of the man made rules which made the observance of the day a burden, and laid down some fundamental principles. According to His teachings, two kinds of work are permissible on the Sabbath Day—works of necessity and works of mercy.

Under the direction of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, after the resurrection, which took place on the first day of the week, the old Jewish Sabbath, or seventh day, was changed to the Lord's Day, or first day of the week, but the obligation to keep the day sacred was not changed or minimized.

One of the growing evils of the day is the sin of Sabbath desecration, under the plea of necessity many business enterprises do not close on the Lord's Day. Sunday work is on the increase, and many are making of the day a holiday, a day of pleasure. Sunday amusements, Sunday excursions, Sunday entertainments, Sunday outings are getting to be a curse in the land. One of the duties of the church today, is that of calling the world back to a right observance of God's day, a day of rest, meditation, worship and Christian service.

V. McGHINNIS.

PRAYER MEETING

The prayers of the church should be addressed to God, for prayer and the open Bible are the greatest of all Christian privileges. Through prayer we express our thoughts and needs to God. Through the Bible God speaks to us, revealing His mind and will. The prayers of the church should be as the prayers of one, united in thought and purpose. "Prayer is the key that opens the gate of heaven's treasure house." The best and most profitable service is the weekly prayer meeting.

The country church can have the Sunday evening prayer meeting and the town church can have the midweek prayer meeting, to

render thanks and implore Divine aid, and if this be neglected the cause must suffer.

Prayer that is for the health of the soul must be offered in an earnest spirit. The more natural and true, the nearer to success—not artificial, not mechanical, but simple and sincere.

Prayer is the appointed channel for receiving both temporal and spiritual blessings. "Ask and ye shall receive." There should be more interest manifested in the weekly prayer meetings, also prayer meetings in the homes, "ye have not, because ye ask not." "The praying church is the receiving church." The question is often asked, how may the different phases of church work be built up and carried on successfully? The solution may be found in the following words of Jesus, "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."

Respectfully submitted, V. McGHINNIS,

Bro. F. B. Hendren offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That this Association ratify the appointment of the five additional trustees of Mountain View Institute by the last session of the Legislature.

The committee on resolutions submitted the following report, viz:—

Resolved: That the thanks of this Association are due and hereby tendered to the First North Wilkesboro Baptist church and to the town generally, for the princely manner in which it was entertained during this session of the Brushy Mountain Association.

W. C. MEADOWS,

W. F. STALEY,

A. T. PARDUE, Committee,

The resolution was unanimously adopted and committee discharged.

The committee on Time, Place and Preachers, report as follows:—

Time, Friday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1921, at 11 A. M. Place, Pleasant Grove church, four miles west of North Wilkesboro and one mile north of Brown's Ford. To preach Introductory sermon, W. F. Staley. Alternate, W. C. Meadows.

F. B. HENDREN,

JOHN LAWS,

J. W. MOORE, Committee.

On motion of W. C. Meadows the minutes were ordered printed and the Clerk was allowed eight dollars for his services.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

Of the twenty seven churches composing this association only three maintain missionary societies. Besides the financial work as the minutes will show, these societies have enriched their own lives by Bible and mission study, prayer, personal service work, etc. As we study about and pray for our State, Home and Foreign work, do you dare think, we will pray and think less about our own church or that the church will not be helped by spiritual blessings which come in answer to such prayer?

The requirements for membership in the Woman's Missionary Union is a small monthly offering once a month, daily prayer for the progress of God's work. You may say we can do that without an organization, but one woman alone however earnest and zealous she may be, can not do one tenth as much as ten organized.

May the Lord bless each member in each church and may He create in us a hunger for information concerning His work that we may be able to do more effectively His will, and instill in the minds and hearts of the young the satisfaction that comes through consecration and service. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. F. STALEY, Superintendent First North Wilkesboro.

MRS. W. F. MILLER, Superintendent Wilkesboro.

MRS. W. H. CHURCH, Superintendent Ronda.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK AT THIS SESSION

The women of the association held a meeting for a few minutes on Saturday of the present session, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. W. F. Staley, who spoke a few words of encouragement about our work also something of how the world was looking to America for the Gospel. There were five churches represented. Reports from the W. M. S., showed \$366.15 given to missions undesignated. Each society reports gifts to the poor and others at home. One of the two Sunbeam Bands reported \$67.38 to missions. The meeting adjourned with a prayer that other churches might feel the need of a Missionary Society and be able to report much good done at our next annual meeting.

MRS. J. W. NICHOLS, For Committee.

On motion it was decided to appoint a Historian at each session of this association, in the future, to write a brief history of the church where the session is held.

Rev. W. F. Staley was appointed to get up a brief Historical Record of First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro, which he did as follows:

ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTH WILKESBORO

Organized Dec. 17th, 1892, with seven charter members, in the old building known as the stalls, by Rev. C. S. Cashwell, and

J. S. Forester, the first Deacons, Dr. W. P. Horton, W. M. Absher, A. M. Church, and Frank Mayberry. A lot on the hill corner of 6th, and F, Streets was given by the Land Company, upon which the church edifice was erected. Mr. A. M. Church going into the woods and selecting choice timber which was used in the building. Rev. W. R. Bradshaw was called and served as pastor for twelve years.

The following ministers have served the church, their pastorates are as follows: W. F. Staley, from Feb. 1, 1904 to Nov. 30th, 1908. Rev. C. M. Rock, from Feb. 3rd, 1909 to Feb. 27th, 1911. Rev. L. B. Padgett, from Aug. 9th, 1911 to Dec. 3rd, 1911. Rev. J. M. Dunnaway, from Jan. 14th, 1912, to Oct. 22nd, 1913. Rev. Edward Long, from April 8th, 1914, to Aug. 1st, 1917. Rev. W. F. Staley, from March 3rd, 1918, to Aug. 19th, 1921.

The Sunday school has had three superintendents: Dr. W. P. Horton, served twelve years. Mr. W. H. Church, served twelve years, Mr. E. M. Blackburn served five years, being assistant since 1903.

The beautiful new church was erected in 1910, Rev. W. F. Staley delivered the address at the laying of the Corner Stone. The subject having been selected by Rev. C. M. Rock, "The Struggle of the Baptist." The First Baptist church undertook two enterprises in order to stimulate our growth in this section. In the early history the membership built a Denominational School being run for a period of five years, which academy was sold and the present School Building was erected in its stead. Also, the Blue Ridge Baptist, a denominational paper was edited by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw. Two Baptist churches were organized by the first church, namely the Second Baptist church, during the first pastorate of Rev. W. F. Staley, and the Gordon Baptist church during the present ministry.

The membership has slowly increased to 371. To our knowledge Dr. Horton, and T. W. Church are the only charter members living in North Wilkesboro.

The church is thoroughly organized and has a W. M. U., and a B. Y. P. U., and a Sunbeam Society, and a Ladies Society.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. STALEY.

Adjournment to time and place of next Association. Prayer, W. C. Meadows leading, closing one of the most pleasant and profitable sessions of the Brushy Mountain Association.

V. McGHINNIS,
Clerk and Treasurer.

C. C. WRIGHT,
Moderator.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL

CHURCH	Pastor and Postoffice	Clerk and Postoffice	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSS			Number of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Beaver Creek	M. McNeil, Wilkesboro	G. H. Walker, Boomer	3	1000 00	16			5		4	55	61	116
Cub Creek	R. N. Garner, Hunting Creek	J. B. Hall, Wilkesboro	4	800 00					1	1	21	19	40
Edgewood	J. W. Watts, Taylorsville	A. G. Hendren, Straw	3	1100 00	7	3		3		1	83	87	170
Fishing Creek	J. W. Watts, Taylorsville	R. L. Wellborn, Wilkesboro	1	1000 00							40	69	109
Gordon	L. B. Murry, State Road	J. H. Curtis, N. Wilkesboro	1	87 00	12	2				2	15	19	34
Goshen	L. B. Murry, State Road	H. A. Carlton, Goshen	1	1300 00				2	8		23	35	58
Harmony	G. W. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	H. M. Phillips, No. Wilkesboro	4	2000 00	3					1	31	42	73
Lewis Fork	G. W. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	J. W. Dyer, Purlear	1	2000 00	11	2	2	5	1	1	120	136	256
Little Rock	J. W. Watts, Taylorsville	S. M. Knight, Boomer	2	2500 00	18	3	1	6		3	52	56	108
Moravian Falls	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	D. J. Pardue, Moravian Falls	2	1200 00							25	34	59
Mt. Carmel	J. W. Watts, Taylorsville	J. T. Rodgers, Moravian Falls	1										
Mt. Pleasant	G. W. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	J. C. McNeil, Champion	2	1500 00	21	2	4	2	5	2	125	181	306
Mt. Zion	Levi Greene, Hopkins	W. O. Barnett, Mt. Zion	4	500 00	3					2	68	72	140
New Hope	G. W. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	W. T. Eller, Purlear	4	800 00	60	2	3	1	3		115	143	258
1. N. Wilkesboro	W. F. Staley, No. Wilkesboro	J. E. Canchill, No. Wilkesboro	Weekly	33000 00	23	17		12			163	208	371
2. N. Wilkesboro	J. M. Absher, Offen	E. W. Minton, N. Wilkesboro	2	500 00	14	3		1			31	51	82
Oak Grove	A. T. Pardue, No. Wilkesboro	W. N. Alexander, N. Wilkesboro	1		5			1			33	30	63
Oakwoods	W. E. Linney, Wilkesboro	R. L. Jones, Oakwoods	1										15
Pleasant Grove	L. B. Murry, State Road	J. G. Parsons, Buck	1	1000 00		1	4		27	4	108	160	268
Pleasant Home	Grant Cothren, Lomax	W. T. Kilby, Millers Creek	3	1200 00		1		1		1	65	90	155
Pilgrim	Melvin Michael, Patton Ridge	E. M. Huffman, Congo	4	1000 00	8		8	1		2	24	57	81
Ronda	W. E. Linney, Wilkesboro	C. B. Butner, Ronda			2	2		1			33	37	70
Stony Hill	Melvin Michael, Patton Ridge	L. D. Whittington, Parsonville	2	500 00	8	1	3	3			43	54	97
Shady Grove	Isaac Watts, Boomer	M. G. Stelman, Pores Knob	4	1200 00	11	1		1	1	1	77	129	206
Walnut Grove	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	W. A. Jennings, Pores Knob	Bi-Weekly	10000 00	2	4		3			62	68	130
Wilkesboro	W. E. Linney, Wilkesboro	J. E. Spainhour, Wilkesboro	2										
Zion Hill	J. W. Watts, Taylorsville	J. E. German, Boomer											
TOTAL				33287 00	222	34	20	24	46	25	1335	1804	3139

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	75 Million (Undesignated)	State and Associational Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministers' Relief	Hospitals	TOTAL
Beaver Creek						1 00						6 26				7 26
Cub Creek	60 00			35 00							15 00	10 00				120 00
Edgewood	100 00	4 00	21 15			1 00		127 00				18 27				271 15
Fishing Creek				25 00		1 00		15 25				40 00			5 00	86 25
Gordon	49 65			11 93		1 20				15 00	30 93					108 71
Goshen	80 00		2 00	5 00		50		40 00				22 00				127 50
Harmony					3 75											25 75
Lewis Fork	150 00					1 10				1 00		2 20		1 00		157 10
Little Rock	100 00		4 00	3 00	5 00	1 00						3 00				116 00
Moravian Falls	60 00		5 00					5 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		5 00		87 00
Mt. Carmel																
Mt. Pleasant	199 10	275 46	25 00	16 00		70		22 42	24 46			25 00				588 14
Mt. Zion	100 00			2 83	14 10	95	20 00	30 25	8 80	8 80	8 80	37 85	40 00			299 58
New Hope	100 00		14 00			1 50	40 00	21 37				13 60				190 47
1 N. Wilkesboro	1500 00	625 60	1017 55	510 86	178 51	5 00		1963 86	158 51		109 00					6100 52
2 N. Wilkesboro	20 58															
Oak Grove	60 00		10 00	10 00	32 00	50	5 00		75 00		15 00	10 00				217 50
Oakwoods						70			3 00	5 00	7 50			3 00		19 20
Pleasant Grove	85 00	61 25		5 00	5 60	1 00		1 00			8 35					167 20
Pleasant Home	100 00	12 00		11 27	10 00	2 00	29 13	90 25				20 00				274 65
Pilgrim	31 19	105 60	1 50	21 97	3 50	55										164 31
Ronda	200 00			76 55		2 00		100 45				50 00				423 70
Stony Hill	71 00				4 00	85		10 00								85 85
Shady Grove																
Walnut Grove	200 00	150 00				1 25	50 00		11 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	2 00		439 05
Wilkesboro	1000 00	250 00		72 58		2 00		321 86								1646 44
Zion Hill																
TOTAL	5152 01	1483 31	1099 00	807 19	248 96	26 80	144 13	3713 46	121 25	217 77	93 08	389 68	45 00	11 00	5 00	11642 23

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	Superintendent and Postoffice	Secretary and Postoffice	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from Schools	School Expenses	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Beaver Creek	A. J. Foster, Boomer	James Barlow, Ferguson	2	10	100	110	35	12	16				
Cub Creek	J. M. Lankford, Wilkesboro	G. Anderson, Wilkesboro	1	4	35	39		12		24 00		11 00	35 00
Edgewood	C. C. Wright, Hunting Creek	Miss Texie Moore, Straw	1	8	123	131	40	9	6	15 00			15 00
Fishing Creek	Pearl Jarvis, Wilkesboro	Mrs. J. R. Johnston, Wilkesboro	1	8	97	105		9		25 00			25 00
Gordon	C. M. Colman, No. Wilkesboro	Clara McNeil, No. Wilkesboro	1	6	50	70	20	12	12				
Goshen	C. M. Carlton, Goshen, N. C.	Mrs. R. L. Proffit, Goshen	1	4									
Harmony	R. Lankford, Cricket	Ella Mae Sebastian, Cricket	1	6	46	52	24	9		8 00			8 00
Lewis Fork													
Little Rock	Isaac Broyhill, Boomer	S. M. Knight, Boomer	1	4	50	54	30	9	12	3 00			3 00
Moravian Falls	W. G. Lowe, Moravian Falls	Bernice Pardue, Moravian Fal	1	7			25	12		30 00			
Mt. Carmel													
Mt. Pleasant	J. C. McNeil, Champion	Albert McGee, Purlear	1	10	65	75				16 00			16 00
Mt. Zion	S. J. Barnett, Mt. Zion	G. F. Barnett, Mt. Zion	2	10	84	94	40	12	2	21 00	17 00	15 00	53 83
New Hope	A. S. Eller, Purlear	Lola Yates Purlear	1	6	97	103		12	34	17 00			16 61
1. N. Wilkesboro	E. M. Blackburn, N. Wilkesboro	J. H. Joines, N. Wilkesboro	1	14	155	169	120	12	20	210 00			210 86
2. N. Wilkesboro	J. W. Porter, No. Wilkesboro	W. L. Minton, No. Wilkesboro	1	4	40	44		12					
Oak Grove	Amos Alexander, Wilkesboro	Blanche Lowe, No. Wilkesboro	1	5	70	75	40	8					
Oakwoods	R. P. Anderson, N. Wilkesboro	Minnie Anderson, Wilkesboro	1	4	26	30	8	9					
Pleasant Grove	T. V. Church, Minton	Jesse Nichols, Buck	1	5	75	80		12		5 00			5 00
Pleasant Home	C. C. Church, Millers Creek	Minnie McNeil, Wilkesboro	1	8	130	138	53	12		12 00		30 00	40 40
Pilgrim	E. M. Huffman Congo	T. R. Foster, Congo	1	4	65	87	25	12	5				
Ronda	W. H. Church, Ronda	Miss R. V. Stone, Ronda	1	8	145	153		12					76 55
Stony Hill	M. A. Walsh, Parsonville	Dora Hamby, Parsonville	1	7	176	183	75	6		8 00			8 00
Shady Grove													
Walnut Grove	R. C. Meadows, Pores Knob	Gay Lowe, Pores Knob	1	4	75	125	65	8		21 00	40 00		65 00
Wilkesboro	F. B. Hendren, Wilkesboro	A. C. Dennis, Wilkesboro	1	10	125	135	65	12	2	73 00			123 59
Zion Hill													
TOTAL			25	156	1793	1949	665	109	488	00	57 00	56 00	701 84

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