

# MINUTES

—Of The—

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—Of The—

## Anson County Baptist Association

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—Held With—

**Brown Creek Baptist Church, Anson County, N. C.**

Oct. 20th, 1927

☞ The next session will be held with the Cedar Grove Church on Thursday, Oct. the 25th, 1928. To preach the introductory sermon Rev. T. E. Staley; alternate, Rev. J. S. Tyson.

## DIRECTORY



### OFFICERS

Moderator—M. L. Dorton.....Ansonville, N. C.  
Vice-Moderator—J. S. Tyson ..... Cheraw, S. C.  
Clerk—J. M. Broadaway.....Polkton, N. C., Route 2

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

M. L. Dorton, Chairman, I. F. Thomas, J. H. Thomas, S. J. Turner,  
G. H. Parker, J. E. Eford, W. H. Harrington, J. D. Usery, R. T. Morton,  
G. B. Melton, J. M. Broadaway, Jonah Thomas.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP WITH CHURCHES IN THIS ASSOCIATION

J. C. Meigs, E. J. Hutchinson, C. H. Martin, W. M. Thompson.

### MESSENGER TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

J. S. Tyson

### MESSENGERS TO BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

J. C. Meigs, E. J. Hutchinson, G. E. Hooks

## PROCEEDINGS

Brown Creek, Oct. the 20th, 1927.

The Eighteenth Annual Session of the Anson Association convened with the Brown Creek Baptist Church, October the 20th, 1927. The Moderator called the Association to order at 10:30 A. M.

Rev. E. M. Brooks led the devotional service.

The Association elected the following officers, to wit: Moderator, M. L. Dorton; Vice-Moderator, J. S. Tyson; Clerk, J. M. Broadaway.

The roll of churches was called and ten of the eleven churches were represented.

Rev. E. M. Brooks preached the introductory sermon from 2nd Kings 6:16. After which Rev. J. C. Meigs read the report on aged ministers relief, which was as follows--

### REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

For a number of years we have been doing something as a denomination for the men and women who have given their lives to the ministry of the word. The half century now closing has produced and given to North Carolina Baptists, as loyal and heroic set of preachers as are to be found. They have blazed the way as pioneers for us, who are following their trail and building upon their foundation. They turned their backs upon the lure of gold and turned their faces toward the call of God. We today are reaping the benefit of their sowing, and it is but fair that we remember them with our prayers, sympathy and our means.

There has been a severe cut in the amount these old veterans of the cross have been receiving. About one hundred and fifty have been helped by the board this year. They receive from five to ten dollars each per month. This helps, but it is wholly inadequate and the only chance there is for remedying the situation is by larger gifts to the co-operative program.

Respectfully submitted, J. C. MEIGS

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On order of business, J. C. Meigs, E. M. Brooks, J. W. Sullivan. Time and place and preacher, J. S. Tyson, W. D. Teal, J. L. Broadaway. To nominate delegates to S. Baptist and B. State Conventions, H. M. Cox, Mrs. A. J. Waddell, J. C. Meigs. The Association adjourned for one hour. Prayer by J. C. Meigs. Churches and delegates as follows:

Brown Creek--W. D. Teal, H. C. Martin, T. A. Gandy, W. T. Hildreth.



Cedar Grove--J. S. Thomas, S. L. Thomas, W. J. Sikes.  
 Fall Branch--Mattie Lea Price, Mrs. A. A. Adcock,  
 R. T. Morton.  
 Gum Springs--J. S. Sellars, Henry Ratliff, H. A. Ward.  
 Mt. Beulah--W. J. Diggs, W. R. Gray, Mrs. W. J. Diggs.  
 Mt. Zion--Willie Williams, A. L. Bailey, James Bailey.  
 New Home--G. H. Parker, J. C. Tucker, J. C. Trawick.  
 N. Wadesboro--J. E. Havener, W. E. Knotts, B. F. Treadaway.  
 Polkton--Jordan Harrington, Sandy Kelly, Mrs. S. Godwin.  
 Rocky Mt.--R. H. Thomas, S. J. Turner, Ray Broadway.  
 Rocky River--Edd Turner, J. E. Eford, J. T. Garris.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled at 1 P. M. "Drawer me nearer" was sung. The devotional service was conducted by Dr. B. F. Bray.

The committee on order of business made their report, which was adopted.

The report on Biblical Recorder was read by Mrs. J. C. Meigs and adopted.

#### REPORT ON THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Biblical Recorder has been serving the Baptist State Convention for 95 years. No one can tell the enormous amount of good that has been accomplished for the kingdom of God at home and abroad in these years. No single agency has done quite so much, certainly not for the same amount of cost.

For the Baptist people of the State there is no piece of reading that will take its place. No matter how many papers go into the home, or how good they are; there is no substitute for the Recorder, for the information about our work, and for inspiration to enable us to do our work.

Regular Recorder readers are regular church goers and contributors. Therefore to have more people enlisted in the work of the kingdom we must have more regular subscribers to the state paper. Twenty-five thousand people out of three hundred and seventy-five thousand, certainly none too many to be written on the subscription list of our church paper, it ought to be many more than that.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. C. MEIGS.

President J. B. Huff of Wingate Junior College, spoke on the subject of Christian Education.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and discussed by E. M. Brooks and adopted.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Foreign missions has to do with other lands than our own. Our Southern Baptist Convention has carried on mission efforts in different countries, including of course, some of the smaller as well as the larger ones.

The work in the past has been prosperous, and in a measure, popular with our denomination. Recently, however, there has been a drop off in vital interest, and contributions have fallen below actual needs of the fields now occupied. The cause of this state of affairs could have been one or more of several things. Wars and rumors of wars may have been a contributing factor, but doubtless there are others. But whatever the cause the condition is one we should face with courageous hearts and willing hands.

No new missioneries have been sent out for the last two years now and some of the enterprises begun have been for the present abandoned.

In Roumania, our newly assigned territory, persecution has been constant and severe. The authorities have promised but have failed to give religious freedom. Here one of the two missionaries persecuted is a splendid young woman, Mrs. Ida Flake-Hurley, from the very church with which this session of the Anson Association convenes. But the work goes on. Many baptisms, encouraging progress in school work and so on. At last report the Seminary had forty-two students, twelve of whom were young women taking training for christian service.

We may be cast down, but not overcome. God still lives and the gospel has power to save.

E. M. BROOKS.

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The Lord has graciously blessed the laborers and labor of the State missions in North Carolina during these years of its activities. In 1830 North Carolina had only 15,000 Baptists, both white and colored, and contributed to only two causes--namely, missions and christian education to the sum of \$700.00. There was reported at the last State Convention: White Baptists 365,767; colored Baptists 240,000. Total 615,767. Gave to benevolence \$787,317.32. The State mission board has suffered much in the past 4 years. Four years ago, State missions was receiving \$146,000 yearly. Last year the board received \$77,000. Notwithstanding these facts, the board is accomplishing great things. The report of the last Convention showed that this board helped last year 87 missionary pastors serving 147 churches; 118 missionaries serving 200 churches, organized 11 new churches, baptized 1,921 M. and rec'd by letter and otherwise 1,740. A total gain in membership of 3,661.

The task before us is great, that of making it possible for the State Mission Board to evangelize 600,000 people alone the age of ten years. To enlist 250,000 church members who are doing nothing.

The training of our forces in the B. Y. P. U., W. M. U. and S. S. for efficient christian service.

When this has been accomplished, the kingdom of God will come and his will be done in the lives of the Baptists of North Carolina.

Submitted, J. S. TYSON.

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The achievements of the Home Mission Board during the past 82 years are very gratifying, and should move us to thanksgiving and deep devotion to God. Note a few of the achievements of this board during the last conventional year.



The Independent and co-operative Worker delivered 109,419 sermons and addresses; conducted 19,966 prayer meetings, made 171,239 religious visits, added to churches by baptisms 20,686, by letter and otherwise 15,547—total gain in members 36,238. Won 840 volunteers for christian service, constituted 168 churches, built or improved 278 church houses, organized 406 Sunday Schools, distributed 11,847 Bibles and Testament, circulated 1,651,204 pages of religious tracts, The retrenchments of the Home Mission Board's work has been very heavy during the past conventional year.

The Department of the Independent and Direct Mission, having dropped twenty-five workers, and a probability of other various departments being dropped. The thought of withdrawing others from the mission fields that are white already unto the harvest, and the laborers so very few, should move our stony hearts, and make it possible for the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the fields through our liberality. May we pray earnestly and constantly for work and workers, and our home mission fields. Respectfully submitted, J. S. TYSON

The Orphanage report was read by Miss Anna Flake and adopted.

#### ORPHANAGE

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., was 42 years old, April 30th, 1927. Since its organization it has had 3 general managers, J. H. Mills and J. B. Boone, who served ten years each. M. L. Kessler, who has faithfully served for 22 years, is still at his post. He is a man well filled for the place, being a man of unusually strong character. The children all love him. The 56 women and 22 men under him also honor and respect him.

During the 42 years of history this Institution has cared for 3266 children, counting mothers aid and all. The Mothers Aid has in its charge near 400. The Kennedy Home near Kinston is an eastern branch and have under its management over 100 children. The expenses per day are around \$600.

Each cottage has its own dining room and kitchen. The sewing-room employs 20 girls in the morning and the same No. in the evening. There they learn to make their own clothes. The Laundry also keeps busy near 40 girls.

The Dairy and poultry farms are run on a large scale and each require a man at the head. The school is on the graded system from kinder garden through the 11th grade.

Special effort is being made to cultivate the finer taste in the children—Drawing in school, fancy needle work, basketry cultivation of flowers of their own. Music is taught daily. They have a Library, consisting of over 3000 volumes of good literature.

Athletics and all kinds of games are encouraged.

Religious Education is given its proper place in their course of train-

ing. Their pastor, Rev. Gardner, gives his entire time to this side of life, teaching the Bible in school and giving special attention to B. Y. P. U. work. What becomes of the children is a great and heart engaging question. They are scattered by Mt. streams and sea and on busy Sts. Many holding places of usefulness and honor.

They are the Baptist of N. C., great asset—their unending hope.

ANNA FLAKE

The report on Needs of the Churches was presented by H. M. Cox and adopted.

#### THE NEEDS OF OUR CHURCHES

The needs of our churches are not different from what they have always been. Perhaps the greatest need of our churches is a true knowledge and practice of the doctrines of our Lord and Master.

We need pastors who are not afraid of their job, and who will give themselves to the whole program of Jesus and the New Testament. The most pitiable aspect is a man appearing behind the sacred desk professing to be called of God to preach who, because of a desire for popularity with his people, is afraid to tell them what the New Testament teaches. We are not to be self-willed, but Christ-willed. Never in the history of the world has the servant been greater than his master.

A third great need is that of personal and individual consecration among the laity. There needs to be a realization that to be a christian means something. Clean living and honest dealing will do more to win the lost than high pressure evangelistic methods. The greatest service the master ever rendered was the revelation of God to man, that honor and responsibility has been left in our hands. What if we fail? We also need to call mightily and to our people concerning God's Sabbath, Filled day. No nation can long live that turns away from the Sabbath, Filled swimming pools and ball parks alongside empty church houses are a serious contrast and means destruction to our nation unless halted.

A fifth need in our churches is a well planned and organized training program for our young people. They are the hope for the future of our churches, and our churches will be just as loyal and efficient as we make our young people now.

A sixth need seems to be that of a new conviction as to the real mission of the church. A church does not have the slightest reason for existing except for the furtherance of the gospel, and the Bible gives us no authority to stop at home. The cause of missions is our sole reason for existing, and will be approved by Jesus only when we share his anxiety for a lost world.

Respectfully submitted, H. M. COX.

The report on Temperance was read and discussed by J. W. Sullivan and adopted.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

It was in 1908 that our State outlawed liquor. For over 7 years the 18th Amendment has been the law of the entire United States. Many



people seem to think their duty done when they voted it out, and that we should no longer preach and work against it. This view is not held in regard to stealing and murder.

Of course we know that conditions from a temperance standpoint are vastly improved. Liquor is scarcer and harder to get than ever before, regardless of what the liquor men say to the contrary. If sugar were to go up to 30 cents per pound and eggs were to go up to \$1.50 per dozen we would all know that these articles were getting mighty scarce.

But we must keep up the fight by electing officers who believe in prohibition. Who would think of setting a red fox to guard his hen houses. We as Baptist and as good citizens should let liquor alone, and give all the evidence we may have about liquor to the proper authorities. We should be willing to give our testimony and influence against the offenders. Often we are too quick to sympathize with the fellow caught even though we know he has been selling stuff that will curse and de- bauch our people.

We should also support the Anti-Saloon League which has so faithfully led the fight against liquor for over 20 years.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. SULLIVAN

Report of committee on Time and Place. We recommend that the next session be held with the Cedar Grove Baptist Church, commencing on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1928, at 10 o'clock A. M. To preach the introductory sermon, Rev. T. E. Staley; alternate, Rev. J. S. Tyson. Delegates to Southern Baptist and Baptist State Conventions. (See Directory.)

The committee on Digest of Church Letters did not make any report. Writers for the session to be at Cedar Grove 1928:

Biblical Recorder--S. J. Turner.  
Orphanage--D. L. Thompson.  
Christian Education--J. C. Meigs.  
Foreign Missions--M. L. Dorton.  
State and Home Missions--F. G. Walker.  
Needs of Churches--E. M. Brooks.  
Sunday Schools--J. H. Thomas.  
Aged Ministers R.--E. J. Hutchinson.  
Temperance--G. H. Parker.

The usual vote of thanks was extended to Brown Creek Church and community for the splendid hospitality shown us during the session of this Association.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Cedar Grove Baptist Church on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1928, at 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. M. D. L. Preslar led the closing prayer.

M. L. DORTON, Moderator.

J. M. Broadaway, Clerk.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

CHURCHES	SUPT. and P. O.	No. Of's & Teach'rs	Enrollment	Bap's f'm S S	Gifts to local Ch. & S S Ex.
Brown Creek	H. C. Martin, Wadesboro	8	79	90	98
Cedar Grove	S. L. Thomas, Polkton	8	75	12	50 00
Fall Branch	F. M. Poplin, Lilesville	6	40		15 00
Gum Springs	R. B. Gathings, Pee Dee	9	109	8	30 00
Mt. Beulah	J. K. Tyson, Wadesboro	7	119	10	24 00
Mt. Zion	No Sunday School	6	75		12 00
New Home	J. S. Williams, Peachland	7	98		42 00
N. Wadesboro	H. C. Hasty, Wadesboro	12	133	10	80 00
Polkton	Jordan Harrington, Polkton	7	97		41 00
Rocky Mt.	S. J. Turner, Polkton	4	30	8	9 00
Rocky River	D. L. Thompson, Polkton				



# FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help	Building & Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. & B. Y. P. U.	Minute Fund	Home Total	Co-Operative Program	Orphanage and Hospitals, &c.	Other Objects	Denominational Total	Grand Total
Brown Creek	500 00	105 75	43 56	90 98	7 00	695 94	193 44	55 25	---	---	248 69	63
Cedar Grove	233 00	45 50	350 00	50 00	5 00	684 50	95 00	12 00	---	---	107 00	791 50
Fall Branch	100 00	4 25	2 55	30 00	1 35	108 15	3 75	6 00	---	---	9 75	117 90
Gum Springs	300 00	2 23	30 00	24 00	8 00	464 18	33 42	69 70	---	---	100 00	757 00
Mt. Beulah	305 00	104 16	1 00	12 00	5 00	202 70	11 00	19 2	---	---	17 00	131 80
Mt. Zion	100 00	13 80	5 05	42 00	5 00	136 40	2 00	---	---	---	30 22	233 12
New Home	150 00	31 00	---	90 00	4 00	254 40	100 00	139 80	---	---	3 00	138 40
N. Wadesboro	78 00	16 40	35 60	40 00	7 00	357 20	26 32	23 05	---	---	139 80	268 90
Polkton	250 00	52 50	2110 00	9 00	2 00	195 50	15 78	32 45	---	---	16 50	195 50
Rocky Mt.	250 00	64 95	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rocky River	150 00	18 00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

W. M. U., Brown Creek 71 00; Cedar Grove 136 00; Polkton 250 00

# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS & THEIR P. O.	CLERKS & THEIR P. O.	Days of meet'g	Baptisms	Letters	Letters	Exclusions	Deaths	Total present Members
Brown Creek	M. L. Dorton, Ansonville	B. M. Tyson, Wadesboro	2-4	161	1	7	2140	2	4123
Cedar Grove	J. C. Meigs, Polkton	J. M. Broadaway, Polkton	2-12	147	8	8	140	1	187
Fall Branch	D. P. Morris, Norwood	Mattie Price, Lilesville	3	47	1	1	47	1	75
Gum Springs	F. G. Walker, Lilesville	E. B. Liles, Pee Dee	1-3	111	2	2	111	1	187
Mt. Beulah	J. S. Tyson, Morven	Laura Gray, Wadesboro	2-4	256	9	7	256	1	27
Mt. Zion	E. J. Hutchinson, Wadesboro	Willie Williams, Wadesboro	1	82	2	2	82	1	27
New Home	J. W. Davis, Wingate	G. H. Parker, Polkton	1	78	1	1	78	1	27
N. Wadesboro	-----	S. D. Chinnis, Wadesboro	2-4	27	2	2	27	1	27
Polkton	J. C. Meigs, Polkton	Jonah W. Thomas, Polkton	1-3	187	1	1	187	1	27
Rocky Mt.	T. E. Staley, Monroe	S. J. Turner, Polkton	3	187	1	1	187	1	27
Rocky River	E. M. Brooks, Albemarle	E. E. Thompson, Polkton	4	187	1	1	187	1	27

