

MINUTES
OF THE
16th Annual Session
OF THE
Avery County
Baptist Association

HELD WITH
BIG MEADOW CHURCH
August 25-26, 1927.

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Next session to be held with Jonas Ridge on Thursday before
the 4th Sunday in August, 1928.

Preacher Annual Sermon: Rev. J. Henline.

Will H. McGuire's Print, Brookside, N. C.

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Of The
16th ANNUAL SESSION
Of The
EVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
August 25th and 26th 1927.

NOMINATIONS

Executive Committee: N. S. Hampton Chm., Ed W. Buchanan
Secy., H. S. Burleson, J. D. Braswell, J. R. Hodges.
Missions: R. T. Teague. B. Y. P. U.: Cordie Franklin.

Delegates to State Convention:

N. S. Hampton, D. Buchanan, D. P. Bridges.

Southern Baptist Convention

J. R. Hodges.

To write on Order of Business: D P Bridges, T W Childres.

Missions: R T Teague.

Education: W J Norton.

Temperance: J C Storie.

Obituaries: L G Reid.

Periodicals: L McGuire.

Orphanage: Chas. Vance.

Hospitals: D. Buchanan.

Resolutions: J L Pyatte.

Sunday Schools: P L Johnson.

Place and Preacher: N A Buchanan.

State of Churches: R M Green.

Finance: J G Buchanan.

Ministerial Relief: H S Burleson.

Pastoral Support. G W McGuire.

P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

The Association met with Big Meadow Church Aug. 25 1927 at 10
a. m. Singing led by Eli English. Prayer for guidance of the Ho-
ly Spirit led by J. Henline.

Program read and adopted.

Sermon by J. M. Whitaker. Theme: Christian Unity.

Organization. Letters called for and twenty-one received. On
motion only the special items were read.

Visitors and correspondents invited and the following responded:
 J. A. McKaughan, of the State Mission Board; B. B. Styles of Yancy Co., D. M. Wheeler, J. Henline, J. M. Buchanan of Mitchell Co.
 J. M. Whitaker and R. C. Brown of Johnson City, Tenn.

N. S. Hampton was elected Moderator and Ed W. Buchanan was elected Clerk for the ensuing year.

W. J. Norton, Crossnore's new pastor was given a welcome.

The following committees were appointed, with the first named as Chairman:—

Woman's Work— Mrs. J. R. Hodges, Mrs. D. Buchanan.

Missions— H S Burlison, J A McKaughan, J M Whitaker.

Education— R T Teague, J R Hodges, W J Norton.

Temperance— Fritz Hall, J Henline, R C Brown.

Obituaries— J L Pyatte, R M Green.

Periodicals— J A McKaughan, D P Bridges.

Orphanage— J C Storie, D M Wheeler.

Hospitals— D P Bridges, D A Green.

Resolutions— D Buchanan, M E Shell, V W Green.

Sunday Schools— Luther McGuire, N A Buchanan, D C Cook.

State of Churches— R M Green, B B Styles, R Z Burlison.

Place and Preacher— D Buchanan, Tom Clark, S M Green.

Finance— J G Buchanan, D T Weatherman, W W Pyatte.

Ministerial Relief— J Henline, Vasser Buchanan.

Nominations— J R Hodges, L G Reid, W W Holtsclaw, J L Pyatte

B. Y. P. U.— Miss Cordie Franklin, T W Childers.

Pastoral Support— J M Buchanan, D Buchanan, Joe Phillips,
 I W Woody.

Motion carried to let the Crossnore B. Y. P. U. Class put on a program tonight.

Adjourned till 1: 30.

Dinner served on the ground.

AFTERNOON

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Song: How Firm a Foundation. Rev. J. M. Carpenter of the Free Baptist Church was given a welcome.

Devotion by R. C. Brown. He read 51st Psalm and made fitting remarks from same.

Bro B. C. Stringfield of Mars Hill college was given a welcome and also C. A. Caldwell.

Report on Missions was read, and spoken on by J. A. McKaughan. He also discussed Periodicals.

D. P. Bridges read his report on Associational Missions and dis-

cussed same. Reports adopted.

P. C. Stringfield spoke on Education and in interest of Mars Hill College.

Motion carried for Committee on Nominations to submit a man to work in co-operation with the State Mission Board in our county.

Delegates assigned homes. Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION, 7: 30

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by B. B. Styles.

The Crossnore B. Y. P. U. class rendered a program. Subject: Laborers together with God. It was received with much interest.

Sermon by J. Henline. Subject: Serving God with what we now have. He preached an impressive sermon.

Song and a general reconsecration to the Lord's work.

Prayer by Mrs. Dock Ollis. Adjourned.

SECOND DAY

Met at 9 a. m. Singing led by D. M. Wheeler.

Devotion by J. M. Buchanan. Prayer by N. S. Hampton.

On motion the following committee No. 2 was appointed on Resolutions— J. R. Hodges, J. Henline, R. M. Green.

Report on State of Churches read by R. M. Green and spoken to by D. P. Bridges and adopted.

Report on Obituaries read by J. L. Pyatte and adopted.

Report on Education read by J. R. Hodges and spoken on by D. P. Bridges and adopted.

On motion, the Association gave a rising vote of thanks to our Hon. Board of Education for their resolution recommending the hiring of Christian teachers in our county.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Luther McGuire. Spoken on by P. L. Johnson, N. S. Hampton and adopted.

On motion a collection was taken for Associational Missions, and received cash and pledges in the amount of \$83.30. Turned over to D. P. Bridges, our treasurer.

Motion carried to retain A. R. Waters for Enlistment Worker for this year.

Bro. M. L. Kesler of Thomasville Baptist Orphanage was given a rising welcome with us.

Report on B. Y. P. U. read and discussed by Cordie Franklin and T. W. Childers and adopted.

Report on Woman's Work read. Spoken to by P. L. Johnson, Mrs. Dock Ollis and Mrs. D. Buchanan and adopted.

Song: More About Jesus.

Report on Orphanage read by J. C. Storie. M. L. Kesler spoke about the work and in the interest of the Orphanage 30 minutes. N. S. Hampton also spoke on report. Adopted.

On motion D. Buchanan was appointed to work for the interest of the Orphanage in our county.

Adjourned till 1:30. Dinner on the grounds.

AFTERNOON, SECOND DAY

Met at 1:30 p. m. Devotional by J. R. Hodges.

Prayer by D. P. Bridges.

Roll call of Delegates. List elsewhere.

Report on Hospitals read. Spoken to by G. T. Lumpkin, of the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem and adopted.

Report on Temperance read by clerk. Spoken to by W. J. Norton and P. L. Johnson and adopted.

Report on Ministerial Relief read. Spoken on by D. P. Bridges and adopted.

Report on Pastoral Support read. Spoken on by D. Buchanan and N. S. Hampton and adopted.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

Treasurer's Report read and adopted.

Reports on Resolutions read and adopted.

Report on Place and Preacher read and adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by W. J. Norton.

Moderator, N. S. Hampton, Pineola, N. C.

Clerk, Ed W. Buchanan, Minneapolis, N. C.

REPORTS

STATE MISSIONS

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 N. C. 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 N. C., white and colored. There are now 375,767 white Baptists alone, and approximately 240,000 negro Baptists, making a total of around 600,000; about 48 church members out of every 100 in N. C. 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 reported

\$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 Cor. Sec. devoting all 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 five years, followed by L. Johnson for 15 progressive years, when the cause went forward by leaps and bounds. Then came Walter N. Johnson for 5 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 \$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 ends of the earth.

The Board is helping to sustain this year 87 missionary pastors who are serving 147 churches. The report at our last Convention showed 118 missionaries serving 200 churches, organizing 11 new churches, receiving by baptism 1,921 and 1,740 by letter and otherwise

Department of W. M. U., Mrs. W. N. Jones, Pres., Mrs. Edna R. Harris, Raleigh, Cor. Sec. Number of W. M. U. organizations now in the State, 2,443 with a membership of 40,326. There are 5 general workers, including the office force, and 3 other special field workers. Over \$265,000 contributed to denominational objects last year by different W. M. U. organizations. There are 972 churches out of the 2,325 in the State without any sort of missionary organization, and there are 133,073 women connected with our churches who are not affiliated with any missionary organization.

Sunday School Department—E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, Sec., Gladys Beck, Elementary Sec., L. L. Morgan, Raleigh, J. A. Ivey, Hickory, field workers for the east and west, with 11 other associational S. S. and B. Y. P. U. field workers. There are now 2,243 S. S.

in the State, with a membership of 323,777.

B. Y. P. U. Department,— Perry Morgan, Raleigh, Sec., Winnie Ricket, Jr. Intermediate Sec., Marguerite Harrison, Goldsboro, and Mary Frances Biggers, Salisbury, field workers for the east and west, with 11 associational Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. field workers. There now 2,066 BYPU organizations in the State with approximately 60,000 members. Each of these BYPU's is a training camp for the future leaders of the denomination. 1,287 churches without any B. Y. P. U.

Evangelistic Department.— Only 2 evangelists now, J. C. Canipe, Roxboro, and J. H. Moore, Durham, who is working with the colored people. Some 75 churches are being aided this year by volunteer pastors.

Student Activities: The Board is cooperating in maintaining the following student workers: R. P. Downey, Wake Forest; L. H. Tapscot, Chapel Hill; Y. C. Elliott, N. C. State, Raleigh; Miss Cleo Mitchell, N. C. C. W., Greensboro.

Preachers' School: One of the most hopeful features of the work is this school at Meredith College in June. More than 250 preachers attended the last session.

Book Shop: of the Board is rendering invaluable service in Kingdom building. Miss Madge Alderman, Raleigh, is Manager.

THE TASK AHEAD

To evangelize 600,000 people in N. C. 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.

J. A. McKaughan, H. S. Burleson, J. M. Whitaker,

BAPTIST 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 the Co-operative Program except the Orphanage.

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

Statewide Objects	
State Missions	23 cents
Baptist Schools	23 cents
Baptist Hospital	4 cents
Total	50 cents

Southwide Objects	
Foreign Missions	25 cents
Home Missions	11 1/4 cents
Theological Seminaries	8 1/4 cents
Ministers' Relief	4 1/2 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 \$ _____, which is a little more than 1926; that this amount be apportioned upon as fair and equitable a basis as possible among all of the churches of the association by the Executive Committee of the association, or by a special committee; and that each church endeavor to raise its objective by making an every member canvass 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.

H. S. Burleson, J. A. McKaughan, J. M. Whitaker, Com.

PERIODICALS

We your committee desire to remind you of the great service rendered to our work by our Baptist publications, and would therefore, ask you to help those who labor with you in the Lord's work.

We would direct your attention to the Biblical Recorder and urge that all aid in the campaign to increase the circulation.

We call your attention to Home and Foreign Fields which covers the work of Home and Foreign Missions. Also, Charity and Children, the Orphanage paper. We suggest that the churches make a canvass for subscriptions for these publications. Respectfully,

J. A. McKaughan, P. L. Johnson, D. P. Bridges, Committee.

STATE OF CHURCHES

Last year 20 churches reported a total membership of 2,258; this year 20 churches reported a total membership of 2,127.

Last year 20 churches paid pastors \$2,715.56, an average of \$137.57 per church; this year 20 churches paid pastors \$2,548.06, an average of \$127.40 per church.

Last year 20 churches reported financial expenses, including pastors' salaries, \$4,976.30; this year 20 churches reported total expenses, including pastors' salaries, \$6,577.98.

Last year 5 churches reported \$118.71 for Co-operative Program; this year 13 churches report \$417.25 for Co-operative Program.

Last year 10 churches gave Orphanage \$176.37; this year 10 churches gave Orphanage \$255.59.

Last year 20 churches reported Sunday schools with total enrollment of 1,826; this year 19 churches reported Sunday-schools with a total enrollment of 2,196.

Last year 2 churches reported W. M. U.'s; this year 3 churches reported W. M. U.'s.

Last year 4 churches reported B. Y. P. U.'s; this year 4 churches reported B. Y. P. U.'s.

This year 2 churches reported Sunbeams.

Last year 16 churches reported 156 baptisms; this year 17 churches reported 127 baptisms.

We find an increase in Sunday-schools and in Co-operative Program, and a decrease in pastors' salaries.

We your committee beg that we press forward to our duty.

Respectfully,

R. M. Greene, }
B. B. Styles, } Com
R. J. Burleson, }

OBITUARIES

We find that there has been 18 deaths this year.

How sweet it would be if we all could say when we come to the river of death as Paul said: "For me to live is Christ, but to die is gain."

J. L. Pyatte, }
R. M. Greene, } Com

OUR DEAD

Mrs. Sarah Franklin	Mrs. S. C. Suddreth	Mrs. Huldy Johnson
Miss Alice Tolley	Miss Nell Benfield	Miss Estella Calaway
Mr. Z. D. Pyatte	Mr. J. N. Stamey	Mr. Gorden Hicks
Mr. John Ward	Mrs. Elzie Hampton	Mrs. Bessie Ryder
Mrs. Tishia Smith	Mrs. Etta Estep	Mrs. Pearlina Buchanan
Mr. I. N. Watson	Mr. S. F. McKinney	Mrs. Aldeck Hobson.

EDUCATION

Real education is education directed by Christian teachers under Christian surroundings and from a Christian view-point. For want of this type of school many of our boys and girls are going forth with good mental training but with their faith in God and humanity wrecked, filling the world with selfish money-getters, indifferent church members and full-fledged atheists.

To educate a person means to adjust him to those elements of environment that are of concern in modern life; and to develop, organize, and train his powers so that he make efficient and proper use of them. But whatever education is, in its final analysis, it is the preparing of a person for complete citizenship in the Kingdom of God. To build a life, a character, a business, a government, or a state on any other foundation than the principles of Christianity is but to insure its ultimate doom.

It is as much a command of the Master to educate the masses as to evangelize them. Whom we have evangelized we are also to teach. Teach what? To observe the principles of right living and thinking; to appreciate and control the values of life, which are character, Christlikeness, and the principles of righteousness; and to use every talent possessed to better the conditions of the world. The fundamental task and goal of the Kingdom of God is bringing in a new order of citizenship of which Jesus is a type.

It is a law of pedagogy that a teacher cannot teach what he himself does not have. It is therefore of supreme importance to secure only those teachers who have character and Christlike habits. We commend the Board of Education, Superintendent Teague, and the school committeemen of Avery County for trying to give us teachers of the above type.

J. R. Hodges, }
W. J. Norton, } Com
R. T. Teague, }

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Since Sunday-school is the church teaching, let us look at our task in the South. There are 8,000,000 Baptist possibilities. Out of this number we are reaching only 1,400,000. In our association there are around 4,200. We are reaching only 1,611.

We will never reach our people until we get a trained set of pastors, superintendents and teachers.

Our Sunday School Board puts this training in reach of all of our leaders at small cost. Through the Sunday-school we must train our people. In fact we must build what we want right in our Sunday-schools. Then we should plan our programs for 52 a year, or we lose a lot of time.—

Luther McGuire, D. C. Cook.

B. Y. P. U.

We find on examination of the letters that there are only four societies in our county at present and that previous to this there have been others which for some reason have discontinued.

It is our earnest desire that every pastor and delegate present may sincerely consider the organization of a B.Y.P.U. in their churches. It is through the B.Y.P.U. that the young church member learns the great truths of the Bible, the great doctrines and the missionary facts, consequently he learns to serve his Lord more earnestly.

Cordie Franklin, } Com
T. W. Childers, }

WOMAN'S WORK

The Woman's Missionary Union is an organization that proposes to aid in the great program of Southern Baptists. Every woman in our churches should be a W.M.U worker for the following reasons: For her own sake, for her fellow-man's sake, and for Christ's sake.

Only two societies have reported any contributions to any of the objects during the year. We have also three Sunbeam societies that contributed to the work. The whole amount given by these five societies this year is \$70.74.

The need for more W. M. U. workers in the harvest fields for God was never greater than today. "The fields are white unto harvest but the laborers are few." Let us pray that the Lord may thrust forth laborers into His harvest.

Mrs. J. R. Hodges,
Mrs. D. Buchanan.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Perhaps no institution under Baptist supervision lies so near the hearts of the people, as does the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, and the Kenedy Home at Kinston, North Carolina.

At present there are 500 children at Thomasville, and 114 at the Kenedy home, and 365 children are being cared for with their mothers in their own homes. It costs about \$600 per day to support these dependent children.

Among the 360,000 Baptists of the state, mostly poor people, a stream of appeals is coming in at the rate of 50 to 100 a month, most of them turned away for lack of room or funds. All home resources should be tapped and utilized for the care of unfortunate children before the Orphanage is thought of as a place of refuge.

Out of more than 2000 Sunday-schools only about one-third of them are contributing regularly to this object.

We would urge a once-a-month collection in all Sunday-schools, for the Orphanage. And we would recommend that one Brother or Sister in this Association be appointed to keep in touch with all

the Sunday-schools in the Association, and solicit more help for the Orphanage.

G. W. McGuire, } Com
D. M. Wheeler, }
J. C. Storie, }

HOSPITALS

The healing of the sick is just as much a part of the gospel as preaching. In Matt. 4: 23 we read: And Jesus went about all Galilee teaching, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases among the people. And 10: 8: Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons; freely ye have received, freely give. 1st Cor.: And God hath set some in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers and after that miracles, then gifts of healing.

D. P. Bridges } Com
D. A. Greene }

REPORT OF D. P. BRIDGES

On Salary of A. R. Waters, 1926-1927.

	Amount Received	Paid out
1926, Oct. 1.		
Big Meadows,	.65	
Mt Pleasant	.35	
Green Valley,	2.63	
Jonas Ridge,	1.66	
Dec. 1, Newland,	10.00	
Total,	15.29	83.30
By Check,		
Over Draft,	68.01	

TEMPERANCE

"Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

This great question needs much of our attention. It is wrecking many human lives and homes. We as God's people should ever be ready to stand by our officers in the enforcement of the law to rid our country of the intoxicating liquors that wreck so many of our young people. Not only in strong drink, but the Word says be temperate in all things.

In this fast age the devil has invented so many fancies that carry the young minds from church work and all that is good. The night craze for parties and car rides which bring many of our fair young daughters to a low ebb in character should be guarded against by every Christian father and mother.

Fritz Hall, J. Henline, Com.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Blessed is he that careth for the poor, and in Psalms 71, we read: When I am old and grey-headed forsake me not.

We should not forsake our old preachers who marked out the way. Four and one-half per cent. of all money sent to State Missions goes to support our old ministers.

The Lord has said in his Word, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

J. Henline, }
Joe Phillips, } Com

PASTORAL SUPPORT

We ask that each church have a deacons' meeting and form plans to enable pastors to give more of their time to visiting their members as he is the watchman over the flock.

As the church helps the pastor it enables him to do more visiting, and we find that pastors are underpaid probably through neglect of the deacons, and we request that they look after this matter of paying our pastors. Let's make an effort to increase the pastors' salaries this year.

J. M. Buchanan, }
D. Buchanan, } Com
I. W. Woody, }

REPORT ON FINANCE

Received for Printing	42 40
Co-operative Program,	31.25
Total,	73.65

We recommend that our clerk be paid \$8.00 for his services.

Also, that he send minutes only to those who pay for them.
J. G. Buchanan, D. T. Weatherman, W. W. Pyatte, Com.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Printing,	35-33
from S. S. Convention,	8.95
Total,	\$44.28
Disbursed, For Printing,	26.50
Fee Allowed,	8.00
Postage & Stationery,	4.09
Total,	\$39.59
To Bal.	4.69

Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk & Treas.

RESOLUTIONS

We your committee find that Yellow Mountain church is trying to build a pastor's home, that they have the lot to build on mostly paid for, and we find they will not be able to finish it unless they

can get some outside help.

We recommend that each church in our association take an offering in the near future for this worthy cause.

That we tender our thanks to Big Meadows church and community for their hospitality in support of this association.

We recommend that June of each year be set apart as Decoration Month, and ask that they be held in the afternoon on Sunday so this will not conflict with our Sunday schools.

Respectfully,
D. Buchanan, }
V. W. Green, } Com
M. E. Shell, }

Committee No. 2:

Since hearing of the tragedy of Prof. Teague's brother and the deep sorrow that has come to his home:

Be it Resolved, That we extend to him our deepest sympathy and prayers in this hour of sorrow.

Respectfully,
J. R. Hodges, R. M. Green, J. Henline.

PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the next session be held with Jonas Ridge on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August 1928, and that Rev. J. Henline preach the introductory sermon, Rev J. R. Hodges his alternate.

Respectfully,
D. Buchanan, J. D. Clark, S. M. Green, Com.

Roll of Delegates

- Aaron—T. W. Childers, J. G. Buchanan.
Beech Mtn.—J C Storie, D C Cook, J F Parlier, Dave Trivett.
Big Meadow—D M Phillips, J L Pyatte, J A Dyson, W M Carpenter, S A Carpenter.
Belview—A D Ollis, Dewey Gouge, H Ollis, Ida Caraway.
Crossnore—Cordie Franklin, Addie Johnson, Chas Vance, P L Johnson, Obie Johnson, Galen Johnson.
Cranberry—No delegates.
Chestnutdale—Chas Stafford, D S Hoffman, W W Holtsclaw, James Hoffman.
Elk Valley—D T Bailiff, Roe Bailiff, Roscoe Horney.
Elk Park—No delegates.
Flat Springs—R M Green, S M Green, B C Green.
Green Valley—D T Weatherman, Mrs Dock Ollis, Boss Ollis.
Henson Creek—No delegates.
Jonas Ridge—M E Shell, J D Clark, L G Riede.
Minneapolis—W W Pyatte, V W Green, R Z Burleson.

Mt Pleasant—H S Burleson, S L Wilson, J A Vance, Mrs Rhoda Carpenter.
 Newland—J R Hodges, D P Bridges, J D Braswell, Mr and Mrs J M Gragg.
 Oak Grove—A Lelford, Joe Phillips.
 Pleasant Hill—B A Ollis, Baxter Ollis, C T Hicks, N A Buchanan
 Bill Buchanan, I W Woody, Acah Buchanan.
 Pleasant Valley—L McGuire, Philip Shepherd, Mrs S M Pressnel.
 Powder Mill—Claud Stafford.
 Roaring Creek—Dewey Hughes, Mrs Dewey Hughes.
 Yellow Mountain—D Buchanan, J W Teams, Mrs D Buchanan.

MINUTES

Of The

Avery Baptist Sunday School Convention JULY 21st, 1927

The Convention met with Crossnore church at 10 a. m.
 Devotion by R. T. Teague. Prayer by N. S. Hampton.
 Program read and adopted.
 Sermon by J. R. Hodges. Text, Jonah 1st and 5th. A very spiritual and impressive sermon.
 Organization: Rev. J. R. Hodges was elected Chairman, and Ed W. Buchanan was elected Secretary for the ensuing year.
 Delegates assigned homes.
 Adjourned till 1: 30 p. m.

AFTERNOON

Met pursuant to adjournment.
 Devotion by Miss Cordie Franklin. A very appropriate talk by Miss Franklin. The following subjects were discussed:—
 Qualification of a Teacher, by Luther McGuire, R. T. Teague, N. S. Hampton, P. L. Johnson, Chas. Vance and T. W. Childers.
 Qualification of a Supt. by D. P. Bridges, P. L. Johnson, R. T. Teague, and N. S. Hampton.
 Committees appointed with the first named as Chairman:—
 Program: N. S. Hampton, R. T. Teague, and H. S. Burleson.
 Resolutions: D. P. Bridges, V. W. Green, Mrs. N. W. Johnson.
 Time and Place: Luther McGuire, W. W. Benfield, W. W. Pyatte
 Finance: Ed W. Buchanan, J. L. Pyatte, T. W. Childers, and Cordie Franklin.
 Adjourned with prayer by R. T. Teague.

FRIDAY, Second Day

Met at 9: 30 a. m.
 Opened by singing. Devotion by Luther McGuire, reading Romans 10 c. and made fitting remarks from same.
 Subject discussed:
 Building a Standard Sunday School, by Luther McGuire. The Chm. presented A. R. Waters, Field Worker for W. N. C. and Bro. Waters made an interesting address on the subject. R. T. Teague and T. W. Childers also discussed the standard Sunday school.
 N. S. Hampton presented a program for enlargement for next year, beginning 1st Sunday in April 1928 for one week.
 The Chairman called for volunteer teachers and the following responded: Mrs. N. W. Johnson, R. T. Teague, Luther McGuire and P. L. Johnson. Adjourned with prayer by D. P. Bridges.

AFTERNOON, Second Day

Met 1: 30 p. m. Devotion by A. R. Waters.
 Subject: Duty of church members to Sunday school.
 Discussed by D. P. Bridges and P. L. Johnson.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE

We your committee recommend that the next session be held at Minneapolis on Thursday and Friday before the 4th Sunday in July 1928.

Luther McGuire, } Com
 W. W. Benfield, }
 W. W. Pyatte, }

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved 1st That we express our appreciation of the way in which this church and community have entertained this Convention
 2nd That we thank Bro. A. R. Waters who arranged for the campaign which was given us.

3rd That all our Sunday schools encourage the work of Teacher Training.

D. P. Bridges, } Com
 V. W. Green, }
 Mrs N. W. Johnson, }

REPORT ON FINANCE

Received for Printing from:

Pleasant Hill	1.50
Green Valley	1.00
Chestnutdale	1.00
Yellow Mtn	1.00
Pleasant Valley	.75
Belview	1.50
Aaron	1.00
Total	\$7.75

We recommend that our Minutes be printed with our association minutes. Respectfully submitted.

Ed W. Buchanan, J. L. Pyatte, T. W. Childers, Cordie Franklin.
The Convention closed with prayer by A. R. Waters.

J. R. Hodges, Chairman,

Ed W. Buchanan, Secretary.

No. of Delegates enrolled in the Convention

Aaron 1, Big Meadow 12, Belview 2, Chestnutdale 3, Crossnore all, Newland 6, Pleasant Hill 6, Pleasant Valley 6, Minneapolis 10.

Historical Table

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1912	Aaron	W. H. Ollis	W.M. Francum	D. A. Green
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pitman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadow	C. G. Bryant	"	E. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	"	G. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mtn	W. H. Ollis	"	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Green	"	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	"	"	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	"	"	D. A. Green
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pitman	"	W. R. Cullom.
1921	Beech Mtn	R. T. Lewis	"	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	"	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	"	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	"	"	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chestnutdale	"	Ed W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	"	"	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	"	"	J. M. Whitaker

TABLE I.-- STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	PASTORS	P. O.	CLERKS & P. O.	Meeting Days (Sundays)	Baptisms	Total Membership	Revivals Held During Year	Lord's Supper	Sunday-school Total enrolled	Total Value Ch. Property
Aaron	J. R. Hodges,	Newland, N. C.	T. W. Childers, Montezuma	2nd	129	129	1	1	102	\$6000
Beech Mtn	D. M. Wheeler,	Bamboo	Roy McGuire, Dark Ridge	4	235	235	1	2	214	1000
Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton,	Pineola	E. O. Pyatte, Pyatte	2	120	120	1	1	104	2075
Belview	J. M. Whitaker,	Johnson City	A. D. Ollis, Cranberry	1	63	63	1	1	75	500
Crossnore	W. J. Norton,	Crossnore	Chas. Vance, Crossnore	Ev'ry	18	130	1	1	255	3000
Cranberry	J. Henline,	Spruce Pine	O. A. Johnson, Cranberry	3rd	9	133	1	1	204	3000
Chestnut Dale	D. M. Wheeler,	Bamboo	S. J. Hughes, Hughes	4th	6	105	1	1	96	3000
Elk Valley	F. O. Watts,	Purlear	D. T. Bailiff, Memory	3rd	7	77	1	1	75	1000
Elk Park	J. R. Hodges,	Butler, Tenn	Mrs. B. M. Hamrick, Elk Park	"	3	41	1	1	46	3500
Flat Springs	D. A. Green,	Pineola	J. W. Green, Whaley	4th	8	95	1	1	51	800
Green Valley	N. S. Hampton,	Spear, N. C.	Fritz Hall, Lotta	"	3	105	1	1	51	1000
Henson Creek	L. P. Dellinger,		L. S. Vance, Spear	1st	14	131	1	1	135	1000
Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton		L. O. Shell, Jonas Ridge	1st	14	131	1	1	135	1000
Minneapolis	D. M. Wheeler		W. W. Pyatte, Minneapolis	3rd	6	99	1	1	120	1500
Mt Pleasant	N. S. Hampton		H. S. Burleson, Hughes	2nd	6	87	1	1	70	1000
Newland	J. R. Hodges		J. M. Gregg, Newland	1st	15	115	1	1	98	1100
Oak Grove	Bert Harold		Bertha Barker, Newland	3rd	12	76	1	1	90	500
Pleasant Hill	J. M. Whitaker,	Johnson City	Baxter Ollis, Frank	1st	17	235	1	1	197	3000
Pleasant Valley	N. S. Hampton		Mrs. S. M. Pressnell, Elk Park	3rd	10	73	1	1	110	500
Powder Mill	Chas. Buchanan,		T. J. Green, Senia	2nd	8	46	1	1	80	500
Roaring Creek	B. B. Styles		J. G. Hughes, Valley	"	24	93	1	1	116	1200
Yellow Mtn	J. Henline		J. W. Teams, Spear	4th	9	93	1	1	156	1200

Ed W. Buchanan Clerk Avery Baptist Association
N. S. Hampton Moderator

