

MINUTES  
OF THE  
13th ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
Avery County  
Baptist Association

HELD WITH  
ELK VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH  
August 21 & 22, 1924.

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Next annual session to be held at Chestnutdale Baptist Church,  
beginning on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August,

1925.

Rev. J. W. P. Hill to preach the introductory sermon.

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Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.

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**First Day's Session**

Opened by singing, Oh, Happy Day.

Prayer by F. M. Huggins. Remarks by Moderator.

Bro. L. W. Sudderth, who was to preach the annual sermon, could not be at the association, and appointed Rev. H. T. Stevens to fill his place. Text, Job 6 ch 6 v. He preached a great sermon.

Prayer led by N. S. Hampton, after which the association was called to order by the Moderator and special prayer was called for the advancement of the association, led by Rev. J. W. P. Hill.

Letters were called for from the churches. The following letters were received:—Aaron, Chestnutdale, Yellow Mt., Bell View, Elk Valley, Minneapolis, Beech Mt., Jonas Ridge, Green Valley, Flat Springs, Pleasant Hill, Roaring Creek, Newland, Cranberry, Powdermill, Big Meadows, Oak Grove. On motion, letters not read.

Election of officers entertained. Rev. D P Bridges nominated for Moderator, N. S. Hampton. On motion that D. Buchanan cast the entire vote for N. S. Hampton, which he did.

On motion that S. M. Pitman serve as Clerk, which he declined.

On motion by S. C. Braswell that D. Buchanan serve as clerk. Question was put to the house and same carried.

Program was adopted as reported by committee.

The following Committees for different objects were appointed by the Moderator:

Womans Work—Mrs Dock Ollis, D P Bridges, Mrs O C Haggy.

State, Home and Foreign Missions—J W P Hill, W M Gilmore,  
F M Huggins.

Education—M A Huggins, H T Stevens.

Temperance—S M Pitman, W C Wilson, N A Buchanan.

Pastoral Support—G W McGuire, T C Wilson, W W Pyatte.

Obituaries—L G Reed, R T Lewis.

Periodicals—D P Bridges, M A Huggins, D H Stevens.

Orphanage—G W Trivett, D A Green, L C Wilson.

Resolutions—J L Pyatte, Tom Key, B F McGuire.

Sunday Schools—S C Braswell, M H Huggins, Claude Stafford.



State of Churches—R T Lewis, D P Bridges, Dewey Johnson.

Time & Place—John Franklin, W A Buchanan, T C Hicks.

Finance—J G Buchanan, D T Bailif, Birt Isaacs.

Hospitals—R N Cardwell, W M Gilmore.

Nominations—N A Buchanan, R M Green, J G Buchanan.

On motion visiting brethren were invited to seats in the association.

The following were recognized: W. M. Gilmore of State Mission Board, M. A. Huggins, Sec. Educational Board, F.M. Huggins, W. C. Wilson, G. W. Trivett, Uriah Farthing, of Three Forks Assn., A. J. Deadman, Rev. C. J. Woodson of King's Mountain Association, welcomed to seats. Rev. J. M. Heaton of the Christian Ch. was a welcome visitor.

By request, special prayer was offered for Rev. L. W. Hall, Mrs. G. W. Trivett, Rev. C. J. Woodson and Sister Guinn, led by Uriah Farthing.

On motion adjourned till 2 o'clock. Prayer by J. W. P. Hill.

#### AFTERNOON, FIRST DAY

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Opened by singing, Jesus Loves Me. Prayer led by D. A. Green.

Singing. Associational business dispatched as follows:

Report on Periodicals was read by D. P. Bridges and received.

Discussed by him and W. M. Gilmore. Report was adopted.

#### PERIODICALS

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

"Then said he unto them, Therefore every Scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven, is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old." — D. P. Bridges, H. T. Stevens, M. H. Huggins.

Report on Education was read by H. T. Stevens. Discussed by M. A. Huggins, Uriah Farthing, H T Stephens, F M Huggins, W C Wilson, J W Hill, L C Wilson. Report adopted.

#### EDUCATION

The life of a nation depends upon its schools. The value of a school depends upon its ideals. The ideals of a school have their highest worth only as they are Christian. It is the duty of the churches to make these ideals dominant in education.

To this end, North Carolina Baptists have inaugurated a broad and systematic educational program. They are undertaking to maintain in this State one college for men at Wake Forest, and two for women—Meredith, at Raleigh, and Chowan, at Murfreesboro. From last reports, Wake Forest enrolled 845 students, including

81 ministerial students and 7 volunteers for the Foreign Field; the two women colleges enrolled together 503, including 23 student volunteers. The combined property value of the three, including plants, equipment and endowments, is \$3,865,494.87.

We also maintain two junior colleges, for both sexes—Mars Hill at Mars Hill, and Wingate, at Wingate. These two enrolled 685 pupils, including 64 ministerial students, and 20 student volunteers. Their property value was \$340,000.00.

Our three high schools are Buie's Creek, Boiling Springs, and Liberty-Piedmont, enrolling 1121 pupils, including 43 ministerial and 8 student volunteers. Their property value is \$431,000. We also have 100 high school students in the Thomasville Orphanage.

So the Baptist high schools and colleges in this State, owned and controlled by Associations and the State Convention, enrolled 3,254 students, including 193 ministerial students and 58 mission volunteers, and own property worth \$1,336,494.87.

In addition to these institutions' our Home Mission Board in Atlanta, maintains 7 high schools, which enrolled 1,196 pupils, and are worth \$340,850. Their student bodies include 35 ministerial students and 44 student volunteers. So the total number of students enrolled in our North Carolina Baptist schools was 4,450, with 228 ministerial students and 102 student volunteers. And their total property value was \$4,977,344.87.

South-wide institutions in which we have a part includes the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.; the Southwestern Theological Seminary at Ft. Worth, Tex. and the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La. These institutions altogether enroll 1613 pupils, and their property is valued at \$3,929,404.34. It is for the maintenance of these institutions that our Education Board is laboring.

While the \$5,000,000 which we have invested in school property in this State seems a large sum, it is small in comparison with the many millions invested in State schools; and the few thousands we raise annually for our schools is a trifling sum when compared to the State's annual appropriations to her high schools, colleges and university. In addition to maintaining these institutions themselves, we are helping to support our 330 young ministerial and missionary students, which are now being trained in them; on these we expect about \$14,000 a year.

The necessity for maintaining our schools, great as it has been in the past, must increase rather than diminish for the future for the following reasons:

1 Because our institutions must be kept in the front rank along



with those of the State in cultural training that they give, or we cannot hope to keep our Baptist boys and girls in our schools.

2 Heretofore, practically nine-tenths of our educated ministers and missionaries have come out of our Baptist institutions; and in the nature of the case, these still must be trained in our schools or nowhere. Moreover, the State is rapidly enlarging and strengthening her educational program, and compelling all her children to be educated. This, of course, means a much more intelligent membership in our churches, and that we must educate a still larger proportion of our ministers and leaders; for an educated membership will demand an educated leadership.

3 Because of the tendency of some students of science to attack the Bible from the standpoint of science, we must train our God-fearing men and women to meet these scientists on their own ground and while pursuing all knowledge in all realms, to relate all science to God Almighty. In our schools the Bible is revered and taught as the inspired word of God and the study of it is required of all.

4 The denominational school emphasizes not only the religious spirit but the denominational principles as well, and thus they help to enlighten and strengthen their students in respect to our distinctive doctrines, and also to enlist them loyally in our Baptist enterprises.

H. T. Stevens, M. H. Huggins.

We are positively opposed to evolution being taught in any of our Christian schools.

Uriah Farthing.

We heartily endorse all our schools and urge our parents to send their children to school.

Delegates were assigned homes.

Singing. Adjourned by prayer led by Geo. Trivett.

#### EVENING SESSION, FIRST DAY

Opened by singing What a Friend We Have in Jesus.

Prayer led by W. M. Gilmore.

Report on Hospitals was read by W. M. Gilmore. Discussed by him and adopted

#### OUR BAPTIST HOSPITAL

This is the youngest child of our Baptist State Convention. It is located on a beautiful site in the City of Winston-Salem. It was built by the Baptists of North Carolina and by the city of Winston-Salem.

Superintendent G. T. Lumpkin reports that since it opened its doors, about a year ago, it has received 1,407 patients, 200 of whom

were charity patients. It had a marvelous record of healing. It is felt that prayer has been a leading factor in contributing to this success. The purpose of this institution is to give to our Baptist people throughout the state the advantages of hospital service under distinctively religious influences at the lowest possible cost. It has already proven its right to live.

We recommend that all our churches make a special offering for the charity work of this institution next Mothers' day in May.

Walter M. Gilmore.

Report on Orphanage was read by L. C. Wilson. Discussed by J. W. P. Hill and W. M. Gilmore.

#### ORPHANAGE

The Orphanage is the one vital living department of our denominational work that keeps us in constant touch with the crying needs of our dependent children.

For 39 years this work has been growing until we are now caring for 550 children at Thomasville and the Kenedy Home and 312 out in the state with their own mothers.

The current fund necessary to maintain the Orphanage is around \$175,000 the year, not including buildings and improvements. The contributions of one Sunday in each month from the Sunday-school and a great Thanksgiving offering equal to ONE DAY'S INCOME has become the main source of supply. The marvelous way that the Lord has blessed this big home is a loud call for our continued loyalty. The denomination from mountain to sea has been wonderfully strengthened by the reflex influence of their generous giving to the Orphanage.

The helpless childhood of our state lays upon us the obligation to widen our work and to reach out the hands of help to those who are without a penny, a home or a friend. And there are hundreds of children in North Carolina utterly destitute, who are as worthy and as promising as those who are already enjoying the blessings and protection of the Orphanage. So the task ever widens and we are therefore asking the Sunday-schools and churches of this association to continue to make larger investments in the Orphanage.

L. C. Wilson, Geo. W. Trivett, D. A. Green.

Report on Temperance was read by D. Buchanan. Discussed by J. W. P. Hill. Report was adopted.

#### TEMPERANCE

"Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive our full reward." 2 John 8 verse.

Ground has been taken; many victories won along the lines of



temperance. Especially as pertaining to whisky. Some of our officers have been doing a fine work against the whisky business while others have not done so well. We have our laws and they are alright but the important thing now is the enforcement of these laws. Our fight is not over and will not be until He comes. We must hold the ground taken and go forward. God is with us in the fight.

Whisky is not the only intemperance we have to deal with. We have it coming to us in various garbs: The tobacco habit, the automobile craze, which is emptying our churches and sending boys and girls to ruin. It is not so much a house of ill fame as an automobile of ill fame. Boys and girls car riding any time, day or night, and just anywhere, is an awful evil.

Moving picture shows and theaters that are going up all over the country with worldly, carnal, sensual shows to poison the youth, are destroying the moral life.

The immodest, immoral way in which our women, especially the young women, go "undressed" is enough to keep minds impure, and "as a man thinketh in his heart so is he."

Each of these evils go together and should be faught together.

S. M. Pitman, W. Clay Wilson.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock Friday by singing.

Dismissed by D. A. Green.

### Second Day's Session

Opened by singing.

Devyotional exercises conducted by D. A. Green. Scripture lesson Psalm 51. Prayer led by L. C. Wilson.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Names of Delegates was called and the following attended asso. :

### Roll of Delegates

Aaron—W. S. Sudderth, Jona Braswell.

Beech Mt.—M S Cook, B F McGuire, L M Storie, T F Cook.

Big Meadows—Z D Pyatte, J L Pyatte, O D Pyatte, Mrs EO Pyatte

Bell View—Will Hester.

Cranberry—Mrs & Mr R N Cardwell, Gertrude Allison, Flossie Julion.

Chestnut Dale—Dewey Johnson, Mrs Mary Braswell, John Franklin, Reany Tolley.

Elk Park—Mrs & Mr O C Haggy.

Elk Valley—R L Puckett, W D Bailiff, A Guyn.

Flat Springs—R M Green, Earnest McGuire, C L Norris.

Green Valley—Mrs Dock Ollis, Aden Ollis, Miss Florretta Hall.

Jonas Ridge—L G Reid.

Minneapolis—R T Lewis, W W Pyatte, J W Taylor, V W Green, Delia Green.

Newland—W A Buchanan, S O Braswell, Tom Key, S Franklin.  
Oak Grove—M B Vance, W A Nelson, J A Ledford.

Pleasant Hill—N A Buchanan, Henry Hicks, Billy Buchanan, C T Hicks, Homer Pitman.

Powdermill—Hick Buchanan, Claude Stafford. Pass McKinney, Avery Hailman.

Pleasant Valley—W H Presnell, Luther McGuire, Plato Hicks, Mrs S M Pennell, W H Presnell, Mrs Jane Stanberry.

Yellow Mt.—Stokes Buchanan, W W Buchanan.

Report on Woman's Work was read by D. P. Bridges and received. Discussed by Mrs. Dock Ollis, the Moderator and D Buchanan

Report was adopted.

### WOMAN'S WORK

We have in our association five Societies that are active, one Woman's Society and four Sunbeams. We have organized several others but they seem to have gone to sleep and are not at all active.

These societies have contributed during the last year, the sum of \$43.05 to our work.

We urge the pastors and the sisters in our churches to take up this work and see that the women and the children are organized and put to work.

Mrs. D. P. Bridges, Mrs. Dock Ollis, Mrs. O. C. Hagie.

By request of J. W. P. Hill, 18 children under 13 years of age, came forward and sang: I Belong to a Sunbeam Band.

Report on State, Home and Foreign Missions was read by J. W. P. Hill Discussed by him and W. M. Gilmore, and adopted.

### STATE MISSIONS

Organization: The Baptist State Convention was conceived in the consecrated brain of Martin Ross. The convention was organized at Greenville, N. C. on March 26, 1830. The following brethren were present at this first session of the Convention: P. W. Dowd, R. M. Guffie, Wm. P. Biddle, Samuel Wait. John Armstrong, Thomas Meredith, C. W. Skinner, James McDaniel, H. Austin, P. P. Lawrence, R. S. Long, T. D. Mason, George Stokes and R. S. Blount.

A "Board of Directors" was appointed at the first meeting. This corresponds to our State Mission Board of today. A dozen brethren were selected as agents, whose business seems to have been to present the claims of the convention in their respective localities. John Armstrong was the first Corresponding Secretary.

Growth: When the Convention was organized there were 15,000 Baptists in the State, white and colored. Now there are 340,000



white Baptists, and 230,000 negro Baptists, making a total of 570,000 out of a population of 3,500,000. We have baptized 100,000 into our churches since 1919. There are 64 associations, 2,263 churches, 2,175 Sunday-schools, 1,365 B.Y.P.U.'s and 2,075 W. M. S. and Auxiliary Societies. There are 1,300 churches without a B.Y.P. U. and about the same number without a W.M.S. organization. There are 1,998 Country Churches in the State and between 1,400 and 1,500 with just a little one-room church house. We are rapidly building new church and Sunday-school equipment and we can see from the above that we have a long way to go.

Financial Achievements: We have had great progress in our contributions during the past few years. During the four and one-half years of the 75 Million Campaign we have paid to Missions and Benevolence and Education as follows:

First Year,	\$1,026,629.54
Second Year,	1,281,742.58
Third Year,	950,443.27
Fourth Year,	795,441.06
From December 1st 1923, to May 1st 1924,	403,315.98
Undivided Balance,	32,039.48
Sent Direct to Louisville Training School,	21,302.06
Grand Total,	<hr/> \$4,511,013.81

State Missions gets about 13 cents out of the dollar. This is far too little for our great State Mission program. In the 1925 program we are to get 20 cents out of every dollar given. With this increase we ought to enlarge our State Mission program.

Number of Workers: We have 500 churches and mission stations being served by 180 missionaries. We have 3 evangelists, 3 enlistment men, 3 student workers, 4 Sunday-school workers, 3 B.Y.P.U. and 3 W.M.U. workers. We have Associate Secretary A. C. Hamby, located at Mars Hill, and Stewardship Secretary W. M. Gilmore at Raleigh.

New Testament Stewardship: A proper understanding and practice of this fundamental doctrine by N. C. Baptists would solve every one of our problems. Hence we are placing great emphasis on the study of Bible teaching on this subject. Many of our pastors have taught classes in Cook's book, "Stewardship and Missions," and have preached special sermons on the subject with good results. One of our great objectives is to get every Baptist in N. Carolina to realize that he is a steward of his possessions and not the owner, that one day he must stand before the real Owner and give an account of

how he has used everything that has been entrusted to him. To induce all of our Baptist churches to become orthodox in practicing the simple New Testament plan of financing the Kingdom of God. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him", this is one of our serious problems.

Our Immediate Needs: We have at this writing, Aug. 1, a debt on the running account of the State Missions of \$70,000. We get 13 cents out of the dollar in the 75 Million Campaign. We face a terrible debt this fall unless our people pay their pledges.

Then our building fund is simply overwhelmed with applications. There are more than thirty-five applications on file in the office that we have not been able to touch. We need so much a larger amount for our building fund. We could use a quarter of a million dollars next year and then not have enough.

We need to enlarge every Department of the work and we must enlarge and go forward or we shall lose our opportunity. A crisis is upon us this fall and we must meet it like men and women who love and fear the Lord.

J. W. P. Hill, }  
W. M. Gilmore, }  
F. M. Huggins. }

HOME MISSIONS

The Board refers with gratitude to the wonderful progress made during the last years in Home Mission endeavor, especially during the five-year period of the 75 Million Campaign, which has been unique and outstanding in Baptist annals. A study of the Board's annual reports for these five years reveals a record of achievements. Notwithstanding the embarrassment of a heavy debt that has rested on the Board for four years past, God has bestowed unwonted favor upon the labors of missionaries and evangelists of the Board. Meetings of great power have been held in various fields and thousands have been brought to Christ. Fields notably hard, where for years we have been laboring and laying foundations, are coming to self-support and in turn are having a part in denominational work. Enlargement is called for from every direction. The calls are many and heart-searching from weak churches needing help and destitute fields needing missionaries in the countryside and in our growing towns and cities.

Changing conditions in the industrial world, the migration of the Negroes by hundreds of thousands to the North, the test of our civilization by the creeping of insidious error in our schools and colleges, all these call for the leavening power of the gospel. Who that reads our daily papers can deny that there is throughout our land a deplorable attitude on the part of multitudes of people with respect



to law and government. The gospel is the pure corrective for these things and our Home Mission Board furnishes for Southern Baptists a great Southern agency for giving the gospel in purity and power.

The Home Mission Board, notwithstanding its burdensome debt and consequent retrenchment in its forces, presents a wonderful outlook for the future. So marvelous have been God's favors upon our people in the last few years, and especially through the 5-year Campaign, that we are able by virtue of our forces and resources to seize the present situation and make Southern Baptists the greatest single religious force in the South and thruout our nation. The South is the nursery, the training ground, the granary, the source of supply, indeed, for our conquest of all lands. If we fail here we fail everywhere!! If we succeed here we succeed everywhere! May God help our people in this great day of opportunity with high resolve to meet the issues worthily and hasten the coming of His Kingdom on earth.

Following is a summary of some features of the Board's work for the last 5 years: Sermons and addresses 802,382; prayer meetings 101,075; religious visits 1,238,210; baptisms 203,532; total additions to churches 324,086; workers' conferences held 4,667; volunteers for Christian service 15,049; church houses built or improved 2,225; Sunday-schools organized 3,183; copies Scripture given 55,533; pages tracts distributed 35,812,479.

The 75 Million Campaign closes with December 1924 and it has been stated that if we raise the full 75 million dollars and Home Missions receives its due proportion we can pay off all of the Board's debt and be ready for an aggressive work for the future.

A free supply of tracts and leaflets can be had from the Home Mission Board, 1004 Healy Building, Atlanta, Georgia. Their splendor Home Mission books are sold at actual cost.

J. W. P. Hill, W. M. Gilmore, F. M. Huggins.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

For 79 years the work of Foreign Missions has been implicit in the minds of the people of God's Kingdom who are striving to do His work. Year after year the words "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" is gaining entrance into every heart. The bequests received for the last few years amounts to \$30,534.32. Let the names of these friends of Foreign Missions be embalmed in the hearts and memories of Southern Baptists.

Field Reports: The African Mission This field has been built up just a few missionaries now some parts of Africa [like copy] are calling for helpers to work with them. Two women are giving their time in organizing W.M.U's. Bible Classes. They are also doing

some evangelistic work. For the past 2 years Schools, COLLEGE, and Seminary have been erected.

The North Brazil Mission. Much good has come from this new work. Fifty preaching places, 22 churches organized.

In South Brazil we have a strong college and seminary. We also have a large publishing house, which is doing much good in putting out all kinds of literature.

Other stations that have been established for some time, all out which we already know, are doing great work in Kingdom work.

Hospitals: Eight in China, one in Africa.

Publishing Houses: Two in China, 1 in Japan, 1 in Mexico, 2 in Brazil, 1 in Argentina, 1 in Chile, 1 in Italy, 1 in Hungary, in Roumania 1, and in Spain 1. Schools and Academies, 72.

The Lord has given us the world to win for Him. If we would all work, pray and pay our pledges, the Foreign Mission Board could lift the debt and go on with the building and the work in general. We now have over 200 missionaries in the work, paid by the Foreign Mission Board.

J. W. P. Hill, }  
W. M. Gilmore, }  
F. M. Huggins. }

Report on State of Churches was read by R. T. Lewis.  
Report received and adopted.

#### STATE OF CHURCHES

We your Committee submit the following report:

No new churches reported. Last year nineteen churches reported 1988 members, this year 19 churches report 2,018 members. Last year 19 churches reported Pastors' Salaries \$2780.03; this year 19 churches paid pastors \$3001.28, an average of \$146.54. Last yr. 19 churches reported 217 baptisms; this year 19 churches report 145. Last year 19 churches reported total financial expenses exclusive of Pastors' Salaries, \$1,307.60; this year 19 churches report \$2,361.03. Last year 18 churches reported Sunday-schools; this year 19 churches report Sunday-schools. 5 churches reported W. M. Societies.

We request the Church Clerks to make fuller reports as to statistics. There was no report from any of the churches on B. Y. P. U. work and we can make no report on this account. Respectfully submitted.

R. T. Lewis, D. P. Bridges, Dewey Johnson, Com.

Avery County Association accepts the proposition to raise \$1,000 as their part of the one million dollars to be raised by the State for all mission purposes for 1925.

An oral report by the Delegates of the different churches was



made as to their progress.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock by N. S. Hampton.

AFTERNOON SESSION, — SECOND DAY

Opened by singing. Prayer led by W. C. Wilson.

Report on Time and Place was read by John Franklin. Adopted.

TIME & PLACE

We the Committee on Time and Place recommend that the next session of the Avery Baptist Association be held with Chestnutdale Baptist Church, beginning on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August 1925. That Rev. J. W. P. Hill preach the Introductory Sermon.

John Franklin Ch'n. C. T. Hicks.

Report on Pastoral Support was read by G. W. McGuire. Report was received, and discussed by him, L. C. Wilson and N. S. Hampton and adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

We believe in a converted, God-called and educated ministry. We believe in advance preparation for the great work that God enjoins upon his servants. Paul's admonition to Timothy was to study, to become a workman approved of God.

Naturely the church looks to the pastor as a safe counselor on all vital questions that demand the attention of the church. It is the duty of every church to seek a pastor of these qualities, and then see that his purse and table are supplied at all times, and further we need to pray more for the success and welfare of the pastor, and that central figure that holds home together the wife, did you ever stop and think what sacrifice, what self denial, what lonely hours she must endure? Lets turn another page and ask God to help us to do more for the pastor, his wife and children, than ever before.

We should consider the pastor's dues, a debt of the first order and every church member should be required to contribute as the Lord has prospered them to their pastor's needs.

G. W. McGuire, }  
W. W. Pyatte, } Com  
L. C. Wilson, }

Report on Sunday-schools was read by S. C. Braswell. Report was received and discussed by him very forcefully and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is the Bible studying and teaching of the church. It is a church service. It should be under the care and control of the church, and all the members of the church should be connected with it and take an active part in the service. The purpose of which is to present the Word of God by the hand of compe-

tant and consecrated teachers to every man, woman and child that they may be led to Christ, developing their Christian characters and training them for church service.

Therefore the Sunday-school teacher, next to the minister of the gospel, fills the most responsible place in church service and should study diligently in order to be able to rightly divide the word of truth. Taking as his great teacher the Holy Spirit whom Christ said: "He shall guide you into all truth," and The Holy Ghost Himself shall teach you.

While our helps are good and worthy of our close study, the Bible should be used in our Sunday-schools also, as it has a tendency to cultivate the habit of Bible reading and enables us to study for our selves and not rely entirely on the writer of the helps and will help the world to get back to the Bible and look into it with their own eyes and feed directly from its pages as the true Word of God.

These are momentous times in which we are living and the success with which our young people are instructed and trained religiously will have much to do with the welfare of the world for generations to come if time lasts, and if Christ comes soon more will be ready for his coming, if our Sunday-schools do their entire duty.

As we have no denominational schools in our county and have to rely almost entirely on our state schools for the education of our children it is here that we face the most difficult aspect of the problem of properly training our children. The public school teacher has them five days in the week, the Sunday-school teacher one. Therefore Christian citizens should exert their powerful influence in securing men and women to have charge of our county system of education and state schools of positive Christian faith and character who have a right conception of the relation of education to the religious life and men and women of positive religious influence.

S. C. Braswell, Chairman of County.

Resolution on Hospitality was read by D. Buchanan for the Com. and adopted.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That this association hereby thanks the brethren and sisters of the Elk Valley Church and for the splendid and highly appreciated way in which they have entertained this association, and we hope and pray that it may be a great blessing to this church.

J. L. Pyatte, B. F. McGuire.

Obituaries was read by J. W. P. Hill for the Com. and same was adopted.

OBITUARIES

We your Committee on Obituaries beg to submit the following:



Ever since our fore father and mother, Adam and Eve, transgressed God's laws in the garden, death has been abroad in the land because sin and disobedience brought about death. God created man in His own image, but man has to some extent lost the image of God

After the fall of man sin abounded in the world. God looked down and saw the state which the world was in. It grieved God that He had made man, so heaven was searched and the earth was searched for one who was able to redeem the world but none was found able except the blessed Son of God. He was born of the virgin Mary, took upon himself a body like unto ours, only sin excepted. Christ grew up as we, only He was a child which was obedient to his heavenly Father, also his earthly parents. When his time was accomplished which God had ordained, He tasted death for all.

In our association in the last year we have lost 13 members by death. Oh that when we are called to die may we say as one of old "for me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

L. G. Reid, R. T. Lewis, Committee.

Report of Clerk & Treasurer was read by the clerk and adopted.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Brethren: I submit the following report for the year ending Aug. 1, 1924:

Received from churches on Minute Funds &c.	\$37.20
Received from Sunday School Convention,	5 00
Total received,	\$42.20

Disbursed:

Printing 500 Minutes,	\$33.85
Clerk's Fees allowed,	8.00
Postage,	1.20
Balance Due from last year,	5.48
Total Ex.	\$48.45

Still Due Clerk, \$6.25.  
D. Buchanan.

Respt.

Report on Nominations was read by D. P. Bridges and adopted.

#### NOMINATIONS

We recommend that the present Ex. Committee be continued.

Correspondents: To Roan Mtn., J. G. Buchanan, S. C. Braswell.

Stony Fork, N. S. Hampton, D. R. Kilgore.

Yancy, Webb Braswell, L. W. Hall.

Three Forks, J. W. P. Hill, R. M. Green.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, D. P. Bridges, also to be a member of State Mission Board.

State Convention, N. S. Hampton, D. R. Kilgore, D. Buchanan.

J. G. Buchanan, N. A. Buchanan, R. M. Greene.

On motion insert names of Executive Com. in report.

On motion that this association take a collection for Bro. William Hampton who is in need. Collection amounted to \$8.71 and sent to him by Bro. Luther McGuire.

Report on Finance was read by J. G. Buchanan and adopted as read.

#### FINANCE

We your Committee on Finance report as follows:

Received from the different churches for Minute Fund	\$33.60
On 75 Million Campaign	8.40
Total,	\$42.00

We find that the association is due Clerk from last years report \$6.25. We recommend that he ask the churches to make up the amount due him, and to pay all expense for this year, and that he be allowed \$8.00 for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. Buchanan, D. T. Bailiff.

On motion that the churches request their delegates to attend all the sittings of the association and to stay till all the business is transacted.

#### RESOLUTION

We your Committee on Resolutions recommend and ask that the proceedings of the S. S. Convention be printed along with the associational minutes and that the funds they have be used to pay for same.—  
J. L. Pyatte, B. F. McGuire.

By order of the Association, Resolved That as so many of the delegates fail to attend and many that attend leave before the close of the session and cripples the work of the association, it is advised that each church send a full delegation under instructions to stay until the close of the association, and for each delegate to report back to the church whether they attended and stayed through the session. If any delegate appointed fail to attend and stay during the session, for the church at the next session to try to get some one that will attend the full session.—By Moderator.

On motion by D. P. Bridges that this association do adjourn by singing and extending the parting hand to each other, after which W. C. Wilson dismissed the association.

N. S. HAMPTON, MOD.

D. BUCHANAN, CLERK.











## Miscellaneous S. S. Table

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CHURCH	Is School Graded?	Is School Standard?	No. Normal Diplomas	Baptism From School	Home Contributions	Orphanage, Missions etc	Total Contributions
Aaron.....	Yes	Yes	4	6	80.00		80.00
Beech Mtn.....							8.08
Big Meadows..							34.00
Bell View.....							
Cranberry.....							
Crossnore.....			10				
Chestnutdale ..							
Elk Park.....					28.73		28.73
Elk Valley.....							
Flat Springs....	Yes		2				15.84
Green Valley..			1	8	12.46	3.12	15.58
Jonas Ridge....					27	5.00	5.00
Minneapolis....				10	25.15	16.30	40.45
Newland.....			6		30.00	30.00	60.00
Oak Grove.....							
Pleasant Hill..				13	40.00	25.25	65.25
Powdermill....							
Pleasant Valley					9.50	.93	10.43
Roaring Creek							
Yellow Mtn....					28.00	2.60	30.60

## Church Treasurers and Post Offices

Aaron Mrs. J. W. Hays, Montezuma. — Bell View Rety Gouge. — Crossnore W W Benfield, Crossnore. — Chestnutdale S Hoffman, Hughs. — Elk Park Mrs B M Hamrick. — Flat Springs R M Green, Whaley. — Green Valley R L Hall, Spruce Pine. — Jonas Ridge C. C Shell. — Minneapolis W W Pyatte. — Newland D P Bridges. — Oak Grove J J Parker, Newland. — Pleasant Hill Ed W Buchanan. — Powdermill Hiram Osborn, Senia. — Pleasant Valley W L Cook, Elk Park. — Roaring Creek N V Hughs, Valley. — Yellow Mountain T J Green, Spear

Following are the names of the delegates from Crossnore Church. The report from that church was not sent in before the roll of delegates was put in type. — Printer.

P. L. Johnson, W W Benfield, Miss Clark, Miss L. Franklin S Vance

# MINUTES

## AVERY COUNTY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

### 1924.

The Avery County Sunday School Convention met with Big Meadows Baptist church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July 1924, it being the 25th day, at 10:00 a. m. and the following proceedings were had:

Devotional services were conducted by W. W. Braswell, after which the election of officers was gone into and resulted as follows:

Chairman, Rev. N. S. Hampton.

Secretary, W. W. Braswell.

The roll of Sunday-schools was called and homes assigned the delegates.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. P. Hill of Newland, text, 2nd Corinthians 5: 17, "If Christ be in you, ye are a new creature." A very interesting and impressive sermon with vivid and lasting illustrations.

Letters were called for and received.

Convention adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

P. L. Johnson conducted the devotion.

The Chairman appointed a reading Clerk, J. L. Pyatte, and called for the reading of the letters, which were read from the following Sunday-schools: Aaron, Big Meadows, Crossnore, Ghestnut Dale, Green Valley, Mount Pleasant, Minneapolis, Oak Grove, Pleasant Hill and Yellow Mountain.

The following committees were appointed:

Program: J W P Hill, Chm., Newland, J L Pyatte, Pyatte, Ed W Buchanan, Minneapolis.

Finance: W W Benfield, Vester Stafford, L W Hall.

Resolutions: J W P Hill, L W Hall, J L Pyatte.

Time and Place: Ed W Buchanan, Vester Stafford, W W Pyatte, D M Phillips, P L Johnson.

The Pastor's Conference called and convened, led by Rev. Mr. Hill. Ideas were exchanged and a very profitable hour was devoted to the pastors.

A program for Field Organization of the Sunday-school was out-



lined and adopted. The territory was divided as follows:

- 1 Beech Mountain and Flat Springs.
- 2 Pleasant Hill:—Minneapolis, Bell View, Powder Mill, Roaring Creek, Cranberry, Yellow Mountain, Chestnutdale, Henson Creek.
- 3 Elk Park and Pleasant Valley.
- 4 Crossnore:—Jonas Ridge, Big Meadows, Mt. Pleasant.
- 5 Aaron:—Newland, Oak Grove.

Very interesting talks on the field organization were made by Bros Hill, Hampton, Hall, Thorn, and Ed Buchanan.

Solo was rendered by Rev. Mr. Thorn, "The Home Far Away." The Convention adjourned till Saturday July 26th 9:00 A. M.

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1924

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment and the following proceedings were had, Viz:—

Several fine songs were rendered by different classes, which were very much appreciated by the audience.

Devotional services were conducted by Miss Bertha Parker, by reading a passage from II. Timothy, 2 chapter 1st to 15th verse and making some excellent remarks on same.

Prayer by Rev. N. S. Hampton.

Minutes of Friday's session read and approved.

Roll of delegates called and resulted as follows:

- Aaron—W. W. Braswell, Ray Braswell.  
 Big Meadows—J L Pyatte, D M Phillips, S M Carpenter.  
 Crossnore—W W Benfield, P L Johnson, Colman Johnson, Mrs. Lizzie Franklin.  
 Chestnutdale—Elisha Holtsclaw, D S Huffman, Coza Johnson, Dona Carpenter.  
 Green Valley—Rheuben Ollis, Ruth Weatherman, Lotta Weatherman, Ada Ollis, Mae Weatherman, Mrs Dock Ollis, Mebel Weatherman.  
 Mount Pleasant—Arthur Vance, Dock Carpenter, Mrs Rhoda Carpenter.  
 Minneapolis—W W Pyatte.  
 Oak Grove—Bertha Parker, Laura Greene, Hollie Biggs, Mamie Parker.  
 Pleasant Hill—Myrtle Miller, Frank Hicks, Nola Hicks, Anna Ollis.  
 Yellow Mountain—Vester Stafford, Cordie Stafford.

Report of Committee on Time and Place:

We the Committee on Time and Place beg to submit the following:

The Minneapolis Baptist Church having requested the Convention to meet with it for two consecutive years, we feel that it should have the next Convention to meet beginning on Friday before the the fourth Sunday in July 1925. Respt. submitted.

P. L. Johnson and Com.

The report was adopted as offered.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Whereas, We see great need of specially trained workers in the Kingdom work of our Lord and Master, Be it resolved:

- 1st That the pastors and churches co-operate in forming fields and establishing a school to train workers somewhere in the association.
- 2nd That we, the body, of the Avery Sunday School Convention tender a rising vote of thanks to the people of Big Meadows Church and community for the kindness shown the convention.
- 3rd Resolved that we express our appreciation to the classes for their splendid singing.

J. W. P. Hill, L. W. Hall, J. L. Pyatte, Com.

Report of Finance Committee:

We your Committee on Finance wish to submit the following rept:

Minute funds:

Pleasant Hill	\$1.00	Big Meadows	1.00
Minneapolis	1.00	Crossnore	1.00
Yellow Mountain	1.00	Newland	1.00
Green Valley	1.00	Aaron	1.00
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		Total,	\$8.00

We your Committee recomend that we try to raise funds during this convention to have special blanks printed to make the reports to the next convention on.

W. W. Benfield } Com  
 L. W. Hall }  
 Vester Stafford }

Spoken on by W. W. Braswell and Bro. J. W. P. Hill and a public offering accepted by the Committee of \$4.00. Grand total \$12.00

Singing.

Sermon by Rev. L. W. Hall. Text, Luke 16: 10. Subject: "The unjust Steward".

Convention adjourned till 1: 30 p. m.

Dinner was served on the church grounds.



AFTERNOON SESSION

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Mrs. Dock Ollis led in a very fluent prayer.

The topic of, "How to Get and Keep the Masses in Sunday-school," was taken up and discussed in an informal way by several.

N. S. Hampton, Chm.

W. W. Braswell, Secy.

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