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Nineteenth Annual Session

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Anson County Baptist Association



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CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, ANSON CO., N. C.

Oct. 25th, 1928

☞ The next session will be held with the N. Wadesboro Church on Thursday, Oct. the 24th, 1929. To preach the introductory sermon Rev. J. C. Meigs; alternate Rev. E. J. Hutchinson.

DIRECTORY

OFFICERS

Moderator—J. C. Meigs Polkton, N. C.
Vice-Moderator—E. J. Hutchinson Wadesboro, N. C.
Clerk—J. M. Broadaway Route A, Polkton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

MESSENGER TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

T. E. Staley

MESSENGER TO BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

M. D. Hill

PROCEEDINGS

Cedar Grove, Oct. 25th, 1928

The Anson Association met in its nineteenth annual session with the Cedar Grove Baptist Church at 10 A. M. Oct. 25th, 1928. After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus name." M. D. Hill conducted the devotional service.

At 10:15 A. M. the Association was called to order and proceeded to organize by electing J. C. Meigs, Moderator, E. J. Hutchinson, Vice-Moderator, and J. M. Broadaway, Clerk. List of churches and delegates:

BrownCreek . W. D. Teal, H. C. Martin, J. G. Winfield.
Cedar Grove . J. R. Sikes, M. A. Tucker, W. S. Thomas.
Fall Branch . R. J. Morton, Mrs. R. T. Morton, Mrs. James Price.

Gum Springs . J. D. Usery, E. B. Liles, M. J. Hutchinson.
Mt. Beulah . W. J. Diggs, G. W. Price, Dorothy Tice.
Mt. Zion . Willie Williams, Coleman Bailey.

New Home . A. H. Nash, J. W. Coley, Mrs. H. W. Thomas.
North Wadesboro . H. C. Hasty, B. F. Treadaway, Mrs. H. C. Hasty.

Polkton . Fisher Lockhart, Jordan Harrington, S. L. Napier.
Rocky Mt. . S. J. Turner, Jno. Turner, R. E. Howard.

Rocky River . J. A. Turner, J. C. McSwain, M. W. Goodman.
J. M. Page representing the Biblical Recorder, Coy Muckle of Wingate and W. B. Holmes of Monroe were recognized by the Moderator. J. M. Page spoke on the Biblical Recorder, T. E. Staley and I. F. Thomas made short talks on the Orphanage.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator: On order of business, J. H. Thomas, M. D. Hill, J. W. Sullivan. Time and Place, J. M. Broadaway, T. E. Staley, R. T. Morton.

To nominate delegates to Southern B. and B. State Convention, E. J. Hutchinson, M. T. Parker, Jonah W. Thomas.

The hour having arrived for the annual sermon, Rev. J. M. Page read the 32nd Psalm and preached a very fine sermon. On motion the Association adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled at 1 P. M. Rev. T. E. Staley conducted the devotional service, after which the Moderator called the body to order. Committee on order of business made their report, which was adopted.

Rev. E. M. Brooks read and discussed the report on the needs of the churches. Report adopted as follows:

REPORT ON THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCHES

It goes without statement or argument that all churches need one thing in common, namely: greater consecration of what we have and are. But there are other needs not so readily discerned or accepted.

1. We need readers of our church papers. The Biblical Recorder should be in every Baptist home. Charity and Children should come in clubs to every Sunday School. When we get to reading together we shall soon be acting together.

2. Closer co-operation. Perhaps the greatest single need is an alignment of each and every member of our churches. We will never attempt or accomplish what we can and should do without this. Baptists have many strong points in their church policy, but co-operation is not one of them, they often make bad use of their personal liberty.

3. Better methods of work should be agreed upon. Good business methods have been tried out and offered to us but we have refused to accept them. It is generally agreed by experienced leaders that the every member canvass and the use of the duplex envelope is the most convenient and successful plan of church financing. This should be presented by the pastor and deacons to the churches and they should consent to give it a fair trial.

4. Our churches should expect a higher standard of living among their members. Intemperance, profanity and other sins are entirely too common among church members. Christ said, "Ye are the light of the world." No saving light will ever shine through a whiskey bottle or a fog screen of profanity.

5. We need missionary pastors. Pastors, are, or should be, the leaders of the churches. It is contrary to the law of both grace and nature for the sheep to lead the Shepherd. Let us "Think on these things."

E. M. BROOKS, Committee

The importance of supporting all our mission work was stressed by J. M. Page.

Christian Education was discussed by J. C. Meigs and Coy Muckle. Report adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The people of America are making a definite pronouncement these days, as to their attitude toward education. The watch-word in the realm of education is progress. Individuals, districts, counties, states and even the nation, are all enthusiastic boosters of knowledge and righteous of ignorance. In the midst of it all there lies a grave danger. Knowledge without God, intelligence without virtue and training without proper conception of service, leads rapidly and ultimately to chaos and despair.

The eyes of the world turn to Christians for Christian education, if we fail, to whom shall the eyes of men, of angels and of God turn? No finer opportunity, no greater responsibility lies before and rests upon the Christian churches of America today, than in the field of education. In our judgment, there will be no object before this body of greater im-

portance and perhaps with less appeal than Christian Education.

N. C. Baptists have committed themselves to the task of fostering three standard colleges, three junior colleges and one high school in the State. These schools are maintained by volunteer and sacrificial love. Their greatest need is a consciousness on our part of their supreme value and our willingness to patronize them.

The centennial campaign, so nobly begun, must be kept before the minds of our people so that it may be carried through to a glorious victory. All subscribers are urged to meet promptly payments on their pledges as they fall due. If we do not pay, others cannot be paid.

Respectfully, J. C. MEIGS.

The report on Sunday Schools read by J. H. Thomas and discussed by J. H. Thomas and H. C. Hasty and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Since the conception and origin of the Sunday School by a good and devout Englishman, this wonderful idea, now grown into a great institution, has spread throughout the greater part of the Christian world. Therefore, in most instances, where you find a live and progressive church, one whose influence stands out as a great light-house to the world, you invariably find the Sunday School working in conjunction with it, and creating for the church the occasion for much of its activity.

No one perhaps can fully estimate the far-reaching influence for good that the Sunday School has had, and is having, upon the young and tender minds of many of our boys and girls, and this wonderful and vitalizing influence, which has become a part and parcel of their every moral fiber, is not altogether restricted to the youth. Many of the world's best and most outstanding men and women, those whose lives have meant most to the church and State, can truthfully trace their usefulness, as Christians and citizens, to three great moral agencies--the home, the church and the Sunday School.

Statistics show that a little better than 85 per cent of the new additions to the membership of our churches, from time to time, comes directly from the ranks of that great army whose lives have first been molded in the Sunday School. It will be seen, therefore, that the fullest expansion and development of the church is absolutely dependent upon the energies and vitality generated in, and emanating from the S. S.

Because of all that the Sunday School means to our children, the church and the State, an institution into whose work they have entered so freely and so proudly. It is the duty of every parent and every professing Christian to attend the Sunday School, and to loyally support it with their means, and ever praying that God will still lead us to higher, and greater things in this most noble work.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. THOMAS

E. J. Hutchinson spoke on Aged Ministers' Relief.

The question of Temperance was discussed. Report of committee on Time and Place. We recom-

mend that the next session be held with North Wadesboro Baptist church on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October 1929.

Report of committee nominating. Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention (see Directory). Messenger to Baptist State Convention (see Directory).

Writers for the next session to be held with the North Wadesboro church.

- Biblical Recorder, T. E. Staley.
- Orphanage, Jonah W. Thomas.
- Christian Education, D. B. Grant.
- Co-Operative Program, E. M. Brooks.
- Needs of the Churches, E. J. Hutchinson.
- Sunday Schools, H. C. Hasty.
- Aged Ministers Relief, M. D. Hill.
- Temperance, J. S. Tyson.

The usual vote of thanks was extended to the Cedar Grove church and community for the splendid hospitality shown us during the session of this Association.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the North Wadesboro Baptist church on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1929, at 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. Coy Muckle led the closing prayer.

J. M. BROADAWAY, Clerk.

J. C. MEIGS, Moderator.

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastors Salary	Ministerial Help	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	Sunday Schools	Minute Fund	Home Total	Co-Operative Program	Missions, Orphanage, &c.	Other Objects	Denomina-tional Total	Grand Total
Brown Creek	500 00	60 00	94 30	35 00	55 00	5 00	570 37	235 47	47		234 47	805 47
Cedar Grove	235 00	40 00		18 00	50 00	5 00	308 00	122 60	60		122 60	470 60
Fall Branch	100 00	12 00		15 25	2 00	3 00	129 25	3 59	84		3 59	130 84
Gum Springs	253 76	77 34		20 10	40 20	6 00	407 36	126 22	82		126 45	533 82
Mt. Beulah	208 34	68 57		5 10	67 72	5 00	392 30	82 44	74		82 44	474 74
Mt. Zion	100 00	32 00		5 00		2 00	139 00		05		2 05	140 05
New Home	185 06			35 50	12 00	3 00	222 50	40 08	62	4	40 08	262 62
N. Wadesboro	106 49	38 56	115 00	12 00	58 67	5 00	356 72	13 00	21		13 00	369 21
Polkton	200 00	62 50	869 71	60 00	72 00	5 00	1269 21	100 00			100 00	1369 21
Rocky Mt.	250 00	38 00		5 00	36 75	8 00	332 85	45 94			45 94	383 79
Rocky River	100 00	24 72			12 22	2 00	138 95	29 92			29 92	168 87

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR P. O.	CLERKS AND THEIR P. O.	Days of meet'g	Haptisms	Letters	Restoration	Letters	Exclusions	Deaths	Total Membership
Brown Creek	J. C. Meigs, Polkton	Burgess M. Tyson, Wadesboro	1 & 3	10	1	1	1	1	2	170
Cedar Grove	J. C. Meigs, Polkton	Sylvester Thomas, Polkton	2 & 4	7	1	4	4	1	141	47
Fall Branch	D. B. Grant, Cheraw, S. C.	Mattie Lee Price, Lilesville	3	3	1	6	3	6	47	121
Gum Springs	J. S. Tyson, Ruby, S. C.	E. B. Liles, Lilesville	1 & 3	11	2	3	3	6	258	99
Mt. Beulah	E. J. Hutchinson, Wadesboro	Laura Gray, Wadesboro	2 & 4	6	2	2	2	2	88	43
N. Wadesboro	J. W. Davis, Wingate	Willie Williams, Wadesboro	1 & 3	15	7	6	6	4	141	182
Polkton	M. D. Hill, Marshville	G. H. Parker, Polkton	1 & 3	6	1	3	9	9	141	64
Rocky Mt.	J. C. Meigs, Polkton	S. D. Chinnis, Wadesboro	1 & 3	6	1	3	6	1	182	64
Rocky River	T. E. Staley, Monroe	Jonah Thomas, Polkton	1 & 3	6	1	3	9	9	141	182
	E. M. Brooks, Albemarle	S. J. Turner, Polkton	1 & 3	6	1	3	9	9	141	182
		E. E. Thompson, Polkton	4	1						64

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CHURCHES	SUPT. AND P. O.	No. Officers and Teachers	Enrollment	Bat's fr'm S. S.	Gifts to S.S.Ex.	Orphanage, Missions, &c.
Brown Creek	H. C. Martin, Wadesboro	8	79	955.15	72.75	
Cedar Grove	S. L. Thomas, Polkton	7	65	650.00	2.00	
Fall Branch	A. A. Adcock, Lilesville	5	40	312.00		
Gum Springs	R. B. Gathings, Pee Dee	9	106	11	96.06	
Mt. Beulah	J. K. Tyson, Wadesboro	8	110	434.57	33.15	
Mt. Zion	No. Sunday School					
New Home	J. S. Williams, Peachland	6	46	712.20	25.00	
N. Wadesboro	H. C. Hasty, Wadesboro	7	100	958.87		
Polkton	Jordan Harrington, Polkton	12	128	15	1.20	50.00
Rocky Mt.	S. J. Turner, Polkton	7	98	236.75		
Rocky River	D. L. Thompson, Polkton	6	35	114.00		

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

