

MINUTES
OF THE
Avery County
Baptist Association

HELD WITH
NEWLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
AUGUST 19 & 20, 1923.

12th ANNUAL SESSION

SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Next session to be held at Elk Valley Baptist Church to begin
on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August 1924.

Rev. L. W. Sudderth to preach the introductory sermon.

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

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August 23, 1923.

N. S. HAMPTON Moderator, - Pineola, N. C.
D. BUCHANAN Clerk, - - Spear, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

Opened by singing. Prayer by Dr. C. E. Maddy. Singing.
Introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. D. R. Kilgore. Text,
John 16: 33: 'Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.
Prayer was offered by L. W. Hall. Singing.
Association business was continued by R. T. Lewis Moderator.
Letters were called for and reading of them was dispensed with;
the Com. on Digest of Churches to report on them.
Election of officers was entertained. N. A. Buchanan nominated
N. S. Hampton, and Lloyd Sudderth nominated J. D. Braswell for
Moderator. The vote was taken. Rev. N. S. Hampton was declar-
ed elected Moderator.

On motion of D. P. Bridges that D. Buchanan be retained Clerk,
and that J. D. Braswell cast the entire vote of the association for
him, which was done.

A program was presented by the Com. and same was adopted.

The following corresponding and visiting brethren were recogniz-
ed: Rev. W. C. Wilson from Three Forks Asso. and Thomas Greer.

On motion by J. G. Buchanan and seconded by W. C. Wilson, a
rising vote of welcome was tendered Rev. Dr. E. M. Maddy and
wife to a seat in the association. Other brethren were welcomed in
friendship.

The following committees for the various objects were appointed:
Digest of Churches and Letters— L W Hall, R T Lewis and J D
Braswell.

Womans's Work—Mrs D P Bridges, Mrs S C Braswell.

Missions, State, Home and Foreign—D P Bridges, E M Maddy.

Education—W C Wilson, R T Lewis.

Temperance—J D Braswell, S M Pitman.

Pastoral Support—S M Green, N A Buchanan.
 Periodicals—L W Hall, E M Madry.
 Obituaries—P L Johnson, H F Ledford.
 Orphanage—D R Kilgore, L W Hall, S C Braswell.
 Sunday Schools—S M Pitman, W C Wilson, J D Clark.
 Time and Place—D T Bailiff, J G Buchanan, S M Buchanan.
 Finance—J W Taylor, C T Hicks.
 Resolutions—D A Green, Leroy Franklin, W A Nelson.
 Singing.

Committee on Periodicals reported and report was read by N. S. Hampton. On motion report was received. Spoken to by Dr. Madry and adopted.

PERIODICALS

The strength of an army lies, very largely in its leadership. To be a great leader one must know and know that he knows.

The larger work of the Kingdom, likewise, depends very much on the knowledge and wisdom of its leadership. The extent of the activities of the church will depend very much on the information of the individual members. For permanent growth individually or denominationally, we must depend upon real information and inspiration rather than upon emotion which soon passes away. Putting good literature in the home is the best way to keep out bad.

For North Carolina Baptists no paper excels the Biblical Recorder. It is the only paper that gives information about every activity of the Baptists of our state.

To know more about our foreign work we should read Home and Foreign Field. To keep in touch with our benevolent work we should read Charity and Children, our Orphanage paper.

To be a constant reader of these three papers broadens the vision and prompts us to greater service in the Kingdom of God.

N. S. Hampton, Com.

Delegates were assigned homes by D. P. Bridges pastor Newland Ch. Singing, and dismissed till 8 o'clock p. m. by D. A. Green.

NIGHT SESSION, FIRST DAY

Met according to adjournment Singing by Montezuma and Oak Grove choirs, led by S. C. Braswell.

Bible lesson read by L. W. Hall in 24th Chapt. Psalms and prayer by him.

Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Report on State, Home and Foreign Missions was read by D. P. Bridges, and on motion report was adopted, discussed by Dr. E. M. Madry, in a fine address, who was just back from Baptist World's

Alliance.

STATE MISSIONS

State Missions means the work of putting a Baptist church in reach of every family in N. C., with a Baptist preacher proclaiming the truth as it is in the Bible in that church. We have not done our duty as Baptists till we have accomplished this task.

We are trying to do this in a special way through our church building department for which we have only the pitiable sum of \$10,000 annually when we could use \$40,000. Our evangelistic department for which we have only four men and we need twenty. Our department of supplying pastors for weak churches, and our Sunday-school department.

For all of these phases of work we have the sum of \$126,000. We could very well use double the amount. Pitiful calls come to the board for aid which it is bound to decline for lack of funds.

The board has at work 175 missionaries and evangelists. It calls on every church and individual Baptist to stand loyally by the work in prayer, cooperation and contributions.

God has laid on us this great task and He expects every Baptist to stand in his place about the camp.

D. P. Bridges.

HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board made a great report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City last May. When the Convention met in that city 18 years ago, the board's receipts for the year were \$169,988.92. This year they were \$1,002,193.07.

Then the board reported 10,551 baptisms; this year 38,770. Then there were 20,570 additions to the churches, this year 59,597. In 1905 the board had no special department of Evangelism. Shortly after that the department was organized and through it there have been 152,846 converts baptized, 208,643 additions to the churches and 23,260 volunteers for the ministry or definite mission work.

All the other departments of the board's work have advanced in a similar way. Surely we have reason for abundant thanksgiving to God for His marvelous favor upon the work of our Home Mission Board.

It is our one great Southwide missionary agency and has been the greatest single factor in helping to make the South a mighty Baptist empire: especially has its power been felt in the newer section of the Southwest.

While Southern Baptists have made mighty progress there are greater needs and vaster opportunities at present than ever before in history. There are millions of lost souls whom we must reach and our

people must be enlisted in all our denominational life and activities. Our Home Mission Board is heavily in debt on account of the great enlargement of the work and the falling off in receipts due largely to the deflation in prices in general.

The last report of the board states, that if we raise \$75,000,000 by the close of the 75 Million Campaign and the Home Board receives its proportion, the Board's debt can be paid and the board's work increased fifty per cent. over its present operations.

Let us come to the help of this great work and all our other interests as well.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Our Foreign Mission work grows. We have now 891 churches in sixteen foreign lands; 211 or practically one-fourth of these churches are self-supporting; 442 or one-half have their own houses of worship. In addition to the churches there are 1,896 out-stations which give us a total of practically 4,000 stations where the Word of God is preached regularly. Last year was the crowning year in baptisms, 12,611 were baptized, which is 4,720 more than reported the year before. We have passed the 100,000 mark in membership. We have 103,328 members. These gave \$4.43 per capita last year. We have 796 schools which were attended last year by 32,789 scholars. This is about equal to the number of students in our Baptist schools in the Southland. Of course all of our schools in foreign lands are not of equal grade to those in the South, but we have our students in these foreign lands under our tutelage quite as long as we have the students in our Southern schools.

There were 1447 Sunday-schools, which had an enrollment of 67,407. We have now 501 foreign missionaries and 2,820 native missionaries. This is almost twice as many foreign missionaries and almost four times as many native missionaries as we had in 1919 at the beginning of the 75 Million Campaign.

The Board reported a debt of \$403,000 at the last Southern Baptist Convention. It has appropriated only a little above one-half of the amount that was proposed for it in the 75 Million Campaign.

After hearing of the Board's financial condition and of the more than fifty young people who were ready to be sent out to the foreign fields this year, the Convention passed a most remarkable endorsement of the Board by raising through voluntary subscriptions from delegates present enough money to send out these new missionaries. That was a very practical endorsement.

In the spirit of what took place at the Southern Baptist Convention the Board at its June meeting appointed forty-eight new mission-

aries who in the early fall of this year will go to their fields.

The practical suggestion for everybody to take to heart at this critical time when the Board is burdened with debt, overwhelmed by the growth of the work, and appalled by vast unmet needs, is that every one should do his utmost to pay his 75 Million Campaign pledge in full this year. If these pledges are paid fully, Board can pay its debts, support the missionaries and provide for many, many more distressing needs. The simple solution of our present situation is the payment of our 75 Million Campaign pledges.

Singing and collection for Home Missions of \$7.62.

Dismissed by Lloyd Sudderth.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION

Opened by singing. Scripture lesson read by D. A. Green from 15th chapter of John and commented from same.

Prayer led by W. C. Wilson.

Association was called to order for business by the Moderator and record of preceding day was read by the Clerk and adopted as read.

Rev. J. T. Lewis was welcomed to a seat in friendship from Free Baptist church.

Report on Orphanage was offered by D. R. Killgore and spoken to by L. W. Hall, W. C. Wilson, S. C. Braswell and D. P. Bridges.

[No Report on Orphanage appears in the Manuscript. —Printer.]

Report on Sunday-schools was read by W. C. Wilson, discussed by him and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Our Lord Jesus was known, not as a great preacher, but as the greatest teacher. He emphasized teaching. Paul said in 2 Tim. 2: 2 "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." The minister who can so train, direct, develop and instruct his members to be real teachers themselves will never fail as a pastor. If a band of Christians are taught the Word, that band of Christians will make a success in church affairs and in other matters as well. Joshua 1:8 says so very plainly. The evangelist finds the people that are taught in Sunday-school to be the ones to accept Christ as Saviour. The pastor finds the members of his church that attend Sunday-school to be the ones he can depend on in the great undertakings of the church. They are the ones whose lives are such as the Lord can use. They are clean. John 15: 3 "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." Eph. 5: 26 "That He might sanctify and cleanse it by the washing of water by the word." A great many do not study the word except Sunday

morning at Sunday school. It is very important. It is essential to a clean life.

But what shall we study? All agree the bible of course. The mistake is not so much what shall we study but whoshall be the teacher. Our Lord said of the Holy Spirit: "He shall guide you into all truth" and "ye need not that any man shall teach you, the Holy Ghost Himself shall teach you." There is a tendency to trust the writer of helps, or the instructor of the class. A person of this type seldom reads the bible alone, trusting the Holy Spirit to teach them and are babes and often very carnal. It dishonors the Holy Spirit. He is a reliable person with a personality: holy, omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent. He can be trusted, relied upon, to do the work of a perfect reliable individual. None other can really work but him. God in his word says: "without me ye can do nothing." God uses men, writers etc., but "It is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father that speaketh in you." Matt. 10: 20. So, without instructors and our writers we must look to the Spirit to guide us into all truth and keep us from error. Many go astray because of failure just here when error is taught or read. Let us get back to the bible, look into it with our own eyes, see its glories, learn to feed directly from the Master's hand and not indirectly with a spoon held in the hand of another fellow Christian who may be as weak and helpless as we. God is God and what He gives us precious, whether it comes directly or thru the channel of another, if we trust Him and receive of Him and not the channel thru which it comes. Not the pump but the water which the pump brings we are after.

Let us learn to use and insist on others that they use their Bibles more. Honoring the Holy Spirit by placing more confidence in Him that He may help our infirmities.

Push your Bible study Sunday-school and you will have a good job with good success. "My Word shall not return void."

Respt. submitted, W. Clay Wilson, Ch., S. M. Pitman.

Report on education was read by R. T. Lewis, and discussed by W. C. Wilson.

EDUCATION

In Hosea 4: 6 we read: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."

Nothing is so alarming as the above fact. People destroyed for lack of knowledge. As much as to say if we are to avoid destruction we must without fail get knowledge: knowledge of the right kind and

it cannot be the right kind if it does not have in it Christ, Christ all the way through. To be a Christian we must have Christ in us: to have Christian Education we must have Christ in it. Not all so called Christian Education is really such. To reject a part of Christ is to reject all: to reject a part of His Word is to reject all. "He that is guilty in one point is guilty in all." In Rev. 22:19, God says that a curse shall be upon the man that takes from the "Words," or addeth to the "Words" of this Book. The curse came in the beginning when Eve disbelieved God's Word—would not let it mean just what it said—and added to. True Christian Education is in perfect keeping with the Word of God and does not take from nor add to—just lets it mean what it says.

We have many schools, Baptist schools, that are loyal to the word of God and how we ought to thank God for them. Let us pray for them, patronize them and stand by them to the end. Our children should get the right instruction: should be taught that the Bible means just what it says all the way through. There is a wide tendency now to interpret the bible in the light of science when it should be science interpreted the light of the bible. The whole of Christianity is a miracle, that is a fact and not against science. True science and the bible do not contradict. Men are resorting to their reason and imaginative science for their interpretation of the scriptures. God says: "through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." The student that is taught to reason away the doctrine of the creation will use the same method of interpretation and explain away the doctrine of the new birth, the deity of our Lord Jesus, the resurrection from death and in fact the whole bible, and nothing else can be expected. As our Lord Jesus drove out of the temple with a cord those who were defiling it, just so we ought to see to it that no unbelieving, bible-destroying, faith-wrecking, pious-seeming, angelic-appearing man or woman (for so the devil came as an angel of light) shall be permitted to hold position as an instructor in either our religious or our state schools. We must answer to God at the Judgement day as to what we have done about it.

"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

We recommend to our people the Yancey Collegiate Institute, a Baptist institution.

J. W. Pyatte, W. Clay Wilson, R. T. Lewis.

On motion to adjourn till 1: 30. Dismissed by D. A. Green.

Association met promptly, continued business by singing, and prayer by D. R. Kilgore.

Discussion on Education continued by D. R. Kilgore, L. W. Hall, D. P. Bridges. Report on Education was finally adopted.

Report on woman's work was adopted as follows:

WOMAN'S WORK

The first message about the resurrection was carried by a woman to the disciples. They ran to tell the news. So we should go quickly and tell the good news of salvation to the lost.

The best example of selfdenying liberality in the Bible is recorded of woman. The best example of loving service in the Bible is recorded of woman and the best example of conquering prayer in the Bible is recorded of woman. The gift was the widow's mite. The service was the anointing of Jesus with a box of ointment. The prayer was a mother's prayer for a daughter possessed with a devil. But the gift, the service and the prayer were in self denial, love and faith.

Since the organization of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention May the 11, 1888, our Woman's societies have grown in numbers and efficiency until now we have 22,109 societies. Our association only has eight of this number. Let us hope and pray that the pastors of our association may encourage the women and young people to do more for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom in our midst.

Mrs. D. P. Bridges, Mrs. S. C. Braswell.

LIST OF SOCIETIES

Church	Leader	Society	No	P.O.
Crossnore	Blanch Johnson	Sunbeams	30	Crossnore, N. C.
Flat Springs	Mrs Edith Guy	W M S	46	Whaley "
Green Valley	Mrs Doc Ollis	Sunbeams	35	Linville Falls
Minneapolis	Mrs Lota Pitman	W M S	17	Minneapolis
Newland	Mrs D P Bridges	W M S	18	Newland
Pleasant Val.	Mrs S M Presnell	Sunbeams	40	Elk Park

Report on Temperance was read by S. M. Pitman.

Discussed by L. W. Hall, D. P. Bridges and adopted.

TEMPERANCE

We your Committee on Temperance beg to submit the following:

We believe that intemperance has caused more evils than possibly any other sins unless it is the old mother sin, called selfishness. We do not confine intemperance to the liquor habit alone, for that is by no means the extent of intemperance. A man or a woman can be

intemperate in their dress, eating, or language, and in many other ways which we have not space to mention. Taking all things in to consideration, then intemperance becomes one of the greatest evils with which the Baptist church has to contend to-day. We have laws governing the use of alcoholic liquors and these laws are being enforced by officers selected by our states and government. But on the other hand, it seems to your committee that these other intemperance habits are left entirely to the Christian churches. Now, what are we as a great body of Christians going to do in regard to this matter?

Let us as a church decide that we will stand for temperance in all its phases and will do our part in making the rising generation a temperate people.

J. D. Braswell, S. M. Pitman, Com.

Report on Pastoral support was read by I. C. Green.

Report was adopted and discussed by him and D. R. Kilgore.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

The man of God must equip and fortify as never before to be successful in the master's cause. He must catch the fancies of the day and convert them to the glory of God. We as churches hold the key note to the pastor's success or failure. We must pay our pastors enough that even the thought of food or clothing is driven from his mind, so that he can outline his work and sacrifice his manhood, his life, his all to the cause of Christ and building up the churches.

We find that the pastors of Avery county are not paid as much as they could earn from other callings. Many of our members are not paying any thing to the support of our pastors.

R. M. Greene, Ch., N. A. Buchanan, Com

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

STATE of CHURCHES & DIGEST

We your committee submit the following report:

No new churches reported. Last year 22 churches reported a membership of 2144. This year 19 churches report 1988 members.

Last year 22 churches paid pastors \$2736.74. This year 19 churches paid pastors \$2780.03

Last year 21 churches reported 183 baptisms. This year 19 churches report 217 baptisms.

The total contributions from 19 churches for objects exclusive of pastors' salaries and minutes was \$1,307,600.00. [These figures are like copy. —Printer.]

18 churches report Sunday schools, 5 churches report Woman's Missionary Societies and 4 churches report B.Y.P.U. organizations. Respy. submitted.

R. T. Lewis, L. W. Hall, Com.

Report on Nominations was read by the Clerk and adopted.

NOMINATIONS

We your Committee on Nominations recommend J. D. Braswell as trustee of Yancy Co. Collegiate Institute for a term of three years.

We also recommend that the present Mission Board and Executive Committee for the different objects hold over as they now stand except N. S. Hampton as Chairman.

We recommend as Correspondents to Stony Fork Asso. N. S. Hampton, J. D. Braswell.

Roan Mountain: D P Bridges, J G Buchanan.

Yancy: D R Kilgore, L W Hall.

Three Forks: L W Sudderth, R M Green.

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

Delegates to Baptist State Convention: N. S. Hampton, L. W. Hall and D. Buchanan.

Respt. submitted.

D. Buchanan, R. M. Greene, J. M. Gragg.

Report of Clerk was read by him and adopted as read.

REPORT of CLERK and TREASURER

Brethren:— I received last year as Minute Funds:

From Churches,	- - - -	\$41.19
From S. S. Convention,	- - - -	5.96
		<u>\$47.15</u>

Printing of 500 Minutes cost - \$33.85

Postage, - - - - 1.35

Clerk's Fees allowed - - - 8.00

Debt from last year . - - - 9.57

Total Obligations - - - \$52.57

Total Indebtedness - \$5.40.

Respt. sub.

D. Buchanan, Clerk.

Report on Finance was read by R. T. Lewis and adopted.

FINANCE

We have received from the various churches for Minutes, \$34.20. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. Taylor, C. T. Hicks, Com.

Committees For Session 1924.

The Moderator appointed the following for Chairmen of various Committees for next year, and they are requested to have their reports ready for their associates to criticise when association meets, and fail not.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Order of Business: D. P. Bridges, D. E. Kilgore & D. Buchanan.

Woman's Work: Mrs. D. P. Bridges.

All Mission Causes: J. D. Braswell.

Education: Prof. W. R. Buchanan.

Temperance: S M Pitman.

Pastoral Support: G. W. McGuire.

Obituaries: L W Hall.

Periodicals: D P Bridges.

Orphanage: L W Sudderth.

Resolutions: J L Pyatte.

Sunday Schools: S C Braswell.

State of Churches: R T Lewis, L W Hall, J D Braswell.

Time and Place: Prof W W Braswell.

Finance: J D Buchanan.

On motion that the Clerk have \$8.00 for his services, and that he have 500 Minutes printed was adopted.

On motion S. S. Convention Minutes be printed with Association Minutes was adopted.

Report on Time was read by D. T. Bailiff and was adopted.

TIME AND PLACE

We the Committee on Time and Place, recommend that the next session of Avery County Association be held with Elk Valley Baptist church, beginning on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August 1924, Rev. L. W. Sudderth to preach the Introductory sermon.

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

Report on Resolutions was read by the Clerk and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved First, That we as a body and this association, feel deeply indebted to the church of Newland for supporting and caring for the association in such hospitable way.

We hope and pray that this meeting may be a great blessing to this church and town in advancing the cause of Christ.

Respectfully, D. A. Green, Leroy Franklin, W. A. Nelson.

On motion by D. P. Bridges that this association adjourn to meet with Elk Valley church, 1924.

Singing by choir, and dismissed by prayer.

D. Buchanan,
Clerk.

N. S. Hampton,
Moderator.

Ordained Ministers of Avery Association

W. G. Buchanan	Lewis Buchanan	D. P. Bridges
N. S. Hampton	L. W. Hall	D. R. Kilgore
J. G. Neal	C. L. Norris	S. A. Hughs
R. L. Palmer	S. M. Pitman	Lloyd Sudderth

Names of Delegates Who Attended The Association.

Aaron—Mrs J W Hays, Harlen Ledford, Elmore Pritchard.
 Bellview—Will Hester, Henry Hailmon, Oma Taylor, M. A. Gouge.
 Big Meadows—J A Dyson, Z D Pyatt, D M Phillips, Mrs W P Johnson, Sora Pyatt.
 Crossnore—W W Benfield.
 Beech Mtn.—Roy McGuire.
 Cranberry—Mrs W M Gouge.
 Chestnutdale—Mrs & Mr John Franklin, D F Huffman, Mrs & Mr. R W Johnson and Bessa Tolley.
 Elk Valley—D T Bailiff, Mrs Annie Eller.
 Flat Springs—A I Green.
 Green Valley—Dock Ollis.
 Henson Creek—Wesley Houston.
 Minneapolis—R T Lewis, W W Pyatte, J W Taylor.
 Newland—J D Braswell, Thomas W Hopkins, J W Gragg & wife, Jane Barlow and Mrs B Buchanan.
 Oak Grove—M B Vance, A J Taylor, J J Parker, Guss Green, Mrs S M Pitman and J A Ledford.
 Pleasant Hill—C T Hicks, Ida Buchanan, N A Buchanan.
 Pleasant Valley—Henry Guyn, W W Hampton, Luther McGuire, Mrs S M Presnell.
 Roaring Creek—J G Hughs.
 Yellow Mt.—Stokes Buchanan.

The Clerk later sent in the following

REPORT on ORPHANAGE.

We your Committee, find that the Baptist Orphanage at Thom-
 asville is doing the greatest work of any orphanage in the state if
 not in the south, as it has the biggest number of children, and they
 are well cared for in every respect. But we fear that our churches
 and Sunday-schools do not contribute as much as they should, we
 therefore recommend that each Sunday-school take a collection at
 least once a month and send it to the orphanage. Have it understood
 that the first Sunday in each month be orphanage day. If this is done
 you will train the little ones in Sunday-school the habit of giving,
 especially to the children who are so unfortunate as to have no father
 and mother to care for them. We recommend that the pastors of
 each church take this matter up with the Sunday-school Supts. and
 help the good work along. This was one of our commands, to visit
 the widow and orphan. Respectfully submitted,

D. R. Kilgore, L. W. Hall, S. C. Braswell.

TABLE III.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPT.	P. O.	SEC'Y	P. O.	Teachers and Pupils	Total Enrollment	Months Open	School Expenses	Orphanage	Total Contributions
Aaron	S. L. Franklin	Montezuma	Thelma Hayes	Montezuma	10 98	108	12	80.00	.....	80.00
Bell View	Jess Cook	Minneapolis	Bettie Ollis	Cranberry	9 92	101	12	50.00	.....	50.00
Big Meadows	D M Phillips	Pyatte	J L Pyatte	Pyatte	8 111	119	12	42.00	.....	42.00
Crossnore	P L Johnson	Crossnore	Galen Johnson	Crossnore	11 93	104	12	150.00	.....	150.00
Beech Mtn.	J C Mann	Whaley	T F Cook Jr	Dark Ridge	6 89	95	12	9.63	.....	9.63
Cranberry	No Sunday school	Hughes	Talm. Braswell	Minneapolis	9 91	100	12	21.25	.....	21.25
Chestnutdale	W M Right	Memory	Annie Eller	Memory	6 74	80	12	8.00	.....	8.00
Elk Park	No S. S.	Whaley	Lina Green	Whaley	8 66	74	12	35.77	.....	35.77
Elk Valley	A S Norman	Spruce Pine	Lanta McGuire	Lotta	6 72	78	12	13.78	.....	13.78
Flat Springs	R M Green	Minneapolis	L S Vance	Spear	5 45	50		6.00	.....	6.00
Green Valley	R L Hall	Newland	W W Pyatte	Minneapolis	5 65	70	12	25.00	.....	25.00
Henson Creek	R T Lewis	Minneapolis	Pearl Hughs	Newland	8 80	88	12	20.00	.....	20.00
Minneapolis	J D Braswell	Minneapolis	Lucy Cooper	Frank	15 152	167	12	46.42	10.96	57.38
Newland	N A Buchanan	Elk Park	Plato Hicks	Elk Park	7 52	59	12	12.32	.....	12.32
Oak Grove	Luther McGuire	Valley	Juda Buchanan	Valley	8 73	81	12	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	Jeffy Hughs	Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Valley	No S. S.	Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roaring Creek	No S. S.	Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jonas Ridge	No S. S.	Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Powdermill	No report.	Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yellow Mt	Vester Stafford	Plumtree	H R Buchanan	Spear	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

TABLE IV— W. M. UNION

CHURCH	ORGANIZATION	PRESIDENT	P. O.	Number of Members	75-Million	Foreign Missions	Christian Education	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Big Meadows	Sunbeams	Mrs J. L. Pyatte	Pyatte	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Crossnore	B. Y. P. U.	Not given.	.....	64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beech Mtn	Sunbeams	Conard Cook	Whaley	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flat Springs	B. Y. P. U.	Earnest McGuire	Whaley	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
"	W. M. S.	Edith Gray	Whaley	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
"	Sunbeams	Mrs A I Green	Whaley	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Green Valley	"	Mrs Dock Ollis	Linnville Falls	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newland	W. M. S.	Mrs D P Bridges	Newland	14	8.90	9.05	1.55	25.85	47.23
Newland	Sunbeams	Miss Pearl Hughs	Newland	20	1.78	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	W. M. S.	L E Pitman	Minneapolis	10	8.00	.....	.....	4.00	6.08
Pleasant Valley	B. Y. P. U.	Luther McGuire	Elk Park	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
"	Sunbeams	Mrs S M Presnell	Elk Park	51	1.36	.....	.....	4.72	6.08
Aaron	B. Y. P. U.	W W Braswell	Montezuma	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

MINUTES

Of

Avery County Sunday School Convention, 1923.

Avery County Sunday School Convention met at Oak Grove Baptist church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in July 1923.

1. Introductory sermon preached by Bro. D. T. Bridges. Text, Matt. 28: 18. The convention enjoyed a splendid sermon.
2. Convention came to order and the work of organizing taken up and resulted in the election of Bro. S. M. Pittman Chairman, and Bro. Lloyd Sudderth Secty, followed by the assigning homes for the delegates from sister Sunday-schools.
3. The letters or reports from the following Sunday-schools were passed to the recording Secty: Crossnore, Big Meadows, Chestnut Dale, Minneapolis, Oak Grove, Henson Creek, Pleasant Hill, Newland.
4. Received by the Secty. for Minute fund from Newland \$1.00, Henson Creek \$ 50, Minneapolis \$1.00, Chestnut Dale \$1.00, Oak Grove \$1.00, Pleasant Hill \$1.50, Crossnore \$1.00, Big Meadows \$1.00. Total for Minute fund ect. \$8.00.
5. Moved and carried that the convention be adjourned till 2:00 o'clock p. m.

Evening Session

6. The following committees were appointed with the first named on each as Chairman:
 Programme: Rev. D. R. Kilgore, D. T. Bridges, Stokes Braswell.
 Preaching: Bro Sill Huffman, Harrison Burlison, Slight Braswell.
 Finance: Bro. Alvin Nelson, Henry Hicks, Harrison Burlison.
 Temperance: Breth. Stokes Braswell, L P Johnson, Rev L W Hall.
 Orphanage: Rev D R Kilgore, D T Bridges, J F Parker.
 Time and Place: Misses Bertha Parker, Iva Lee Taylor, P L Johnson.
7. Moved and carried that a committee be appointed to arrange a programme for the 1924 convention, to be made out by Revs. L. W. Sudderth, D. R. Kilgore, W. W. Braswell and P. L. Johnson. Said programme to be printed in connection with this edition of the convention now in session.
8. Adjourned till Saturday 9 a. m.
 Morning exercises.—Chapel conducted by P. L. Johnson. Song: Let the World See Jesus in Your Life.
9. Subject of Sunday School work—How to get the masses into S. S. and how to keep them, by Rev. Dr. Carpenter Columbia, S. C.

University of S. C. Further discussion by D. R. Kilgore, D. T. Bridges, P. L. Johnson, and Stokes Braswell.

10. Bible in the S. S. by Rev. L. W. Hall. Bro. Hall gave the convention the treat of the convention in this discussion which was enjoyed fully by all.

11. Sermon by Dr. Carpenter at eleven. Very interesting.

12. Preparation of Teachers in the S. S. by D. T. Bridges and Rev. Mr. Kilgore. Much thought given to this topic.

RECESS till 2 p. m.

The evening session.

13. The Temperance question discussed in Round Table— with much interest and enthusiasm.

14. Reports of the various committees were read and received. The report on Orphanage delayed till 1924 convention.

15. Report of Program Com. Rev. L. W. Hall to preach Sunday morning at 11 a. m. and Rev. Lloyd W. Sudderth at 3 p. m.

Report of Finance: Rec'd. from S. S. heretofore named \$8.00, general collection 93 cts. We recommend that the convention pay the Secretary \$4.00 for his services.

Report of Temperance: Paul in his letter to I. Thes. 5:22, 23 commands us to abstain from all appearance of evil and following the command with a prayer, asks God to set us apart for his work, and ends with a request that we be found blameless before God.

We recommend that we as a people make every effort to carry out this command by being temperate in our conversation and in all our department and endeavor to exemplify the life of Christ, first by being a law abiding citizen, 2 by being loyal to the Christian cause, and last by being temperate in all things.

Report on Time and Place.

We confer the honor of the next S. S. Convention on Big Meadows Baptist Church for its 1924 session, to be held on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July 1924, being July 18-19-20

Resolved, That the Convention at large tender its thanks to the Oak Grove church and community for their co-operation and kindnesses.

Resolved, That the Convention do its utmost to increase the S.S. spirit throughout Avery County.

The Convention wishes to thank the choir of Oak Grove and Montezuma for the fine singing.

Paid the Secretary \$4.00.

Paid to the Avery County Baptist Association \$5.00 for Minute Fund—O. D. 7 cents

S. M. Pittman Chairman.
 Rev. Lloyd W. Sudderth Sect'y.

P. S.

Sunday Morning 11 a m

Sermon by Rev. L. W. Hall—Large attendance and a fine discourse.

Sunday evening 3 p. m. Sermon by Rev. L. W. Sudderth. Come for all things are now ready. Large attendance. Plea for the convention at large to profit by its experience and for acceptance of Christ as a personal Saviour by all.

L. W. S. Sect'y.