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PROCEEDINGS

Minutes

The Forty Seventh Annual Session of the Ebenezer Baptist Association of Western, N. C. and Northern S. C., held at Shoal Creek Baptist Church near Earl, N. C., September 24 & 25, 1936.

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, MORNING SESSION

The praise Service was conducted by delegates from Washington and Mt. View Baptist Churches.

The first Hymn was lined by Rev. J. B. Borders.

Scripture Lesson Matt. 5:1-12. Was read by Bro. C. L. Roberts

Hymn: No. I heard the voice of Jesus saying, etc., was sung.

After the Praise Service the Congregation was left in charge of the Moderator, Rev. W. A. Roberts. He gave some very very, good, good remarks—Thanking God for our pass achievements for the last Forty-six years—He also emphasized the importance of Church School.

The enrollment was taken.

The Committee reported\$10.25

The Intronuctory Sermon came next, the appointee, Rev. R. L. Moncrief accompanied by Rev. W. M. Neely entered the rostrum.

The Association Sang; "So Glad I'm here" etc.

The Moderator introduced the speaker, Rev. R. L. Moncrief Monroe, Ga.

Hymn 552. "O That I Knew The Secret Place Where I Might Find My God." Was lined by Rev. W. M. Neely.

Prayer was offered by Rev. F. Herndon

Scripture Lesson: found in Psalms 133 was read by Rev. Moncrief.

Hymn 718 C. M. "Soldiers of Christ Arise," etc., was sung.

,After some timely remarks Rev. R. L. Moncrief. Chose a text —numbers 13:30.

The divine preached an able and inspiring sermon.

Song: "I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me Let Us Go Into The House Of The Lord." was led by Bro. H. B. Wray.

Hymn 718: Was Concluded.

The Moderator responded to the sermon. He said we have had a real introductory sermon this morning.

The collection was taken by Rev. R. L. Moncrief and J. B. Borders.

Amount of Collection	\$5.00
Enrollment Committee reported	\$2.60

A motion was made to read apart of the Constitution to be later considered.

The Pastor Rev. G. L. McGree was given charge, to arrange for dinner

Benediction by Rev. F. Herndon.

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, AFTERNOON SESSION

Praise Service was conducted by delegates from Providence and St Peter Baptist Churches.

Hymn 402. "Father I Stretch My Hands To Thee", etc.

Scripture Lesson 10th Psalms.

Praper was offered by Bro. Hartgrove

After Praise Service the Moderator took charge.

The minutes of the previous session was read and adopted.

The Committee on Permanent Organ'zation reported. (See report).

Rev. E. W. Burke was appointed to be Chairman in charge to dispose of the report.

A motion was made to adopt the report.

A motion was adopted to install the officers.

Rev. E. A. Stewart was appointed to install the officers.

Rev. J. A. Dawkins and Rev. F. Herndon was appointed to escort the officers to their places. Rev. E. A. Stewart proved himself equal to the task. And Rev W. A. Roberts was asked to speak in behalf of all the officers.

A motion was adopted to appoint Committees on the revision of the constitution and letter-blanks

A motion was adopted to receive the Mt. Zion Church letter of Kings Mtn., N. C.

The following Letters were read: Maple Springs, Providence, Mt. View, Ellis Chapel, Green Bethel, Friendship, Macedonia, Eskridge Grove, 1st. Baptist Earl, Mt. Olive, St. Peter, Pine grove, Washington (90), 1st. Baptist Lawndale, Mt. Calvary.

A motion was adopted that the Ordaining Council would meet during the recess for the Examination of applicants for ordination.

A motion was adopted to table the topic: Real Value of a Church in My Community.

Introduction of Visitors Dr. Moore was introduced, from Danville Va. He made some timely remarks

Enrollment Committee reported	25c
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Collection taken by Bros. G. L. Garvin and Edgar Poag.

Amount raised \$1.00
 Benediction by Rev. R. L. Moncrief.

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, NIGHT SESSION

Praise Service conducted by delegates from Ebenezer and Macedonia Baptist Churches (The Congregation Sang one spirituals namely):

Song: "Jesus Will Help Me." etc.

Rev. J. A. Dawkins led in Prayer.

Hymn 226: "Father I Stretch My Hand To Thee." etc. was lined by Bro. Jas. Baxter. After Praise service the Moderator took charge. He made some very good remarks.

The Welcome Program was ordered.

The home talent rendered a program that was enjoyed highly, with Miss Flossy Turner as Mistress of Ceremonies.—Rev. G. L. McKree the pastor gave welcome on behalf of the church—Bro. J. P. Turner Welcome in behalf of S. S.—Sister Dorothy Wood gave Welcome in behalf of B. Y. P. U.—Sister Florence Camp gave Welcome in behalf of the Missionary Circle—Mr. Clyde Harrel (White) gave Welcome in behalf of the Community.

ANNUAL ADDRESS BY REV. W. A. ROBERTS

Rev. W. A. Roberts, Moderator of the Ebenezer Baptist Association which held its Forty seventh session with the Shoal Creek Baptist Church Earl N. C. Sept 22 1936.

It is a happy thought to think that we are recipients of the many blessing that the lord has sent to permit this Delegation and Ministers to meet out here in this beautiful grove in It is commended for the industry of its citizens.

A community where the highest respect is held for both races. A community where peace and friendship is sought. A Community that has one of the best church edifices in the bound of the association. Where in the Providence of God a delegation of co-workers that has been lead by the word of God and the Holy Spirit, for all these many years. Men who have heed the command "Go Ye Into All The World and Preach My Gospel And Who Soever Believeth And Is Baptised Shall Be Saved and He That Believeth Not Shall Be Dammed.

Gathered here are some of the ablest and most consecrated delegates and Ministers on the field, men that are prepared, men that are broad hearted not narrow and Selfish, men after Gods own heart.

I am very thankful that God in making out his program for the Salvation of this world had me in consideration and my name appears on the great roll book in heaven as one that was chosen from the foundation of the world to be allowed to work with Jesus in Saving the world. Jesus said "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me." I am glad that I have been able to work in the Ebenezer Baptist Association of Western North Carolina and Northern South Carolina for twenty-six-years. Many of those that once worked with us have fallen by the way. Their tracks have been beaten out by the rain, their voices are hushed. We no more say good morning. Sleep on dear brothers it will not be long until we too will sleep in a bed just like yours peace be to your resting place God's will must be done.

EDUCATION

There was a time when this association was the Strongest surport for the Western Union Academy. A church school, a christian school, a school where the word of God was taught. A school that was much needed for our girls and boys. A school in the west. The only school if its profession owned by the Baptist in the State. I am sorry to say oweing to the panic and hard time the school got in debt and had to close down. The sharp edge or interest for the school is some what dull today to what it was some years ago but we are trusting in God who can make a way where there is no way that there will be another day for a church school in the bounds of the association.

To the delegates Minjsters and Christian friends work earnestly do all in your power to elivate the race to eliminate crime, to break down the powers of sin, to make peace in the home, to build up the kingdom of our Lord and master. After while when our work is all over we will be rewarded for our labor here on earth.

Believe and be Baptised and you shall be saved watch fight, and pray and you shall have an everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord and Master.

Yours Submitted

W. A. ROBERTS

A motion was made that the, Moderator's annual address be inserted in the minutes

The time having arrived for the Doctrinal Sermon the appointee, Rev. W. L. Johnson accompanied by Dr. E. W. Burke, and Dr. McClaugh entered the stand

Rev. Burke Sang, "Jesus Is Mine."

Rev. W. L. Johnson arose and expressed his gladness, of being selected to preach, the Doctrinal Sermon. Then he chose a text from St. Mark 8:27. He preached a very, very able and instructive Sermon.

Then sang, "Blessed Jesus Gently Guide Me". etc. Prayer was offered by Dr. Moore of Danville Va.

Rev. J. A. Dawkin led in singing "I Know It Was The Blood".—Rev. M. L. Davidson caught up of the spirit sang "Packing Up Getting Ready To Go". etc.

The Moderator responded to the sermon, He emphasized that the best Wine had been saved until the last.

The collection was taken by Revs. W. G. Boyce and W. M. Neely. Amount raised \$4.00

While the collection was being solicited the Shoal Creek choir rendered very melodious music.

Benediction by Dr. E. W. Burke.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY. MORNING SESSION

Praise service conducted by delegates from Green Bethel and Shoal Creek Hymn 907: "Why Should We Strive". etc. Was lined by Bro. G. L. Hogue

Scripture Lesson—Matt. 9:1-11. Was read by Bro. Willie Blanton. Next was prayer.

Hymn: "A Mazing Grace". "How Sweet It Sounds". etc. was sung.

Moderator in Charge.

After some timely remarks by the moderator the roll was called.

A motion was made that the ones absence be tabled.

The Minutes of the previous Session were read and by motion adopted.

Reading and digest of letters. The following letters was read.

Ebenezer: By motion the letter was adopted.

A motion was made to adopt all the letters—It was caught on its passage—All churches asking for Grace were asked to pay during grace periods — Motion adopted.

The Committee on New Churches made their report.—By motion the report was adopted. (see report).

Church Letters presented—St. James, Shiloh (adopted) Palmer Grove (New church), St. Paul, Hope Well and Tabernacle.

The Committee on Temperance made their report. (see

report).—By motion the report was adopted.

The Historian reported—A motion was made that the choir would appoint a committee to assist the historian in bringing out some facts.

Committeemen

W. EARL

, W. M. NEELY

E. A. STEWART

Enrollment Committee reported \$4.00

The Auditor reported.—By motion the report was adopted.

Introduction of Visitors—Dr. A. M. Means, Dr. P. S. Wilkinson, pastor New Light Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas. Dr. J. F. Walker and others. Each greeted us with good remarks. The Moderator responded to the remarks in a very intelligent manner.

The Committee of Executive Board reported—report adopted.

The Committee on Obituary reported—By motion the report was adopted (see report).

By motion Memorial Service would be held tonight with Praise Service.

Time having arrived for the Inspirational Sermon the appointee, Rev. M. L. Davidson accompanied by Rev. J. A. Dawkins, A. M. Means and P. S. Wilkinson.

Hymn: "I Love Thy Church Lord." etc. Was sung.

Prayer was offered by Rev. P. S. Wilkinson.

Song: "I'm Going To Die On The Battle Field." etc., was sung.

The Moderator introduced the Speaker, Rev. M. L. Davidson. He sang: "I Can Hear My Savior Calling." etc. After some brief remarks he selected a text —Found Exodus 34:29 — Subject: "The Man With A Shining Face." He preached a very good sermon. We were greatly inspired with the message.

The Moderator responded to the sermon, "He said we have had a wonderful message." The collection was taken by Revs. W. G. Boyce and E. A. Stewart amount \$6.25

Benediction by Rev. A. M. Means, D. D.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, AFTERNOON SESSION

.... Praise Service was conducted by delegates from St. James and Eskridge Grove.

Hymn "Amazing Sight The Savior Stands And Knocks At Every Door." etc.

Scripture Lesson; 1st Psalms was read by Sister Brite Webber.

Prayer was offered by Bro. W. T. Tarence.

Moderator in charge.

The minutes of the previous session was read and by motion adopted.

The Center Grove Church presented their letter. By motion it was adopted.

By motion the topic that was tabled would be discussed—Topic; The real Value of the Church in my Community. Speakers: Bro. J. F. Howell opened the topic. He made a very good address picturing the church as being the greatest place or organization on earth, because there we learn of Jesus and how to obtain eternal life.

Rev. E. A. Stewart also spoke upon the topic. He made us feel happy by saying in part: We should talk or advertise the church, or realize the real value. He pictured that the church is the plan through which a person must go to meet God. He reminded us. It is the appointed place. It is the crowd that Christ will come back to receive.

Rev. R. L. Moncrief spoke upon the subject; He valued it as being the light of the world. He proved himself efficient for the task.

Rev. S. N. Davidson also spoke upon the topic; He reminded us that the church was set apart by Jesus himself and it is the greatest value on the earth because of love, light, living, bread. Drink from the Fountain and get Living Water.

Dr. Fraylm: Compared the church as a hospital and pictured that the church is eternal nothing can ever over come the church of God.

The committee on corresponding messengers reported: By motion the report was recommitted to committee, to change one item. Then the report stood approved.

Committee on Time and Place reported: A motion was made that, next session be held at Mt. Calvary—It was caught—objection stated. Previous question call for —the report was last.

By motion the next session will be held at Friendship Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C., on usual date.

The Committee on Appropriation reported:

By motion the part of the clause referring to the corresponding Secretary be dropped—Previous question was put up original, motion carried.

The committee on Corresponding messengers reported again. The report was adopted. (see report).

In the absence of the appointee to speak on the topic;

Namely "Orphanage". Rev. S. N. Davidson was appointed to speak on the topic. —He said Every thing looks favorable.

Enrollement committee reported. —————25c

Benediction by Rev. S. N. Davidson.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, NIGHT SESSION

Praise Service was conducted by Bro. James Baxter and Rev. E. D. Wray.

Hymn 143; C. M. "Am I A Soldier Of The Cross." etc.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. B. Borders

Song: "When The Evening Sun Goes Down," etc., was sung.

Moderator in Charge.

Memorial Service began our Moderator, spoke words of condolence of our Honorable deceased Treasurer, Bro. W. M. Ramsuer and Bro. Webber.

Hymn. "Asleep In Jesus Blessed Sleep." etc. was lined by Dr. R. J. Davidson.

Dr. R. J. Davidson also spoke words of condolence about Bro. W. M. Ramsuer.

Deacon M. J. Burke spoke on the life of Deacon W. M. Ramsuer. Dr. D. A. Costner spoke of Sister Burke and Deacon W. M. Ramsuer and others.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Neely

Rev M. L. Davidson, led in singing; "Packing Up Getting Ready To Go."

Deacon W. Earl was requested to stand, that recognition might be given him being one of the Pioneers of work.

Ordination Service began

Rev. R. J. Davidson lined, Hymn 559. L. M. "Go Preach My Gospel Saith The Lord." While arrangements were made.

Then Rev. E. D. Wray lined, Hymn 350: C. M. "Come Ye That Love The Lord."

Prayer was offered by Rev. M. L. Davidson.

Rev. M. C. Moore gave the charge and presented the Bible.

The following ones were ordained; Bros. C. A. Hargrove, Robert F. Kilgrove, S. R. W. Jones.

The Moderator asked. Dr. R. J. Davidson to speak on the objective of W. U. A. —He spoke of the Orphanage.

Rev. R. J. Davidson spoke of the condition of W. A. Roberts and Bro. Puller Ross, being impaired in their sight.

A motion was made to donate Rev. W. A. Roberts \$25.00 and a public collection be taken and divided among Bro. Ross, Bro. W. Earl and Rev. W. A. Roberts. The collection was taken—

STATISTICAL

Ebenezer Baptist A

CHURCHES	VALUE	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERS REPRESENTED	BAPTISED	RESTORED	REC'D LETTERS	EXCLUDED	DISMISSED	DEATHS	MINISTERS	REP. FEE	EDU. FEE	P
Tabernacle	\$6000.00	100	50	4	0	12	3	0	2	0	\$1.50	\$ 6.00	Rev. E.
Palmer's Grove	—	35	35	7	0	0	1	0	0	1	1.50	3.00	Rev. E.
Hopewell	3000.00	491	65	11	0	3	0	10	4	2	2.25	9.75	Rev. F.
St. James	1500.00	23	13	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1.50	2.00	Rev. T.
Shiloh	10000.00	500	500	40	2	3	5	0	10	5	9.75	—	Rev. R.
Green Bethel	7000.00	234	75	17	4	0	2	0	3	2	2.25	11.25	Rev. W.
Ebenezer	2500.00	253	253	7	1	0	0	1	4	1	1.50	6.15	Rev. F.
Providence	2000.00	45	45	3	5	1	0	0	3	1	1.50	7.00	Rev. D.
Eskridge Grove	2500.00	150	150	7	5	2	1	1	2	1	3.00	9.00	Rev. S.
Ellis Chapel	3500.00	150	75	33	3	7	1	5	1	0	2.25	11.25	Rev. M.
Washington	5000.00	500	100	20	0	0	1	1	1	—	4.00	—	Rev. S.
Mt. Calvary	2000.00	25	25	18	1	4	2	0	1	1	1.50	3.50	Rev. J.
Pine Grove	5000.00	126	76	6	2	1	6	2	2	1	2.25	11.25	Rev. D.
Lawndale	1500.00	244	244	20	7	0	8	0	1	—	6.00	4.00	Rev. F.
St. Peter	5000.00	50	30	11	0	2	0	0	2	1	1.50	1.60	Rev. V.
1st. Bapt. Earl	1000.00	50	45	7	0	4	0	2	4	1	1.50	6.85	Rev. K.
Mt. Olive	1200.00	44	32	9	0	4	12	0	1	1	1.50	3.30	Rev. M.
Macedonia	750.00	25	23	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	1.50	3.45	Rev. F.
Mt. View	500.00	30	30	10	0	2	4	3	0	2	1.50	3.50	Rev. J.
Mt. Zion	1000.00	50	7	2	0	9	0	0	8	3	1.50	1.05	Rev. J.
Maple Springs	—	60	23	6	0	11	0	0	0	2	1.50	2.00	Rev. J.
Center Grove	2000.00	87	60	10	0	2	0	0	0	0	2.25	9.00	Rev. T.
Friendship	6000.00	540	100	30	3	1	2	0	0	2	2.25	9.75	Rev. S.
Shoal Creek	3000.00	150	150	9	0	1	1	2	1	0	3.75	—	Rev. G.
St Paul	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	—	Rev. J.

CAL TABLE

Association 1936

PASTOR	DAYS OF PREACHING	PASTOR'S SALARY	CLERK	ADDRESS
Rev. E. W. Burke	1234	\$ —	J. W. Crocket	Gastonia, N. C.
Rev. E. D. Wray	2 4	120.00	Clara Barker	Lawndale, N. C.
Rev. F. D. Herndon	1 3	—	S. B. Cornwell, R. 1,	Shelby, N. C.
Rev. T. H. Rogers	1 3	—	Mrs. Inez Black	Bessemer City, N. C.
Rev. R. J. Davidson	1234	960.00	Mrs. J. L. Enloe	Shelby, N. C.
Rev. W. L. Johnson	1 3	360.00	Mrs. N. McAfee Wilson	Boiling Springs, N. C.
Rev. R. J. Davidson	2 4	—	J. A. Howell, R. 3,	Kings Mtn. N. C.
Rev. D. F. Moore	1 3	—	B. Hamwright	Lincolnton, N. C.
Rev. Stewart	1 3	400.00	Mrs. L. Wilson, R. 3, B. 173,	Shelby, N. C.
Rev. M. L. Davidson	2 4	—	R. J. Jeffers	Patterson Springe, N. C.
Rev. S. N. Davidson	1 3	500.00	T. R. Howell, R. 2,	Cherryville, N. C.
Rev. J. A. Dawkins	1 2 3	—	Mrs. H. M. Dawkins	Shelby, N. C.
Rev. D. A. Costner	2 4	—	M. J. Burke	Blacksburg, S. C.
Rev. R. Moncrief	— 3	225.00	C. W. Jewell, R. 4,	Shelby, N. C.
Rev. W. M. Neely	1 3	—	L. M. C. McCling	Grover, N. C.
Rev. Kilgore	2 4	—	C. H. Varner, R. 2,	Shelby, N. C.
Rev. McCally	1 3	—	John Ross, R. 2,	Kings Mtn., N. C.
Rev. F. L. Howell	2 4	—	J. Atkin Howell, R. 2,	Cherryville, N. C.
Rev. J. B. Borders	2 4	85.00	Pliner Roberson	Shelby, N. C.
Rev. J. R. Hammons	1 3	—	Artemus Byers	Kings Mtn., N. C.
Rev. Jas. M. Surratt	2 4	—	Beatrice Thompason, R. 2,	Shelby, N. C.
Rev. T. F. Fraylons	1 3	300.00	T. F. Falls R. 3,	Gastonia, N. C.
Rev. S. N. Davidson	2 4	600.00	Z. N. Mason	Gastonia, N. C.
Rev. G. L. McCree	1	—	J. P. Turner	Shelby, N. C.
Rev. J. F. Walker	—	—	Bigger	—

Rev. R. J. Davidson, Rev. M. L. Davidson and Rev J. A. Dawkins

Amount of collection\$10.12

Enrollment committee reported 25c

The Moderator expressed his gratitude.

Dr. E. W. Burke was given opportunity to speak of W. U. A's condition. He explained that the debts have been paid the notes are marked paid and in the hands of Bro. W Earl.

The time having arrive for the Educational Sermon the appointee being absent the Alternate, Dr. E. W. Burke accompanied by Dr. R. J. Davdison, Rev. J. A. Dawkins and Rev. M. C. moore.

■ Hymn: "A Mazing Grace How Sweet The Sound." etc., was sung.

Then the Speaker after some brief remarks, —Chose a text Found: Isa. 40:8.

"The Grass Withers, The Flowers Fadeth; but the Word of Our God Shall Stand For Ever."

The Divine preached so instructive that every one was held spell bound and filled with the heavenly food so that we rejoiced deep down in our hearts.

Song: "I Know It Was The Blood." Was sung, Rev. M. C. Moore offered prayer.

The Asociation Rally was taken by Revs. R. J. Davidson and M. L. Davidson.

HONOR ROLL

Rev. S. N. Davidson	\$1.00	Rev. J. F. Howell ....	.50
Rev. D. F. Moore	1.00	Rev. J. W. Watkins	1.00
Bro. J. T. Feasley .....	.50	Dr. E. W. Burke	1.00
Bro. C. J. Ramsuer	1.00	Mrs. Bright Webber	1.00
Rev. R. J. Davidson	1.00	Rev. M. L. Davidson ..	1.00
Rev S. M. Davis	1.00	Rev. F. Herndon	1.00
Rev. J. A. Dawkins	1.00	Rev. W. Earl	1.00
Rev. H. B. Wray	1.00	Rev. E. D. Wray	1.00
Rev. Mark B'ack	1.00	Rev. C. L. Roberts	1.00
Rev. F. L. Howell	1.00	Rev. A. W. Maline	1.00
Rev. E. D. Wray	1.00	Rev D. A. Costner ....	.50
Rev. C. L. Roberts	1.00	Bro. M. J. Burke .....	.50
Rev. R. W. Williams ..	1.00	Scott White .....	.25
Rev. E. A. Stewart	1.00	W. W. Corry .....	.50
Rev. R. E. Monerief ..	1.00	J. A. Howell .....	.50
Rev. — —Hoone .....	.50	Rev. J. A. White ....	.25
Rev. M. J. Burke .....	.50		
Amount			\$29.00

MEMORIAL PAGE

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; And
I will be his God, and he shall be my Son."

Rev. 21:7

Dr. D. A. Costner extended a vote of thanks to the Shoal Creek for their hospitality (financial report). Ellis Chapel Choir rendered excellent music for the Occassion closing song: "God Be With You." etc. was sung.

Benediction by Dr. E. W. Burke.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

1. Enrollment: Bros. W. W. Corry, J. P. Turner and S. M. Davis.

2. Finance: Bros. J. F. Howell, M. J. Burke and J. A. Howell.

3. Permanent organization, reorganization Committee, Rev. E. W. Burke, Bros. Thomas Strong, J. C. Webber R. C. Canady and D. A. Cornwell.

New Churches: Rev. E. A. Stewart, Bro. Bill McCarn, Bro. W. M. Ellis, Boyd Teamer and G. L. Hogue.

Temperance: Rev. W. M. Neely Bro. Jas. Baxter and Rev. J. B. Borders,

Education: Rev W. L. Johnston C. J. Ramsuer. J. W. Watkins and Bro. S. R. W. Jones.

, Obituary: Bros. Leon Moye, C. L. Robetr A. W. Milline and Rev. Jessie Baxter.

Resolutions: Bros. W. Earl, A. L. Garrvin, Edgar Poag and R. D. Wilson.

Time and Place: Rev. D. F. Moose and one delegate from each church.

Statistics: Rev. W. G. Boyce, Bro. Thomas Strong, Willie Blanton and Bishop Ham Wright.

Corresponding Messengers: Rev. S. N. Davidson, Bro. Mark Black, Bro. Noah Patterson and Bro. Scott Whiteng.

Executive Board: Rev. Jas. Surratt, Rev. R. L. Moncrief and Bro W. Earl.

Appropriation: Bro. J. C. Webber, Bro. Freeman Dawkins, and Rev. J. A. White.

Committee on revision of Constitution and Letter Blanks:

Dr. E. W. Burke S. N. Daniels, W. L. Johnston J. F. Howell and Bro. W. Earl.

Ordaining Council: Rev. W. A. Roberts, Rev. M. L. Davidson, F. L. Howell Dr. E. W. Burke, Rev, S, N. Davidson, Rev, W. L. Johnson, Dr. R. L. Moncrief, Rev F. Herndon, Rev, J. A. Dawkins, Rev. E. A. Stewart, Dr. R. J. Davidson, Dr. D, A. Costner, Rev. W. M. Neely, Rev. W. G. Boyce, Rev. J, W, Means Rev. J. B. Borders, Rev. Jas. Surratt and Rev. J. R. Hammond.

CONSTITUTION AS REVISED

We, the Missionary Baptist of Western North Carolina and North South Carolina, being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to promote the cause of Christ and to maintain and keep the rules of the Association, we therefore agree to the following:

ARTICLE I. Section 1.—This body shall be called the Ebenezer Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II. Section 1.—The membership of this Association shall consist of delegates elected by the churches, and their pastors and the delegates must have their membership in the bounds of the Association. The enrollment fee shall be 25c each. Section 2. No church shall send more than 3 delegates. Section 3. All ordained ministers who are not too old, except the founders, who failed to attend the Association their names shall not be put on the roll. Licentiates subject to the same rule.

ARTICLE III. Section 1.—The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice Moderator, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Historian, and Executive Board. Section 2. The Executive Board shall act when necessity calls in the absence of the Association and report the same to it. Section 3. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association, and sign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer. The Vice Moderator may assume same in the absence of the Moderator. Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate account of all the proceedings, prepare the minutes for the press and send same to various organizations. Section 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall do all the corresponding with other organizations. Section 6. The Treasurer shall give complete security for all monies trusted in his care.

ARTICLE IV. Section 1.—Every church should support Missions, Education, Church Extension, etc. Therefor this Association shall require such of them. Section 2. If any church who belongs to this Association fails to keep the rules of the Association it shall withdraw the hand of fellowship from said church. Section 3. The Association shall have no right to infringe upon the sovereignty of the church rights as a body. Section 4. This Association will hold no church as a member who licenses a brother to preach who cannot read, spell and write reasonably well, and has a fair knowledge of the Bible and English language. Section 5. Any church becoming disorderly the Executive Board shall investigate and if possible settle the matter or report church to the Association. No complaint shall be heard from a church in the Association except through a committee.

ARTICLE 5. Section 1.—Every church shall pay annual to the Association \$1.50. Those numbering over 50 members, \$2.25 Those over 100 members, \$3.00 hose over 150 members \$3.75; Those having 200 members, \$6.00 and so on. Section 2. Each member of the church belonging to this Association shall send up to this Association 15c annually and each minister 25c for educational purpose. Section 3. One-tenth of all money collected except for education during the Association shall be given to super annuated ministers who are not in charge of a church, and at death to their widows.

ARTICLE VI. Section 1.—This Association shall meet Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in September and adjourn the following Saturday of each year.

ARTICLE VII. Section 1.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at a regular meeting.

RULES OF ORDER

1. The Moderator shall preside and decide all questions or order subject to appeal. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered and when two or more rise to speak at the same time, he shall name the one to speak previous to any discussion thereof.

2. When a member is about to speak or command any information he shall arise and address the Moderator and confine his remarks to the subject under consideration.

3. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave from the body.

4. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave from the body.

5. Brethern invited to seats shall have the privilege to debate but not voting.

6. A fine of 5c shall be paid by delegate or minister who is tardy coming into the sessions of the Association, except a legal excuse is given.

7. Amotion for adjournment shall always be in order except when voting, or a member is speaking and shall be decided without debate.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE REPORT OF EBENEZER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

MODERATOR—REV.W. A. ROBERTS

VICE-MODERATAR—REV. M. L. DAVIDSON

EBENEZER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCH LETTER

Bro. Moderator and Brethern of the Ebenezer Baptist Association:

Date.....

The..... Baptist Church begs to report as follows:

Our Church is in a.....condition

We send to represent us in your body: 1.....

2..... 3.....

To whom we refer you for any additional information.

STATISTICS

Received by Baptism..... Letter..... Restored.....

Dismissed by Letter..... Excluded..... Deaths.....

Total Membership..... Days of Preaching.....

FINANCE

Representative..... Missions..... Total.....

Value of Church Property \$.....

Pastor's Salary \$..... Raised for Missions \$.....

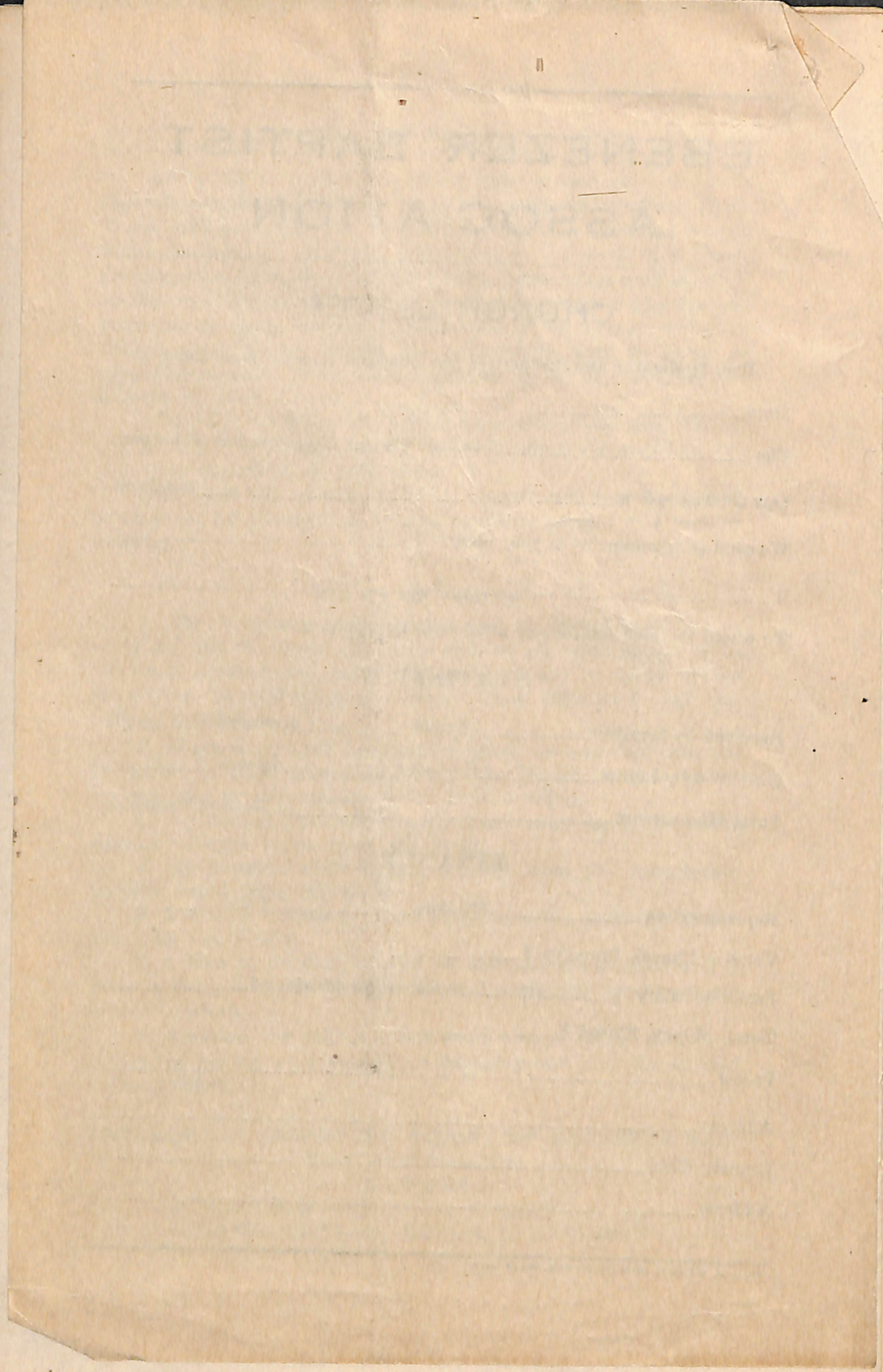
Total Money Raised \$.....

Pastor

Address

Church Clerk.....

Address



RECORDING SEC'Y—REV. F. L. HOWELL
CORRESPONDING SEC'Y—BRO. H. B. WRAY
TREASURER—BRO. J. F. HOWELL
AUDITOR—BRO. M. J. BURKE
HISTORIAN—BRO. J. A. HOWELL

MINISTERS

Reverends. D. F. Moore, J. W. Means, J. R. Hamond, S. R. W. Jones, J. A. White, F. Herndon, R. Moncrief, Jas. M. Surratt, R. D. Alexander, S. N. Davidson, E. W. Burke, Dr. E. W. Burke, Reverends W. M. M. Ellis, E. I. Stewart, W. G. Boyce, W. M. Neely, J. B. Borders, A. M. Means, R. W. Corry, J. T. Teasley, P. S. Wilkenson, W. W. Price, McMoore, J. F. Walker, E. D. Wary, R. J. Davidson.

LICENTIATES

Bro. H. W. Wray and Bro. Wm. M. Ellis.

DELEGATES

Bros. Charlie, Horne, Ruffers Johnson, R. W. Wilson, John Berry, Jessie Baxter, M. J. Burke, Scot Whitney, G. L. Hogue, Boyd Teamer, D. C. Gill, Levi Smith, Fremont Dawkins, Leon Maye, J. P. Turner, J. A. Howell, Bishop Hamwright, S. M. Davis, R. C. Candy, J. C. Webber, Willie Blanton, I. M. Strong, D. A. Cornwell, J. F. Howell, W. W. Corry, J. W. Watkins, E. D. Poag, James Baxter, A. W. Milline, W. Earl, Mark Black, C. J. Ramseur, A. L. Laurin, C. L. Roberts, Bill McCaw.

VISITORS

Sisters-Mesdames Nora Paterson, Hattie M. Dawkins, Lizzie Moon, Janie Conwell, Hute Webber, Eugenia Roberts and Miss Lillie Bell Elder.

THE AUDITOR'S REPORT

September 24, 1936

I as Auditor ask to make my report: I find the treasurer's report is correct and up to date, and I find we owe to his widow \$4.20 over drawn yours as Auditor.

M. J. BURKE

We feel the loss of our treasurer Dear Brother W. M. Ramseur, who the Lord has called from labor to reward, but, our loss is Heavens gain. Let us bow our heads in humble submission that God does all things well and for best.

We your committee, on Permanent Organization beg leave to make the following report:

First, We recommend for our Moderator, Rev. W. A.

Roberts, for Vice-Moderator, Rev. M. L. Davidson, for Recording Secretary, Rev. F. I. Howell, for Corresponding Secretary, Bro. J. F. Howell, Treasurer, Bro. M. J. Burke, Auditor, Bro. J. A. Howell, Historian, Bro. H. B. Wray, Corresponding Secretary Committee; J. C. Webber, R. C. Canady, D. A. Cornwell, Thos. Strong, E. W. Burke, Chairman.

We your Committee on New Church, beg to leave to make our report; We find that the St. Paul Baptist Church of Gastonia, North Carolina is seeking membership in this Association and we find it in condition, Rev J. F. Walner, B. D. is the pastor. We received a fee of \$3.00. We therefore recommend said church to become a member of this Association.

We your Committee on Executive Board beg to report: We recommend Rev. W. A. Roberts, Bro. M. J. Burke, Bro. J. W. Watkins, Bro. E. D. Wray, Bro. J. F. Howell, Rev. J. M. Nealy, Rev. J. M. Surratt, Bro. W. Earl, Bro. R. C. Canady, Bro. James Camp, Bro. C. J. Ramsaurr, Rev. J. A. Dawkins Bro. S. M. Davis, Bro. E. D. Poag, Bro. A. L. Gayvin.

We your Committee on Corresponding Messengers beg leave to make the following report: We recommend to send the following Brothers to:

Thicket Mountain Asso.—REV. J. A. DAWKINS
 Gold Hill—REV. E. W. BURKE
 Mt. Peace—REV. J. A. WHITE
 State Convention—REV. M. L. DAVIDSON
 Rowan—REV. FRED HERNDON

HISTORIAN REPORT

Mr. President:

I your Historian wish to submit the following: I have been at my post as best I could, and taken notes, and have secured some facts from old minutes. Request: I would like to have a Committee to go over same with me for information.

J. A. HOWELL

We your Committee on Temperance beg to make the following report: We believe that Intemperance is one of the most destructive evils existing among the people today: Whereas, it is destructive to mind and body. We recommend a total and absolute abstinence from this dangerous evil. In our opinion no one can indulge alcoholic drink and have a sound body and mind, such as improper car driving, profane language, card playing, drinking, it breaks down the health and destroys the body, it wrecks the mind and destroys the power of man. For this

cause be it resolved that we set our seal of disapproval upon intemperance.

We your Committee on Obituary: Beg leave to make the following report: Whereas; Our Heavenly Father in all His wise providence removed from our midst 45 by death; Be it resolved that: We suspend all business for a few minutes and leave a blank sheet in our minutes in memory of our deceased ones.

CHURCHES	NO. OF DEATHS		
Green Bethel	3	Ellis Chapel	1
Mt. Zion	8	Eskridge Grove	2
Maple Spring	0	Providence	3
Mt. View	0	Ebenezer	4
Macedonia	0	Shiolah	5
Mt. Olive	1	Hopewell	4
1st. Ch. of Earl	4	St. James	1
St. Peter	2	St. Paul	0
1st. Bapt. Lawndale	1	Palmer Grove	0
Pine Grove	2	Tabernacle	2
Mt. Calvary	1	TOTAL	45
Washington	2		

REV. JESSIE BAXTER
C. L. ROBERTS
A. W. M. MILLINE
LEON MOYE, CHM.

We the Committee on Time and Place beg to make the following report: We recommend that the Ebenezer Baptist Association Convene at Friendship Baptist Church, Gastonia, North Carolina on Thursday and Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1937.

PASTOR, REV. S. N. DAVIDSON
CLERK, MR. Z. N. MASON
312 Lincoln Ave.

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

Enrollment fees	\$ 18.10
Public Call	16.25
New Churches	3.00
Educational fees	126.20
Representative fees	54.75
Rev. W. A. Roberts	10.12
W. Earls, F. Ross	3.25
Eder Rally Night	29.00

We your Committee on Appropriations beg to make the fol-

lowing reports: We recommend the following appropriations:

Minutes	\$37.50
Programs & Postage	5.83
Moderator	12.00
Vice-Moderator	5.00
Recording Secy	12.00
Corresponding Secy	2.00
Treasurer	6.00
Auditor	2.00
Sexton	2.00
Sermon \$2 each	8.00
Rev. R. J. Davidson (traveling Exp.)	3.00
Rev. S. N. Davidson (Traveling Exp.)	3.00
BRO. J. C. WEBBER, Chairman	
BRO. FREMON DAWKINS	
REV. J. A. WHITE, Secy.	



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