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OF THE

## **EBENEZER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Held With The

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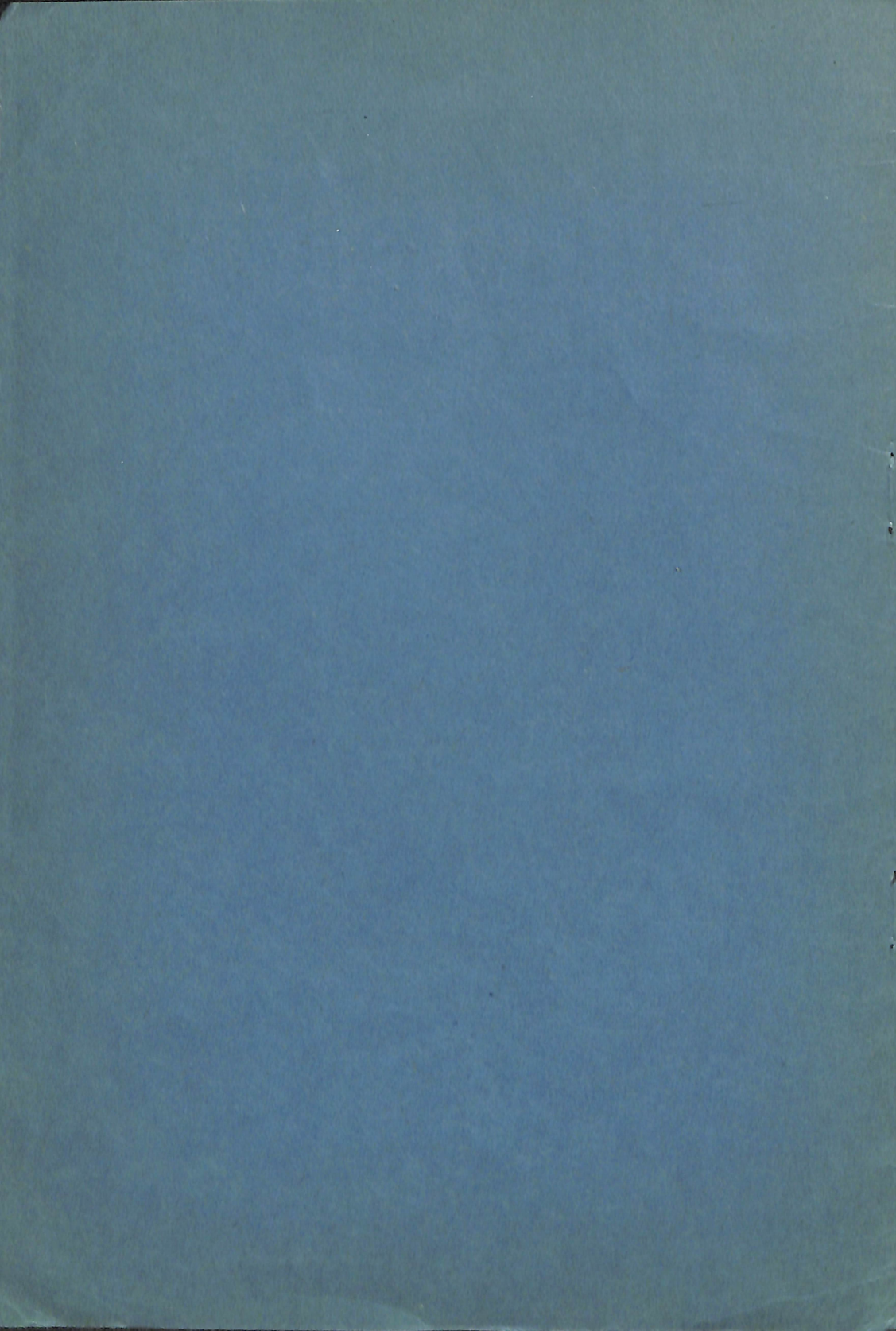
Grover, North Carolina

REV. T. C. SANDERS - Pastor

**September 24-25, 1942**



The Next Session will convene with the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Bessemer City, N. C., Thursday before the fourth Lord's Day in September, 1943.





The Ebenezer Baptist Association

## Officers

Moderator: Rev. F. L. Howell, R 2, Cherryville, N. C.  
Vice-Moderator: Rev. M. L. Davidson, 521 Ingle Street,  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
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Corresponding Secretary: Mr. W. L. Logan, R 3, Box 135  
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## Ordaining Council

Rev. D. A. Costner, B. D.	Rev. R. J. Davidson, D. D.
Rev. S. N. Davidson	Rev. W. M. Neely
Rev. M. L. Davidson	Rev. R. F. Kilgore
Rev. D. F. Moore	Rev. J. H. McKissick
Rev. F. L. Howell	Rev. J. A. White      Rev. T. C. Sanders

## Appointed Committees

Com. on Enrollment: Bros. Boyd Teemer, Mark Black, and  
Mrs. Elizabeth Moon.  
Com. on Finance: John Durden, M. J. Burke, J. F. Howell,  
Com. on Elections: D. C. Gill, W. L. Logan, C. L. Roberts,  
T. W. Bostic, Berry Mintz, L. M. Reed: Rev. Thos. Grier.  
Com. on New Churches: Rev. J. A. White, Bro. Robt. McCul-  
lough, Rev. T. C. Sanders, Bro. John H. Burson.  
Com. on Resolutions: Revs. D. F. Moore, P. B. Barnette,  
W. L. Johnson.



## The Ebenezer Baptist Association

- Com. on Temperance: Rev. W. M. Ellis, Rev. E. T. Moffet,  
Bro. S. M. Davis.
- Com. on Obituary: Rev. R. F. Kilgore, Rev. G. Boyce, Mrs.  
Amanda Rush, Bro. W. M. Hall, Bro. S. M. Davis, Bro.  
Charlie Nichols.
- Committee on Education: Rev. J. H. McKissick, Bro. Eugene  
Patterson, Revs. W. H. Davidson, Rev. J. H. Moore, D.D.
- Com. on Corresponding Messengers: Rev. Thos. Grier, Mrs.  
T. C. Sanders, Bro. A. L. McCluney.
- Com. on Revision of Constitution: Bro. J. F. Howell, Bro. G.  
W. Smith, Rev. M. L. Davidson, Rev. R. J. Davidson.
- Com. on Statistics: Rev. J. A. White, Rev. D. P. Neely, Mes-  
srs. Eugene Patterson, W. W. Corry, A. C. Canada, O. B.  
Burson.
- Com. on Appropriations: Robert McCullough, Jesse Baxter,  
D. A. Cornwell, and Mrs. Jennie Lee Baxter.
- Com. on Missions: Dr. R. J. Davidson, Dr. J. H. Moore, Rev.  
D. F. Moore.
- Committee on Time and Place: Bro. C. L. Roberts, and a del-  
egate from each church.
- Com. on Attitude: Revs. R. J. Davidson, J. H. Moore and D.  
A. Costner.

## Enrollment

- Rev. F. L. Howell, Rte. 2, Cherryville, North Carolina
- Rev. M. L. Davidson, 521 Inglis St., Charlotte, N. C.
- Rev. D. A. Costner, B. D., 104 Tracy St., Kgs. Mt., N. C.
- Rev. W. M. Ellis, R 1, Shelby, North Carolina
- Rev. T. C. Sanders, Booker St., Charlotte, N. C.
- Rev. E. T. Moffet, 511 Whitner St., Rock Hill, S. C.
- Rev. P. B. Barnette, 26 Railroad Ave., York, S. C.
- Rev. J. A. White, 312 Allison Ave., Gastonia, N. C.
- Rev. E. D. Wray, R1, Lawndale, North Carolina
- Rev. W. G. Boyce, R3, Shelby, North Carolina
- Rev. J. H. Moore, D. D., Charlotte, North Carolina
- Rev. W. H. Davidson, D. D., 1316, Beattie's Ford Road,  
Charlotte, North Carolina
- Rev. S. N. Davidson, Gastonia, North Carolina
- Rev. W. M. G. Shaw, 615 E. Stonewall St., Charlotte, N. C.
- Rev. W. L. Bratton, 541 Whitner St., Rock Hill, S. C.



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- Rev. R. J. Davidson, D.D., 1230 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Rev. W. H. Mosley, 216 Cedar St., Charlotte, N. C.
- Rev. O. T. Anderson, Miller St., Charlotte, N. C.
- Rev. S. L. Johnson
- Rev C. L. Jolly, R1, Gaffney, South Carolina
- Rev. D. P. Neely, 309 Hagin St., Rock Hill, S. C.
- Rev. Robt. F. Kilgore, R2, Shelby, North Carolina
- Rev. D. F. Moore, R 9, Box 44, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Rev. W. L. Johnson, Asheville, North Carolina
- Rev. J. H. McKissick, 216 Meadow St., Gaffney, S. C.
- Rev. C. R. Davidson, A.B., Charlotte, N. C.
- Rev. Thos. H. Grier, R1, Grover, North Carolina
- Rev. H. N. Sharp, Grover, North Carolina
- Rev. W. Arthur Hoffman, (White) Grover, N. C.
- “ F. D. Herndon, 202, Carpenter St., Kgs. Mt., N. C.
- “ Rev, S. H. Hopper, 314 Jennings St., Shelby, N. C,
- Bro. L. M. Reid, RFD, Gastonia, N. C.
- “ Eugene Patterson, R2, Kings Mountain, N. C.
- “ Robert McCullough, Gastonia, N. C.
- “ W. M. Hall, Earl, North Carolina.
- “ Bro, W. L. Logan,, R3, Kings Mountain, N. C.
- “ Roger W. Corry
- “ J. W. Watkins, Boiling Springs, North Carolina
- “ Bro. K. O. McKinney, Grover, North Carolina
- Bro. Lark Rainey, Gastonia, North Carolina
- Bro. Sam Archie
- Bro. Evans Wray, Lawndale, North Carolina
- Bro. O. W. Catlin, Shelby, North Carolina
- Bro. Jake Hambrick, R2 Kings Mountain, N. C.
- Bro. Lewis McCluney, R3, Kings Mountain, N. C.
- Bro. W. R. Robbins
- Bro. Charlie Nichols, Bessemer City, North Carolina
- Bro. O. B. Burson, Kings Mountain, North Carolina
- Bro. O. M. McBrayer, Blacksburg, South Carolina
- Bro. M. J. Williams, R 3, Kings Mountain, North Carolina
- Bro. A. B. Bell, Shelby, North Carolina
- Bro. W. M. Mathis, Shelby, North Carolina
- Bro. Corrie Lee Gaston, Shelby, North Carolina
- Mrs. Gertrude Degree, Shelby, North Carolina
- Mrs Mamie Gathergrow
- Mrs. Elizabeth Moon, Shelby, North Carolina
- Mrs. T. C. Sanders, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Mrs, R. J. Davidson, Charlotte, North Carolina



- Bro. John Howell, Shelby, N. C.  
 " W. H. Green, Cherryville, N. C.  
 " James Petty, Shelby, N. C.  
 " Harrison Byrd, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 " Silas Howell, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Miss Elvira Byrd, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Miss Brownie Adams, Grover, North Carolina  
 Bro. Eddie Lee Sarratt, R 2 Gaffney, S. C.  
 " Roy Bell, R 2, Grover, N. C.  
 " G. W. Smith, Grover, North Carolina  
 Bro. I. G. Glenn, Grover, North Carolina  
 Bro. A. L. McCluney, R 1, Blacksburg, South Carolina  
 Bro. John H. Burson, R 2 Kings Mountain, North Carolina  
 Bro. T. M. Strong, R 2, Shelby, North Carolina  
 Bro. J. F. Howell, R 1, Shelby, North Carolina  
 Bro. John Durden, 415 Carolina Ave., Shelby, N. C.  
 Bro. C. L. Roberts, R1, Shelby, North Carolina  
 Bro. Mark Black, R1, Grover, North Carolina  
 Bro. M. J. Burke, Blacksburg, South Carolina  
 Bro. W. W. Corry, Blacksburg, South Carolina  
 Bro. T. W. Bostic, Shelby, North Carolina  
 Bro. Boyd Teamer, Shelby, North Carolina  
 Bro. B. Mintz, R 2, Shelby, North Carolina  
 Bro. D. C. Gill, R 2, Shelby, North Carolina  
 Bro. S. M. Davis, R 4, Shelby, North Carolina  
 Bro. J. C. Mitchell, Belmont, North Carolina  
 Bro. James Baxter, Waco, North Carolina  
 Bro. Alonzo Canada, Shelby, North Carolina  
 Bro. D. A. Cornwell, Shelby, North Carolina  
 Mrs. Amanda Rush, Grover, North Carolina  
 Mrs. D. F. Moore, Charlotte, North Carolina  
 Dr. J. W. Goudlock, Friendship Jr. College, Rock Hill, S. C.  
 Mrs. Jennie Lee Burrell, Lincolnton, North Carolina  
 Mrs. Brite Webber, Bessemer City, North Carolina

## Life Members

- Bro. Wilson Earl, Shelby, North Carolina  
 Rev. W. W. Price, Shelby, North Carolina  
 Rev. W. M. Neely, Gastonia, North Carolina  
 Mrs. Frances Ramseur, Blacksburg, South Carolina  
 Mrs. W. A. Roberts, R 1, Shelby, North Carolina



## CONSTITUTION AS REVISED 1942

We the Missionary Baptists of Western North Carolina and Northern 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 Association.

Article II. Section 1. The membership of this Association shall consist of messengers elected by the churches and their pastors, and the messengers must have their membership in the bounds of this Association. The enrollment fee shall be 25 cents each.

Section 2. No church shall send more than three messengers.

Section 3. All ordained ministers, who are not too old, except the founders, who fail to attend the Association, their names shall not be put on the roll. Licentiates subject to the same rule

Section 4. Life members will be added when recommended by some responsible member of the Association and approved by the body.

Article III. Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Historian, Field Worker 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 shall assume the same in the absence of the Moderator.

Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate account of all proceedings, prepare the minutes for the press, and send the 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 entrusted in his care.

Article IV. Section 1. Every church shall support missions, education, church extension, et cetera. Therefore this Association shall require such of them.

Section 2. The Association shall have no right to infringe upon the sovereignty of the church rights as a body,

Section 3. This Association shall hold no church as a member who licenses a brother to preach who can not read, spell and write reasonably well, and who has not a fair knowledge of the English language.

Section 4. Any church becoming disorderly, the Executive Board shall investigate, and, if possible, settle the matter or report the church to the Association. No complaint shall be heard from a church in the Association except through a committee.

Article V. Section 1. This Association shall meet Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September of each year.

Article VI. Section 1. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-third vote of the members present at a regular session.

## RULES OF ORDER

1. The Moderator shall preside and decide all questions of order, subject to appeal. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered: and when two or more arise 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. Brethren invited to seats shall have privilege to debate but not to voting.

6. A fine of 5c shall be paid by messengers or ministers who are tardy coming into the sessions of the Association, unless a legal excuse be given.

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



## PROCEEDINGS

Thursday morning, September 24th, 1942, the Association was called to order in its 53rd Annual Session. (At 11 A. M. Eastern War Time) devotions were conducted by Rev. M. L. Davidson, Vice-Moderator. The devotional services were fervent and inspirational. The Moderator, Rev. F. L. Howell, gave greetings, after which the program was read and adopted as a guide.

Committees on Enrollment, Finance and Elections were appointed. The Association enrolled. Rev. R. F. Kilgore read hymn. "Must Jesus bear the Cross Alone." Bro. O. B. Burson read the Scripture. Rev. D. P. Neely led in prayer. Rev. W. L. Bratton lined hymn No. 325. Rev. E. T. Moffet brought the introductory sermon from Job 16, subject, "A Good Record." Bro. Robt. McCullough and Rev. M. L. Davidson lifted a collection amounting to \$4.05.

Benediction, Rev. T. C. Sanders

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

2:25 P. M. The Association reassembled with Bros. W. W. Corry of Pine Grove, and W. L. Logan, of Ebenezer church conducting devotionals. The Treasurer and Auditor and Historian reported. The reports were adopted. Visitors and new pastors were introduced. The visitors were Revs. O. T. Anderson, W. L. Bratton and Prof. L. L. Adams. The new pastors were Rev. D. P. Neely and Rev. P. B. Barnette.

The Committee on Elections reported, with Rev. J. A. White presiding. The report was adopted. (See Officers Roll) Rev. D. F. Moore escorted the officers-elect to the floor and Rev. J. H. McKissick installed them.

Bro. J. F. Howell gave an expression of appreciation on behalf of the officers.

Some Committees were appointed. A motion to continue the present Executive Board with the exception of J. R. Hamilton, deceased, and of Mr. F. L. Smith, who was absent.

A report of the ordaining council was adopted. (See report.) A motion prevailed that the present Ordaining Council be retained. A motion prevailed to lift a collection to help Pine Grove Church which is rebuilding on account of a conflagration.

Revs. W. L. Johnson and W. M. G. Shaw lifted a collection amounting to \$12.44. A motion by Revs. R. J. Davidson and W. L. Johnson to supplement the collection for Pine Grove



with \$8.00. Motion prevailed. Bro. M. J. Burke thanked the Association on behalf of Pine Grove church.

Remarks by Rev. R. J. Davidson, D. D.

Benediction by Rev. M. L. Davidson

#### THURSDAY NIGHT

Devotions led by Bro. Mark Black and Rev. D. P. Neely. The Vice-Moderator presented the Moderator to deliver his annual message. (See address.) A motion prevailed that the Moderator's address be placed in the hands of the Committee on Resolutions. The pastor, Rev. T. C. Sanders, conducted the welcome exercises. Among other features was a welcome by Rev. W. Arthur Hoffman, of First Baptist church, (white), Grover, N. C., and an address by Prof. L. L. Adams. Response by Rev. J. A. White.

Rev. D. F. Moore preached a doctrinal sermon based on Ephesians 4:5, after which Rev. W. H. Mosley led in singing, "Don't Call the Roll." A collection of \$12.50 was lifted by Bro. S. M. Davis and Bro. W. L. Logan. A plea for help came from Bro. L. M. Lineberger, of Center Church, Lowell, N. C. By common consent a collection of seven dollars fifteen cents was lifted for Bro. W. M. Lineberger.

Benediction by Rev. D. F. Moore.

#### FRIDAY MORNING

9:30 A. M. Devotions led by Bro. Robert McCollough and Bro. John H. Burson. The reports of Committee on Resolutions and Temperance were submitted and adopted. (See reports.)

Reception of Letters. Rev. R. J. Davidson, Field-Worker, and representative to the All-Baptist Jubilee, tendered his report. Remarks on the Jubilee by Bro. W. L. Logan. The report was adopted. Motion offered by Rev. [W. L. Johnson that Rev. R. J. Davidson, D.D., be field missionary for the ensuing year. The motion carried. The following visitors were presented: Mrs. R. J. Davidson, Dr. W. H. Davidson and Rev. W. G. Boyce, Dr. J. H. Moore and Rev. W. H. Mosley. Rev. P. B. Barnette read hymn No. 196. Rev. J. H. Moore read Psalm 121. Rev. M. L. Davidson led to a throne of grace. Hymn No. 81 was sung. Rev. S. N. Davidson brought an inspirational sermon, subject, "The True God," I Kings 18:39. Rev. R. J. Davinson led in singing "By the Grace of God I will meet you."



Remarks by Bro. W. Earl, a surviving founder of the Association. A collection of \$7.35 was lifted by Bro. D. A. Cornwell and Rev. E. D. Wray. Benediction by Rev. J. A. White.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The devotions were conducted by Bros. T. W. Bostic and Bro. A. L. McCluney. The minutes were read and adopted. Several committee reports were submitted and adopted.

Topic: The Pastors and Deacons Duties Toward Christian Educational Work was presented by Deacon W. L. Logan and Dr. J. H. Moore. Rev. D. F. Moore led in singing: "Lord, I Want to be a Christian in my heart." The report on Appropriations was submitted and adopted. (See appropriations.) A resolution submitted by Rev. R. J. Davidson was adopted. (q. v.) The report by the Committee on Missions was adopted. A motion prevailed that a collection be taken for Rev. J. H. Moore. The collection amounted to \$4.05. A motion prevailed to supplement it with \$3.95, making the total \$8.00.

A Committee on Attitude was appointed. A motion was submitted that the findings of this committee be published in The Shelby Star, Gastonia Gazette, Kings Mountain Herald and Charlotte Observer. Benediction by Dr. R. J. Davidson.

### FRIDAY NIGHT

Praise services were conducted by Bros. Charlie Nichols and C. L. Roberts. A partial report of finance committee was read.

Dr. J. W. Goudlock, President Friendship Junior College, and Rev. Archie D. Logan, of Mebane, were presented to the Association. Rev. W. L. Johnson brought a gospel message based on II Timothy 2;15.

The ordaining council submitted a report. The following were ordained to the ministry: Bros. O. B. Burson, A. B. Bell, and Roger W. Corry.

The congregation sang "Just Beyond the Jordan River." Revs. A. D. Logan and J. H. McKissick lifted the Educational Rally amounting to \$63.00. A collection of five dollars and five cents was given to Mrs. D. F. Moore. A motion prevailed to donate to Friendship Jr. College \$10. A motion prevailed that Rev. W. M. Neely become a life member. A motion prevailed that the Association donate to Sister Ellis Banks.



A resolution of thanks was tendered to the host church and pastor by Mr. Eugene Patterson.

The Association sang "God be with you till we meet again," and adjourned to meet at Mt. Pleasant church, Bessemer City, September 23 - 24, 1943. Benediction by the Moderator.

Rev. F. L. Howell, Moderator

Rev. Dwight A. Costner, Rec. Sec.

### REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL RALLY

The following paid \$1.00 each: Revs. J. A. White, F. L. Howell, A. D. Logan, D. A. Costner, Bros. O. W. Catlin, K. O. McKinney, Rev. R. J. Davidson, Bros. Robt. McCullough, W. M. Hall, M. J. Burke, A. L. McCluney, John Durden, Eddie Lee Sarratt, Sam Archie, D. C. Gill, Dea. McCluney, Bros. Mark Black, Charlie Nichols, C. L. Roberts, W. L. Logan, J. F. Howell, W. M. Mathis, Evans Wray, John H. Burson, W. W. Corry, O. B. Burson, R. W. Corry, Jasper Patterson, Amzi Smith, G. W. Smith, Eugene Patterson, Virge Graham, Dr. Goudlock, Revs. C. L. Jolly, J. H. McKissick, D.P. Neely, E. D. Wray, F. D. Herndon, M. L. Davidson, D. F. Moore, Skelton, T. H. Grier, Bros. J. H. Edwards, M. J. Williams, James Petty, William Crosby, Revs. H. N. Sharp, W. M. Ellis,

The following paid 50c each; Mesdames Elizabeth Moon, R. J. Davidson, Alice Byers, Ollie Bell, Mary Bell, D.F. Moore, Laura Strong, Dove, McCarthy, Laura Thompson, Eskridge, Gertrude Smith, Mattie Blalock, Della Bell and Miss Laura Strong.

Total \$63.00.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

I submit the following report:

Total amount raised at the 1941 session at Pine

Grove Church	\$305.02
Total Paid out	271.25
Balance on hand	23.77

J. F. Howell, Treasurer

### AUDITOR'S REPORT

September 24, 1942.

I have examined the books and receipts of the treasurer. I find his report to be correct. Balance in treasury is \$23.77.

M. J. Burke, Auditor.



## Report of Committees

### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We your Committee on Education submit the following:

Christian Education is the crying need of this age, and it ought to claim our attention as never before.

This Association has stood for education throughout the years of its existence. We heartily recommend that our Training school for religious workers at Spindale be continued and extended if possible.

We further recommend that we stand solidly behind this work and urge our Sunday School and B. T. U. workers from all of the churches and especially the ministers to attend.

We recommend that we support as far as possible Shaw University and Friendship College.

We recommend that the following books and church papers be read by our people: "Missions in the Bible" - 25c, Baptist Bookstore, Raleigh, N. C.; "The Union Reformer," Baptist State paper, Raleigh, N. C.; "The Union Review," National Baptist paper, Nashville, Tenn., "The Lott Carey Herald," Washington, D. C.

The Committee.

### COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES

We your committee on new churches make the following report: We find that there are no new churches seeking admission at this time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Committee.

### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We your Committee on Resolutions ask to report:

We found the Moderator's address to be a masterpiece worthy of commendation.

1. We recommend that the address be placed on the face of the minutes.

2. We recommend that the Association pay the registration fee of one person from each church to the religious institute, providing the church file a certificate signed by the pastor and clerk with our recording secretary, who in turn will deposit the same with the treasurer. No order for the withdrawal of money for said fees shall be valid until signed by the Moderator



and Recording Secretary.

We recommend that any applicant seeking ordination to the ministry pay the expenses of each member of the council to and from the designated place. (b) If any applicant seeks ordination at the sitting of this Association that this body will be responsible for the expenses of the ordaining council.

4. We recommend that \$3.00 be paid for each sermon preached at the sitting of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee.

### COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to report.

Whereas we believe intemperance to be one of the most destructive evils among our people, we recommend total abstinence from all strong drinks and the use of profanity, card-playing and dancing. We set our seal of disapproval upon intemperance.

### COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

We your Committee on Missions submit the following:

Missions is the heart of Christianity. Without it there can be no Christianity. The stream of missions began to flow just outside the gate of Eden following the fall of man. God's first promise was a missionary promise. As Missionary Baptists we believe in missions - home, state, national and world-wide.

We recommend that we take new interest in the cause of missions. We further recommend that we lift an offering for missions at each preaching service and forward the same to the Executive Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, Rev. C. E. Griffin, Raleigh, N. C.

The Committee.

### COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

We your Committee on Revision of the Constitution, recommend that the revised Constitution of 1939 of the Ebenezer Association be adopted, with the addition of "field worker" added to the list of officers.

2. That life members will be added when recommended by some responsible member of the Association and approved by the body.

J. F. Howell, Chm. of Committee.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

The Committee on Corresponding Messengers recommend to the State Convention, Rev. F. L. Howell; to the Mt. Peace Association, The Rev. D. F. Moore; to Thicketty Mountain Association, The Rev. D. A. Costner; to Gold Hill Association, The Rev. J. H. McKissick; to Rowan Association, The Dr. R. J. Davidson; to Lane Creek Association, the Rev. T. C. Sanders.

The Committee.

## COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We your Committee on Time and Place submit the following recommendation: That our next session convene with the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Bessemer City, N. C., Thursday before the fourth Lord's day in September, 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro C. L Roberts and a delegate from each church.

## COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

We your Committee on Appropriations beg leif to recommend the following: That we appropriate to:

Moderator .....	\$18.00	Vice-Moderator .....	\$ 11.00
Recording Secretary ..	20.00	Corresponding Secre...	3.00
Treasurer .....	8.00	Auditor .....	6.00
Historian .....	3 00	Field Worker .....	10.00
Sexton .....	3.00	Sermons, each .....	4.00

To host pastor and church \$5 00.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee reports the following for the 1942 Session;

By enrollment .....	\$23.00
By Public Collection .....	23.90
For Pine Grove Church .....	12.44
For L. M. Lineberger .....	7.15
For Dr. J. H. Moore .....	4.05
For Mrs. D. F. Moore .....	5.20
By Church Letters .....	228.35
By Educational Rally .....	63.00
Total .....	\$337 09



### A RESOLUTION

Since the first Sunday in October is to be observed as Holy Communion Sunday throughout the nation, be it resolved that as far as possible we go on record as being in favor of the same.

2. That on this Sunday we will pray for holy consecration of our church.

R. J. Davidson.

The Ordaining Council reported that Bro. Bryson, of Gastonia, N. C., was ordained to the ministry during the past summer.

F. L. Howell, Chm.

D. A. Costner, Sec.

### MODERATOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Brother Moderator, Co-Workers and Friends of the Ebenezer Baptist Association of Western North Carolina and Northern South Carolina:

I am indeed thankful to God, our kind heavenly Father, for allowing me to live and blessing me to be able to meet you in another session of this Association. I am under many obligations to this great organization which has re-elected me as Moderator. I appreciate the honor very much. I am unable to express my appreciation in words. I trust through the help of God, to prove to you by service how much I appreciate it. I am in my heavenly Father's hands, realizing I am nothing, and cannot do anything only as God helps me. It is my earnest and sincere desire that he will approve of my life and shape my deeds and actions, and use me to moderate and carry on this well begun work to his own glory, and may each of us whether we eat or drink or whatsoever we do, do it all to the glory of God.

I thank God for you who have met here from the various parts of the Associational field to help foster the great work of Christian Education and to better the condition of humanity.

We are here to consider the work of past years and to contemplate what shall be done in the future. I trust that you have asked God to be our supreme Moderator and that he will preside, and control every matter, and cause us to carry on everything in an edifying and decent manner. We are now living in an age that demands Godly leadership. Only God can lead us on to victory.

My mind now goes to the world literally and spiritually.



We are faced with trials and tribulations without and within. calamities are raging on either hand. I believe the only solution to the problems is Godly leadership and a consecration of our lives to Him. To my mind carnal weapons will not solve the problem, but rather righteousness, for God has said, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Therefore, whatever one might do to better Christianity will serve as a brick in the building. Every Christian should work. Let us unite or be of one accord. For where there is unity there is strength; not only strength, but joy and goodness. One Biblical writer proclaimed, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

This organization began 53 years ago through an united effort with the churches of Western North Carolina and Northern South Carolina. We are now approximately 27 churches in number. Some are weak, and some are strong. Each one is essential and help to make up this great body. We are all members functioning together in the development of Christian Education, being united with one Spirit, baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. Every member is important, and has his own special work to do, just as the human body is composed of many members and each has a special work to do, or some definite duty to perform for the general good of the whole body. So does each member of this Association help to maintain and develop the goal for which we are making. If a member of the human body fails to function, then all the other members suffer and become subject to weakness and despair. For example if the stomach fails to play its part, as a result the entire human system is wrecked or made to suffer. But on the other hand, if the stomach works in accord with the other organs or members, then the body is strong and able to perform needful duties with pleasure and comfort. Each member is dependent upon the other. In like manner this Association is dependent upon each of its members to play their part. If one falters then the whole body is affected. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link. Shall you allow this chain to be weakened by your failures? I say, No - ten thousand times I say, No. Let us be up and doing what our hands find to do. Still pursuing, still achieving, Learn to labor and to wait.



God is depending on us to work or to lift up Jesus in the world, to lead sinners to repentance by our good works and to constrain them to glorify our Father who art in heaven.

If there ever was a time we should put forth our energy and talent to mankind, it is now. We should not only use our material matters to better conditions, but we should use our best thinking, and every spiritual faculty available to raise this nation from sin to righteousness.

If one would ask, what has caused this war we are engaged in today, the answer would be, Sin. If that is true, then if we would succeed or overcome the present crisis, we as a nation, must, like the Ninevites repented by the preaching of Jonah, and God spared them. So if we as a nation would gain God's blessings we must repent and accept Jesus Christ, God's Son, as our Redeemer.

I earnestly appeal to each church in this Ebenezer Association to renew your courage, put on more strength, and do all in your power to bring humanity in closer touch with God.

Let each of us put our shoulders together, and not only our shoulders, but our hearts. Let us unite our souls, minds and strength to the uplift of fallen humanity.

If our institution at Spindale, North Carolina, is inefficient; if it is not what we would have it be; if it is a worthy cause, with God at its head, with salvation at its end, an institution which our forefathers and mothers labored for and made great and noble sacrifice for, and prayed for, even spent their lives in service and died with a grave hope in their minds that their children would still press forward and cause it to develop to the glory of God. Shall we prove a failure because the burden is heavy, or should we renew our strength by accepting the example of an herd of buffaloes. I was told that once upon a time an herd of buffaloes passed through the country and faced a great blizzard. The storm was cold, the wind was howling with its strength. It was so strong that each of them would have been carried away by the hurricane if they had stood apart. But by instinct they stood shoulder to shoulder. They pressed forward against the blizzard until they passed through it, or until the blizzard passed over them. God help us, through the Holy Spirit, to stand together in every conflict that confronts us, and may we be victorious, through the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



## EDUCATION

Whereas, education has its place in every vocation of life, which has been proven during this war, many have been turned down for the lack of education. Even one on the farm can do better with an education. No person is fit for full duty without some education, since education is an act to bring up, to teach, to train.

Be it resolved that we do all in our power to foster education.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Whereas we realize the need of better prepared Sunday School, B. T. U., and missionary workers, and more efficient pastors and deacons, I do hereby recommend or urge each delegate or representative from each church to go back to the church of which he is a member and urge the church to send up one or more students next summer to our Institute at Spindale, N. C., if there be one.

2nd. I recommend that this Association pay the registration fee or fees of any person or persons sent from any of our sister church or churches, providing the church will file a certificate signed by the pastor and church clerk with the Recording Secretary of this body, who in turn will deposit same with the Treasurer. No order to withdraw money for said purposes shall be valid until signed by the Moderator and Recording Secretary.

## MISSIONS

Whereas, we have a world wide field in which to do missionary work.

As we look over it, we observe that the grain is ripe and ready to harvest. Let us pray that God will send forth more laborers into his harvest.

Therefore, let us work until the end, for the reward is not given to the great or small, to the swift nor to the strong, but to the one who is faithful and endureth until the end.

I conclude by saying:

Shoulder to shoulder, press forward, until we pass through the blizzard or until the blizzard pass over us,

Faithfully submitted,

F. L. Howell, Moderator



Churches	Received by Baptism	By Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deaths	
Macedonia	3	0	1	0	2	0	8
Mt. Zion	11	3	2	0	0	0	12
Mt. Olive	3	3	0	0	0	0	50
Eskridge Grove	39	9	2	0	0	0	30
Washington	12	0	3	0	1	5	15
Shoal Creek	8	0	0	0	3	5	12
Mt. Pisgah	28	2	6	0	0	2	4
Maples Springs	1	0	2	0	0	0	25
Ebenezer	6	0	0	0	0	2	27
Mt. Calvary	10	6	0	0	0	3	15
Tabernacle	15	0	0	2	2	0	3
Shiloh	10	5	1	2	2	5	1
St. Peter	6	1	0	0	0	0	3
Providence	15	0	4	0	5	1	1
First Baptist Earl	13	0	0	0	3	1	3
Ellis Chapel	15	5	0	0	0	1	1
Long Branch	12	6	0	7	0	1	8
Pine Grove	4	3	0	0	0	1	3
Hopewell	18	1	0	0	0	8	2
Mt. Pleasant	5	2	6	0	0	2	1
Center	11	3	0	0	0	0	3
First Baptist Lawndale	10	4	2	2	7	0	3
Green Bethel	15	6	1	1	2	4	3
Union	5	0	0	1	0	2	
St. James	1	3	0	0	0	4	
Fairview	1	3	2	0	0	1	
Mountain View	15	0	0	0	9	0	
Palmer Grove	9	1	0	0	0	0	







