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MESSENGERS

Bro. John Lee, Venice Thompson, James Black, John Durden, J. W. Watkins, John H. Burson, Evans Wray, D. C. Gill, Jerry Gordon, F. W. Watkins, L. L. Lutz, E. M. McDowell, Robert McCullough, Cletus Littlejohn, W. M. Hall, L. M. Reid, Sol Anderson, Sammie L. Jackson, Charlie Horne, W. L. Logan, Freeman Dawkins, S. M. Davis, Laster Webber, Julius Davis, Naboth Oglesby, M. J. Burke, D. A. Cornwell, A. C. Canady, J. J. Whitenburg, Edwin M. Dial, B. M. Hambright, Belton Roberts, Clyde Jeffries, James Baxter, Obadiah Boyce, Eugene Harris, John Houser.

Mesdames: Ethel McGill, Vernia Roberts, Gertrude Degree, Mary Hart, Delia Wilson, Mapple Owens, and Vernia W. Black.

Misses: Addie Sue Logan, Eva McDowell.

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Brothers: J. F. Howell, Howard Rhodes, Harvey Spear, James C. Camp, Arie Wray, Dock Degree, and W. M. Mathis. Mesdames: Elizabeth Moon, Gertrude Howell, Brite Webber, Bessie Spear, Rosa Mae Spear, Janie Williamson, Alma Knox, Rosa Mae Jamerson, Miss Lissie Hopper, Miss Cora L. Brantley.

VISITORS

Messrs.: Wilson Kilgore, Squire Etchison, and H. Gidney. Mesdames: Laura Strong, Lillie M. Dial, Lucretia Davis, Elmira Hosch, Emma Scott, Mary Durden, Florida Smith, M. O. Ratcliffe, Ora Belle Harris, Beadie M. Watkins, Wilhelmina Elmore, Lillie Wheeler, Nettie W. Dawkins, Carmie Elmore, Zulia Ellis, Mary Lee Gleaves, Havrali Evans; Misses; Bertha Strong, Eula M. Bell, Ruby Banks, Ruth Moore. Mr. George Earl, Mr. R. R. Cabiness.

APPOINTED COMMITTEE:

ENROLLMENT: Mesdames Clea Boswell, Mary Hart, Fanny Mobley, Elizabeth Moon.

FINANCE: Brothers John Durden, J. F. Howell, L. L. Lutz.

ELECTIONS: Rev. W. G. Boyce, Brothers D. C. Gill, W. L. Logan, F. W. Watkins, L. M. Reid.

TEMPERANCE: Reverends S. A. Raper, J. C. Mitchell, C. E. Rice, Miss Eva McDowell, Mrs. Elizabeth Moon, Mr. Freeman Dawkins, Mrs. Mapple Owens, Rev. J. W. Boyce, Mr. E. M. McDowell, Mr. Cletus Littlejohn.

EDUCATION: Reverends J. A. White, J. H. McKissick, W. R. Douglas, L. R. Barber, J. C. Mitchell, Mrs. Alma Knox.

RESOLUTIONS: Brothers L. M. Reid, W. L. Logan, S. M. Davis, John Houser, Sol Anderson, Reverends P. B. Barnett, R. F. Kilgore, W. L. Johnson, G. Knox, W. G. Boyce.

MISSIONS: Bro. J. H. Burson, Bro. Laster Webber, Dr. W. H. Davidson, Reverends W. W. Price, T. R. Hampton, R. E. Lindsay.

NEW CHURCHES: Reverends S. N. Davidson, T. H. Grier, John Gaston, W. L. Johnson, E. D. Wray, Brothers John Lee, Clyde Jeffries, Venice Thompson.

OBITUARY: Rev. R. F. Kilgore, Brothers W. M. Hall, J. W. Watkins, Evans Wray, Mrs. Gertrude Degree, Mrs. Gertrude Howell.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION: Reverends S. N. Davidson, J. C. Mitchell, L. R. Barber, P. B. Barnett, W. M. Ellis.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS: Rev. W. L. Johnson, Brothers Robt. McCullough, Charloe Hoine, Belton Roberts, James Black.

APPROPRIATIONS: Rev. J. A. White, Brothers James Baxter, Jerry Gordon, D. C. Gill, J. H. Burson, Bishop Hambright, Mrs. Vernia Roberts.

TIME AND PLACE: Bro. J. C. Camp and a messenger from each church.

CONSTITUTION (as revised Sept. 1946)

We, the Missionary Baptist 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 MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II. Section 1. The membership of this Association shall consist of Messengers elected by the churches and their pastors. The Messengers must have their membership in the bounds of this Association.

Section 2. The enrollment fee shall be \$1.00 for ordained ministers, 75 cents for licentiate preachers, 50 cents for messengers.

Section 3. Each church shall be entitled to send to the Association, two messengers for the first two hundred (200) members on roll, and one extra messenger for every fifty members above two hundred.

Section 4. All ordained ministers, who are not too old, except the founders, who fail to attend the Association, their names shall not be put on roll. Licentiates subject to the same rule.

Section 5. No one shall be eligible for life membership in this body who has not attained the age of sixty-five, having been a member of this Associational field for thirty years.

ARTICLE III. Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secdetary, 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 the Association.

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 the 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 money entrusted to 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 will hold no church as a member which licenses a brother to preach who cannot read, spell and write reasonably well, and who has not a fair knowledge of the Bible and 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 the church 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. The constitution may be altered or amended by a two-third vote of the members present at a regular session.

ARTICLE VII. Section 1. Each Church shall pay 15 cents per capita annually as representing fees to the Association.

Section 2. Superannuated ministers and life members shall receive ten percent of all money raised.

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. 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 continue 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 vote.

6. A fine of five cents shall be paid by messengers or ministers who are tardy coming into the meetings of the Association, except a legal excuse is 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.



MEMORIAL PAGE



**Sacred to the memory of our fellow...
workers who have fallen asleep.**



PROCEEDINGS

The Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association met in its fifty-seventh annual session with the Eskridge Grove Baptist Church, Route 4, Shelby, N. C.

Theme: Christian Stewardship In Action.

Thursday morning, September 19, 1946, at 10:00 o'clock, the Association was called to order by the Vice-Moderator, Reverend P. B. Barnett, who conducted a very helpful and inspiring worship period. He emphasized "Seeing God" based on Isaiah 6.

After the worship period the Moderator took charge and asked the Association to sing: "If it were not for the Lord what would I do?" Then after appropriate remarks the order of the day was called. Committee on Enrollment and Committee on Finance were appointed. The Association was enrolled.

A motion prevailed that the program be adopted as a guide.

Time for the introductory sermon having arrived, the appointee, Rev. T. H. Grier, accompanied by Reverends S. A. Raper, W. M. Ellis, J. H. McKissick, W. M. Murry and John Gaston, ascended the rostrum. The Association sang "Down here, Lord, praying in Thy name." Rev. John Gaston read hymn "Father I stretch my hand to Thee," which was sung by the body. The Rev. Ellis read the scripture, John 14:1-14, then Rev. Brother Murry led to a throne of grace. Rev. S. A. Raper read and sang "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believers' ear." At this time Rev. Grier came forth full of fervency with the introductory sermon—subject: "The Way." The Association sang "I have done what you told me to do and "Amazing Grace." Then Rev. Murry led in singing "Won't there be a time."

Rev. L. J. Westbrook and Deacon W. L. Logan lifted a collection amounting to \$21.11.

The committee on elections was appointed.

The following visitors met the Association: Rev. W. R. Douglas, pastor of Mt. Moriah Church, Belmont, and corresponding messenger from the Mt. Peace Association; Mrs. Reid of Gaffney, S. C.; Miss Alma Knox of Gastonia; Rev. J. M. Parson of Chester, S. C.; and of the Sandy River Association (Lower Division); Rev. J. E. Bridges of Muskogee, Okla.; and Rev. John A. Edwards, Evangelist, Spartanburg County, S. C.

At this time the pastor, Rev. J. C. Mitchell, made remarks.

Rev. W. W. Price was presented to speak to the Association. He gave some timely remarks. Benediction by Rev. T. H. Grier.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Association met pursuant to time. Devotionals were conducted by Bro. Naboth Oglesby and Bro. Julius Davis and Sister Delia Wilson.

The Vice-Moderator, Rev. P. B. Barnett, presiding. The Moderator was presented to tender his annual message, which was full of thought and inspiration. He stressed unity.

Rev. J. A. White submitted a motion, properly seconded, that the Moderator's message be placed in the hands of the Committee on Resolutions. The motion carried. The Treasurer and Auditor submitted their reports, which were adopted. The Historian's report was made and adopted. Rev. D. A. Costner reported for the Ordination Council.

The Rev. T. R. Hampton of the Mt. Peace Association was appointed to serve as Moderator pro tem. The Committee on Elections reported on officers, executive-board, and ordination council. The recommendations reported were adopted. (See the roll of officers, executive board, and ordination council).

Remarks by Rev. W. L. Johnson. The Rev. W. R. Douglas installed the officers in a very unique manner. Rev. F. L. Howell gave expression of gratitude on behalf of the newly installed officers.

A motion was submitted that the Program Committee consist of Reverends F. L. Howell, D. A. Costner, W. L. Johnson, S. N. Davidson, J. C. Mitchell, P. B. Barnett, R. E. Lindsay, L. R. Barber, W. G. Boyce, S. A. Raper and Bro. J. F. Howell. The motion prevailed. Some church letters were read.

At this time the Rev. P. B. Barnett was asked to introduce the speaker of the hour. The Rev. Barnett introduced the Rev. J. A. Everett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C., who after short preliminaries made an address upon the topic: "Fundamental Doctrines Of The Church." 1. Doctrine of the sacred Scriptures. 2. The Doctrine of God. 3. The Doctrine of Jesus Christ. 4. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit. 5. The Doctrine of Salvation. 6. Doctrine of Things to Come. The hearts of the congregation burned as the man of God expounded the doctrines by the way.

The Rev. S. N. Davidson led in singing "I'll fly away." Some comments were made by Rev. S. N. Davidson and Rev. D. A. Costner.

A collection of \$7.43 was lifted by Mrs. Elizabeth Moon and Mrs. Janie Williamson. Benediction by Rev. S. N. Davidson.

THURSDAY EVENING

7:00. Devotionals were conducted by messengers from Fair View and Long Branch Churches. Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

A motion prevailed that the body hear from the representative of Friendship Junior College. The Vice-Moderator introduced that representative in the person of Rev. H. H. Battle, Dean of Theology at Friendship College. Rev. Battle came forward and urged that men find themselves and

prepare to use opportunities as they arise and to prepare to grapple with life problems. Moreover, he made a plea for Friendship College. After the appeal the body contributed \$51.69 for Friendship College.

The host Church favored us with a heartfelt welcome program. Mr. George Crosby gave a hearty response on behalf of the Association.

The appointee and alternate for the doctrinal sermon and others entered the rostrum. Rev. C. L. Jolly led in singing: "To our Redeemer's glorious name." The Rev. R. F. Kilgore read a portion of John 3rd chapter. Invocation was offered by Rev. C. E. Rice. The Association sang "Go preach My gospel asith the Lord." The preacher, Rev. J. H. Butler, announced his subject: "The Doctrine of Regeneration"—John 3:3,4,5, from which he preached an informative and soulstirring sermon. The Association sang: "Lift Him Up." The Reverend T. R. Hampton led in singing: "There is a fountain filled with blood." Rev. T. H. Grier and Brother Bishop Hambright called a collection to the amount of \$17.

Remarks by the pastor. Benediction by Rev. C. E. Rice.

FRIDAY MORNING

9:45. Worship period was conducted by Rev. S. T. Gillespie.

Minutes of the previous meetings were read and adopted. The roll was called and adopted. A motion prevailed that Rev. G. Knox and Bro. G. J. Surratte be added to the life members roll. Bro. Ervin Dial and Mrs. Tessie McDowell were presented.

11:15. At this time Bro. W. L. Logan conducted a penal discussion on the topic: "Christian Stewardship." The topic was fervently discussed.

Bro. Wilson Earl, the only living of the founding fathers, was presented to the Association. He greeted the Association and gave brief remarks. Reverend W. G. Boyce, the preacher of the hour, ascended the pulpit accompanied by several ministers. Rev. W. R. Douglas lined a hymn which was sung by the body. Rev. R. F. Kilgore read a portion of John 14 for a scripture lesson. Rev. C. E. Brice read hymn: "I am not ashamed to own my God," which was sung by the congregation. The Moderator presented the Rev. W. G. Boyce, who brought the inspirational message—subject: "The Unbroken Promise," from which the preacher truly preached an inspirational message. The Rev. S. T. Gillespie led a spiritual. Prayer by Rev. E. D. Wray. Rev. W. M. Murray led a spiritual. Rev. S. T. Gillespie, and Rev. S. H. Hopper lifted a collection amounting to \$14.75.

A committee on Revision of Constitution was appointed as follows: Rev. S. N. Davidson, Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Rev. L. R. Barber, Rev. P. B. Barnett, and Rev. W. M. Ellis. Benediction by Reverend W. G. Boyce.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Association re-assembled with Bro. Harvie Spears and Rev. G. Knox conducting the devotionals. The Committees on Temperance, Appropriations and Education submitted reports which were adopted. A motion

prevailed to pay our messenger to the State General Baptist Convention the sum of forty dollars (\$40.)

The report of Committee on Revision of Constitution was submitted and adopted in sections.

The Association adopted the reports of Committees on Corresponding Messengers, and on New Churches.

"OUR STATE PROGRAM" was represented by Reverend Thomas Kilgore, executive secretary, North Carolina General Baptist State Convention. He reported that the Ebenezer Association had increased its support to the State Convention about 150% during the year; the state convention has a regular worker in Wilmington Shipyard area. We are urged to increase our support to state work and missions. Our theme was emphasized. The address informed and inspired those who heard it.

Rev. Mr. Kilgore presented Rev. Jasper Freeman of Lamberts Point, Va., president of Shaw University Alumni; and Rev. Paul R. Brown of Shaw University. Each gave timely expressions. A response was made by Rev. P. B. Barnett.

A collection of \$25.26 was given for the State work.

Dr. W. H. Davidson brought greetings from Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Inc.; and from the National Baptist Convention of America; and from the N. C. General Baptist State Convention.

Someone introduced the matter of helping the Planning Committee for entertaining the State Convention. The Association by vote, donated that committee the sum of fifty dollars.

Benediction was offered by the Rev. Dr. W. H. Davidson.

FRIDAY EVENING

The Association was re-assembled for the last meeting of the session. Worship was conducted by messengers from Shoal Creek and Shiloh Churches.

The previous minutes were read and approved. The Committee on Time And Place; Committee on Missions; and Committee on Resolutions reported. The above reports were approved.

Reverends J. A. White and T. R. Hampton asked the Association to help in feeding the State Convention, Thursday, October 31. A motion prevailed that the Ebenezer Association go on record to help feed the State Baptist Convention, at Charlotte, Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1946.

A motion prevailed that all Church letters which have been submitted to this body be adopted.

The Association sang "Steal away to Jesus."

The Finance Committee made a partial report for information only.

Eskridge Grove choir furnished music for the regular worship hour.

Time for the annual sermon having arrived, the alternate directed the order of service. Scripture was read by the Rev. T. R. Hampton from

John 14. Prayer was led by Reverend J. A. White. Rev. W. M. Murray led in singing: "Out on the ocean sailing." The Congregation sang "I love Thy kingdom Lord." The appointee for the annual sermon, Rev. P. B. Barnett, brought the congregation a rich message, full of thought from John 15:13-14; subject: "Our common union with the Lord." 1. The obligation of love. 2. The sufficiency of love. 3. The Pattern of love. 4. The motive of love. The preacher poured out his soul in presenting the word of God in its power. The Association was impressed it was good to be there.

The congregation sang "That will be a time." The Rev. Hampton had so filled up that he was compelled to express himself. The congregation sang "There is a fountain filled with blood."

The Educational rally was called for by Deacons J. C. Camp and W. L. Logan. The following paid one dollar each: Revs. W. M. Murray, W. L. Johnson, J. T. Laster, J. A. White, P. B. Barnett, W. H. Davidson, S. A. Raper, S. T. Gillespie, F. L. Howell, C. L. Jolly, T. H. Grier, E. D. Wray, Patterson, J. C. Mitchell, R. F. Kilgore, D. A. Costner, T. R. Hampton, C. E. Rice, W. M. Ellis \$1.25; Brothers J. C. Camp, W. L. Logan, James Black, M. J. Burke, L. L. Lutz, John Durden, J. F. Howell, Obidiah Boyce, Geo. Crosby, S. A. Anderson, J. W. Patterson, Dock Degree, Clarence Burris, Naboth Oglesby, Grady Bostic, W. M. Matthews, D. C. Gill, S. M. Davis, J. W. Watkins, J. J. Wittenburg, W. M. Hall, John Lee, Jud Hanes, Evans Wray, Laster Webber, Lawrence Cannady, J. H. Burson, Roosevelt Lee, Joe Johnson, Harry McDuffie; Mesdames Julane Watkins, Rosana Humphries, Gertrude Degree, Claudia Camp, W. A. Meeks, Cleo Boswell, Mapple Owens, Sara Fullenwider; Misses Addie Sue Logan, Eva McDowell, Ruth Littlejohn, Ethel Magill; Mr. Julius Davis, Mr. Jerry Gordon. Those paying fifty cents (50c): Mr. Charlie Horne, Mr. James Bell, and Mrs. Tessie McDowell.

Total collection \$70.76. Total money raised during the session was \$719.22.

Rev. S. A. Raper gave the resolution of thanks, on behalf of the Association, to the host Church and host pastor.

The body sang "God be with you till me meet."

Thus the Association adjourned to meet with the New Zion Baptist Church, Henrietta, N. C., Thursday and Friday before the fourth Lord's day in September, 1947.

Reverend Fred L. Howell, Moderator.

Reverend Dwight A. Costner, Rec. Secretary.

EBENEZER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Churches

Churches	Received by Baptism		By letter		Restored	Dismissed by Letter		Excluded	Deaths	Total Membership	Representing Fee	For Missions	Value of Ch. Property	Pastor's Salary	Raised for Missions	Total Money Raised	Days of Preaching
Center	7	--	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	175	\$20.00	\$--	\$ 4,000	\$ 800	\$--	\$--	1-3
Ebenezer	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	262	12.00	----	50,000	560	65.00	2100	2-4
Ellis Chapel	35	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	380	21.00	----	4,000	425	-----	1700	2-4
Eskridge Grove	23	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	635	45.00	----	6,500	1000	125.00	2000	1-3
Fair View	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	70	7.00	----	2,000	-----	-----	-----	1-3
First — Earl	9	4	--	--	--	2	1	122	12.00	-----	-----	-----	4,500	500	-----	-----	2-4
Lawndale	25	6	8	--	1	4	370	15.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,500	-----	100.00	-----	1-3
Green Bethel	8	3	0	3	0	4	372	12.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	7,000	840	101.00	-----	2-4
Hopewell	30	10	--	--	--	--	450	12.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	8,000	-----	-----	-----	1-3
Long Branch	13	1	--	--	--	--	113	12.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,500	-----	-----	-----	2-4
Macedonia	6	--	--	--	--	1	0	75	7.50	-----	-----	-----	1,000	-----	-----	500	2-4
Maple Springs	3	--	--	--	--	--	218	11.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	3,000	300	-----	-----	2-4
Mountain View	8	6	0	0	--	--	126	8.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,000	-----	-----	328	2-4
Mt. Calvary	23	--	1	--	--	3	360	19.00	1.00	5,000	1104	437.41	4856	1-2-3-4	-----	-----	
Mt. Olivet	5	--	--	--	--	1	183	10.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	10,000	875	95.00	1538	2-4
Mt. Pisgah	5	1	0	0	0	0	60	8.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,500	600	-----	-----	-----
Mt. Pleasant	12	5	3	2	0	1	282	15.15	5.00	3,500	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2-4
Mt. Sinai	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	28	7.00	-----	-----	-----	2,500	225	-----	502	2-4
Mt. Zion	7	4	4	--	--	--	3	190	10.00	-----	-----	-----	10,000	800	100.00	1425	-----
New Zion	--	--	--	--	--	--	-----	24.40	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Palmer Grove	9	--	--	--	--	1	84	5.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	234	1
Pine Grove	--	--	1	1	6	2	162	9.00	3.48	3,000	300	3.48	-----	-----	-----	-----	2-4
Providence	5	0	3	0	3	--	200	15.00	----	1,000	1200	50.00	1250	1-2-3-4	-----	-----	
St. James	0	1	1	--	--	--	62	8.00	----	2,500	550	33.00	1052	1-3	-----	-----	
St. Peter	17	6	1	--	--	1	139	10.00	----	7,000	400	75.00	1590	1-3	-----	-----	
Shiloh	6	--	1	2	--	6	300	25.00	5.00	40,000	2470	18.00	4000	S	-----	-----	
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Washington	13	1	2	--	--	--	500	15.00	----	10,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1-3
Zion Hill	10	3	1	--	--	--	150	6.00	----	8,000	500	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1-3
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ATION STATISTICAL TABLE 1946

Days of Preaching	Pastor		Clerk	
	Address		Address	
3	Rev. H. Gray,	465 Fewell St., Rock Hill, S. C.	Mrs. Unesta Hill	Rt. 2, Gastonia, N. C.
4	Rev. D. A. Costner	Kings Mtn., N. C.	V. O. Ramseur	Gastonia, N. C.
4	Rev. L. R. Barber,	518 Allen St., Rock Hill	Mrs. Eula Wesson,	Rt. 2, Shelby, N. C.
3	Rev. J. C. Mitchell,	220 Cedar St., Belmont	Mrs. Rosa Mae Jamerson	Shelby, N. C.
3	Rev. F. L. Howell,	Rt. 2, Cherryville, N. C.	Caldwell Logan	Cherryville, N. C.
4	Rev. R. F. Kilgore,	Rt. 2, Kings Mtn., N. C.	Mrs. Ruth Littlejohn,	R. 2, Shelby, N. C.
3	Rev. W. L. Johnson,	56 McClain St., Asheville	Mrs. Mattie L. Coclough,	Lawndale, N. C.
4	Rev. W. L. Johnson,	56 McClain St., Asheville	Mrs. Nevada Wilson,	Bolining Spr., N. C.
3	Rev. R. J. Davidson,	D.D., Charlotte, N. C.	S. B. Cornwell,	R. 5, Shelby, N. C.
4	Rev. C. L. Jolly	R. 1, Gaffney, S. C.	Miss Brownie Adams,	R. 1, Grover, N. C.
4	Rev. F. L. Howell,	R. 2, Cherryville, N. C.	U. S. Harris	Shelby, N. C.
4	Rev. C. E. Rice	R. 1, Chesnee, S. C.	Mrs. Beatrice Thompson	Shelby, N. C.
4	Rev. E. D. Wray	R. 1, Lawndale, N. C.	Julia Camp	R. 1, Shelby, N. C.
-3-4	Rev. J. A. White	Gastonia, N. C.	Mrs. Cleo Boswell	Shelby, N. C.
4	Rev. J. C. Mitchell	Belmont, N. C.	John Ross	Kings Mtn., N. C.
4	Rev. L. J. Westbrooks	Lincolnton, N. C.	Mrs. M. L. Hunter,	Rt. 2, Bessemer City
4	Rev. W. M. Murray	Bessemer City, N. C.	Mrs. Delia Wilson,	Bessemer City, N. C.
4	Rev. T. H. Grier	Grover, N. C.	John Lee	Blacksburg, S. C.
4	Rev. J. C. Mitchell	Belmont, N. C.	Mrs. Mapple Owens	Kings Mtn., N. C.
4	Rev. E. D. Wray	Lawndale, N. C.	Mrs. Lorine Johnson	Lawndale, N. C.
2-3-4	Rev. J. H. McKissick	Gaffney, S. C.	Mrs. C. M. McBrayer,	Blacksburg, S. C.
3	Rev. L. J. Westbrooks	Lincolnton, N. C.	Nicola Egerton,	Rt. 5, Lincolnton, N. C.
3	Rev. D. A. Costner,	B.D., Kings Mtn., N. C.	Miss Modell Black,	Bessemer City, N. C.
3	Rev. R. E. Lindsay	Lowell, N. C.	Betton Roberts	Grover, N. C.
3	Dr. R. J. Davidson	Charlotte, N. C.	Mrs. S. T. Enloe	Shelby, N. C.
3	Rev. J. Gaston	Box 622, Shelby, N. C.	C. Z. Accor,	Rt. 2, Shelby, N. C.
4	Rev. P. B. Barnett,	Box 44, Rock Hill, S. C.	J. W. Crockett	Gastonia, N. C.
3	Rev. S. N. Davidson	Charlotte, N. C.	Miss Melva Brooks	Gastonia, N. C.
3	Rev. S. N. Davidson	Charlotte, N. C.	T. R. Howell,	Rt. 2, Cherryville, N. C.
3	Rev. J. H. Butler,	3 Oak St., Greenville,	Otha Lee	Lawndale, N. C.
3	Rev. S. T. Gillespie,	Box 301, Lowell, N. C.	Miss Alma Knox	Gastonia, N. C.

MODERATOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Brother Vice-Moderator, officers, messengers, ministers and friends of the EBENEZER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

I am thankful that God through his all-wise providence has made it possible for us to come up here from north, south, east and west, from our various fields of labor to the Eskridge Grove Baptist Church, a community where the air is filled with everything to assure Christian development; a place where even the environment seems to welcome us. The fragrance of love flows from the pulpit to the doorsteps. This energetic pastor and his members bespeak spiritual growth and development.

May I at this time say, It is with profound pleasure and thankfulness to God, our kind heavenly Father, that we are blessed to assemble in another annual meeting of the Ebenezer Baptist Association of Western North Carolina and Northern South Carolina.

Since this time a year ago some changes have taken place. Some who looked as much like living as we do have answered the call of Death, many others for various reasons have failed to meet us.

Those of us whom God has blessed to be here, I urge that we be united in fellowship and love, that we may foster the great work of christian education a few rounds higher. As we pass on with our work perhaps we might notice many problems to be solved. The way may be dark and gloomy; we may be confronted with many doubts and be perplexed with many thoughts; temptations may arise from within and without; discouragement may glare us in the face, when we think of our enormous task; if so let's remember our predecessors, who had a ray of light in 1889 which they regarded as a light from God working on the altar of their hearts, which gave them a vision. They came together and formed what we now call the Ebenezer Baptist Association. They agreed to raise means to help foster a school of christian education. Now there is only one of those pioneers left, our honored dear brother, W. Earls. God bless him. He is still active and enduring faithfully. I believe he is like others, who were bound together with the unity of the Spirit, who did their utmost to carry on the work of Christian Education. Since those beginning years other groups have been working. They passed a few mile posts. God has called them away, and now the responsibility rests on our shoulders. We are trying to pass another mile post.

When I survey the burden of our responsibility and look into the future for achievements and developments, I at once think if we are to be able to accomplish our work we must be in unity—that is comply with the following passages of scripture: "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit."—Eph. 4:3; "So we being many are one body in Christ."—Rom. 12:5. Therefore let us take UNITY as our central thought or ultimate objective. Where there is unity there is strength. What is unity? The

answer: Unity is the state of being one; there must be a uniting of things, beings, or of objects to form unity. Unity means to join, to combine, to act in concert, uniformity or agreement. We propose in our discourse to discuss unity from two angles—that is from a spiritual and a material angle. On either hand it is very important to have unity as a safeguard to growth and development. Paul in his message to the Christians of the Church of Ephesus and Rome pointed out how essential it was to have unity as Christians to warrant religious development. He had them to understand that by endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit, they must walk worthy of the vocation—that is live consistently with the Spirit, with all lowliness or humility of the mind. He wanted them to understand that spiritual unity is created by the Holy Spirit under the Bond of Peace. Therefore let peace bind you together and preserve your unity. For lack of preservation of the Spirit in the human families, we are in confusion and distresses; we have a world torn to pieces. There is hatred and malice and bloodshed all over the world; all because we are not united under the Bond of Peace. God is demanding, though we be many, that we come together as one body. There may be many members with different types of work, but in order to profit most there must be a uniformity, or an agreement. For example let us use the natural body. I am not versed in the knowledge of the structure and functions of the human body as a medical physician might be; but Paul, the Divine writer, tells us "We have many members in one body; and all members have not the same office, for the body is not one member but many. If the foot shall say because I am not the hand I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?" . . . "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased him. Now are there many members but one body."

In the above we see unity. The eye cannot say unto the hand I have no need of thee. Nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. The feeble members are necessary. Those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, upon these are bestowed more abundant honor; for our comely parts have no need but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked, that there should be no schism in the body but that the members should have the same care one for another. So it is in spiritual unity, we may have different offices, but we are tempered together so that when one member suffers we all suffer; if one member is honored all the members rejoice with it. Now, if you see or know a member, who rejoices at your suffering; mark that person, for he has not unity of the Spirit. May I say here that Love is the connecting link which binds us together in the Spirit. We must love God and love one another. Love will bring us on a common level.

My mind now goes to the early Church, away back yonder, just after Christ had finished his work and had been caught up by the cloud and carried back to Heaven. The company, who stood gazing at him while he was being transported on the cloud heard these words spoken by two men

who stood by them in white apparel: "Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven. Then they returned unto Jerusalem and assembled in the upper room, waiting for the endowing of the Holy Spirit, the promised Comforter. There were around 120 of them, but they were in unity. They continued with one accord in prayer and supplications. Then Apostle Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples and said "Men and brethren, This scripture must need have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spoke before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. Judas being one of them, you remember sold Jesus for thirty pieces of silver; then went out and hanged himself. I fancy I see the rest of the disciples still in unity. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place, and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat on each of them, and they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

After then they were filled with the Holy Ghost and they spoke the word of God with boldness, and the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul, neither said any of them that aught of the things they possessed was his own. They were good stewards. They had everything common, and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked; for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold and laid them at the apostles feet and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

The Holy Spirit led them to care for each other by supplying them with all needful things. As I think of our great task of fostering Christian Education there is nothing as essential as the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I trust we shall stand together; for where there is unity there is strength.

In conclusion, I wish to tell you the story of a father who had several sons, who would oft times quarrel and work against one another. The father set out to teach the sons a lesson in unity and strength. Therefore, he told each of them to bring to him a small stick. He took one stick and broke it before them. It broke easily. Then he bound the others into a bundle and passed the bundle of sticks to two of his sons and bade them to break it. The two sons tried with all their might, but could not. Then, the father said "Now, if you stop quarreling and stand together you will be strong and hard to subdue."

I say to the Ebenezer Association, let us stand together in Jesus name to foster the great cause of Christian Education.

If there ever was a time that we need power from on High, it is now.

Jesus said "Abide in Me and I in you." In the 15th chapter of St. John, He said "I am the Vine, and my Father is the Husbandman, Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit, He taketh it away, and every branch in Me that beareth fruit, He purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit."

Now to abide in Christ, ye must be born again. It is only by union in Christ that our lost souls can be restored to their true relationship with God. We fall short of the blessing of God when we lack true spiritual unity with Christ.

RECOMMENDATIONS

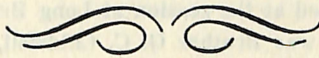
I recommend that we, the Ebenezer Baptist Association, continue to work in harmony with other organizations to establish or erect buildings etc., at Stanley, N. C., or cooperate in any manner that seems best for the welfare of our denomination.

MISSIONS

May we have a faith to endure to the end in spreading good news and glad tidings to the uttermost parts of the world to the unsaved. God is depending on us to carry on this great work. What are you going to do about it?

Faithfully submitted,

Fred L. Howell.



HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Mr. Moderator, Officers, and Members of the Ebenezer Baptist Association; History is always interesting. It is especially so when it is a record of trials and achievements of the heroes of faith.

We find that our first association was organized at Shiloh Baptist Church in 1867. The first moderator was Reverend Samuel Fox. The association carried on that way until 1887, when it consolidated with the Mecklenburg County Association. The consolidated Association was named the Shiloh. We stayed there one year, but becoming dissatisfied, we called for our letter anew at Ebenezer Baptist Church. The new Association was named EBENEZER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION in honor of the church in which the organization took place. Reverend A. Johnson named the association. Rev. A. Ellis was the first Moderator of the new organization which was established in 1889. Brother Mumble Harris was the first secretary; and Deacon Philip Wilson, treasurer. After the first year, Rev. W. A. Roberts was elected secretary and served until the death of Rev. Ellis, whereupon Rev. Roberts was elected Moderator; with Rev. C. F. Gingles, later, Rev. P. C. Young, Vice-moderator; Bro. D. P. Oates, Secretary; Bro. B. Gingles, Treasurer, which office he held until his death. Upon the death of Bro. B. Gingles, Deacon W. M. Ramseur was elected Treasurer and served until his death, then was succeeded by Brother J. F. Howell. Bro. D. P. Oates served as Secretary for ten years, then he moved to the North. He was succeeded by Rev. H. H. Howell, who served three years and died. After the death of Rev. H. H. Howell, Rev. F. L. Howell was elected Secretary, in which office he served for ten years until the death of Rev. W. A. Roberts; then the Rev. F. L. Howell was elected Moderator at Providence Baptist Church, Lincolnton, N. C., in 1940. In 1940, Rev. M. L. Davidson became Vice-moderator—at the present Rev. P. B. Barnett is Vice-moderator; Bro. F. L. Smith was elected Recording secretary, after serving two years he was succeeded by the present secretary, Rev. D. A. Costner, who was elected at the session at Long Branch Church in 1942.

The first Auditor was Brother G. C. Caldwell, who was succeeded by Bro. C. C. Corry, who was succeeded by Bro. M. J. Burke, the present auditor.

As we remember there were several corresponding-secretaries; in 1903, Rev. J. E. Harbison, then Bro. D. H. Wood, Rev. H. B. Wray, and our present Rev. S. N. Davidson.

Historians: J. A. Howell, D. H. Wood, R. C. Cannedy, Rev. T. C. Sanders, Bishop Hambright, and Rev. W. M. Ellis, the present Historian.

As Vice-moderator, we remember Rev. A. H. Hopper served under the late Rev. W. A. Roberts.

Since the founding of the Association God has been gracious toward it. Nothing has prevented it from holding its regular sessions at the proper time. God has provided the way. In the midst of wars and turmoils the

Association has been able through our Maker to meet and still sing "God be with you 'till we meet again." The association has grown by leaps and bounds, so much so that it now has a wide-awake field worker, in the person of Dr. R. J. Davidson, who canvasses the field and brings in good reports.

We are indebted to our life-member, Bro. W. Earlfor imparting to us needed information for compiling this report. May the Lord bless and keep him under the shadow of His wings.

Names of some Vice-Moderators: Rev. C. F. Gingles, elected in 1916; Rev. P. C. Young, 1918; Rev. C. F. Gingles, 1921; Rev. E. E. Hart, 1922; Rev. A. H. Hopper, 1927; Rev. M. L. Davidson, 1933; Rev. P. B. Barnett, 1944—.

The Association fosters religious education throughout the field. Its prime objective is to help those who are striving to climb. The Association has donated to the following schools: Shaw University, Friendship College, and W. U. Academy.

Since 1903, we have grown from 21 churches to 31 in 1945. The churches that have been received since 1903 are: Lawndale, First Church; Mt. Calvary (Shelby); Mt. Olive; Mt. Pleasant; Union; Palmer Grove; Maple Springs; Mt. Sinai; Macedonia; Providence; First Church, Earl; Zion Hill; New Zion; Mountain View.

Yours in the work,

Reverend William M. Ellis, Historian.

REPORT OF ORDINATION COUNCIL

Brother Moderator:

The Council had one call during the interim. The Council met at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C., March 31, 1946, at which time Brother John Gaston was examined and ordained to the Gospel Ministry.

Faithfully submitted,

Rev. F. L. Howell, Moderator of the Council.

Rev. R. J. Davidson, D.D., Catechizer.

Rev. D. A. Costner, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Moderator and co-workers: I beg to make the following report: Receipts and disbursements from September 20, 1945 to Sept. 18, 1946: Money by the Association at Ellis Chapel Baptist Church, Patterson Springs, N. C., Sept. 1945.

By Enrollment	\$ 74.75
Church Letters	359.85
Public Collections	35.67
Fines	2.00
For Friendship College	40.66
For Shaw University	35.00
By do nation, Dr. Carter	5.00
By Educational Rally	91.11

Total	\$644.04
Brought forward from 1944	\$ 3.87

Grand Total	\$647.91
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PAID OUT

To Appropriations	\$175.50
Shaw University	75.00
Friendship College	40.66
State Convention delegate	20.00
Life members	40.00
Union Treasure	260.00
Minutes	40.00
Back bill for minutes	1.50
Revenue tax50
Postage50

Total Paid out	\$653.66
Overdraft of	5.75

J. F. Howell, Treasurer
Route 1, Box 100
Shelby, N. C.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Sept. 19th, 1946

Brother Moderator: The Auditor begs to make his report.

I have examined the treasurer's books and receipts and find them to be correct. There was an overdraft of \$5.75, which we owe to the treasurer. I O.K. the treasurer's accounts.

Your auditor,
M. J. Burke.

COMMITTEE REPORTS COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES

We, your Committee on New Churches, wish to report as follows:

We find one church, the Gethsemanae Baptist Church, seeking admission to the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association. They subscribe to sound doctrine and hold to Baptistic principles. Therefore we recommend that the Gethsemanae Baptist Church become a member of this Association.

Faithfully submitted,
The Committee.

ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, recommend that the Moderator's address and recommendations be couched in the minutes.

We also, recommend that each church ask for a special collection during each year to be sent to the Association for the purpose of helping life-members and superannuated ministers.

Your Committee,
Dea. W. L. Logan
Dea. Sol Anderson
Rev. W. L. Johnson
Rev. G. Knox
Rev. W. G. Boyce
Rev. P. B. Barnett.

ON MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Missions, beg to offer the following:

1. We recommend that all of the churches support foreign missions, home missions, and state missions.

2. We are asking the churches to go forward in carrying out the mission of Jesus Christ by teaching all nations and observing all things that Christ has commanded.

Your committee,
Bro. J. H. Burson
Bro. Laster Webber
Bro. D. A. Cornwell
Bro. A. C. Cannedy
Rev. W. W. Price
Rev. J. H. Butler

ON CONSTITUTION

We, your Committee on Revision of Constitution, beg to report the following:

1. We recommend that Article I section 1 shall read "This body shall be called the EBENEZER MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

2. That Article II, section 3 shall read: "Each Church shall be entitled to send to the Association, two messengers for the first 200 members on roll, and one extra messenger for every fifty members above 200."

3. That Article II, section 5 shall read: "No one shall be eligible for life membership in this body who has not attained the age of sixty-five, having been a member of this associational field for thirty years."

Faithfully submitted,

Reverend S. N. Davidson

Rev. J. C. Mitchell

Rev. L. R. Barber

Rev. P. B. Barnett

Rev. W. M. Ellis

ON TEMPERANCE

Sept. 20, 1946.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

Whereas the Bible teaches that in all things we should be temperate as becomes Christians; let us condemn anything that tends to weaken or hurt morals, and refrain from drunkenness; the wrong use of smoking, eating, money, chewing gum, and other evils.

Sincerely,

The Committee.

ON EDUCATION

Brother Moderator: We the Committee on Education have made brief surveys and found that great progress has been made through the religious training in that we have missionaries on foreign fields, trained in our own schools. We recommend the continuance of earnest christian training within our bounds. For such religious training we recommend the W. U. Academy Religious Institute, Friendship College, and Shaw University.

Your Committee,

Rev. J. A. White

Rev. W. R. Douglas

Rev. J. C. Mitchell

Rev. J. H. McKissick

Rev. L. R. Barber

Mrs. Alma Knox.

ON OBITUARY

Sept. 20, 1946.

We, your Committee on Obituary, submit the following report:

We find that 37 or more of our fellow-workers have deceased since our last session. Let us consider that our loss is Heaven's gain.

We recommend that business be suspended for five minutes memorial service.

Your Committee,
Rev. R. F. Kilgore, chairman.
Bro. W. M. Hall
Mrs. Gertrude Howell
Bro. J. W. Watson
Mrs. Gertrude Degree, secretary.

ON CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

We, the Committee on Corresponding Messengers, wish to make the following report:

1. We recommend that Reverend P. B. Barnett be the messenger to the Women's Convention which will convene with Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C.

2. We recommend that we send our Moderator to the General Baptist State Convention.

3. We recommend that we send Rev. S. T. Gillespie as a messenger to the Mt. Peace Association.

4. We recommend that the expense of the messengers be paid from the Association's treasury.

Respectfully,
The Committee.

TIME AND PLACE

We the Committee on Time and Place, beg to make the following report: We recommend that the Association convene with the New Zion Baptist Church, Henrietta, N. C., Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1947.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. J. C. Camp, Chm.
Bro. Obadiah Boyce, Sec.

ON APPROPRIATIONS

We, your Committee on Appropriations, recommend that we pay the Moderator \$35.00; Vice-Moderator \$15.00; Recording Secretary \$40.00; Corresponding Secretary \$20.00; Treasurer \$15.00; Auditor \$12.00; Historian \$8.00; Field-worker \$20.00; Sexton \$6.00; Sermons, each \$8.00; Alternates for sermons, \$4.00; Host pastor \$10.00; Host Church \$15.00; Finance Committee, each \$2.00; Rev. J. A. Everett \$10.00; for postage \$2.45; for

programs \$11.75.

Yours submitted,
 Rev. J. A. White
 Bro. Jerry Gordon
 Bro. John H. Burson
 Mrs. Vernia W. Black
 Bro. James Baxter
 Bro. D. C. Gill
 Bro. Bishop Hambright

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Brought forward from 1945	\$ 0.00
Received by enrollment	129.25
Received by church letters	438.13
Received by public collection	60.54
Received for Friendship College	51.69
Received for Shaw University	25.26
Received by fines	.15
Educational Rally	77.70
Total	\$719.22

Your Committee,

J. F. Howell
 L. L. Lutz
 John Durden
 M. J. Burke



EBENEZER MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCH LETTER

Date_____

Bro. Moderator and Brethren of the Ebenezer Baptist Association:

The_____Baptist Church begs to report as follows:

Our Church is in a_____condition.

We send to represent us in your body:_____

_____ 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

Representing fee_____Missions_____Total_____

Value of Church property \$_____Pastor's salary \$_____

Raised for Missions \$_____Total money raised \$_____

Pastor _____

Address _____

Church Clerk _____

Address _____

REPRESENTATIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
MISSIONARY

CHURCH LETTER

Date _____
The _____
of the _____
Baptist Church _____
is _____
and to represent us in your body _____
whose _____

THE EAGLE PRINT, Cherryville, N. C.

STATISTICS

Received by _____
Disbursed by _____
Total Membership _____

FINANCE

Representing for _____
Value of Church property \$ _____
Balance for Mission \$ _____
Pastor's salary \$ _____
Church Clerk _____
Address _____

