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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY - SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

Union Missionary Baptist Association

Held With The

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Near St. Paul, October 20, 1921

Officers

Dr. E. E. Smith, moderator_____Fayetteville, N. C. Rev. S. W. Smith, vice-moderator____Clarkton, N. C. Rev. L. A. Raiford, recording secretary_Fayetteville Rev. Geo. Williams, corresponding secretary_Clarkton Rev. N. B. Dunham, field secretary_White Oak, N. C. Rev. W. T. Currie, auditor_____St. Paul, N. C. Bro. A. L. Johnson, treasurer_____Fayetteville

NEXT SESSION — FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Llizabeth, Thursday after the 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1922.



PROCEEDINGS

The Union Missionary Baptist Association met in its, thirtyseventh annual session with the Pleasant Grove Baptist church October 20, 1921, St. Paul, N. C.

10:30 A. M. Moderator and a number of brethren were present and enjoyed a warm praise service, conducted by Bros. D. Tysor and John Thames. Bro. Tysor lined Hymn No. 340. Prayer by Rev. D. J. Devane. At the close of this service Dr. Smith, moderator of the association rose and stated how glad he was to know that the Lord had spared him to see the opening of this our thirty-seventh annual session, and let us ask his presence that we may do the things that will please Him, (the Lord.)

By motion the program was adopted as a guide for the session. The welcome address was next in order, and Rev. F. D. Bandy, pastor, came forward and, delivered said address. Response by Rev H. G Pope, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville. The time having arrived for the, opening sermon, moderator asked that all business be suspended for the time being, and that attention be given to the pending service. By the call of moderator Rev. J. D. Walker came to the stand and delivered said sermon. Text Matt. 20-7. Subject: God's pay day. First he said, the world was God's vineyard, and if we work until pay day, He would give eternal life, and when He was through saying, Bro. Mosley led in singing, "If Jesus Go With Me," etc. At the close of this song the moderator presented the following visitors: Dr. O. S. Bullock, President State Convention; Dr. Ligon, Editor of Union Reformer; and Rev. J. M. McKeller, E. M. Thompson, Rev. Worlley, and Bro. Mosley from L. R. Association.

By motion Roll of Churches, ordained ministers, licentates, and deacons, were called (see roll.)

By motion the various committees were appointed to serve during the session. (see report).

12:30 Dr. O. S. Bullock addressed the association upon the subject of getting together. Dr. Bullock encouraged the idea of getting together along educational lines, and by so doing we may expect greater things. Read St. John 3-2 and note his confession. We know that thou art a teacher come from God, so our success depends on getting together, and when he was through saying the association adjourned for dinner. Benediction Rev W. H. Monroe.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 P. M.—Praise service conducted by the Home Mission Sisters. Sister M. McKinnon read Matt. 5:1-13, Hymn—"My Soul Be On Thy Guard," etc. Prayer by Bro. Joe Smith. At the close of this service the house was called to order.

By motion the minutes of the morning session were read and adopted. Echoes from the field was called, and Rev. Geo. Williams led with word that met the approval of all present, followed by F. M. King, A. A. Morsey, C. B. Bethea, D. J. Devane, H. I. Quick, S. W. Smith, V. T. Williams, H. G. Pope, I. P. Pearsal. At the close of the Echoes the vice-moderator, stated that the time had arrived for the annual address and that attention be given while said address is being delivered. With these words he presented the speaker, the moderator, Dr. E. E. Smith. Subject: Selling Religion.

First—If you are a Christian then you are a salesman for God; and if we are salesmen for Him then he requires us to exhibit our Christian influence in the community, that others may buy. Second, a salesman must be trained to talk if he expects success, that is tell how he comes to be a Christian, it will help some one else, and when he was through saying, Dr. O. S. Bullock responded with well fitted words.

By motion address was placed in the hands of committee, for consideration. (see report.)

On motion the corresponding secretary submitted his report. (see report.) Field secretary (see report.) Treasurer (see report.) Executive Board. (see report.)

By motion trustees of Hodges reported (see report.) Rev. J. T. Williams member of the Pedee Association came forward and was introduced to the association. Rev. Williams brings greetings as a fraternal messenger, from his association. A collection was taken to the amount of \$36.25 for education. By motion the moderator, Dr. E. E. Smith was granted leaf of absence and the vice-moderator, S. W. Smith came to the chair. After announcements the association stood adjourned. Benediction by D. Tysor.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

8 P. M.—Praise service conducted by Bros. Thomas Fullmore and Peter Evans. At close of this service, Rev. S. W. Smith,

vice-moderator rose and stated that time had arrived for the sermon. He then called to the stand Rev. H. Adams, H. G. Pope, L. H. Maxwell. Rev. Pope read Act 2:1-13, prayer by Rev. Bethea. Rev. Maxwell lined Hymn 801. At the close of this Hymn the vice-moderator presented the speaker, Rev. H. Adams. He used as a text Act 2-42, subject: Fellowship. First the speaker said the preacher was God's man and to stay in harmony with God required union with man, again he said let every man abide in his calling, if it was to sing let him sing so long as he abides in his calling: and when he was through saying, Rev. H. G. Pope led in singing, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." At the close of this selection the vice-moderator presented Sister Thomas, representative of orphan home at Winston-Salem. Sister Thomas came before the association with well fitted words and spoke of the needs of that home. A collection was taken to the amount of \$15.00. The association then stood adjourned until 9:30 Friday morning. Benediction by Rev. Maxwell.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

9:30.—Praise service conducted by Bros. J. F. Freeman, G. W. Burnney. At the close of this service the moderator called the house to order, and asked that the minutes of the previous sessions be read.

By motion, same was read and adopted. Rev. C. T. Underwood, pastor of the Friendship Baptist church, Fayetteville came forward and was introduced to the association.

By motion, committee on officers reported, recommending for president Dr. E. E. Smith; vice-president, Rev. S. W. Smith; recording secretary, Rev. L. A. Raiford; corresponding secretary, Rev. Geo. Williams; field secretary, Rev. N. B. Dunham. Miss Martha McDonald, President of the Sisters Home Mission was present and spoke highly of their work. Miss L. A. Wood, secretary of district Sunday school convention was present, and gave assistance.

Rev. W. H. Knuckles, principal of the Thompson Institute, was present, and spoke of the educational work in the state, and the importance of getting together along those lines. First, he said: "Dear brethren, we have a number of small schools in the state, and each being run by an association, and not able to do the work required. Now what shall we do?" He said, "Come together 4 or more associations and operate one school, and let it be enrolled among other great schools, such as the State normal at Fayette-

ville." At the close of this wonderful address, Dr. E. E. Smith, moderator of the association, spoke of the importance of a school being in line with the educational work of the state.

12 Noon—At this point the moderator announced that the time for the sermon had arrived and all business was suspended, and the following brethren called to the stand:

Rev. H. G Pope, S. W. Smith, J. T. Williams. The congregation then joined the choir in singing: "Bless Be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." At the close of this song Rev Smith read as a morning lesson the 19 Psalm. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Williams, Elder of the Pedee association. At the close of this fervent prayer, Sister S. H. Howard led in singing, "I have a home in that rock." The moderator then presented the speaker, Rev. H. G. Pope, using as a text Matt. 11-29. Subject: Take my yoke upon you and learn of me. First, he said our ancient fathers were acquainted with the yoke, because it was used by them upon the neck of the ox, and if the ox was obedient to his owner the yoke was easy and the burden light. Hence: Jesus said take my yoke upon you and learn of me for my yoke is easy and my burden light. Christ's yoke is easy to the willing worker, so let us wear it with ease and He will make the burden light, and when he was through saying, Rev. J. T. Williams led in singing, "Sunshine follows rain." A collection was then taken to the amount of \$23.62.

At this point Dr. Ligeon, Editor of the Union Reformer, was given space, and a good many of the brethren renewed their subscription and a number of others enrolled.

On motion, the financial roll of ordained ministers, licensed preachers, and deacons were called, and the following collected: Ordained elders \$1.00; licensed preachers, 50 cents; deacons, 25 cents; (see roll.) The association then adjourned, for dinner. Benediction by Rev. C. T. Underwood.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2:30 opening service—M. Wright, Geo. Hall. At the close of this well conducted service, the moderator called the house to order and asked that minutes of the forenoon session, be read. By motion same were read and adopted. The moderator then asked that all delegates holding letters prepare to report, and the following churches were enrolled. (see roll.)

On motion committee on resolutions reported, same were received and adopted by sections, (see report).

By motion, a committee was appointed to meet the educational board of Bladen county and with said board, take up the matter set forth in said resolution. On motion, the following were chosen as a committee; Rev. N. B. Dunham, Geo. Williams, S. W. Smith, I. P. Pearsol, C. B. Bethea, Dr. E. E. Smith, Ex. of committee. Motion then prevailed that we represent to the state convention by letter and delegate. By motion, Dr. E. E. Smith, Rev. W. T. Currie, H. G. Pope, Geo. Williams, were chosen as delegates. The association then stood adjourned. Benediction by W. H. Monroe.

FRIDAY EVENING

8:00 P. M.—Programme, rendered by the Pleasant Grove Sunday school. Opening song service by the choir. Prayer by Rev. N. B. Dunham, followed with music by the choir. The vice moderator, Rev. S. W. Smith, asked that all delegates present give strict attention to each actor called to the stand that when we shall have gone down from this place, we may say as others have said: Lord it is good for us to be here. Then comes the welcome address, like sunshine after rain. Following the address was strong

12:00 M.—It being time for the Missionary Sermon, the moderator Dr. E. E. Smith called to the stand Rev. I. P. Pearsol and Rev. D. J. Devane, the choir then sang a beautiful opening selection, the vice-moderator then presented the speaker. Rev. Pearsol rose and announced his text from Daniel 6-10. At the close of this wonderful sermon a collection was taken to the amount of \$13.01.

On motion committee on obituaries reported. (see report.) Followed with one minute in silent prayer. Committee on education reported, (see report.) On motion committee on finance reported; committee on place, reported, recommending that the next annual session of the association convene with the First Baptist church at Elizabethtown, beginning Thursday after the third Sunday in October, 1922.

The congregation then joined the moderator in singing, "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again." Thus ends the 37th Annual Session of the Union Missionary Baptist Association. Benediction by Rev. I. P. Pearsol.

DR. E. E. SMITH, Moderator. REV. L. A. RAIFORD, Recording Secretary.

Our Motto: "Peace With God and All Mankind."



ROLL OF LICENSED PREACHERS, NAMES and POSTOFFICE

D. Tysor, Fayetteville, N. C.; G. W. Carver, Fayetteville, Route 7; R. T. Marsh, Fayetteville, Route 8; G. W. Marsh, Fayetteville, Route 8; David Walker, Fayetteville, Route 7; Alex Melvin, Fayetteville; E. L. Whitted, Raiford; J. H. Boon, Tobemaria; G. W. Cogdell, Tobemaria; J. W. Collins, Raiford; M. E. Jones, Parkton; J. H. Jones, Fayetteville; Amos McDonald, Lumberbridge; Wm. Williams, Parkton; E. Z. Melvin, White Oak; E. D. Council, White Oak; W. J. Purdie, Clarkton; S. W. Martin, Clarkton; C. H. J. Smith, Clarkton; V. T. Melvin, Cedar Creek; H. Simpson, Council, Route 1, Box 4; F. Dry, Council Rout 1; J. W. Vample, Shannon; T. J. Conoly, Shannon; J. C. McLean, Rennertt; C. H. Hall, Abbotsburg; E. D. Freeman, Abbotsburg; G. S. Buie, Lumberton; Amos Kelly, Hope Mills; John Lewis, Tar Heel; M. Kelly, Wade; N. Blue, W. H. McGeachin, J. W. Purdie, W. H. Danield, Ed. Hooper, Elizabeth; P. Burden, T. M. Melvin, J. E. Smith, Fayetteville; Monroe Jones, Councils; J. McIntyre.

ROLL OF DEACONS	D. H. Ray25c
	W. J. McLauchlin25c
Dr. H. H. Perry25c	D. Ray25c
Bro. R. H. Campbell25c	C. W. Ray25c
Bro. F. Cole25c	J. B. Wade25c
Bro. S. Patterson25e	J. Blue25c
Bro. J. Wilson25c	A. Anders25c
Bro. W. M. Spearman25c	P. Leach25c
Bro. Thos. Avary25c	D. Leach25c
Bro. Louis Stevens25c	J. C. Tew25c
Bro. J. H. McKethan25c	D. L. Smith25c
Bro. P. Cromartie25c	D. Cromartie25c
Bro. James Stephens25c	W. H. Culbreth25c
Bro. Major Lewis25c	F. Melvin25c
Bro. A. B. McKinnon25c	P. Pilican25c
Bro. N. S. Shaw25c	Sam Mannin25c

Bro. D. B. McAlister	SWWYCKS	V. д. годин	
Bro. P. Pegues		W M Pottown	
Bro. E. J. Peterkin		W. M. Patterson	25c
Bro. E. L. McGuire		J. D. Burns	25c
Bro. G. W. Holmes		A. L., Johnson	25c
Bro. A. S. Currie		John Thames	25c
Bro. K. Whitted		S. SpemanAlex Hill	25c
Bro. H. Brown		Chag Smith	25c
Bro. M. W. Evans		Chas Smith Vann Sinclair	25c
Bro. D. A. Monroe		E. S. Melvin	25c
Bro. M. Furgerson		Perry Gillespie	25c
Bro. J. W. Williams		D. D. McDonald	Z5c
Bro. S. A. McNeill		J. D. Torry	25c
James Carver		E. V. McMillian	Z5c
L. R. McNeill		A. L. Carver	25c
Jack King		E. V. McDonald	25c
E. McMillian		Joe Johnson	25c
C. M. Daniel		A. McArthur	25c
W J. Freeman		A. Gilmore	25c
W. Walker		T. C. Cameron	25c
A. Fennell		A. B. Brown	25c
W. Buxton		Ed. Shipman	25c
John Lewis		Sip Smith	Z5C
John Baldwin		Joe Brown	25C
P. H. Purdie		J. J. Wells	Z5C
Isaac Bain		James Hudson	25c
J. Taylor		E. Lindon	Z5c
Jas. McKinnon		W. M. Alford	250
E. D. Sinclair		S. P. Burden	Z5C
Wash Lloyd		Ila Bryant	05-
F. Simpson		R. B. Council	20C
J. C. Carter		Ed Council	Z5C
H. Simpson		J. Wooten	Z5C
M. E. Corbett		F. E. Haynes	250
J. S. Dickson		H. Kelly	95 ₂
J. L. Branson		F. M. Brown	250
J. E. Geddie		S. King	250

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

First Baptist Fayetteville—D. Tysor, F. M. King, P. H. Gillespie. Lillie Grove—Simon Spearman.

St. John (R)-A. L. Carver, S. A. McNeill, D. A. Simmons.

Savannah-D. D. McDonald, A. J. Burnes.

First New Light-J. H. Brown, W. L. Council, E. D. Council.

Kates Chapel-G. Right.

New Bethel-W. H. McEachern, M. D. Berry.

Baldwin Branch-Wash Gillespie, E. McKoy.

Elizabethtown-T. H. McKoy.

New Hope-C. Carrold.

Second New Light-C. H. McAlister, J. F. Robeson.

Swans Creek-E. V. McMillan, R. F. Davis.

Grays Creek-W. H. Carver, R. McLauchlin.

St. Matthew-(1) Dennis Leach, G. S. Buie.

Union Hill-Alex Hill, John Faceson.

Shiloh (B)-J. W. Lewis.

St. Peter-E. Torry, Thos. Werren.

Baptist Union-E. S. Melvin, T. McLean.

Spring Hill-John Wilson.

Abbotsboro-Henry Brown.

Pleasant Hill-W. S. Smith, J. M. Purdie.

Laurel Hill-N. S. Shaw, V. McDonald.

China Grove-W. H. Council.

Oak Ridge-E. C. Clark, Wm. Patterson, W. W. Evans.

Pleasant Hill-James Hudson, F. Brown, John Rogers.

First Baptist R. S .- Peter Evans.

Pilgrim Hill-I. H. McKithan, T. H. Davis.

Jerusalem-Fred Burney, L. Brown.

Leach Springs-Wm. Morgan, M. Ross.

Mt. Calvary-A. McArthur.

Whites Creek-W. J. McKoy, L. Newkirk.

Mt. Olive-Thos Cameron.

Pleasant Union-J. S. Dixon.

Pleasant Grove-P. Currie, E McMillan, Jack King.

Paradise-J. A. Cromartie.

Sand Hill-A. Wooten.

Pleasant View-J. H. Glover, A. S. Currie, E. D. Sinclair.

Beauty Spot-D. H. Ray, Duncan Ray.

Shiloh (R)-A. B. McKinnon, G. A. Currie.

New Hope-D. C. Cromartie.

St. John (B)—J. E. Carter.

Kitchin Branch-H. Brown, W. H. Brown.

Finney Grove (C)—W. Boon, A. Car.

First B. St. Paul—K. Whitted.
First B. Parkton—A. G. McDonald, A. Maxwell.
Good Hope—Geo. Holmes, John Thomas, Joe Smith.
Mount Pisgah—M. Smith, A. B. Chalmers, L. A. Steward.
St. Matthew (2)—W. M. Leach, A. L. Jackson.
Rock Hill—J. B. Wade, J. B. Everett, A. L. Monroe.
Cedar Creek—D. J. Jones, J. Johnson.
Pinney Grove (H)—J. E. Dunlap, S. A. Bethea.
Second B. Fayetteville—W. J. Freeman.
Flat Swamp—E. L. McGuire.

We, your committee on resolutions beg leave to make the following reports:

- 1. Whereas, it is not clear in our mind respecting the conditions upon which the board of education of Bladen county will accept Hodges Institute; therefore we recommend that a committee be appointed to negotiate terms for same.
- 2. Whereas, we believe in a trained ministry, we therefore recommend that this association assume five scholarships at Shaw University for the training of our ministers and that our educational funds be given for these scholarships.
- 3. We further recommend that a three days session of the association be continued.
- 4. Whereas, we have been so royally entertained by the good people of Pleasant Grove Baptist church. Be it therefore resolved that we extend to them a rising vote of thanks for their kind hospitality and pray the blessings of God upon them who doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted, committee on Resolutions,

REV. H. G. POPE,
REV. GEO. WILLIAMS,
REV. H. I. QUICK,
C. J. COVINGTON,
A. E. MANUEL,
G. W. CARVER,
A. L. JOHNSON,
H. ADAMS,
WM. PATTERSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Brother Moderator, we, your committee on Temperance, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, intemperance in the past and at the present has been the cause of much crime and immorality among our people;

- (1) Be it resolved, that we discourage and condemn the many forms of intemperance practiced by our females in the manner of dressing.
- (2) Whereas many of our people do not use their tongues in a temperate manner, and thereby causing great trouble among our churches.

Be it resolved that we teach them the Biblical use of the tongue.

(3) Whereas the use of intoxicating drinks of all kinds has been a curse to our nation; Be it resolved that we condemn every form of its use among our people.

Committee,

REV. A. A. MORISEY, REV. R. McLAUCHLIN, REV. W. H. WILDER, REV. W. H. BLACKMAN.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT 1921

Brethren—It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God, who has lead us through from our last meeting to this present session. I bring to you a message of cheer, and inspiration. We should rejoice that God has given us health and strength, and has permitted us to give in our account of the work done during the past year. Let us record ourselves worthy to serve as messengers of Him who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. I have taken a giance over our great association and took note of the lives of the ministers, and I esteem ourselves highly favored to report that we are yet able to render service to the King, and that the death angel has not knocked at our doors. The revival meetings in many places among our churches have been a great blessing to many souls, many has been added to our churches.

OUR NEGLECT TO ADVERTISE

The doings of our last years work failed to be advertised, this Brethren should never happen again. Lets look forward to a brighter day, greater work and nobler deeds done for God and his people. We must contend for an educated church membership, both pastor and pew. We should not be contented with just the public school work, but to give to our people the very best of Christian training in the bounds of the association. And this should be at Hodges Institute. It is our school; and in the midst of storms and hinderances we should have the spirit of unity to keep together and let the work go on.

CORRESPONDENCE

I have striven to serve in the place assigned in sending programmes to each of those that must help to direct the work of our association. My prayer is that this session of our association will be the most interesting in its history.

Respectfully,

GEORGE WILLIAMS, Cor. Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE

Bro. Moderator and Brethren: We, your committee, beg leaf to submit the following: Recommend that the next annual session of the association convene with the First Baptist church at Elizabethtown, Bladen county, beginning Thursday after the 3rd Sunday in October 1922.

L. A. RAIFORD,
W. H. BLACKMON,
D. J. DEVANE,
W. H. MONROE,
J. W. COLLINS,
N. BLUE,
DENNIS LEACH,
R. F. DAVIS,
E. D. COUNCIL.

Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

Cash receipts and disbursements: Brought forward from 1920 Received in 1921		\$ 11.00 806.47
Minutes	\$80,00	
Moderator	12.00	
Vice - Moderator	5.00	
Recording Secretary	10.00	
Corresponding Secretary		
Treasurer	5.00	
Field Secretary	75.00	
Financial Secretary	9.00	
State Convention	30.00	
Shaw University	50.00	
Letter heads	9.45	
Foreign Missions	50.00	
Committee to Elizabethtown	35.00	
Widow Gilmore	5.00	
Widow McColl	5.00	
Widow Whitehead	5.00	
Wooten		
King		
McMillian		
McDonald		
Rev. Y. O. Monroe		
Programmes		
Orphanage		
Clarkton Merchant	75.00	
Prof. Isley		
Compiling minutes		
Dr. E. E. Smith		
Rev. H. G. Pope		
Rev. George Williams		
Rev. W. T. Currie		
Total		\$653. 95
Balance		\$163.52
REPORT OF FIELD SEC. FOR HODGES	INSTIT	TUTE
Received from: First Baptist, Elizabethtown Mt. Olive Baptist church		

Second Baptist church, Fayetteville	
Second, New Light Baptist church	8.02
Savannah Baptist church	3.00
Mt. Calvary	
Swans Creek	8.00
Bro. Emanuel McMillan	
Bro. Grant Hinton	
Pleasant View Church	
Shiloh Baptist church	
Dr. Waters	
Rev. N. B. Dunham	
A. B. Brown	
Home Mission Board	
Shiloh Baptist church	
Rev. A. D. Brewington	
Dr. H. H. Perry	
H. M. B. May 28th, at Grays Creek church	
H. M. B. at St. John	
B. Y. P. U. Board	
By Rev. J. R. McNair, received of Bro. Graham	
for Second New Light.	
J. H. Brown, First New Light	1.00
Sister M. A. Gillespie	1.00
Sisters Union Board	
Total received	\$142.49

Yours as field secretary,

N. B. DUNHAM.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD

Received in 1920	\$ 4 	34.22
Balance		3.72

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS of HODGES INSTITUTE

Received at Clarkton, December 22, 1920	222.50
Received at Fayetteville, May 2, 1921	123.21
Received at Grays Creek, May 29th, 1921	33.95

Total _ _ ____ 379.66

Disbursements:

December 22nd, 1920 paid to Prof J. H. Isley__\$222.50 May 2nd, 1921 paid to Prof J. H. Isley _____ 123.21 May 29th, paid to W. T. Currie for Prof. Isley 33.97

DR. E. E. SMITH, Chairman, L. A. RAIFORD, Secretary.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We, your committee on obituaries, beg leave to submit the following report: After careful investigation we find that it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from labor to reward 57 of our members, we sincerely regret the loss of them, but trust our loss is Heaven's gain.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CARVER, Secretary of Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received during session ______\$806.47

P. EVANS.

D. A. SIMMONS,

F. M. KING, Committee.

PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION

Whereas, the people of God are commanded to strive together in union of interest and effect, element of success for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom; therefore, we the Missionary Baptists of this section of North Carolina, agree to form ourselves into an Association for mutual help, having in view the following objects:

1st. The establishment of union among our churches upon principles embracing discipline, government and organization to encourage among our brethren by all Christian means, industry, education, self reliance, general improvement and spiritual advancement, and to preach the gospel as far as our ability will permit. To secure these ends we pledge ourselves to God and to each other to sustain the principles embodied in our Constitution.

CONSTITUTION

- Art. 1. This Association shall be known as the Union Missionary Baptist Association. The object shall be substantially as enumerated in the above preamble.
- Art. 2. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Auditor and an Executive Board of seven members. These officers shall be elected annually by the Association.
- Art. 3. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the Association, decide points of order and signall orders drawn on the treasurer of the Association. He is also ex-officio president of the executive board. He shall not vote only in case of a tie.
- Art. 4. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in his absence.
- Art. 5. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all proceedings of the Association and prepare the same for publication, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes. He shall keep all books and stationery belonging to the Association.
- Art. 6. The treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to and collect during the sitting of the Association and to pay out the same upon the order of the Association, all orders being signed by the President and counter-signed by the Corresponding Secretary.
- Art. 7. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence he shall be Secretary of the Executive Board of the Association and shall countersign all orders on the treasurer.
- Art. 8. The auditor shall examine the accounts of the treasurer and make annual report of its condition to this body.
- Art. 10. This body shall be composed of ordained ministers belonging to the churches connected with the Association and messengers chosen from the same each church being entitled three messengers and must send to the Association 15 cents for each

- member represented in the Association; 10 cents for Hodge Institute and 5 cents for Associated purposes.
 - Art. 11. Any church desiring to join the Association may do so by letter and messengers, the same being regularly organized. All messengers to the Association must be armed with properly credited credentials. No church will be fellowshipped in this Association which neglects to maintain gospel order.
 - Art. 12. The annual session of this Association shall be held on Thursday after the third Sunday in October of each year at such places as may be selected.
 - Art. 13. By appointment of the Association there may be preached at each annual session an introductory, missionary, educational and doctrinal sermon.
 - Art. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote.

BY-LAWS

- Article 1. This Association shall not recognize or receive any church having as members any person excluded from any other church.
- Art 2. All churches of this body are especially requested to take special care of their pastors and use all efforts to help them gain instruction into the ministry.
- Art. 3. From this time forward, no church within the jurisdiction of this Association shall ordain any ministers to preach unless he can read the Bible intelligently.
- Art. 4. Any elder or minister found intoxicated or who shall visit places of ill repute, such as bar rooms or knowingly indulge in any immorality, such as living in cohabitation without being lawfully married, or acting in any manner such as will bring reproach upon the Baptist faith and profession, shall be called before a Council of Elders and dealt with for breach of good behavior.

RULES OF DECORUM

- Article 1. The President and Clerk shall hold their offices from their election at one session until the election of officers at the next session and it shall be their duty to occupy their respective stations and proceed regularly to organization.
- Art. 2. The President shall call the Association to order or in his absence the Vice-President shall act, and if he is absent the Secretary must open the session.
- Art. 3. There shall be singing and prayer at the opening of each day's session.
- Art. 4. Delegates shall enroll their names by letter or other evidence of election. Letters real and other statistical matter read.
- Art. 5. Visiting brethren from other Associations may be invited to seats by a majority vote of that body.
- Art. 6. The Association shall proceed to organize by electing a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer who, when elected, shall take their seats.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- 1. We believe in one living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
- 2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

Gen. 13:26; 2 Cor. 13:14.

- 3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal particular election. Acts 3:46; Romans 8:28-30; 11:5-7; H Timothy 2:10; I Peter 7:17; II John 6:37-44.
 - 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Psalms 1:5.
- 5. We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fall he is in by nature of his own free will and ability. Eph. 11:1-10.
- 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. Gal. 11:16. Rom. 8:24. 5-9.

- 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called converted and sanctified by the Holy Ghost. Eph. 1:4-7. Thess. 1:13-14.
- 8. We believe that the Saints shall preserve in grace, and never fall finally away. John 10:28-30. 3-1. I Peter 1-9.
- 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Christ, and that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances and that the true method of Baptism is immersion. Matt. 3:16. Acts 8:38-9; Romans 6:4; Eph. 4:12.
- 10. We believe that the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and that the joys of the righteous are eternal. Matt. 15:43. Rev. 20:12-15.
- .11 We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment. I Cor. 15.
- 12. We believe that ordained ministers of such as have come under the imposition of hands by a regular authorized presbytery only, have a right to administer the ordinance, I. Tim, 4:14; II Tim. 1:6.
- 13. We believe that only regular baptized members in good standing have a right to take the Lord's Supper.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION

- Artcle 1. This body shall be known as the church union of the Union Baptist Association.
- Art. 2. The object shall be to supply ourselves with better houses of worship and to foster the spirit of union and missions in our churches among our minsters and deacons on principles of righteousness as contained in the Bible.
- Art. 3. Its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually, and a Home Mission Board, consisting of life members by payment of five dollars each and it shall be presided over by the same officers of the Union, and make all appropriations and have charge of all home mission work.
- Art. 4. There shall be devotional services at the opening of each day's session.
- Art. 5. The Union shall meet Saturday before the fifth Sunday of each month having five Sundays at such places as may be chosen.

- Art. 6. There shall be preached an introductory, Doctrinal, and a Missionary sermon at each Union.
- Art. 7. The Union shall be composed of messengers chosen of the churches and deacons and ministers belonging to the same.
- Art. 8. Each church may be represented by a letter and messengers by payment of two cents for each member represented. 1 cent for building funds and one cent for expenses and mission. Each church is entitled to two messengers.
- Art. 9. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the union by a vote of two thirds majority of those present.



