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### PROCEEDINGS

#### OF THE

# Sixty-First Annual Session of the New Hope Baptist Association

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### Tuesday Morning Session, Oct. 6, 1931

The New Hope Baptist Association assembled at the Haw River Baptist Church at 9:30 A. M., with the Moderator in the chair. Praise services were conducted by Rev. E. L. Stephenson and Rev. H. S. Fuller. Rev. Fuller lined Hymn No. 508. Rev. Stephenson read for the Scripture lesson, Jno., chapter 10, verses 1-17. Invocation by Bro. G. W. Johnson. Second Hymn, 543, by Rev. Fuller.

The Moderator said that in keeping with our custom, as well as expressing our gratitude to God for His manifold blessings with which He has so richly blessed all of us, we will spend a short while in praise to Him as an expression of our gratitude and appreciation.

Many took part and it was enjoyed by all present. The Moderator stated that next in order was the introductory sermon.

The follwing ministers were in the pulpit, viz.: Rev. R. A. Morphis, Rev. Baxter Wilson, Rev. N. M. Hackney. Following an appropriate hymn led by Rev. Morphis, Rev. N. M. Hackney read for the Scripture lesson, Matthew, chapter 7, verses 1-12. Prayer was offered by Rev. Baxter Wilson, followed by Hymn No. 637, led by Rev. R. A. Morphis. An the last Association, held at New Hope Baptist Church, the Association

passed a vote, offered by the Committee on Sermons, that Rev. R. A. Morphis preach the introductory sermon. Rev. Morphis asked the Association to relieve him of said duty in favor of his alternate, Rev. N. M. Hackney, which was done. The Moderator arose, and in a few fitting words presented Rev. N. M. Hackney to the Association to preach the introductory sermon.

Rev. Hackney chose for his words of choice, Job, chapter 16, verse 4. I also could speak as ye do, if your soul were in my soul's stead. I could heap up words against you, and shake mine hand at you. Subject: Consider thy self.

Rev. Hackney preached a splendid sermon. It was practical, logical and full of common sense. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. A. Morphis. The Moderator voiced the sentiment of the Association in appropriate words of commendation with reference to the sermon, and offered thanks to the minister, Rev. N. M. Hackney. Following this he asked Bro. Lemuel Sanford and Bro. A. L. Farrington to ask for a collection, which they did, to the amount of \$4.00, for the Association. Hence, the Moderator gave space for the enrollment of ministers and delegates, and the rendering of the same, which we did. Following some remarks, he called for the welcome address.

Rev. H. S. Fuller, the pastor of the church of the present sitting, came forward and delivered a very pleasing address. The Moderator asked Rev. T. J. Edwards to respond, which he did in very fitting words. The Moderator said, among other things of interest, that the permanent organization was in order. Rev. W. C. Williamson offered a motion that the same officers be re-elected. Motion carried. (See officers.) Motion carried that the same ministerial and executive board be continued with one exception, Rev. H. S. Fuller to be elected to serve in place of Rev. T. C. Graham. Motion carried that Rev. W. C. Williamson be the au-

ditor. Rev. and Mrs. Evans were introduced to the Association.

Following some brief remarks by the Moderator, the Association adjourned for dinner. Benediction by Rev. M. J. Jones.

Rev. J. H. Caldwell, Moderator W. H. Williamson, Assistant Secretary.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled at 2:00 P. M. Opening hymn, "Amazing Grace..." led by Rev. M. J. Jones. Rev. Baxter Wilson read the Scripture lesson, Mark, chapter 1, verses 1-22. Invocation by Bro. C. L. Lassiter. Second hymn led by Rev. M. J. Jones, No. 542, "Jesus With the Saints Above."

The Vice-Moderator, Rev. T. J. Edwards, presented the Moderator, Rev. J. H. Caldwell, to deliver his annual address. Rev. Caldwell arose and announced as his subject, "The Importance of Influence." Among other points of vital interest, he placed especial emphasis on living influence. The Vice-Moderator, in a few fitting words, expressed a very keen sense of appreciation to the Moderator. Motion carried that the Moderator put his address in a condensed form and pass same to the secretary to the end that it may be spread upon the minutes.

The Moderator called for the response of the Associational Evangelist, Dr. W. C. Williamson, who came forward in his usual fluent way and offered his report. Among other things he said he had traveled and labored in four states and quite a few hundred folks were saved. Motion prevailed that we adopt his report. Rev. Hackney offered a motion that Dr. Williamson arrange his report and pass it over to the secretary, that it may appear in the minutes. The Association then suspended business and we were turned

over to the pastor for the assignment of homes. The Association closed with benediction by Rev. M. J. Jones.

Rev. J. H. Caldwell, Moderator, W. H. Williams, Assistant Secretary.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association opened at 9:30 A. M. with the Moderator in the chair. Praise services were conducted by Rev. E. L. Stephenson, Rev. Baxter Wilson and Bro. C. L. Lassiter. Opening hymn No. 622, "Oh, Could I Find From Day to Day. .." Rev. Baxter Wilson read for the Scripture lesson the 34th Psalm. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. L. Stephenson. Second hymn, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone. .." The Moderator called for the roll and the reading of the minutes of the previous sessions, and they were read and approved.

Visistors introduced were as follows: Mrs. Stanton, of Pittsboro, N. C.; Rev. C. S. Sesson, of Durham, N. C.; Dr. W. L. Ransom, pastor of White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, N. C.

The Association arose in an expression of appreciation toward the above-named visitors. The Moderator gave time to the brethren to express themselves.

Rev. C. S. Sesson, among other points, stated that he was glad to be with the brotherhood. Dr. L. H. Hackney, of Chapel Hill, N. C., introduced Dr. W. L. Ransom to the Association. Dr. Ransom spoke on the subject: "The Uniqueness of the Christian Church." He discussed: The church is unique in its origin; the uniqueness of the church in its relations to its founder; the church as the gate of heaven; the uniqueness of its members; the uniqueness of its existence. After this we sang an appropriate song. Dr. Ransom delivered a very fine address. The Moderator introduced Bro. Chas. Thomson to the Association, after which he ap-

pointed Rev. Jas. H. Stewart and Bro. G. D. Daniel as reading clerks. A collection was taken to the amount of \$4.77 for Rev. J. S. Fletcher, a blind man, of Durham, N. C. After a few remarks by thee Moderator, the Association adjourned for dinner. Benediction by Dr. W. L. Ransom.

Rev. J. H. Caldwell, Moderator, W. H. Williams, Assistant Secretary.

The Association opened at 2:00 P. M. with the Moderator in the chair. Praise services were conducted by Rev. J. J. Smith and Rev. M. J. Jones. Opening hymn, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." Rev. Smith read for the Scripture lesson, Eph., chapter 6 Invocation by Deacon Randolph. Hymn No. 704, "My Soul by on Thy Guard," led by Rev. M. J. Jones. The Moderator announced that the hour had arrived for the missionary sermon, and with fitting words presented Rev. T. J. Edwards to the Association to preach the missionary sermon. Rev. Edwards invoked the favor of the Almighty God for the needed grace to help him in the performance of the very sacred duty that awaited him. He announced his text: Phil., chapter 2, verse 5: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Subject: Consecration.

Rev. Edwards preached a very strong missionary sermon. He seemed to have been at his best. Truly the Lord was with him. A collection was counted to the amount of \$6.00 for the Association.

Dr. L. H. Hackney gave the Association a few brief reminiscences of the New Hope Baptist Association from its organization to the present time. He is well favored with a good memory. Dr. Geo. W. Moore, of Raleigh, N. C., delivered an address on the long standing of Dr. L. H. Hackney. Dr. Moore bagan in a very humorous way. Among other things he said Rev. Hackney was a man of God standing on the shoulders of the young ministers looking over the field of the

Association. The second speaker was Bro. Kennon Cheek, of Chapel Hill, N. C. He likened Dr. Hackney to Mr. Gandhi, of India, the Nationalist leader, in broadness of influence and bigness of character. The third speaker was Deacon Randolph, who lauded Dr. Hackney as an efficient pastor and safe leader. The Moderator, Rev. J. H. Caldwell, arose and endorsed what had been said by the above-named speakers. Motion prevailed that we give to Dr. Hackney \$10.00 each associational year, beginning at this sitting at Haw River Baptist Church.

Dr. Geo. W. Moore, of Raleigh, N. C., delivered an address in the interest of Shaw University. Motion carried that we give the usual amount (\$50.00) Shaw University. Visitors introduced by Dr. were as follows: Mrs. Viora B. Floyd, of Florida; Mrs. Laura Hackney, of Chapel Hill, N. C.; Mrs. Moore, of Raleigh, N. C. The above-named ladies delivered very fine addresses. They manifested their deep and untiring interest in the work. The Moderator, in words fitted to the occasion, expressed a very high regard and keen sense of appreciation to the ladies. The Committee on Sermons offered their report. Motion carried that we adopt their report. (See report.) The Committee on Education submitted their report. Motion prevailed that we adopt their report. (See report.) The Association closed by singing. Benediction by Dr. L. H. Hackney.

> Rev. J. H. Caldwell, Moderator, W. H. Williams, Assistant Secretary.

## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association opened its regular session with the Vice-Moderator, Rev. T. J. Edwards, presiding. Praise services were conducted by Rev. J. J. Smith and Rev. J. A. Whitted. Opening hymn, 711, "Awake My Soul." Rev. Whitted read for the Scripture lesson Eph.,

chapter 4. verses 1-16. Prayer by Bro. C. L. Lassiter. Hymn 553, "Prayer is the Sinner's Contrite Following a short praise service, the Moderator called fo rthe roll and the reading of the minutes. carried that we adopt the minutes. The Committee on Temperance submitted their report. Motion that we adopt their report. The treasurer, Rev. Jas. H. Stewart, submitted his report. Motion carried that we adopt his report. The Moderator presented Rev. J. L. Tilley, acting Dean of Shaw University, to deliver an address. Rev. Tilley spoke in the interest of Shaw, giving a very clear picture of inner Shaw. The Moderator asked for Dr. L. H. Hackney to respond, which he did. Rev. Jas. H. Stewart and Bro. G. M. Brown counted a collection to the amount of \$9.00 for Shaw. The Committee on Place offered their report. Motion carried that we adopt their report. (See report.) The Association adjourned for dinner. Benediction by Rev. M. J. Jones.

> Rev. J. H. Caldwell, Moderator, W. H. Williams, Assistant Seccretary.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled at 2:00 P. M. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Baxter Wilson and Bro. G. D. Daniel. First hymn No. 705, 'My Soul Be On Thy Guard." Rev. Baxter Wilson read for the Scripture lesson, Prov., chapter 28, verses 1-14. Prayer by Bro. G. D. Daniel. Hymn, "Did Christ O'er Sinners Weep," led by Rev. Baxter Wilson. The hour having arrived for the Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. Baxter Wilson, in fitting words, presented the speaker, Rev. Jas. H. Stewart, of New Hill, N. C. Rev. Stewart chose for his text, Rom., chapter 4, verse 5: "But to him that worketh not but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly." Subject: Justification. He divided his dis-

course in the following elements, viz: 1st-Justification is a judicial act of God. 2nd-Began in the sinner. 3rd—Universal principle of life. 4th—Duration justification by faith. Rev. Stewart preached a splendid sermon. Prayer by Rev. E. J. Carrington. A collection was counted to the amount of \$6.10 for the Association by Rev. T. J. Edwards. The Committee on Obituary submitted their report. Motion carried that we adopt their report. Motion prevailed that we give thanks to the good people and pastor, the Rev. H. S. Fuller, for the very generous and hospitable way they cared for us. The Moderator said we will give space for Bro. Jesse Harris to come before us with a very important subject we will all frankly admit. Bro. Harris came forward and stated "My subject is not new to you. I bring to you the subject of Agriculture, the Better Way, the way that we may realize better results." Bro. Harris is up on his job. He brought us some very profitable ideas and plans, if rightly put into real practice. The Committee on Finance offered their report. (See report.) Motion carried that we adopt their report.

The Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, N. C., asked the Ordaining Counsel to ordain Bro. M. E. Jones a member of the above-named church, which they did in a very pathetic manner. The Association paid to Mr. Atkin Farrington \$1.75. To the sexton, \$3.00. The amount received through letters, \$197.90. Public collection, \$28.60. Total through letters and public collection, \$226.50.

Following some brief preliminary remarks by the Moderator, the Association closed with an appropriate hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Benediction by the Rev. H. S. Fuller.

Rev. J. H. Caldwell, Moderator, L. H. Hackney, Secretary, W. H. Williams, Assistant Secretary,

#### THE MODERATOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Dear Bro. Ministers, Delegates and Co-Laborers:

- 1. We are here as representatives of Christ's Kingdom in the world.
  - 2. We represent the church of God on earth.
- 3. We represent the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.
- 4. It is a gospel of influence. The first man was lost by influence. Adam said "The woman thou gavest me. . ."
- 5. Man must be saved by influence and not by angels. Christ established His kingdom, set up His church, chose His Apostles, and gave them the key of authority. Matt., 16:19. His sermon on the mountain. Matt., 5:2-12 Established character, influence. "Ye are the salt of the earth, ye are the light of the light of the world." Matt., 5:13-14. "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets. I am not come to destroy but to fulfill. Verily, verily, I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall not pass from the law until all be fulfilled."

Out of the seven additions to God's laws, the seventh was written on the lives of christian men and women. 2 Cor, 3:2-3. Ye are living Epistles, read and known of all. The christian is a living Bible in the world, making disciples of all nations.

We are here as stewards of Christ's kingdom in the world and as laborers with God. Have we been faithful all, contending for the faith that was delivered to the saints.

Are we teaching them to observe or do all things which He commanded them. These duties to those who are heathens from ignorance.

Our heathens have one heathen from choice to our state work and our duty to christian education. The Gospel has but one object, that is to save men. The church stands for you but one. That is a regeneration membership. Jesus said my Father's house is a house of prayer. May we as stewards of Christ's kingdom in the future, as laborers with God who will have to give an account of our stewardship to God, make this the banner year for service.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. J. H. Caldwell, Moderator.

## REPORT OF TREASURER UNION MEETINGS

1931	Dr.	Cr.
Mar. 29	Account Rendered \$12 Union meeting at White Oak Baptist Church—Amount Received 22	1.22
	Church—Amount Received	2.00
	•	1.22
	Disbursements	
Mar. 29	To Sexton of Church	3.00 6.00
	To Rev. J. H. Fox, Programs	4.00
	To Union Reformer	2.00
	Mt. Moriah, Mebane, N. C.	7.00
	To Sunday's Collection for the White Oak Baptist Church	10.00
Mar. 29	DATANCE DIE 616	\$32.00
	BALANCE DUE\$12	
Jan. 31	Account Rendered\$12 Union Meeeting at Bethsaida Baptist	22
	Church—Amount Received 28	3.00
	Sunday's Collection	
	Amount Received\$50	).22
	Disbursements	
Jan. 31	To Sexton, Bethsaida	\$2.00
	To Rev. J. H. Caldwell, Secretary	6.00
	To Union Reformer	$\frac{2.00}{2.00}$
	To Programs To Rev. James Stuart, Shaw Univer-	2.00
	sity StudentTo Sunday's Collection for the Beth-	10.00
	saida Church	10.00
	To L. H. Hackney, Treasurer	2.80
		\$36.80
	BALANCE ON HAND\$13	3.42

L. H. Hackney, Treasurer Return from Bethsaida Church Rev. James Stuart, New Hill, N. C.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### APPENDIX

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We, your Committee. beg leave to make the following report: After carefully looking over the letters from the various churches, we find that the hand of death has visited the following churches:

Rogers Grove 3
Mt. Zion, Chatham2
Markham's Chapel2
New Bethel5
Bassil Creek 3
Mt. Vernon 30
Hickory 5
Mt. Sinai6
New Hope5
North East Chapel2
Terrel's Creek 3
Mt. Moriah2
White Rock 11
White Oak2
Bethsaida1
First Baptist, Apex
Rock Hill 4
TOTAL 101

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. That we reaffirm our loyalty to Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., and our secondary schools.

2nd. That we prove our loyalty to that portion of the covenant which refers to the religious education of our children.

3rd. That as ministers and church workers we cry constantly the advantage of attending christian schools.

4th. That as far as possible, we shall use our influence to see that those who teach in our respective schools are christians.

Rev. J. A. Whitted, Rev. C. S. Sessons, Rev. A. Jones, Rev. G. W. Moore, D.D., Rev. W. C. Williamson, D.D., Rev. W. L. Ransom, D.D., Committee.

#### COMMITTEE ON SERMONS

The Committee on Sermons wish to make the following report:

Rev. E. J. Carrington preach the introductory sermon, Rev. J. F. Mason, alternate. Rev. Bland preach the missionary sermon, Bro. W. H. Williams, alternate. Rev. T. A. Grady preach the doctrinal sermon, Rev. P. E. Green, alternate.

Brothers J. F. Mason, Walter Neville, G. C. Whitmore, W. M. Thompson, Committee.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

Associational purposes\$	138.80
For Missions, home and foreign	29.50
Superannuated Ministers' Fund	29.50
Eighty cents added	.80

Aggregate Amount \_\_\_\_\_\_\$198.70

Bros. W. M. Sanford, John Amey, C. L. Lassiter, G. W. Johnson, E. W. Hackney, A. S. Farrington, Committee.

#### COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to make the following report:

Whereas intemperance is a curse to any people, and since we are taught to be temperate in all things, we, therefore, recommend that we lay more stress on this all important necessity, that our people may live better, healthier, happier and longer lives, and more instrumental in upbuilding the kingdom for the Master on earth.

Rev. Jas. H. Stewart, Rev. R. A. Morphis, Rev. J. J. Smith, Rev. M. J. Jones, Bro. G. M. Brown, Committee.

#### COMMITTEE ON PLACE

We, your Committee on Time and Place, make the following report:

That the New Hope Association adjourn to meet with the Brassil Creek Baptist Church on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1932.

Rev. E. J. Carrington, Bro. H. G. Walker, Bro. C. D. Daniel, Bro. W. J. Betts, Committee.

#### "IN GOD WE TRUST"

The New Hope Baptist Association will meet with the Bassil Missionary Baptist Church, Wake County, N. C., (5) five miles south-east of Holly Springs, N. C., on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1932.

This church is one of the best churches in the Association and its membership is second to none to be found in any church in this country. She is, therefore, fully able from a financial standpoint to take care of the delegation and its visitors who shall come in the interest of the Lord's Cause. This church was organized under the leadership of your humble servant while of the New Hope Association, from 1876 to 1885, by the assistance of Rev. Calvin Luther Hackney, the old father of the Association, and Rev. E. D. Kirby, a young minister of the Association at that time.

"In God we trust" for it all.

L. H. HACKNEY, Secretary.

# Report of Committee on Finance

Churches	Members	Amt. Pd.	Bal. Due
(1) Roger's Grove	40	\$ 4.00	\$
(2) Hickory Grove	156	12.10	3.50
(3) Mt. Sinai	245	24.56	
(4) Mt. Vernon	2864	25.00	
(5) North East	83	3.30	5.00
(6) Terrell's Creek	134	12.00	1.40
(7) Markham's Chapel	137	13.70	
(8) Barbee's Chapel		6.25	
(9) New Hope	147	5.50	9.20
(10) Mt. Moriah	44	4.40	
(11) New Bethel	175	5.45	
(12) Mt. Zion, Chatham	200	10.00	9.90
(13) White Rock	1158	10.00	15.00
(14) Bassill Creek	90	9.00	
(15) New Hill	90	5.00	4.00
(16) Haw River	101	1.0.10	
(17) White Oak	170	7.05	
(18) Bethsaida	36	3.25	.35
(19) Mt. Gilead	24	2.10	
(20) 1st Baptist, Apex	276	8.20	19.60
(21) Rock Hill	228	6.50	11.74
(22) Shiloh	170	5.00	12.00
(23) Mt. Zion, Wake	180	7.60	10.40

#### APPLICANT'S EXAMINATION FOR THE MINISTRY

#### First-Examination in Theology

1. Repentance and salvation; 2. Regeneration and faith; 3. Justification and prayer; 4. Adoption, and why so-called; 5. Glorification and how obtained; 6. The call to the ministry; 7. What is the Bible and who is God? 8. Who is the Devil or Satan, and what does the Bible say sin is? 9. What does the Bible teach about conversion? 10. Why are Christians baptized? 11. When and where was the Lord's Supper instituted, and for what purpose, and who should partake of its emblems? 12. What should be the true aim of every Christian? 13. Why should the ministry be educated?

#### Second-Examination in Science

1. Spelling; 2. Reading; 3. Writing; 4. Grammar; 5. Geography; 6. Arithmetic; 7. United States History; 8. Physiology; 9. General questions applicable to the Negro race, as to his suffrage before the war and his conditions. The young ministers generally seem to be interested in the applicants' examination, still there seem to be some drones among the flock who don't care for study of the salvation of souls. Young ministers, there are two things which you must have; a spiritual appetite for the study of God's Word, and a craving desire for the salvation of souls to fit them for the Kingdom of Heaven. Young men, think upon these things, and be wise. The mantle that is now resting upon the shoulders of the old veterans of the cross will fall upon you, and should you not act wisely you will not see them when they are taken away. That depends on your whereabouts, etc.

Applicants for ordination for the ministry must make an average of eighty per cent (80%) before being entitled to pass.

DR. M. W. BROWN, President, REV. L. H. HACKNEY, Secretary.

# Reminicenses of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Association From Its Beginning in 1868

There were two branches of the Association in its origin, one known as the New Hope Missionary Baptist Branch and the other one known as the Wake and Orange Line Association. This association was organized by the Rev. Edmond E. H. Cole, consisting of the following churches: Rock Hill Baptist Church, coming out of the White Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Mt. Zion, Chatham, coming out of Lysta White Baptist Church; Mt. Sinia, coming out of Mt. Moriah White Baptist Church; Shiloh, coming out of Cedar Fork White Baptist Church. These were organized and promoted by the Rev. E. H. Cole. Markham's Chapel was also promoted by Rev. Cole. This church came out of the Berea White Baptist Church. These churches were organized into the Wake and Orange Line Association by Rev. E. H. Cole, assisted by the Rev. George W. Purefoy, and the Rev. Plese Mason (white brethren.) Rev. J. H. Dunston, D. D. was the secretary of the association for two years, 1868-1869. The association was assisted by other ministers, Rev. Stanford Worlden, and his son, Rev. Benton Worlden. Barbee's Chapel was a charter member of the Wake ad Orange Line Association, members coming from various churches. (White.)

The New Hope Branch was organized and promoted by Rev. Calvin Luther Hackney, Haw River coming out of Mt. Gilead White Baptist Church; New Hope coming out of Mt. Pisgah White Baptist Church; Roberts Chapel coming out of May's Chapel White Baptist Church, Gulf, N. C.; White Oak coming out of Greensboro White Church; Mt. Zion, Wake. coming out of Olive Chapel White Baptist Church; First Baptist, of Apex, N. C., coming out of Salem White Baptist Church. The churches were organized and also organized into the association known as the New Hope Missionary Baptist Association by the Rev. C. L. Hackney, assisted by Rev. George W. Purefoy, D.D., Rev. Plese Mason, D.D., and Rev. Johnson Olive, D.D., Rev. C. D. Hackney, Rev. Jack Taylor, Rev. William Taylor, Rev. Willis Roberts, and others. These churches of two associations came together in August, Friday

before the first Sunday in 1870, with the New Hope Church. Here in this sitting, these two venerable old gospel pioneers, representing each his branch. After quite a debate, Rev. C. L. Hackney and Rev. E. H. Cole came to terms of agreement and consolidated with this understanding: Rev. E. H. Cole said to Rev. C. L. Hackney, "If you will take my constitution and by-laws, I will take your name." (New Hope.) Rev. Hackney accepted the offer, then prayed, both of them, and then they shook hands and also a unanimous vote was taken in favor of the consolidation.

Your humble servant, L. H. Hackney, for the first time met the association at New Hope as a delegate from Mt. Zion Church, Wake County. I heard the discussion, pro and con, respecting the consolidation. I professed religion that same year in August on Tuesday night after the second Sunday, between the hours of one and two o'clock a.m. at Christian Chapel Church in 1870. entered the Gospel ministry the same year of my conversion in the summer. Rev. C. L. Hackney and Rev. E. H. Cole are the Fathers and the first founders of the New Hope Baptist Association and deserve the credit from my own personal knowldge, and should never be discredited with this honor. These old heads who suffered the hardships and trials of life, to establish and lay foundation for younger men to travel the King's highway, ought to feel very grateful to Almighty God for their lives. These men who have wrought so very hard, sifted the sand bars in the heat of the day, scaled mountains in the midnight hour, in rain, snow, hunger, heads wet with the dew from the heavens and ofttimes nowhere to lay their weary heads-Scriptures say: "And Jesus said unto him, "Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head."" Luke, 9:50; Matt., 8:20; These Brethren lived Christ and now gained Phillipians" 1:21; "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Never lived more faithful men in the ministry than these old Gospel Pioneers, Rev. C. L. Hackney and Rev. E. H. Cole.

Very truly yours, REV. L. H. HACKNEY.

#### CONSTITUTION

- 1. This Association sholl be known as the New Hope Missionary Baptist Association.
- 2. The Association shall meet annually, to be composed of ordained ministers belonging to said Association; and members belonging to the Association, who, by presenting letters from their respective churches certifying to their appointments, shall be entitled to seats.
- 3. The number of delegates from each church shall not exceed two.
- 4. The letters from their churches shall state the number baptized and the whole number of members.
- 5. The delegates thus chosen shall sit as an advisory council, and shall have no power to infringe upon any of the rights of the churches.
- 6. In its decisions and acts, the church must recognize Christ as the only law-giver in Zion; and every individual church is an independent body, with executive (but not legislative) powers.
- 7. It shall be the duty of the Association, when requested by the organized churches, to hear their grievances, give appropriate advice, or send committees to aid them in their difficulties. If the minority of a church be arraigned by the majority, upon application it shall be entitled to the same consideration. Individual application shall not be entertained.
- 8. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church that knowingly and wilfully departs from the orthodox principles of religion as taught by the Bible and held by regular Baptists as the true teaching thereof.
- 9. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk, to be elected by the suffrages of the members present.
- 10. This Association shall have a Treasurer, who shall not disburse any money belonging to the Association unless so ordered by the Executive Board.
- 11. Baptist churches, upon application for admission into the Association, shall be received and their delegates seated if satisfactory.

- 12. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any annual meeting, two-thirds of the members being present.
- 13. This Association shall have a Ministerial Council, composed of nine ordained ministers belonging to this Association to act as a Presbytery, subject to the right of ay church or churches to be called upon request. This Board to examine her applicant or applicants for the Gospel Ministry, but the churches have the right to call upon any ordained minister anywhere, in good standing, to examine her applicants and oldain them to the Gospel Ministry. The Ministerial Council is continued for the purpose of serving the churches, by request of the churches. The churches, therefore, have the sole right to name the ministers composing the Council, so-called.
- 14. No Minister shall be ordained without first being qualified to read the Scriptures with an understanding and have the gift for the ministry. This section shall not be changed except by a two-thirds vote of the members present. All applicants for ordination for the ministry must make an average of eighty per cent (80%) before being entitled to ordination of the Gospel Ministry.
- 15. The Association shall require subordinate churches to pay six cents (6c) per capita for association purposes, two cents (2c) per capita for Missions, and two cents (2c) for Superannuated Ministers' Fund.
- 16. The Ministerial Board shall prepare an examination upon the fundamental principles of education in the English language. All applicants must average eighty per cent (80%) on all questions before being entitled to ordination.
- 17. This Association shall meet annually on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October and adjourn on Thursday of the same week.

#### RULES OF DECORUM

- 1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator or by some person at his request.
- 2. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called each day on the assembling of the Association. The proceedings of the previous meeting shall be read before transacting any business.
- 3. All questions before the Association shall be decided by the living voice, except when a division is called for, and then by rising.
- 4. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject without permission from the Moderator.
- 5. It shall be the duty of members to obtain permission before leaving the Association.
- 6. When a brother is speaking it shall be considered a breach of order for any member to pass between the Moderator and the speaker, or to engage in conversation, or in any way to interfere with the speaker.
- 7. Every member shall rise and address the Moderator and confine himself strictly to the subject before the body; address no member by any appellation other than brother, and cast no reflection upon any member.
- 8. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speaking as any other member, by calling some member temporarily to the chair, and when there is a tie he shall cast the deciding vote.
- 9. Written queries from the churches or members, or resolutions shall be read twice, and signed by the originator before being received for discussion.
- 10. A motion without a second shall not be received. A mover may withdraw his motion if the same is done before being voted upon.
- 1. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received except to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table, or amend, which severel motions shall have precedence in the order they are named.

- 12. When a motion has been carried, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the majority to move for a reconsideration on the same day.
- 13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered.
- 14. The Clerk shall make out a list of the members appointed on each committee, stating the subject to be acted upon and hand the same to the chairman as soon as possible.
- 15. Should any member violate any of the foregoing Rules of Decorum, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to call him to order. If he fails to do so, any member of the body shall have the same privilege.



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