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MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL
SESSION
OF THE
**Brushy Mountain Baptist
Association**

HELD WITH
Gordon Baptist Church
September 20 and 21, 1949

T. E. STORY, Moderator

J. F. JORDAN, Clerk & Treasurer

The next annual session of the Association will be held with Davis Memorial and Walnut Grove Baptist Churches, on Tuesday and Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1950.

Rev. Gilbert Osborne will preach the introductory sermon at Davis Memorial; alternate, Rev. A. W. Eller. Rev. Herman I. Johnson at Walnut Grove, and alternate, Rev. Charlie J. Poole.



LIST OF MESSENGERS

- Beaver Creek—W. G. Walsh, L. C. Matherly and Miss Irene Hayes.
Big Ivey—H. H. Beshears, Odell Beshears and W. M. McGuire.
Boiling Springs—Turner Huffman, W. O. Huffman and Luther Parsons.
Cub Creek—Woodrow Key, J. J. Anderson and Charlie Cain.
Davis Memorial—Mrs. Annie T. Wood, Mrs. Annie M. Harris and Ina Lou Bumgarner.
Edgewood—Clifford Moore, John Wright and Clarence Fletcher.
Elk—R. F. Walsh, Jim Edminston and W. A. Proffit.
Fishing Creek—Mrs. Warner Miller, Hubert Pardue, Mrs. R. N. Holland, Mrs. Carl Miller.
Gordon—Mrs. Addie Hamby, Mrs. W. R. Carson, Mrs. Minnie Wyatt, Dennis Miller and Mrs. Will Burnett.
Goshen—H. A. Carlton, Jesse L. Walsh and Mrs. R. L. Proffit.
Harmony—L. A. Minton, Edd Faw and Everett Caudill.
Hinshaw Street—Paul Holbrook I. S. Baity and Mrs. I. S. Baity.
Lewis Fork—Ralph D. McNeill, B. F. Lane and Dock Walsh.
Liberty Grove—Kermit Absher, P. M. Hutchison and George Smith.
Little Rock—Thurston Barnes, Mack Blackburn and John Andrews.
Moravian Falls—W. C. Hendren, Mrs. J. G. Bentley and Mrs. J. C. Critcher.
Mount Carmel—J. T. Rogers, Henry Clanton and Mrs. Ed. O. Miller.
Mount Pleasant—Curtis Green, Avery Church and Bob Walsh.
Mount Zion—W. O. Barnette, D. M. Triplett and Ira Triplett.
New Hope—R. C. Goodwin, Mrs. Lora Vannoy and Mrs. Alda Eller.
North Wilkesboro 1st—D. E. Elledge, Mrs. R. T. McNiel and Mrs. John T. Wayland.
North Wilkesboro 2nd—Frank R. Ham, Isaac White, Iamond Crane and Verna Wright.
Oakwoods—M. C. Jones, Frank Walker, Mrs. Walter Stroud, Mrs. J. M. Canter, Mrs. Archie Anderson.
Pilgrim—Rev. B. L. Minton, Robert Huffman and Wiley Minton.
Pleasant Grove—J. L. Parsons, V. M. Baker and Finley Church.
Pleasant Home—Minnie McNeill, W. L. Snyder and A. G. Bumgarner.
Purlear—R. Don Nichols, Tom W. Hayes and Walter Blackburn.
Shady Grove—Mrs. Earl Anderson, Guy Eller.
Sharon Walker—Zachary Ferguson, Janie Walker Mrs. June Walker.
Stony Hill—J. B. Baker, Dollie Parsons and Dollie Huffman.
Walnut Grove—W. A. Jennings, J. M. Blevins, Miss Annie Sue Brookshire, Joel Bentley and Mrs. Frances Hendren.
Welcome Home—Coyd Dyer, Harvey Kendall and McKinley Lankford.
Wilkesboro—Fred Shoemaker, Mrs. W. A. Stroud and Mrs. G. T. Mitchell.
Zion Hill—Mrs. Earl German, Mrs. Turner Church and G. B. Carlton.

MINUTES

The seventy-sixth annual session of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association convened with Gordon Baptist Church, September 20, 1949. Moderator T. E. Story, of Wilkesboro, N. C., called the Association to order for the transaction of business at 10 o'clock A. M., and the opening song was, "Faith of Our Fathers." The devotional was conducted by Rev. Iredell Osborne, by reading II Timothy 2:1, and the opening prayer was led by Rev. W. N. Brookshire.

After the devotional exercise the welcome talk was made by Rev. Clate Brown, and after the welcome address the moderator called for the roll of the churches and there were 32 churches present for the transaction of business. At this time delegates and the pastor, Rev. H. I. Johnson, from Sharon Walker Baptist church presented themselves and asked to join the Association, after which a committee was appointed to make inquiry into their faith and practice.

At this time ministers and visitors were called for and they reported as follows: Revs. Iredell Osborne, J. E. Pearson, Glenn Huffman, J. G. Cardwell, Isaac Watts, W. N. Brookshire, A. B. Hayes, John T. Wayland, C. M. Cope, J. T. Higgins, C. S. Wellborn, H. I. Johnson, Ed O. Miller, A. W. Eller, Clate Brown, J. A. Parsons and W. E. Eichelberger; visitors, Rev. Eugene Olive of Raleigh, N. C., Rev. J. I. Stephens of Alexander, Mrs. John Wacoster, Raleigh Association, M. K. Kendall, Mars Hill College.

After the reading of the program as prepared by the Executive Committee there was a second and carried favorably that the program be adopted. After the adoption of the program reports were called for as follows: Report on Sunday School was read by J. F. Jordan; motion was made by Rev. J. E. Pearson and seconded that it be adopted and carried favorably. Report on Baptist Training Union by Miss Lunda Hendren; motion was made and seconded and carried favorably report be adopted. Report on W. M. U. by Mrs. G. G. Foster and read by Miss Peggy Nichols, after which there was a motion made, seconded and carried favorably it be adopted, and was followed by a discussion by Mrs. John Wacoster of Raleigh Association. Report on Pastors Conference by Rev. Glenn Huffman, and after the reading of the report a motion and seconded that it be adopted, which carried favorably. Report on Church and Pastoral Relationship, by Rev. A. B. Hayes. After the reading of the report a motion was made and seconded and carried favorably that the report be adopted.

At this time the audience stood and joined in singing Hymn No. 252, "How Firm a Foundation," and the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. N. Brookshire, who took as a text Mark 11:11, "And Jesus entered into Jerusalem and into the temple and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was

come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve." 1, Jesus looked at the churches; 2, Churches united in spirit; 3, United in purpose; 4, Faith enough to launch out on Jesus.

After the introductory sermon the audience was dismissed in prayer by Rev. S. I. Watts, for the noon hour, and lunch was served on the grounds.

At 1:15 the audience reassembled in the church and joined in singing "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," and the devotional was conducted by Rev. T. J. Higgins by reading Rev. 20:11-12. After the devotional the recognition of ministers and visitors was as follows: Revs. Charlie J. Poole, Gilbert Osborne, J. A. Icenhour, Green Blankenship and F. Broadus.

At this time the committee appointed to investigate into the faith and practice of Sharon Walker Baptist Church reported favorably and recommended it was orthodox and sound in belief and teaching and a motion was made and duly seconded and carried favorably that they be accepted in the Association.

This was followed by the report on Associational Missions, by Rev. J. Earl Pearson, after which a motion was made and seconded the report be adopted, which carried favorably. Report on Christian Education by Mr. D. E. Elledge, after reading the report a motion was made and seconded and carried favorably, and was followed by an able discussion by Rev. Eugene Olive of Wake Forest, N. C., and by Rev. M. K. Kendall of Mars Hill College. At this time a report by Mr. John Wright on Baptist Student Union in College and followed by a report on Biblical Recorder, by L. C. Matherly; after the reading of the reports there was a motion and seconded and it was carried favorably that they be adopted. They were ably discussed by Rev. Eugene Olive of Wake Forest, N. C., who stated there were three things that all persons needed to learn—to read, write, think.

Report on State Missions by Rev. Clete Simmons, and read by the moderator, after which a motion was made and carried favorably to be adopted. This report was followed by an interesting discussion by Mr. M. A. Huggins, State Baptist Secretary, of Raleigh, N. C.

There being no further business to come before the Association it was adjourned in prayer by Rev. Hudson McMillan until Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1949

The Association was called to order by the moderator at 10 o'clock A. M., and the audience joined in singing Hymns No. 290, "Sun of My Soul," and the devotional was conducted by Rev. A. W. Eller, who took as his passage of scripture, Matthew 4:11. After the devotional exercise, the reports were called for as follows:

Report on Relief and Annuity Board by Rev. E. C. Hodges, and a motion was made and carried favorably it be adopted. Report on Baptist Hospital by Mrs. G. T. Mitchell, motion and seconded report

be adopted and was followed by an interesting discussion by Rev. Bell, from the Baptist Hospital. Report on the Orphanage, by Mrs. Clate Bumgarner, and a motion was made and seconded that it be adopted and carried favorably. This was followed by an interesting discussion by Mr. J. D. Fraley from the Orphanage. It has an endowment fund of \$75,000.00, but the orphanage can only use the interest off of it. There are 700 children in the orphanage; mentally, physically, and spiritually they all are to be looked after and cared for. Outside of what is grown on the farm their support comes from the monthly contributions from the various churches of the State. Mrs. Fred L. Shockey of North Wilkesboro was recognized at this time and she spoke of her work there enthusiastically.

At this time the nominating committee made its report as follows: Recommended T. E. Story for moderator and J. F. Jordan clerk; Charlie J. Poole vice-moderator and H. G. Duncan historian. There was a motion made and seconded and carried favorably all officers be elected for another year. Report on "American Bible Society" by Mrs. Monroe Eller, and a motion was made and seconded that the report be adopted which carried favorably. Report on "Home Missions" by Mrs. Roby Eller, motion and seconded that the report be adopted, which carried favorably. After this report the audience stood and joined in singing "Rescue the Perishing," then the Missionary sermon by Rev. Clate Brown, who took as his text Acts 1:8. After the sermon the Association adjourned in prayer with dinner served on the grounds.

At 1:15 the audience reassembled in the church and joined in singing Hymn No. 236, "Abide With Me," then the devotional was conducted by Rev. Glenn Huffman, who took as a text Matt. 28:16, and after the devotional visitors were called for and D. M. Edminston of Three Forks Association was recognized.

Report on Foreign Missions, by Mrs. R. T. McNiel, and after the reading of the report a motion was made and seconded it be adopted which carried favorably, and a discussion by Rev. Earl J. Pearson.

Report on the Cooperative Program, by Rev. W. N. Brookshire, and a motion was made and seconded and carried favorably. Report on "Social Service and Civic Righteousness" by Dr. John T. Wayland, and a motion was made and seconded and carried favorably that it be adopted. This report was ably discussed by Dr. Wayland. Report of Resolution Committee by Mr. D. E. Elledge; after the reading of the report there was a motion made and seconded and carried favorably that the report be adopted. Report of the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher, by Ray Parsons; after the reading of the report there was a motion made and seconded and carried favorably that the report be adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Association the audience stood and joined in singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and the Association was adjourned by being led in prayer.

PROGRAM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1949

- 10:00 A. M. Devotional Rev. Iredell Osborne
10:10 Welcome Rev. Clate Brown
10:15 Roll Call of Churches; Introduction of New Pastors; Recognition of Visitors; Appointment of Committees: (1) Time, Place, Preachers; (2) Nomination of Officers; (3) Resolutions; (4) Order of Business; (5) New Churches.
10:35 A Brief History of Gordon Church..... Dr. H. G. Duncan
- I. FORWARD WITH CHRIST IN OUR ASSOCIATION
- 10:50 Report on Sunday School Work..... J. F. Jordan
10:55 Report on Training Union Work..... Miss Lunda Hendren
11:00 Report on W. M. U. Mrs. G. G. Foster
11:05 Report on Pastors' Conferences..... Rev. Glenn Huffman
11:10 Church and Pastoral Relationship.....Rev. A. B. Hayes
11:20 Discussion and adoption of Reports
11:30 Song
11:35 Introductory Sermon Rev. W. N. Brookshire
12:00 Dinner on the Grounds
- 1:00 P. M. Devotional Rev. T. J. Higgins
1:10 Report of Associational Missions Rev. J. Earl Pearson
1:15 Report of Associational Executive Committee and Budget for coming year The Moderator
1:20 Discussion and Adoption of Reports
- II. FORWARD WITH CHRIST IN OUR STATE
1. Christian Education:
- 1:30 Report on Christian Education D. E. Elledge
1:35 Discussion by Mr. Claude Gaddy
1:50 Messages from College Representatives
2:05 Report on Biblical Recorder L. C. Matherly
2:10 Discussion Dr. L. L. Carpenter
2. State Missions:
- 2:25 Report on State Missions Rev. Clete Simmons
2:30 Discussion Dr. M. A. Huggins
3:00 Miscellaneous Business

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1949

- 10:00 A. M. Devotional Rev. A. W. Eller
3. Benevolent Work:
- 10:10 Report on the Baptist HospitalMrs. G. T. Mitchell
10:15 Discussion Dr. W. K. McGee
10:30 Report on OrphanageMr. Clate Bumgarner
10:35 Discussion J. D. Fraley
10:50 Report of Nomination Committee and Election of Officers

III. FORWARD WITH CHRIST IN THE WORLD

11:00	Report of American Bible Society.....	Mrs. Monroe Eller
11:05	Report on Home Missions	Mrs. Roby Eller
11:10	Report on Foreign Missions	Mrs. R. T. McNeil
11:15	Report on Cooperative Program	Rev. W. N. Brookshire
11:20	Report of the Relief and Annuity Board	Rev. E. C. Hodges
11:25	Discussion and adoption of Reports	
11:30	Song (Missionary Hymn)	
11:35	Missionary Sermon	Rev. Clate Brown
12:10	P. M. Adjourn for Lunch on the Grounds	
1:10	Devotional	Rev. J. O. Pruitt
1:20	Report on Social Service and Civic Righteousness—	
		Dr. John T. Wayland
1:25	Discussion.....	Rev. M. A. Hauss and Mr. L. A. Martin
1:50	Report of Committee	
2:00	History of Brushy Mountain Association.....	Dr. H. G. Duncan
2:20	Miscellaneous Business	
3:00	Adjournment	

A BRIEF HISTORY OF GORDON BAPTIST CHURCH

On December 4, 1919, a presbytery was called for the purpose of organizing Gordon Baptist church. Four ministers—W. F. Staley, S. S. Jennings, L. B. Murray, and F. C. Watts—and five deacons—Dr. W. P. Horton, E. E. Eller, A. B. McNeil, J. Q. Pardue and J. W. Nichols—composed the presbytery. S. S. Jennings was elected chairman and J. W. Nichols secretary of the organization. According to the records, five joined from Harmony, four from the First Baptist of North Wilkesboro, two from New Hope, two from Pleasant Grove, and two from Union—fifteen in all. It appears that those from the First Baptist took a temporary leave from their church to perfect the organization, an irregularity in Baptist policy.

Articles of Faith and a Covenant were adopted. W. F. Staley gave the charge to the new church and L. B. Murray preached the sermon. The doors of the church were opened and seven joined under the watchcare of the church until they could secure their letters. Two joined for baptism and two by restoration. The next information we have of this church is May 14, 1920. At that time L. B. Murray was pastor and John Bumgarner was clerk.

L. B. Murray served as pastor for eight years, or from 1920 to 1927, and again for the year of 1932. I. C. Woodruff was pastor for four years, or during the period of 1928-1931 inclusive. G. W. Sebastian served for two years—1933-1934 inclusive; J. E. Hayes for seven years, or from 1935 to 1942; Ralph Miller for four years, or from 1942 to 1946; and Clate Brown from 1946 to date.

As has been stated, John Bumgarner was the first clerk, but served only seven months. A. B. McNeil was elected but resigned after one

month. J. H. Curtis followed with two years of service. G. M. Coleman was elected but served only three months. J. H. Curtis was again chosen and held the office for seven years. I. J. Canter followed for ten months; E. C. Long for five months; and G. M. Coleman for fourteen months. J. S. Parsons was elected and served for one year, after which J. H. Curtis came in again for one year of service. H. E. Canter served for ten months. W. P. Carson then served for ten years. Clate Brown was elected and held the office for about a year. In August, 1944, the present clerk, Walter R. Burgess, began his duties.

Evidently some of the minutes were lost or not recorded, as we have no information from the organization in 1919 until May, 1920. There are no minutes from July, 1929, until October, 1932, and none from January 1936, until February, 1937. Despite these omissions, the minutes are good; better than those of any church we have examined so far. These are the only ones I have found that attempt to record the members in the blanks prescribed, and keep a copy of the church letters received and granted.

In membership this church has grown from the 15 members at its organization to 234 in 1948, thus ranking tenth among the 33 churches of this association. Apparently several successful revivals have been held. For example, 21 joined by baptism in 1922, 22 in 1927, 26 in 1942, and 28 in 1948. The church has experienced the usual difficulties of discipline and church attendance. In 1922 two were dismissed for disorderly conduct, and a spiritual committee was appointed to visit erring members. Drinking was reported among members. In 1926 six were dismissed for not attending church. At that time preaching service was held on Saturdays, and according to the minutes, only 19 members were present at one meeting in 1927; 13 in 1928; 14 in 1932. Roll calls were frequently resorted to and in September, 1940, the roll was called and twelve were dropped by their own request, and one excluded as a public nuisance.

The Sunday School does not reveal a growth comparable to the increase in church membership, and attendance has been rather spasmodic. For example, 70 were enrolled in Sunday School in 1921; 126 in 1922; 60 in 1929; 153 in 1935 and 87 in 1948.

From the financial point of view this church has made considerable progress. The church property valued at \$87.00 in 1921 jumped to \$5,000.00 in 1925 and to \$6,200.00 at present. From time to time different improvements have been made, such as adding Sunday School rooms, painting the church, and improving the grounds. The pastor's salary shows a spotted growth. It rose from \$49.65 per year in 1921 to \$100.00 in 1923, and \$175.00 in 1927; dropped to \$58.00 in 1935 and \$37.60 in 1938; then rose to \$735.71 in 1946 and \$706.00 in 1948. The total contributions were \$108.71 in 1921, \$580.90 in 1927; \$110.00 in 1932; \$3,096.64 in 1947; and \$2,314.42 in 1948. Only four churches in the association made larger contributions in 1948.

In November, 1943, this church adopted a budget of \$77.00 per

month. Of this \$50.00 went to the pastor, \$8.00 to the cooperative plan, \$4.00 to the orphanage, \$5.00 for Sunday School literature, and \$10.00 for fuel and the janitor. In August, 1945, the budget was raised to \$100.00 per month. The pastor's salary remained at \$50.00 per month. The amount for the cooperative plan was raised to \$15.00; \$10.00 for the orphanage, \$10.00 for coal and literature, and \$5.00 for the pianist. This church has been very liberal in other contributions. For example, in 1945 it gave the pastor a bonus of \$100.00 and \$25.00 to attend the pastor's school. In 1946 it donated \$50.00 each to the Wilkesboro church, Oak Grove, Gospel Baptist, and to a church near Champion to help on their building programs, and paid \$50.00 for graveling its road. In 1947 it donated \$150.00 to the Baptist Hospital, paid the pastor \$80.00 for conducting a revival, paid the expense of two members to take a library course at Ridgecrest, and paid for a singing school.

This church has licensed and ordained an unusually large number of ministers. So many that some have referred to it as a preacher factory. In 1933 it refused to ordain George Osborn because of his views on salvation. In July, 1938, Jess Lumas was to be ordained but we are not informed whether or not the ordination took place. In December, 1939, it licensed Ralph Miller and ordained him in April, 1940. In August, 1943, Iredell Osborn was ordained. In January, 1944, Garfield Cardwell was licensed to preach. In April, 1944, G. S. Osborn and Garfield Cardwell were ordained. Era Byers was licensed in April, 1945. Clate Brown, the present pastor, was licensed in October, 1945, and ordained the following December.

Relatively speaking, this church is young, being 30 years old. During this time it appears to have made good progress and is filling an important place in this community.

DR. H. G. DUNCAN.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The ministry of Jesus and of the New Testament churches comprises two essential elements, teaching and preaching. It is the teaching and getting the pupils out to Sunday School that we are all interested in the most and to find out the best methods.

Last year this Association held group meetings with the following churches: Stony Hill, Mt. Pleasant, Goshen, Beaver Creek, Harmony, Cub Creek and North Wilkesboro Second, with reasonably good attendance at each meeting. There were also two Associational meetings held, one at Mount Pleasant and one at Wilkesboro, with interest building up in Sunday School work. The meeting at Wilkesboro selected and elected the following officers and presents them to the Association for its approval: Associational General Superintendent, J. F. Jordan; Superintendent of Training, Mrs. Clate Bumgarner; Superintendent of Evangelism and Enlargement, Rev. W. N. Brook-

shire; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Manie Beshears; Superintendent of Vacation Bible School, Mrs. Bernice Greer. Group Superintendents: Group No. I, Clyde Church; Group No. 2, Mr. Jimmie McNeill; Group No. III, Mr. L. C. Matherly; Group No. IV, Mrs Willard Eller; Group No. V, Mr. E. I. Elledge; Group No. VI, Frank Walker; Group No. VII, Rev. C. S. Welborn.

This meeting also went on record as offering to the Association the following goals for the remainder of 1949 and 1950: 1. Take your family to Sunday School and church. 2. Increase attendance in each church 15%. 3. Increase in families in church 5%. 4. Enrich Sunday School Bible study by (1) Using Bible in Sunday School; (2) Study Bible in the home; (3) Vacation Bible School in each church; (4) Adopt one week in January for Bible study.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. JORDAN.

ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION ANNUAL REPORT

The Associational Training Union has had a most eventful and successful year through the cooperation of the Associational and local Training Union officers and our Associational Missionary, Rev. J. Earl Pearson.

All regular quarterly meetings have been held at scheduled time.

On November 23, 1948, officers of the Association met at First Baptist Church Annex for a study of the Associational Manual, led by state worker, Mr. L. J. Newton.

On November 4, five of the officers attended the Clinic for Associational Training Union Officers held in High Point, N. C. One of the suggestions of this meeting adopted by our Association was that of combining the Officers' and Leaders' Council and Mass Meeting, that is, holding both on same evening.

A large group of Training Union members from our Association attended the Regional Training Union Convention in Lenoir, April 29-30. We had participants in the Junior Memory Work Drill, Intermediate Sword Drill and Hymn Festival.

We were represented in one or more of the Summer Assemblies.

A Training Union Enlargement Campaign was held in this Association July 2-8, 1949, with about 20 State Approved workers teaching method courses. Eight churches participated by having one or more workers. A new Training Union was organized at Beaver Creek church during the week. Nine new units were formed in the eight churches and 29 new leaders enlisted. The total class enrollment in the eight churches was 403 and 210 awards were requested for those who completed the study course.

In our Annual Business Mass Meeting September 5, 1949, the 192 members present enthusiastically voted to set as our goals for the next Associational year the following:

1. A Training Union organization in half the churches in our Association, or 8 in addition to the 9 we already have.
2. Fully graded unions in each church with a Training Union.
3. Each Training Union have at least one study course within church during year.
4. One Association-wide study course; either one central school or one for each group, with classes for each age group.
5. That Associational officers provide teachers and conduct methods classes in churches desiring to get organized.
6. That our association have representatives attending all Training Union meetings outside the Association.
7. That we have participants in all Tournaments.

Also in the business meeting the following officers were elected and installed for the next Associational year:

Director—Miss Lunda Hendren, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
 Associate Director—Mr. Claude J. Miller, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
 Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Peggy Nichols, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
 Pianist—Miss Patsy Hawkins, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
 Pastor Advisor—Dr. John T. Wayland, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Departmental Leaders:

Adult—Rev. W. N. Brookshire, Wilkesboro, N. C.
 Young People—Mr. Bob Foster, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
 Intermediate—Mrs. John Andrews, Boomer, N. C.
 Junior—Miss Jessie Foster, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
 Story Hour—Miss Mary Sue Hendren, Moravian Falls, N. C.

Group Directors:

Mr. Wiley McNeill, Jr., Purlear, N. C.
 Mrs. Rachel Bishop, Rt. 1, Wilkesboro, N. C.
 Miss Nora McGee, Boomer, N. C.
 Mrs. Don Losey, Rt. 2, Wilkesboro, N. C.
 Frank Walker, Oakwoods, N. C.

With constant work on the part of old officers and new enthusiasm on the part of new officers we can look forward to a new year of service for our Lord in our Training Union.

Respectfully submitted,
 MISS LUNDA HENDREN,
 Associational Training Union Director.

W. M. U. REPORT

With a growing sense of responsibility for a deepening of the missionary interest on the part of the women and young people of our churches we set our hearts "to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts and the glory of the majesty of His Kingdom." (Psalm 145:12.) To this end we planned in the January Leadership Conference at which representatives from the organizations met to consider our work. Mrs. Nora Wilson, Divisional Young Peoples'

Leader, challenged us with the missionary opportunity with our young people.

Of the 33 churches of the Association 11 have some missionary organization. These have contributed, through June, to the Co-operative Program and Home Missions, \$1,468.23. 118 are tithers, 289 have taken part in the work of community missions, 238 have read and/or completed the study of a mission book, 18 organizations have observed the special season of prayer for Home Missions, and much has been done to relieve the need here at home and through the Relief Headquarters in New Orleans.

On the evening of September 19 we held our Annual Associational Meeting to accept an increased financial and extension goal. The ultimate goal for our Association is, of course some active missionary organization in each church, and toward this end we earnestly ask the prayerful and active help of the pastors. Mrs John Wacoster inspired us, brought information, and challenged us to the privilege of our world-wide task.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. GILBERT FOSTER,
Superintendent.

REPORT ON PASTORS' CONFERENCE

The Wilkes County Baptist Pastors' Conference is an organization for the Baptist pastors and others who are interested in the work of the Lord. The conference was organized about fourteen years ago at Mountain View, for the purpose of fellowship and the study of church problems and Bible study.

During the past year the regular monthly meetings have been held on Monday night after the third Sunday at the Reins-Sturdivant chapel. At the meetings there has been an average attendance of ten. The benefits of these meetings may be judged by the type of programs planned for each meeting.

The type of each program is a devotional period led by one of the group and then a transaction of any business that may come before the meeting, by a discussion of some practical subjects where each minister can voice his opinion regarding the subject and a period of Bible study.

In addition to the regular monthly meeting a four days school was held for the ministers which has proved to be very helpful to all who attended. Our teachers being this year:

Rev. N. B. Phillips, "Power From on High."

Rev. W. C. Pipes, "The Kingdom of God."

Rev. Earl Pearson, "Stewardship of the Bible."

It is our hope that more of our ministers attend and take part in the programs.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. G. HUFFMAN.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

Church and pastoral relationship should be kept on a spiritual plane in the interest of Kingdom growth.

A minister of the gospel who has been called of God to work in His Kingdom should be called by a Christian Church that has been much in prayer seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The enemies of the Spirit are favoritism, factions, competition and financial bargaining. These enemies may be largely avoided if the following rules are followed:

1. A Committee on A New Pastor made up of spiritually minded people, representing as many different groups and organizations in the church as possible without making it so large as to be unwieldy in size, should be elected by the church in open voting. This committee should be given instructions as to what will be required of the pastor in preaching, visitation etc., and what salary he may reasonably expect. This committee should seek out the man best suited for their situation.

2. Trial sermons are very trying for the preacher and congregation and should be avoided if possible. A better way to judge a man, anyway, is to hear him speak to his own people at a regular service. A small committee can do this with little notice and disturbance.

3. Only one preacher should be considered by the congregation at one time. The Committee on A New Pastor should be convinced of divine sanction and reasonably sure of the church's acceptance of its recommendation before it is made. Under no condition should more than one preacher be presented to the church at one time.

4. Competition, rivalry and bargaining with a church on the part of two or more preachers is unbecoming of Christian ministers and is definitely harmful to the church.

5. The annual call is often an enemy of spiritual harmony and efficiency. The new pastor should be called to serve the church for as long as the Holy Spirit leads him to serve or the church to desire his services. This length of time could be six months or six years. The Holy Spirit will lead pastor and people as changing situations occur and time goes on.

6. A pastor is never hired. He is called. The relationship between pastor and people is that of brothers. He should not ask for increases in his salary but the church should anticipate his needs. The desire of some laymen to hire a preacher for as low a figure as possible is a form of human cruelty and is a sure way to kill the progress of that church. A pastor obtained in this way is either worth little or else, being capable, takes on so many churches that he is unable to do much for any one. In either event the Church of Jesus Christ, and her ministers suffer.

7. A man with the pastor's heart will ever be ready to serve his people and God's people outside the church whenever called upon for any service which he may render. When a member desires a call from

the pastor he would do well to ask for it, remembering that the average minister has more calls for his time than he can possibly meet and usually takes them in the order of urgency. Pastors who are called upon to drive their cars some distance in order to conduct a funeral should be given some token of appreciation if their salaries are small.

8. Pastor and people should be loyal to one another as are members of a family. Misunderstandings and differences should be discussed in love among themselves and not made common gossip outside the congregation. Every pastor should have a few true friends who will tell him of his shortcomings, of dissatisfaction in the church and possible misunderstandings. Such things can be the better squelched before they become full grown. The way of peace and harmony is the way of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. A. B. HAYES.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1 TO AUGUST 31

This has been the most enjoyable and gratifying period of my ministry. May I express my gratitude to the people of all the churches for all that you have done to make possible this report.

When your missionary started his service on January 1, it was determined, with God's help, to visit at least once in every church in the Association before this meeting of the Association. This has been done.

The following account of my service is submitted for your consideration:

Worship services visited	19	Number joining churches	28
Training Union visits	11	Vacation Bible Schools	8
Sunday School visits	15	V. B. S. Conferences.....	12
Prayer Service visits	1	V. B. S. Commencements.....	8
Workers' Council visits.....	1	V. B. S. Picnics	8
In addition to the above:		T. U. & S. S. Exec. Com.	
S. S. Classes taught.....	15	meetings	2
T. U. Messages	4	Training Unions reorganized	
Prayer Service messages	3	(Participated)	2
W. M. U. Programs	2	Radio messages	5
Sermons	36	Funeral participated in.....	1
S. S. Study Courses taught.....	6	Dedication Service message....	1
T. U. Study Courses taught....	3	Participated in service for	
Bible Study Courses taught.....	2	Laying of Cornerstone.....	1
Religious Census	2	Training Union Socials.....	3
S. S. Rallies attended.....	4	Participated in administration	
S. S. Rally messages	2	of Lord's Supper	1
T. U. Rallies attended	3	Visit to Homecoming Day.....	1
T. U. Rally messages	2	Individual Conferences.....	293
Workers' Council messages....	2	Group Conferences	69
R. A. Rallies	2	Committee Meetings	5
R. A. Rally message.....	1	Visits other than conferences	80
Conversions	35	Miles traveled	7126

Mail:		Prison Camp Services.....	3
Cards	142	Services TB Sanitarium	2
Letters	87	Pastors' Conferences attended	2
Bulletins	1170	Messages, Pastors' Conference	2
Calendars	165	Pastors' School messages.....	3
Programs	325	Deacons' Week messages.....	4
Broadman Comments	30		
Reports	36		

Participated in and helped to promote the following work in the Association and its territory:

- Attended Regional T. U. Officers Meeting.
- Attended Interracial Meeting, First Baptist, Colored.
- Silmutaneous T. U. Study Courses.
- Promoted and directed Vacation Bible School Clinic.
- Annual Pastors' School.
- Association-wide Deacons' Week.
- Association-wide T. U. Enlargement Campaign.
- One sermon and direction of one-week Vacation Bible School Clinic with study of Guide at First Baptist Church, Colored.
- Sermon at Union Service, First Presbyterian Church.
- Work done outside the Association:
 - State-wide S. S. Administration Clinic, Shelby.
 - State-wide T. U. Clinic, Charlotte.
 - Deacons' Week, Ashe Association, West Jefferson, 4 messages.
 - Association-wide S. S. Study Course, Caldwell Association, 5 messages.
 - Deacons' Week, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Elkin Association, 5 messages.
 - Visit S. S. and sermon, Baptist Home Baptist Church, Stone Mtn. Association.
 - Message, Regional T. U. Convention, Lenoir.
 - Meetings outside Association attended:
 - W. M. U. District Conference, Lenoir.
 - Statewide Vacation Bible School Clinic, Fruitland.
 - Conference on Evangelism, Winston-Salem.
 - Pastors' Conference, Mars Hill.

PART II

To the above information on Vacation Bible Schools let it be added that there were 12 other schools held, making a total of 20 in the churches of the Association. There were 47 conversions reported in these schools. Rev. Dean Minton, our summer worker, rendered fine service in directing or participating in 4 of these schools. Miss Madge Lewis, your former missionary, also helped in 2 schools.

PART III

The following is an account of funds received and remitted:

Church	Assoc. Missions	Cooperative Program
Beaver Creek	\$ 5.00	
Pleasant Home	51.53	
Little Rock	1.70	
Cub Creek	8.00	\$ 5.09
Shady Grove	3.00	3.86
Davis Memorial	7.00	6.14
Moravian Falls	26.00	
North Wilkesboro, First.....	25.00	
Harmony	5.25	
Stony Hill	9.00	
Welcome Home		7.40
Purlear		8.03
Boiling Springs		3.85
Gordon		4.15
New Hope		9.23
Fishing Creek		12.54
Pilgrim	11.00	

(The above record accounts only for funds handled by your missionary)

PART IV

Your missionary hopes not only to visit every church this year, but to do definite work at the invitation of the churches and their pastors. I am here to lead you in missions, not as a missionary to you. Let us work together to accomplish the following things this year:

Each church worthy of the name "Missionary" and "Baptist;" Year round program of evangelism; Better and more Bible study; More genuine worship of God; Participation in denominational causes; Co-operation in all associational activities, and support of the organizations in their programs; Better relationships between pastors and churches; Love all men, the world over, and especially our brethren in Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. PEARSON.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION FUND

Under and by authorization of this body previously given the Executive Committee of this body extended a call to Brother J. Earl Pearson to accept the work of Associational Missionary beginning with the first of January, 1949, and he has been on our field for the past eight months, as you have observed from his report. His work has been most gratifying to the Committee and we believe it is highly pleasing to all of you.

The continuation of his work we believe is most desirable and we believe that every church which has had the opportunity to share his services in these few months will join us in this conclusion. But that his work may go forward satisfactorily will necessitate the full support of all our churches. The majority of the churches have made contributions to the expenses of Mr. Pearson and with their continuation

Christian Education should begin in the home and continue in the Sunday School and the church. With such a background they are better prepared to get the most from their college training. We should continue to pray for our leaders who are giving their best to the training of our young people. We should give them our loyal support in every possible way.

In Psalms 105 we read, "O give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him. Talk of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in his Holy Name. Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength. Seek his face for evermore, O ye seed of Abraham, his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen."

Our Senior Colleges are:

1. Meredith College in Raleigh, N. C.
2. Wake Forest College in Wake Forest, N. C., which is soon to be moved to Winston-Salem, N. C.

Our Junior Colleges are:

1. Mars Hill College in Mars Hill, N. C.
2. Campbell College in Buies Creek, N. C.
3. Gardner-Webb College in Shelby, N. C.
4. Wingate College in Wingate, N. C.
5. Chowan College in Murfreesboro, N. C. This College is open again after a lapse of several years and they are looking forward to a successful year.

We are looking forward to 1949-1950 as being one of the most successful years in all of these Colleges.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. ELLEDGE.

REPORT ON THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

All our Christian Literature comes from the Book of Books—the Bible.

We are commanded to "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life," (John 5.39.) May we guide our lives by its teachings until we can truly say "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

The present circulation of the Biblical Recorder is around 43,000. For our large circulation we are grateful to God and to the pastors and leaders of North Carolina Baptists who have supported the paper enthusiastically and have done what they could to get it into the homes of the people. We express our appreciation to General Secretary M. A. Huggins and all the State workers for the great help which they have rendered.

In 1916, 11,00 received the Recorder—a gain of 32,000.

A slight increase in our subscription rates has helped us to get out of the red financially. We have also been able to install the addresso-

graph system for mailing the paper which is the most modern and efficient method at this time.

The Recorder has three subscription plans: \$2.50 a year for individual subscriptions; \$2.00 a year in clubs—a minimum of at least 3 subscriptions is required for every church reporting less than 100 members, and 5 subscriptions for every church reporting more than 100 members; \$1.50 a year for the Every-family Plan—one subscription for each resident church family is required. We hope that pastors, superintendents, deacons, Training Unions and W. M. U. leaders will do what they can to encourage a good club in every Baptist church; or better still, persuade the churches to inaugurate the Every-family Plan. At the present time there are 300 churches which have the Recorder in every resident family. There are 783 churches which have Recorder clubs.

Our aim is to make the Biblical Recorder both a wholesome, attractive family weekly and a solid substantial denominational journal. We feel, since it is the organ of our Baptist State Convention and because of the service it will render, that it ought to be in every North Carolina Baptist home.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, organized in 1830, has as its purpose, according to the Constitution, the promotion of "missions, education, social service, and the distribution of the Bible and sound religious literature." We purposely underscore the words "sound religious literature."

It was not an accident that the Biblical Recorder was founded in 1833. The founding fathers realized that the people did not, and could not advance beyond the information which they had. That was true then and equally true today. Secretary M. A. Huggins says: "A study of the minutes of the Convention will show that almost without exception there is a direct relationship between the number of Recorder subscribers in any church and the support which that church gives to missions, education, and benevolence."

In addition to information about Baptist work the Recorder carries week by week significant articles which deal with the great issues of life which all our people must face.

We hope our Baptist people will remember us constantly in prayer and let us hear from them if they have any material or suggestions for the good of the paper, or if we can be of service to them. One of the great needs of our people is that they be informed, trained and enlisted in the whole program of the church and the Kingdom of God, and we feel that the Biblical Recorder is of immense value in this great cause. We want to be a comrade and helper to every Baptist home and church in North Carolina and do what we can for the support of every cause dear to the hearts of our people. We would follow the injunction of Paul to Timothy: "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth." L. C. MATHERLEY.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Since the organization of the Baptist State Convention, State Missions has been central in the thinking of Baptist life in North Carolina. Baptists are a powerful denomination today, and so far as one can see this is true because during the years there has been in operation a fairly aggressive State Mission program.

Most of the churches in North Carolina have been aided in one way or another through the State Mission program. Within the past fifteen years some four hundred new churches have come into existence, and State Missions has helped in one way or another perhaps three-fourths of them.

For a hundred years aid has been given in helping on pastors' salaries in new churches located in strategic centers without, however, neglecting those churches in sparsely settled areas. Speaking in business terms, these investments have brought rich dividends because every activity which Baptists support through the State Mission program has touched the churches more directly than have the activities of other agencies.

As the denomination has grown so has the State Mission program. There are now nineteen different activities in this program. These activities are listed herewith:

Sunday School Work.

Training Union Work.

Summer Assemblies.

Teaching Activities (Visual Education, Radio, etc.)

Evangelism (City and Association-wide Revivals.)

New and Needy Churches.

Work Among the Indians.

Schools for Ministers.

Work Among Silent People.

Interracial Activities.

Other Activities—Including Allied Church League, Rural Work.

Neglected Areas (Lots for New Churches.)

Student Work Among 15,000 Baptist Students.

How is this great program supported? State Missions receives 13c out of the total gifts through the Cooperative Program. In addition to that some money is received through the Sunday School Board to promote the departments of Sunday School, Training Union and Student Work. Then the Woman's Missionary Union makes a special offering in September. Then October is State Mission Month. During that month, and particularly on the last two Sundays the people are asked to make a special offering through the Sunday schools and churches for all these activities.

Let us all remember that State Missions is not ONE object but NINETEEN. One's offering, therefore, would need to be a dollar if only 5c is given to each activity.

It is hoped that every pastor and every Sunday school superintendent, along with the teachers in the Sunday schools, will get behind the program in October and get the greatest offering by far that has has ever been made for State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
CLETE W. SIMMONS.

REPORT ON THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Our North Carolina Hospital in Winston-Salem, ministering to the sick from all parts of the state, has been called our Good Samaritan. It is through this agency that we may have a part in taking care of our sick people who cannot afford medical attention.

Each year, thousands of visits are made to the Out-Patient Department for examination, diagnosis and treatment by patients unable to pay for the service given them at the hospital. Many who need to be admitted as bed patients have to be turned away due to the lack of space. Last year, thirty-four charity cases from our county were treated in the hospital according to figures obtained from the Wilkes County Welfare office.

Funds from the Mother's Day offerings, the welfare agencies of the state and counties, the Duke endowment and gifts from individuals are used to help pay for the care of our needy sick. Last year the total contribution to this fund from our Association was only \$1,260.63.

We are thankful for and justly proud of our Baptist Hospital and Bowman Gray School of Medicine as a training center for our youth who plan to serve in fields of medicine and nursing.

Under the direction of the Hospital's Department of Religion, chaplain service is provided for patients in spiritual need and students are given opportunity to develop spiritually.

It is our privilege and sacred duty to support this great cause with our prayers and material gifts.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. G. T. MITCHELL.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

Since the establishment of our Orphanage on Aug. 5, 1885, thousands of homeless children have been cared for in Mills Home and Kennedy Home.

A new cottage, one that is costing over sixty-six thousand dollars, is soon to be opened at Kennedy Home which will enable them to care for twenty-four more children and on February 10th a new freezer locker was opened there, the one at Mills Home having been opened late last fall.

Seven of our churches send a regular monthly offering; several others do not send anything at all during the entire year. We need

to contribute regularly and make a worthy offering at Thanksgiving in order for our orphanage to be more intelligently and adequately supported.

Respectfully,
MRS. CLATE BUMGARNER.

REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

What are Bible Societies and what do they do? Bible Societies are organizations which make their main work assisting in the faithful translation of the Scriptures, publishing them in convenient forms and distributing them, without profit, to people who need them and might otherwise not get them, and in whatever language is required.

The first of the world-wide Bible Societies was the British and Foreign Bible Society established in 1804. The second was the American Bible Society established in 1816.

The American Bible Society is a non-profit service agency of churches of more than 60 denominations for the translation, publication and distribution of Bibles throughout the world, and encourages the use of the Bible. It is believed to be the oldest interdenominational organization in America on a national scale. The Society issues approximately 10,000,000 volumes annually, about 4,500,000 copies for overseas. Through the years over 385,000,000 copies of the Scriptures in more than 275 languages and to more than 40 countries have been distributed directly by the Society. Some 34 languages and systems are used for the blind alone. Last year Scriptures were distributed in 85 different languages in the United States. The Bible Society works in more than 40 countries. It distributes Scriptures in these countries in 70 languages.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. MONROE ELLER.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The call of Home Missions is not the appeal of sectarianism; it is rather the challenge of a great fundamental truth. From the vantage of present outlook the homeland is not simply the residence of me and my wife, my son John, and his wife, us four and no more; it is the familiar base of world reaching operations. The task of Home Missions, operating from this base, is to harness this spiritual world energy to a world need.

Direct Missions refers to and includes our work on the Canal Zone, in the Republic of Panama, Costa Rica, and Cuba. In the States, it includes our work among the Indians, Mexicans, Cubans in the States, French, Italians, Chinese, Japanese; the general workers with other language groups, our ministry to the deaf and the operation of mission centers and rescue missions. The 510 Missionaries in this department

minister among a population of fifty million, with approximately thirty million unchurched. In the territory there are twenty-six different nationalities, speaking thirty-four languages or dialects.

In this field your Home Mission Board has:

360 missionaries in the United States,
5 missionaries on the Canal Zone,
6 missionaries in the Republic of Panama,
8 missionaries in Costa Rica,
131 missionaries in Cuba.

510 Total

Vacation Bible Schools is one of the best mediums to extend our work and establish new missions among the language groups. Its evangelistic emphasis and results are revealed by the 1,442 professions of faith, 1947-48.

Every province of our thinking, every area of our lives, every region of our relation to others and of others relation to us must be taken for Christ. The whole life of the nation through its entire civilization must be brought under the sovereignty of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ROBY ELLER.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Brethren, FORWARD WITH CHRIST, means around the world. At no time in our lives has the opportunity been so great or so urgent that the GOOD NEWS be brought face to face with the hungry peoples of this earth. As we remind ourselves of jet propelled planes and atom bombs and other unbelievable creations we are constrained to believe with him who said it is "Christ or Chaos." The world is hungry for Christianity and we are commissioned to bear his message to all the world.

Christ said unto us, GO YE. Our great Southern Baptist Convention feels the press of the great need of our going and urges that every church in its borders give more than lip service to this command.

In the past 45 years our State has sent to the Foreign Mission Fields 43 missionaries and now some 39 are still in the various foreign fields bearing the good news. That number ought to be greatly enlarged. What you and I do about it will make a difference.

MRS. R. T. McNIEL.

REPORT ON THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Baptists have found in the New Testament that Jesus had a program by which he worked during his earthly ministry. If we read Luke 4: 18-19; 7:22, we will find that his program was world wide, and that it included preaching, teaching, healing and ministering to the

needy. Baptists also believe that Jesus has committed to his children and to his churches this program, and is depending on them to carry it through. One plan which Baptists are now using to carry on Jesus' program of work is called the Cooperative Program.

There is much in Jesus' program that can, and should be, done by the individual. There is much more that must be done by the church, and by all the churches working together. If his program were limited to the reach of an individual there would be no need for cooperation, but since it extends to the "ends of the earth" it is necessary to have some plan of cooperation to carry out his program. Thus we have the Cooperative Program.

Two questions are often asked by our membership concerning the Cooperative Program: What is it? and How does it work? These questions are asked in all sincerity and should be truthfully answered. In his recent book: "North Carolina for Christ," M. A. Huggins defines the Cooperative Program from the view point of the individual member, and the individual church, and also from the view point of the objects we support.

1. "It is a Plan which enables the individual and the church to share in the support of every object which Baptists believe should be supported as a consequence of the Program which Jesus began.

2. "From the view point of the objects which they support, it enables them to make a unified and united appeal to individuals and to churches instead of a separate appeal for each separate object. It operates on the principle of each for all and all for each, and all for Christ.

3. "It makes an appeal to every member to contribute to the Cooperative Program since in so doing every member will share in the support of every object. At the same time it recognizes the right of every member to contribute to any object or objects, with the promise that money so given will go to the object specified or designated and to that object alone."

The question, How does it work? may be answered by quoting from the same source:

"The Cooperative Program is strictly speaking a Plan and not a Program. . . . This cooperative plan may be compared to a stream flowing from the altars of our churches to the various objects which we support. Baptists place their offerings Sunday by Sunday in the treasuries of our churches. That part of the offering which is marked "Cooperative Program" passes on to the treasury of the Baptist State Convention. There, after deducting certain administrative and promotional expenses, it is divided among the several objects. About one-half of what comes in remains in the State for the objects Baptists support in North Carolina—State Missions, schools, hospital. The other half is sent on to the treasury of the Southern Baptist Convention, and there it is again distributed and sent to the various objects supported through the Southern Convention, that is, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Seminaries, Radio Commission, Aid to Old Ministers through the Relief and Annuity Board, etc. One has, therefore, to make only one offering to have a share in the support of all these objects. It ought to enlarge the vision of the individual Baptist who in his church reflects that when he is making his offering around eleven-twenty-five each Sunday morning multiplied thousands are doing the same thing. In short he worships God with his offering, and while he is doing so he

joins with others of his church and other churches in a partnership. In so doing he also forms a partnership with God, and this partnership makes it possible to minister to human needs in the State, in the South, and around the World.”

This method of financing the program of Jesus has proven so efficient that it has been used for almost a quarter of a century, and it is safe to conclude that it will continue to be used for a long time. More and more of the churches in this association are giving through the Cooperative Program. It is known that most of our Baptist people will support it if and when they are led to understand it. We recommend that every church in the Brushy Mountain Association make some offering through the Cooperative Program during the next associational year.

Respectfully submitted,
W. N. BROOKSHIRE.

REPORT OF THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

The report reviewing the work of the Relief and Annuity Board presented to the Board in its annual meeting in Dallas on March 9 clearly showed 1948 to be a year of splendid achievement in service rendered and in increased assets.

Officers of the Board were re-elected: Dr. Wallace Bassett, president; Dr. Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary; Dr. R. S. Jones, associate secretary; Mr. Orville Groner, treasurer-investments.

The total income for 1948 was \$3,888,740.40, with total benefits paid amounting to \$1,292,341.84. Total assets of the Board as of December 31, 1948, were \$15,094,093.60.

There were 2,297 new certificates issued in all the plans of the Board, 774 of them being in the Ministers' Retirement Plan.

The Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan is now in force in all the states of the Southern Baptist Convention with the exception of two—Florida and Tennessee; and Florida will probably qualify for participation in this plan within a few days.

There is much need for greater promotion in all of the states. As yet, there are too many pastors and lay workers who do not have the protection the Board offers. Every person gainfully employed in denominational work, whether pastor, missionary, employee of state or southwide board, institution or agency, and every lay worker such as educational director, church secretary, janitor, etc., should be enrolled in one of the plans fostered by the Board, that when retirement age is reached or ill health impairs there may be some income provided by membership in one of the plans. Your state office desires the assistance of pastors and others who have this protection to assist in the work of enlistment, bringing others into the plans provided for them.

The relief department paid out \$237,252.09 to 1,385 beneficiaries. In nine states more money was spent for relief than was received for relief in those states. We would urge every church in the association

to follow the Calendar of Denominational Activities of the Southern Baptist Convention and take a fellowship offering, preferably at the observance of the Lord's Supper, or at such time as convenient for the church. Unless this is done no increases can be granted in 1949 and few new names can be added to the roll.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. HODGES.

REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICE AND CIVIC RIGHTEOUSNESS

Ever since Jesus said "Ye have heard it said of old times . . . but I say unto you," mankind has been challenged to make an advance in individual and civic morality. The "Kingdom of God" or "Reign of God" is not only some far off event. It is also "within you," if you are a true follower of Christ, and should spread unto every area of your life and that of the community.

There is no system of man, whether political or economic, but stands under the judgment of the Kingdom of God as presented by Jesus Christ. That is to say, every human institution is to be measured and judged by the divine pattern and every effort should be made to bring that institution into line with the teachings of Christ. This is true of the home, and even the Christian Church, as well as government, business, and society in general. We believe that this can best be brought about as individual persons are converted and won to Christ under the preaching of the Gospel and as they exercise Christian initiative in a free society.

We view with alarm the increasing power of the State at home and abroad and see it as a threat to the free spirit of man and as a retrogression to the former days of oppression. We believe that the will of the people is the supreme law, but that that will should be under the will of God as learned through submission to Christ and in the study of the New Testament. We are also concerned with the rapid growth in extent and power of industrial, business, and labor monopolies and view them as a threat to the freedom and general welfare of the people.

Within the bounds of this Association the chief enemies of a Christian society are: first, a large and powerful illegal liquor business which curses the lives of individuals and of families, corrupts our politics, and much legitimate business. It is difficult to do anything about it because so many people, some of them of great influence in the county, make money on it or are elected to office by it. The great majority of our business and professional men are afraid to stand against it, partially on account of fear of bodily harm but chiefly because of a threat of loss of business.

The second enemy of a Christian society is ignorance, the sweet-heart of sin. The public school buildings of Wilkes County are grossly over-crowded and some of them hardly fit for human habitation, much less adequate for efficient teaching of the unlearned.

The third enemy of a Christian society in our Association is poverty. It is linked with the other two enemies mentioned above, liquor and ignorance. It is chiefly caused by an inefficient and unintelligent use of land, poor farming and homemaking.

The fourth enemy of the Kingdom of God in this Association is the failure of Christians to practice true stewardship and the practice of calling an absentee pastor. The sheep are in many places virtually without a shepherd. This is chiefly caused by the following practices: haphazard church finances, the pitifully small salary, and the annual call.

These four enemies of the Kingdom of God in our Association, liquor, ignorance, poverty, and weak churches, should be attacked with Christian resolution. The strengthening of the Churches with pastors located on their fields of labor is basic to the struggle in overcoming the enemies of our Christ in this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. WAYLAND.

RESOLUTIONS

The undersigned proposes the following resolutions for the consideration of this body:

First, with grateful appreciation we come to the end of another Associational Year with many things for which to be glad. Our people generally have been prosperous and there is little evidence of serious want existing in our midst. There are multiplied hundreds of temporal blessings all about us. And too, there is much to give encouragement on the spiritual side of our people. More than half of the churches in our Association have within the past year either erected new places in which to worship or have added considerable room for educational purposes. At this writing the cost of these structures is not available, but it will be surprisingly large. The reports are that the revival meetings in all of our churches have resulted in much spiritual uplift. There has been conducted in the Association during the past summer the largest number of Vacation Bible Schools in our history. For all of this we tender our sincere gratitude.

Second, for the group of young people sent to our Association during the summer by our State Mission Board to conduct a Training Union Study Course in the different churches we wish to express appreciation and thanks.

Third, for the untiring efforts and work accomplished by our Associational Missionary, Rev. J. Earl Pearson, who has served us for the past eight months, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to him and to assure him of our united support during the coming year.

Fourth, we would continue to remind our people that the opportunity is ours to share in the great undertaking of moving Wake Forest College to Winston-Salem, N. C. As every one knows a great

endowment has been given the institution but it is contingent upon our people giving of their money to help erect the buildings. We recommend that all of our churches participate in this undertaking in the coming year.

Fifth, we express appreciation for our great Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem and urge all of our churches to especially give attention to it in their Mother's Day Offering. We urge that every church take such an offering and that effort be made to increase their size over the past year.

Sixth, we are thankful for our great Children's Home at Thomasville and Kennedy Home at Kinston, N. C. It is fine that nearly every church has made an offering to this institution during the year. We urge that every church share in the care of these orphan children.

Seventh, we continue to voice our sentiments against the evils of intoxicating beverages. On every hand is recognized the results of this destroyer of homes, this wrecker of lives, this bankrupter of peoples and nations. We definitely oppose the legalized sale of it within our borders.

Eighth, we express our sincere appreciation for the hospitality and care shown us by the good people of Gordon church and community during this session of our Association.

Ninth, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to our Moderator, Brother T. E. Story, for his untiring efforts in the work of the Brushy Mountain Association. We also wish to express our deep appreciation to all who have worked with Brother Story in planning the program. We want to thank also everyone who has taken part on this program.

Tenth, we wish to express to Dr. H. G. Duncan, our sincere appreciation for his untiring efforts in writing the History of the Brushy Mountain Association.

D. E. ELLEDGE,
REV. C. J. POOLE,
JOEL BENTLEY, Committee.

COMMITTEES

1. Time, Place and Preachers—

Ray Parsons, Chairman, Little Rock Church, Boomer, N. C.

W. P. Carson, Gordon Church, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

J. A. Parsons, Boiling Springs, Purllear, N. C.

2. Nomination of Officers—

W. O. Barnett, Chairman, Mt. Zion Church, Hendrix, N. C.

Clyde Church, New Hope Church, R. 1, Wilkesboro, N. C.

Geno Walsh, Beaver Creek Church, Boomer, N. C.

To nominate Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, and Historian.

3. Resolutions--

D. E. Elledge, Chairman, First Baptist, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Joel Bentley, Walnut Grove, Pores Knob, N. C.
Rev. Chas. Poole, Oakwoods, N. C.

4. Order of Business—

The Moderator; the Vice-Moderator; the Clerk; the Associational Missionary, Rev. J. Earl Pearson; Pastor of North Wilkesboro First, Dr. John T. Wayland; Pastor of Wilkesboro, Rev. W. N. Brookshire; Rev. Glenn Huffman; Associational Superintendent W. M. U., Mrs. G. G. Foster; Associational Superintendent Training Union, Miss Lunda Hendren; Associational Superintendent Sunday Schools, J. F. Jordan.

5. New Churches Committee—

Rev. Glenn Huffman, Chairman; Rev. E. C. Hodges, Mr. J. C. McNeill.



LIST OF OUR DEAD

- Big Ivey—Andrew Blackburn.
Edgewood—Mrs. J. G. Bumgarner.
Elk—Mrs. Eadie E. Hall.
Fishing Creek—Mr. C. H. Holland.
Gordon—Mr. Will Burnett.
Harmony—Mrs. L. T. Barnard and Mrs. Roten.
Hinshaw Street—Mrs. Ada Reeves.
Lewis Fork—Wyatt L. Foster, Henry Church, Mrs. Sallie Belle Hamby, B. F. Whittington, Romie Whittington, L. G. Blackburn and Mrs. Emma Blankenship.
Liberty Grove—Mrs. Mollie Johnson.
Little Rock—Deacon J. W. Livingston and Mrs. R. L. Dyson.
Moravian Falls—Miss Christine Nichols.
Mount Carmel—Deacon I. J. Lovette, Sr., B. F. Gentle and Mrs. Louise Reynolds.
Mount Pleasant—Albert Church, Mrs. Belle Hamby, Mrs. Lizzie Cardwell, Mrs. Minnie West.
Mount Zion—Mrs. Emma Blankenship.
New Hope—J. C. Parsons, S. A. Church.
North Wilkesboro First—Mrs. Alice Stafford, H. G. Nichols, Deacon J. H. Johnson, Deacon John W. Hall and Mrs. P. A. Dancy.
Pilgrim—Miss Manicka Bullis.
Pleasant Home—Mrs. Debbie Bumgarner.
Purlear—J. Com Huffman.
Sharon Walker—Miss Gertrude Ferguson.
Stony Hill—W. M. Whittington, Mrs. Lou Ellen Spears.
Walnut Grove—E. H. Laws, J. F. Lowe.
Welcome Home—J. W. Snyder.
Wilkesboro—J. H. Johnson, Mrs. Lottie Johnson, Mrs. W. W. McEwen and Mrs. Sarah Webster.

CONSTITUTION

Name

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association of Wilkes County, North Carolina.

Objects

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to consider and promote measures for increasing the harmony, the intelligence, and the spiritual life of the churches and for developing and directing their energies and their contributions in the advancement of Christ's kingdom throughout the earth, always in harmony with the teachings of the New Testament. This Association shall be an auxiliary to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its missionary, educational and benevolent work.

Membership

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches desiring to affiliate with it, and each affiliating church may be represented in the annual meetings of the Association by three messengers chosen by the church, by its pastor and by other ordained ministers in its membership and living within the bounds of the Association.

Article 4. Any church desiring to become a member of this Association shall present, through messengers chosen for that purpose, its request for membership at any annual session of this body. The Moderator shall then appoint a committee to inquire into the faith and practice of said church, said committee to report to the Association its findings. If the Association then votes to receive the church the Moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to the messengers.

Article 5. Any church not representing itself in this body for three successive years, either by letter or by messengers, shall be stricken from the roll of churches, unless satisfactory reasons for such failure are given.

Article 6. The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any church in its membership which shall be found to be disorderly in faith and practice, but not until charges are brought against it by some other church and carefully considered by the Association.

Organization

Article 7. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by ballot on the second day of the session before noon recess adjournment, by a majority of the messengers voting, and shall begin their term of office upon final adjournment of the session at which elected and shall continue in office until the close of the next annual session.

Article 8. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, preserve order appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and exercise all other duties of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage; he shall also, as far as his private duties may permit, visit and communicate with the churches between the sessions of the Association to encourage and assist them in their work for the kingdom.

Article 9. The Clerk shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Association; shall read the same for approval before the close of each annual session; shall superintend their printing and distribution to the churches; shall send one copy each to the General Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, the Statistical Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa., and to their denominational agencies or institutions requesting them; shall preserve a file of all the Associational records and have it present at each annual session; shall provide at least one month prior to the annual meeting of the Association letters for the use of the churches in making their reports to the Association; shall suggest to each church the amount based on its membership and contributions to other objects, needed for the printing and distribution of the Minutes; and as Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Association as directed by the Association, making an itemized statement at each annual session.

Committee

Article 10. The Executive-Promotion Committee shall consist of the Moderator, the Vice-Moderator, the Clerk, the Sunday School Associational Leader, the Training Union Leader, the W. M. U. Associational Superintendent, and all the pastors of churches within the Association, together with one member from each church elected annually by the Association upon nomination of a committee appointed by the Moderator. A quorum shall consist of the Moderator, the Vice-Moderator, the Clerk, the Associational Sunday School Leader, the Associational Training Union Director, the W. M. U. Associational Superintendent, and four pastors of the Executive Committee.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Executive-Promotion Committee to cooperate with the Baptist State Convention and with the churches of the Association in the promotion of any plans which may seem wise for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, and they shall take such steps as may be necessary to put into successful operation any plans adopted by the Association. This committee shall meet at the call of the moderator or its chairman.

Article 12. A Committee on Nomination; a Committee on Time, Place and Preacher; a Committee on Resolutions; and a Committee on Order of Business shall be appointed by the Moderator on the first day of each annual session. All except the last named committee shall

make their reports to the Association before final adjournment, while the Committee on Order of Business shall prepare the program for the next annual meeting of the Association at least one month before the date of meeting, and present the same to the Association for adoption or alteration at its opening session.

General

Article 13. Not more than three messengers to the Baptist State Convention nor less than two shall be elected annually by the Association upon nomination of the Committee on Nominations.

Article 14. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided according to some standard works on Parliamentary practice.

Article 15. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any annual session upon vote of two-thirds of the members present.

BY-LAWS

1. The Association shall convene annually on.....
.....and continue two days or longer, in the judgment of the Committee on Order of Business and subject to the approval of the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, conducted by whomsoever the Committee on Order of Business may designate.

3. A majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business except in the matter of making changes in the Constitution.

4. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator, shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid the use of unnecessary personalities.

5. The members shall observe towards the officers and towards one another such courtesies as are becoming to Christians.

6. Amendment to the By-Laws may be made by a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting of the Association.

Revised and adopted Oct. 17, 1936.

DIRECTORY FOR 1949 AND 1950

T. E. Story, Moderator, Wilkesboro, N. C.

J. F. Jordan, Clerk and Treasurer, Wilkesboro, N. C.

PASTORS' DIRECTORY

Ministers who are pastors in the Association

Brookshire, W. N., Wilkesboro, N. C.

Brown, Clate, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Bumgarner, E. V., Taylorsville, N. C.

Caldwell, W. H., Sparta, N. C.
Eller, A. W., R. 1, Wilkesboro, N. C.
Hodges, E. C. Hendrix, N. C.
Huffman, Glenn, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Higgins, J. T., Wilkesboro, N. C.
Johnson, H. I., Moravian Falls, N. C.
Miller, Ed. O., Boomer, N. C.
Minton, Dean L., North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Osborne, Iredell, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Osborne, Gilbert, Cricket, N. C.
Poole, Charles, Wilkesboro, N. C.
Pruitt, J. C., North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Smith, H. H., Deep Gap, N. C.
Simmons, Clete W., Jonesville, N. C.
Stillwell, J. L., Hickory, N. C.
Watts, Victor, Purlear, N. C.
Wayland, John T., North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Watts, A. E., Taylorsville, N. C.
Welborn, C. S., North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Ministers who live in the Association, but not pastors

Blackburn, M. D., Boomer, N. C.
Blevins, Fred, Oakwoods, N. C.
Byrd, Richard, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Church, Bine, Purlear, N. C.
Cardwell,, Garfield, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Cope, C. M., North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Eller, Leroy, Moravian Falls, N. C.
Ellis, Earl
Faw, Ed., Millers Creek, N. C.
Hayes, Noah, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Holder, Thomas, Buck, N. C.
Jones, S. A.
Kilby, Thurmond, Boomer, N. C.
Minton, B. L., Buck, N. C.
Miller, Ralph A., North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Osborne, George, Cricket, N. C.
Parsons, J. A., Buck, N. C.
Pruitt, A. C., North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Pearson, Earl J., North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Sebastian, G. W., North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Smith, Graham, Cricket, N. C.
Walsh, T. J. Parsonsville, N. C.
Wilcoxon, J. H., Summit, N. C.

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES										Average Attendance		
	No. Story Hours	No. Junior Unions	No. Intermediate Unions	No. Young Peoples Unions	No. Adult Unions	Grand Total Unions	Story Hour Enrolled	Junior Enrolled	Intermediate Enrolled	Young People Enrolled		Adult Enrolled	Gen. Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled
Boiling Springs.....	1	1	1	1	1	5	8	10	12	20	19	...	69
Edgewood.....	1	2	1	1	...	5	2	12	5	11	...	30	
Hinshaw Street.....	1	1	1	1	...	5	36	22	14	27	50	155	76
Little Rock.....	1	2	1	1	...	5	11	16	12	14	4	57	36
Mount Pleasant.....	1	1	1	1	...	4	11	8	12	20	6	51	45
N. Wilkesboro 1st.....	1	2	2	1	8	6	40	27	22	20	6	121	69
Pleasant Home.....	1	2	1	1	1	6	18	26	20	12	18	3	94
Purlear.....	1	1	1	1	1	4	12	12	12	9	4	45	35
Wilkesboro.....	1	1	1	1	1	4	6	17	11	15	1	50	

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES										Total Officers		
	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled		Sunbeams Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled In Mission Study
Fishing Creek.....	1	1	1	1	2	13	18	...	...	...	31	...
Hinshaw Street.....	1	1	1	1	3	27	24	47	...	...	98	...
Liberty Grove.....	1	1	1	1	2	30	...	...	...	...	22	...
Mount Pleasant.....	1	1	1	1	2	28	...	...	...	18	46	...
New Hope.....	1	1	1	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
N. Wilkesboro 1st.....	1	2	3	2	1	140	13	36	26	32	247	528	46
Oakwoods.....	1	1	1	1	1	20	10	10	10	20	70	20	5
Pilgrim.....	1	1	1	1	1	6	3	...
Pleasant Home.....	1	1	1	1	1	12	...	...	...	...	20	5
Wilkesboro.....	4	1	1	1	1	49	25	5	12	91	24	14	

TABLE F—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Funds on Hand	Beginning of Year	Total Gifts Recorded	All Offerings and Organizations	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Maintenance Church Property	New Buildings	Literature, Song Books, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expense and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenditures
Beaver Creek	J. P. Hayes, Boomer	\$ 50.00	\$2113.00	\$ 650.00						\$ 78.00	\$ 23.00	\$185.00	\$ 400.00	\$325.00	\$ 1661.00
Big Ivy	Odell Beshears, Parsonsville			50.00						12.00		30.00			92.00
Bolling Springs	Turner Huffman, Purlear			274.39					\$ 822.52			60.07		98.16	1333.58
Cub Creek	Mrs. W. L. Lee, Wilkesboro			470.00						75.12					545.12
Davis Memorial	J. T. Higgins, Wilkesboro						\$ 46.16			45.59				15.00	106.75
Edgewood	Clifford Moore, N. Wilkesboro	11.85	1348.58	361.48				\$479.11		68.72		75.00			1030.06
Elk	Miss Marjorie Dula, Ferguson	26.96	302.36	158.66			5.58			26.50		100.00		45.75	290.74
Fishing Creek	Hubert E. Pardue, Wilkesboro	75.00	3168.12	713.46				409.83		113.25	180.00	169.80	1261.33	65.00	2912.62
Gordon	W. P. Carson, N. Wilkesboro			180.00			165.00			92.58		94.50	500.00	2331.33	3783.41
Goshen	C. W. Proffit, Wilkesboro	153.91	645.27							32.74	10.00	118.37		43.51	384.62
Harmony	L. A. Minton, Wilkesboro, R.	700.00		498.47			192.63	3000.00		58.60	10.00	235.82		149.60	1145.12
Hinshaw Street	C. H. Lenderman, N. W'boro	237.56	4884.11	745.85			310.00	232.40		486.91		247.14	1987.63	341.19	4341.12
Lewis Fork	C. S. Triplett, Purlear	448.82	4743.23	720.00			120.00	84.00	2045.50	209.67	27.00	400.00		143.45	3749.62
Liberty Grove	P. M. Hutchinson, N. W'boro		1554.31	362.29				809.45		47.28		48.02		70.56	1337.60
Little Rock	Mrs. John Andrews, Boomer			799.20			524.54			195.64	130.58	143.58		289.25	2080.79
Moravian Falls	Mrs. Cyrus Brown, M. Falls	5033.40	10063.27	969.10			48.00		11983.78	69.03	75.00	106.98		61.70	13413.65
Mount Carmel	Mrs. Ed. O. Miller, Boomer	83.50		88.95						22.50	62.00	160.00	600.00	32.00	238.37
Mount Pleasant	Avery Church, Champion	1048.29	2724.37	1000.00			130.00	10.00	4844.65	133.46				361.51	7301.62
Mount Zion	D. M. Triplett, Hendrix			600.44			24.00	43.00		41.99		51.00		82.34	547.71
New Hope	Clinton Eller, N. Wilkesboro	2107.63	2220.68	647.79			120.00	46.40	2179.76	104.74	139.35	89.77		94.57	3422.38
N. Wilkesboro 1st	C.B. Lomax & E.E. Eller, N.W.	51098.83	33165.44	4620.00			4013.75	709.95	1529.80	3304.51		535.00		281.66	14984.70
N. Wilkesboro 2nd	Mrs. Lula Church, N. W'boro	250.00		99.71				140.99		62.02		50.36	360.00	662.00	719.70
Oakwoods	Archie Anderson, Oakwoods	628.59	807.96	248.40			17.41	46.18		88.84	66.50	145.00		552.19	664.52
Pilgrim	Miss Arlee Minton, N. W'boro	235.61	501.53	292.51			49.81	164.65		145.37	16.00			49.86	518.20
Pleasant Grove	V. M. Baker, N. Wilkesboro			335.67			26.15	106.82		90.70	10.00			68.54	637.88
Pleasant Home	Minnie McNeill, Wilkesboro	6000.00	7672.60	877.20			159.37	375.58		200.00	97.00	285.69	3960.00	593.16	7221.60
Purlear	Tom W. Hays, Wilkesboro		1887.68	385.00			30.00		3000.00	80.00	90.00	90.00		104.85	3659.85
Shady Grove	Guy Eller, Wilkesboro	164.67	377.91	112.70						25.14		38.00		30.00	206.54
Sharon Walker	Mrs. Z. Ferguson, Boomer			95.82				28.40		30.23			312.50	66.60	514.39
Stony Hill	Mrs. F. B. Baker, Parsonsville			852.00			48.00	28.40		44.40	38.00	66.40		50.60	784.61
Walnut Grove	Vaughn Jennings, Pores Knob	3562.90	4325.97	840.00			60.00	108.80	3000.00	118.42	68.55	180.62		117.00	5526.39
Welcome Home	Sherman Shumate, N. W'boro	835.00	2350.00	642.21				103.40	3985.00	58.00		130.99	800.00	110.00	5836.60
Wilkesboro	W. A. Stroud, Wilkesboro	17167.77	11040.53	2936.00			360.00	159.34	20511.47	640.69	26.70	454.08		322.15	25410.43
Zion Hill	Miss Lucille German, Boomer			672.15						156.50	50.00	240.00		1341.88	2460.53
Totals		\$8990.29	98057.14	22011.59	6438.40	7480.90	53902.48	10180.46	9320.41	118893.87					

TABLE G—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Pro-gram or United Budget	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Orphanage,	Designated to Hospitals	Relief & Annuity; Other Objects	Total Gifts for Missions	Grand Total for All Purposes	Balance All Funds
		\$258.00	\$47.00	\$20.00	\$5.00		\$96.00	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$496.00	\$2157.00	\$
Beaver Creek	Earl Hayes, Boomer											
Big Ivy	Odell Beshears, Parsonsville						2.50	2.50		5.00		
Boiling Springs	Turner Huffman, Purlear	12.00	16.00	20.00		8.00	20.00	2.00		96.00	634.54	89.87
Cub Creek	Woodrow Key, Wilkesboro	5.09	8.00		3.36	7.14	57.67	8.16		89.42	184.27	87.00
Davis Memorial	Mrs. Annie M. Harris, Purlear	6.20	37.67				11.15	12.00	6.50	73.52	1221.32	127.26
Edgewood	Miss Della Bungarner, W'boro, R.2	47.30	36.00	9.50	7.69	5.00	77.00	8.86		191.26		
Elk	R. F. Walsh, Ferguson, Star Rt.						20.05			20.05	310.79	
Fishing Creek	G. Warner Miller, N. W'boro, R. 3	44.00	24.00	42.00	15.70	45.00	110.30	38.00	6.50	325.50	3238.17	204.95
Gordon	Walter R. Burgess, N. Wilkesboro.							47.00		47.00	3830.41	
Goshen	Jesse L. Walsh, Wilkesboro						106.00	25.00		131.00	515.62	283.56
Harmony	L. A. Minton, Wilkesboro, R. 1	25.00			84.82		20.00	20.00	84.82	234.64	4379.76	
Hinshaw Street	Paul Holbrook, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1	12.30			48.00		47.00	28.00		135.30	4341.12	645.25
Lehigh Fork	Ralph D. McNeill, Purlear	21.00	22.00				37.00	10.00		90.00	3839.62	68.48
Liberty Grove	Tam S. Hutchinson, N. W'boro R. 1	5.00		2.00	39.75	32.00	47.00	29.67		133.42	1471.02	83.29
Little Rock	Ray Parsons, Boomer	60.00	60.00	12.00	12.10		60.00	60.00		264.10	2344.89	
Moravian Falls	B. M. Pardue, Moravian Falls	64.46	14.00	27.79	7.75	7.75	166.17	25.15		313.07	13726.72	1369.95
Mount Carmel	Mrs. Ed. O. Miller, Boomer			10.00		10.00	8.00					83.50
Mount Pleasant	Curtis Greene, Purlear		55.00		67.68		52.00	90.01		264.69	7566.31	2300.00
Mount Zion	W. O. Barnette, Hendrix		24.00		3.00	4.30	64.93	19.20		92.78	600.44	
New Hope	R. C. Goodwin, Cricket	79.15	36.00	9.41	24.37	19.53	90.45	31.35		290.30	3712.68	615.53
N. Wilkesboro 1st.	J. E. Caudill, North Wilkesboro	3069.12	800.00	60.00		490.60	667.08	216.28	47.27	6250.85	21235.55	63028.72
N. Wilkesboro 2nd	Frank R. Hamn, N. Wilkesboro.		3.00		18.50		84.35			102.85	800.55	124.23
Oakwoods	Frank Walker, Oakwoods	26.91	22.00	5.00	8.00	10.00	36.11	15.06	6.00	114.02	778.54	658.01
Pilgrim	Sloan Deal, Wilkesboro, R. 1	21.04	10.00		5.30	15.00	16.12	20.00		82.22	600.42	404.63
Pleasant Grove	V. M. Baker, Congo rd., N. W'boro							27.12	15.00	62.12	700.10	
Pleasant Home	Miss Minnie McNeill, Wilkesboro	42.00	45.00	65.00	24.00	40.00	195.00	40.00		451.00	7672.60	
Purlear	Tom W. Hayes, Wilkesboro, R. 1	8.03	3.00				18.86			26.89	3716.74	4170.94
Shady Grove	Miss Ozell Faw, Wilkesboro	3.86						15.80				
Sharon Walker	Zackery Ferguson, Boomer R. 1											
Stony Hill	C. O. Parsons, Parsonsville	9.00		12.00	7.25		31.00	17.20		67.45	871.06	8.88
Walnut Grove	W. A. Jennings, Pores Knob			40.00		20.85	197.00	34.21		292.06	5818.45	2070.42
Welcome Home	Gwyn Eller, Cricket						27.97	31.24		66.61	5903.21	
Wilkesboro	Charles C. McNeill, Wilkesboro.	746.94	200.00	9.50	16.40	21.00	499.45	448.45	56.00	1997.74	27408.17	800.13
Zion Hill	E. T. German, Boomer					165.20	155.41	25.00		345.61		
Totals.		4628.40	1462.67	344.20	398.28	901.37	3024.24	1365.68	267.09	15229.47	130094.36	77267.54

Note: Schools, Colleges and Seminaries—North Wilkesboro First, \$900.00.

THE SECOND TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF THE HISTORY OF THE BRUSHY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The second twenty-five years of the history of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association covers the years of 1897-1921 inclusive. You will recall from the report of last year that this association, during its first twenty-five years, decreased in size through the organization of new associations and the losses of churches thereto. At one time it embraced most of the Baptist Churches of four counties, but at the end of that period it included only those of a part of Wilkes. The number of churches composing the association had decreased from 35 in 1884 to 18 in 1896.

When the twenty-sixth annual session convened at Edgewood in August, 1897, only 17 of the 19 churches were represented. J. L. Hemphill was elected moderator, Vance McGhinnis clerk, and S. J. Ginnings treasurer. The clerk still received \$5.00 for his services. Collections had improved and now amounted to \$1247.41. Moravian Falls, with a contribution of \$493.50, led the churches of the association, and was followed by North Wilkesboro, Cub Creek, and Wilkesboro in the order named. In general the contributions continued to be small. One church reported no contribution, another 40 cents, another 50 cents, and another 80 cents.

The twenty-seventh session was held with Beaver Creek, the twenty-eighth with Lewis Fork, and the twenty-ninth with Zion Hill. During the thirtieth session, held August 22-25, 1901, with Cub Creek, Harmony church joined the association. A committee, composed of W. R. Bradshaw, J. J. Beach, L. P. Gwaltney, F. B. Hendren, and S. J. Ginnings, gave a report on the condition of the churches. They reported that many of the church members knew little of the work of the association and were not in sympathy with its efforts, especially missions; there were few of the denominational papers in the homes; there was wide spread ignorance in regard to denominational activities. The making and selling of liquor was so firmly fixed in some of the churches that the pastors would take no stand against it.

The thirty-first meeting was held with the Wilkesboro church, the thirty-second with Shady Grove, and the thirty-third with Stony Hill. According to the reports there were then 260 children in the orphanage at Thomasville. North Carolina had 1300 Sunday Schools with 9000 officers and teachers, and 96,000 students. There were 1792 churches with a combined membership of 182,000. At this meeting Pleasant Grove was represented, the first time in eight years.

During the session it was decided to place a suitable marker at the grave of Elder George McNeil. It seems that the Reverend George McNeil was born in or near Glasgow, Scotland, in or about the year 172..... He was educated for a Presbyterian minister, later he immigrated to this country and became a Baptist. He was a patriotic citizen, serving in the American army in the War of the Revolution,

and a tireless worker among the Baptists of this section, organizing a number of churches, the Yadkin Association, and the Mountain District Baptist Association. On June 7th, 1805, he died and was buried near the Stony Hill church. Thus it was decided, a hundred years after his death, to erect a marker to his grave and observe June 7, 1905, as a memorial day at his grave side.

The thirty-fourth session was held with Walnut Grove, August 24-27, 1905. W. F. Staley preached the introductory sermon and this is the only time the introductory sermon has been printed in the minutes. It is also the only time the pictures of the officers of the association have been included in the minutes. The minutes are large, including the "Declaration of Faith," "Church Covenant," and much advertising matter. The committee on the state of the churches reported that the churches were in good shape financially, but that the spiritual condition was very low, and that there was a notable lack of brotherly love and charity between members within the churches.

During the thirty-fifth session, held with Harmony church, a strong stand was taken against liquor. The association went on record declaring that the "church member who drinks liquor as a beverage or engages in its manufacture and sale is unworthy of a place in the church of Christ and the church which allows its members to engage in its manufacture or sale is unworthy of a place in an association of the churches of Christ."

The thirty-sixth session was held with Wilkesboro, August 22-25, 1907. At that time Oak Grove and Yadkin Valley churches joined the association. The obituaries reported the death of the Reverend J. F. Eller, for many years a faithful and prominent minister of the Brushy Mountain Association. The thirty-seventh session was held with New Hope and the thirty-eighth with Little Rock. At the latter meeting Fishing Creek joined the association. Walnut Grove brought in the following query:

"First. What is the duty of this Association towards sister churches which hold as their pastor a brother who teaches and practices open communion and other unbaptistic doctrines?"

Second. What advice should this Association give to members who have been excluded from such churches without any charge of immoral conduct or being visited by any committee before being excluded, the only charge being that said members did not indorse the course of the pastor?"

Five ministers—C. M. Rock, M. McNeil, J. W. Burchett, G. Z. Bumgarner and I. W. Thomas were appointed to investigate and draft a report. In answer to the first query, the churches served by L. B. Murray, who preached and practised open communion, were ordered to dismiss him at once, and if they did not do so by the next session of the association they were to be dismissed from the association. In answer to the second query, the churches were advised to desist from excluding members because they opposed the pastor in open com-

munion. It was also ruled that any other church could receive these members by application.

Lewis Fork church asked for more preaching during the association, and it was agreed that there should be a doctrinal sermon for the annual sermon at eleven o'clock on the first day; a sermon on state missions at eleven o'clock on the second day; and a sermon on foreign or home missions at eleven o'clock on the third day.

The thirty-ninth meeting was held with Wilkesboro. Mount Pleasant church was cleared of holding open communion, and Pleasant Grove, which had held open communion, agreed not to do so any more. Pleasant Home, the other church which Murray served as pastor, was not represented and action on its case was deferred. L. B. Murray, who had led the churches in open communion, was now preaching close communion and he was still pastor of the same church. The next year we find that he preached the introductory sermon.

Dr. M. L. Kesler reported that there was an average of 386 children in the orphanage, and the per capita cost was \$7.15. The report on home missions showed 52,910 additions to the churches during the year, 27,426 of them by baptism. The clerk's fee was raised to \$8.00. During this session North Wilkesboro second church joined the association.

The fortieth session was held with Mount Pleasant, the forty-first with Mount Carmel, the forty-second with Pleasant Home; and the forty-third with Lewis Fork.

The forty-fourth session was held with Mount Zion, August 19-22, 1915. It was a very rainy day and only ten churches of the twenty-three were represented at roll call. A query from Goshen church asked the association to investigate the trial and exclusion of H. I. Shoemaker by Pilgrim church. Pilgrim church agreed to call a committee of three from sister churches to investigate the case. The report on the orphanage showed it was making good progress under the leadership of M. L. Kesler. The institution was then worth \$343,000.00, and within ten years the annual income had increased from \$24,493 to \$60,946. The obituaries included the name of S. J. Jinnings who had served as the efficient treasurer of the association for twenty-five years.

The forty-fifth session was held with Moravian Falls, August 24-27; 1916. The case of H. I. Shoemaker and Pilgrim church came up again. The association ruled that a member who had been unanimously excluded and had not been restored, could not be accepted by a sister church. The association held also that according to new developments, Pilgrim church was justified in not complying with the request of the association. Through the executive committee, S. G. Stout asked several questions based on his exclusion from the Moravian Falls church.

The forty-sixth session was held with Edgewood. Dr. Kesler reported that since its organization in 1885, the orphanage had cared for 1,759 children. It then had 505 and the per capita cost had risen to \$110.00. During the forty-seventh meeting held with Beaver Creek, great concern was expressed over the prevalence of blockade stills

in Wilkes county. Oakwoods, a new church, joined the association. The forty-eighth session was held with Zion Hill. At this time the Ronda Church joined the association. The reason why Ronda would want to join so distant an association is not given.

During the forty-ninth session, which was held with the Ronda Church, Gordon church joined the association. The fiftieth session was held with the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro, August 26-28, 1921. This was the third time the association had met with this church, and the minutes contained a brief history of the church by the pastor—W. F. Staley.

As shown in Table I, the association began this second twenty-five year period with nineteen churches and ended with twenty-seven. Within the period South Fork, Harmony, Oak Grove, Yadkin Valley, Fishing Creek, North Wilkesboro Second, Goshen, Oakwoods, Ronda, and Gordon churches joined the association. South Fork and Yadkin Valley churches withdrew. Thirteen of the churches have perfect attendance records for the twenty-five years.

In Table II is given the dates when the different sessions of the association were held, churches with which it was held the moderators, clerks, preachers of introductory sermons, texts, number baptised, received by letters, restored, dismissed by letters, excluded, deaths, number of churches, collections, ministers, licentiates, preachers on Sundays, and the Sunday School statistics.

During the second twenty-five year period the association always began its sessions on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August. For the first twenty-two years the sessions continued for four days; the last three for three days only. The fourth day which was always on Sunday, was generally taken up with Sunday School mass meetings and preaching. A glance at page 48 in last years minutes will show that the association met for the first time with Shady Grove, Stony Hill, Harmony and Ronda churches; the first and second times with Edgewood and Beaver Creek; the second time with Cub Creek, Walnut Grove, Little Rock, Mount Pleasant, Mount Carmel, Pleasant Home, Mount Zion and Moravian Falls; the second and third times with Wilkesboro, Lewis Fork, Zion Hill and North Wilkesboro First; and the third time with New Hope.

In this period the association had three moderators. W. M. Absher served two years, J. L. Hemphill six years, and C. C. Wright seventeen years. There were six clerks. John Crouch served one year, D. R. Edwards two, R. P. Blevins two, W. H. Church five, R. L. Profit seven, and Vance McGhinnis eight.

The largest number baptized in any one year was 235 in 1918, and the smallest number was 37 in 1899. The largest number received by letter was 140 in 1919 and the smallest number was 20 in 1900. The number restored ranged from none reported in 1919 to 38 in 1913. The number dismissed by letter varied from none reported in 1919 to 129 in 1907. The number excluded ranged from none reported in 1919 to 56

TABLE I—Second Twenty-Five Years Churches Represented at the Association

CHURCHES	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921
Beaver Creek	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cub Creek	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Edgewood	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lewis Fork	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Little Rock	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Moravian Falls	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mount Carmel	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mount Pleasant	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mount Zion	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
New Hope	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
N. Wilkesboro 1st	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pilgrim	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pleasant Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pleasant Home	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
Shady Grove	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Stony Hill	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1
Walnut Grove	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wilkesboro	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Zion Hill	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
South Fork	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harmony	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
Oak Grove	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yadkin Valley	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fishing Creek	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
N. Wilkesboro 2nd	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Goshen	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Oakwoods	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ronda	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Gordon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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In the first twenty-five years we found that there were often three and sometimes four sermons on Sunday—the last day of the association. At the beginning of the second twenty-five year period there were two sermons, then one, and finally no sermons reported on Sundays.

The Sunday School mass meetings, held on Sunday morning of the last day passed out and none are reported after 1903. The Sunday School convention appears to have superceded the Sunday School mass meeting. It was held with different churches, usually in May, and is reported in the minutes from 1906 until 1917, when it apparently fell as a war casualty. Fairly good Sunday School statistics are given in the minutes for the second twenty-five years. From 1897 until 1921 the number of Sunday Schools increased from 13 to 23, officers and teachers from 56 to 156, pupils from 745 to 1793 (the largest number reported was 2464 in 1911), and the collections from \$40.00 to \$706.84.

A number of difficulties are encountered in attempting a work of this nature. The forms of reporting have been changed from time to time. For example the number of ministers and licentiates are reported through 1904. Then the licentiates drop out of the tables and the ordained ministers within the association are listed elsewhere. Later a pastors' directory and other ordained ministers appear in four out of five minutes. Then other ordained ministers are dropped. In the Sunday School statistics the number of baptisms from the Sunday Schools are not given until 1902 and the church members in Sunday School until 1915; and the average attendance in Sunday School is not given after 1913. The forms of the tables are frequently changed, and there is evidence that some tables are occasionally omitted. Carelessness in reporting is much in evidence. The text of the introductory sermon is given only 13 out of 25 times. No figures for the restoration, dismissal by letter, exclusions, and losses by death for 1919, and collections for Sunday School are not given from 1902-1908 inclusive. The preachers on Sunday are not listed for 1915 and 1916. It is impossible to harmonize many of the statistics. Either the clerks were careless or the proof readers were not on their job.

On the whole the minutes reveal considerable progress among the churches during the second twenty-five years. The church membership increased by 1806, or over doubled; and the collections increased by \$10,394.82, or about 833 per cent. The churches had a considerable number of sincere consecrated laymen leaders, and a number of well remembered ministers, such as W. R. Bradshaw, L. P. Gwaltney, and W. F. Staley, who served as pastors. The visits of such well-known leaders as Drs. John Mitchel, Archibald Johnson, Livingston Johnson, M. L. Kesler, J. L. Kesler, H. C. Moore, Professor F. P. Hobgood, Reverend S. F. Conrad and E. L. Middleton greatly benefitted the religious work in this association.

DR. H. G. DUNCAN.

TIME	WHERE HELD	MODERATOR	CLERK	PREACHER AND TEXT
Aug. 19-22, 1897.....	Edgewood.....	J. L. Hemphill.....	V. McGhinnis.....	W. R. Bradshaw
Aug. 25-28, 1898.....	Beaver Creek.....	J. L. Hemphill.....	V. McGhinnis.....	A. T. Pardue, Matt. 13:28
Aug. 24-27, 1899.....	Lewis Fork.....	W. M. Absher.....	V. McGhinnis.....	J. J. Beach, Luke 10:30
Aug. 23-26, 1900.....	Zion Hill.....	W. M. Absher.....	V. McGhinnis.....	W. R. Gwaltney
Aug. 22-25, 1901.....	Cub Creek.....	J. L. Hemphill.....	V. McGhinnis.....	A. T. Pardue
Aug. 21-24, 1902.....	Wilkesboro.....	J. L. Hemphill.....	V. McGhinnis.....	S. F. Conrad
Aug. 20-23, 1903.....	Shady Grove.....	J. L. Hemphill.....	V. McGhinnis.....	W. R. Bradshaw
Aug. 25-28, 1904.....	Stony Hill.....	J. L. Hemphill.....	John Crouch.....	W. H. Eller
Aug. 24-27, 1905.....	Walnut Grove.....	C. C. Wright.....	W. H. Church.....	W. F. Staley, Eph. 4:3-6
Aug. 23-26, 1906.....	Harmony.....	C. C. Wright.....	W. H. Church.....	W. F. Staley, Zech. 4:8
Aug. 22-25, 1907.....	North Wilkesboro.....	C. C. Wright.....	W. H. Church.....	J. S. Farmer, 1st John, 4:1
Aug. 20-23, 1908.....	New Hope.....	C. C. Wright.....	W. H. Church.....	W. F. Staley
Aug. 19-22, 1909.....	Little Rock.....	C. C. Wright.....	W. H. Church.....	I. W. Thomas
Aug. 25-27, 1910.....	Wilkesboro.....	C. C. Wright.....	D. R. Edwards.....	C. M. Rock
Aug. 23-26, 1911.....	Mount Pleasant.....	C. C. Wright.....	D. R. Edwards.....	L. B. Murray
Aug. 22-25, 1912.....	Mount Carmel.....	C. C. Wright.....	R. P. Blevins.....	R. P. Blevins, Rev. 19:12
Aug. 21-24, 1913.....	Pleasant Home.....	C. C. Wright.....	R. P. Blevins.....	R. P. Blevins, Ps. 108:13
Aug. 20-23, 1914.....	Lewis Fork.....	C. C. Wright.....	R. L. Proffit.....	S. S. Jennings, John 16:33
Aug. 19-22, 1915.....	Mount Zion.....	C. C. Wright.....	R. L. Proffit.....	D. M. Wheeler, Matt. 3:8
Aug. 24-27, 1916.....	Moravian Falls.....	C. C. Wright.....	R. L. Proffit.....	C. H. Utley, John 14:6
Aug. 23-26, 1917.....	Edgewood.....	C. C. Wright.....	R. L. Proffit.....	W. C. Meadows, 1st Cor. 15
Aug. 22-25, 1918.....	Beaver Creek.....	C. C. Wright.....	R. L. Proffit.....	S. S. Jennings, Rev. 22:14
Aug. 22-24, 1919.....	Zion Hill.....	C. C. Wright.....	R. L. Proffit.....	S. S. Jennings
Aug. 20-22, 1920.....	Ronda.....	C. C. Wright.....	R. L. Proffit.....	W. F. Staley
Aug. 26-28, 1921.....	North Wilkesboro.....	C. C. Wright.....	V. McGhinnis.....	G. W. Sebastian, John 1:8

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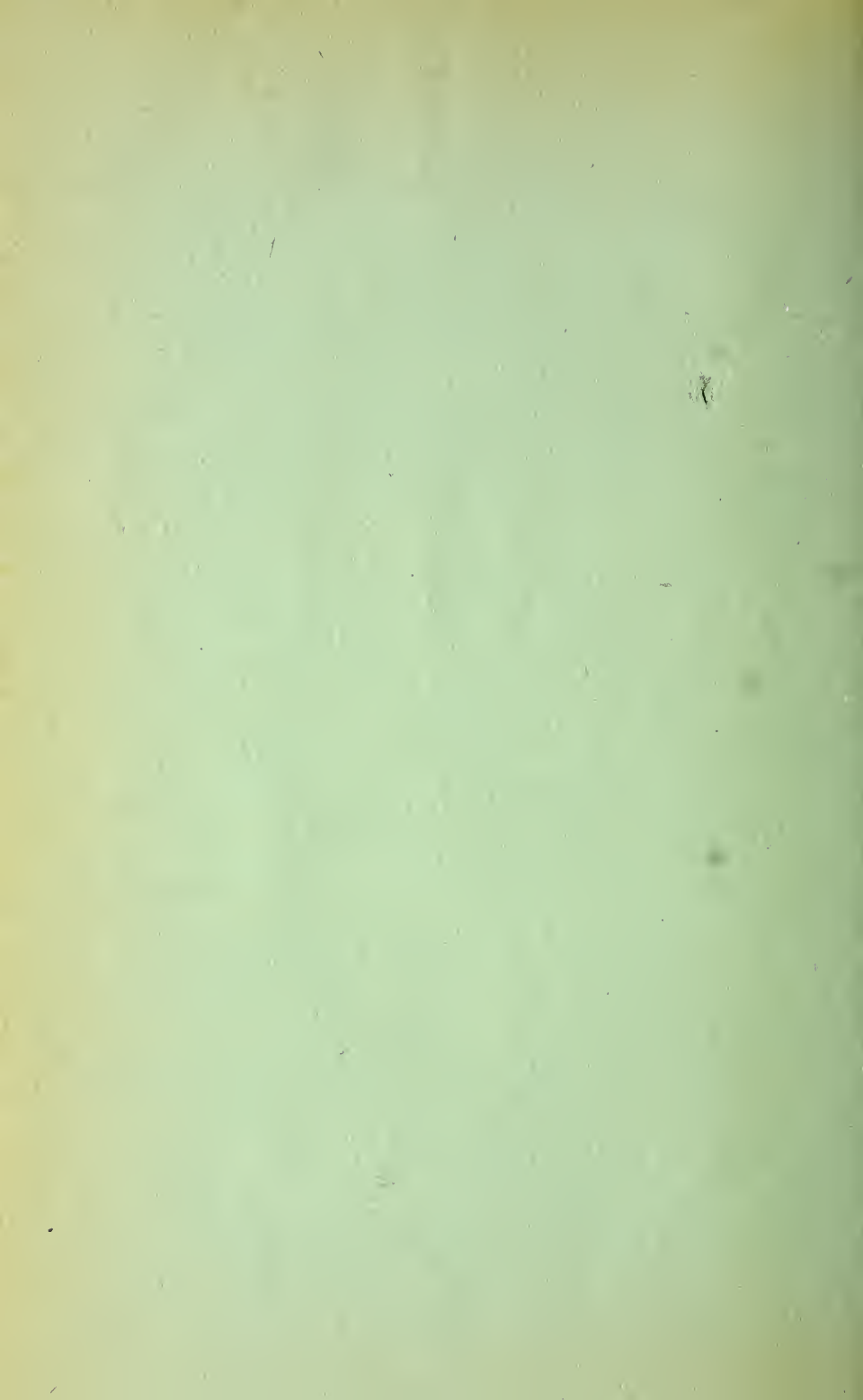
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SEPTEMBER 19-20, 1950

The next session will be held Tuesday, September 18, 1951 with First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, and Wednesday, September 19, 1951, with Harmony Baptist Church.





DR. H. G. DUNCAN

This issue of the Minutes of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association is respectfully dedicated to the memory of Dr. H. G. Duncan, who before his tragic death on March 4, 1950, served as Historian of the Association, completing the writing of the history of the Brushy Mountain Association and the histories of several churches within the Association.

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Edgewood—Clarence Fletcher, Florence Miller, John Wright.
Elk—Daner Triplett, P. E. Dula, Chelsie McNeil, R. F. Walsh.
Fishing Creek—Mrs. Russel Billings, Mrs. R. N. Holland, Mrs. Elbert Love, Mrs. Oma McLain.
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Lewis Fork—Dock Walsh, V. C. Elledge, Monroe Foster.
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Little Rock—Nora McGhee, Ray Parsons, N. C. Andrews.
Moravian Falls—R. A. Greer, Mrs. J. Gordon Bentley, Mrs. B. M. Pardue.
Mount Carmel—J. T. Rogers, Thurmond Kilby, Kelley Pipes.
Mount Pleasant—Bob Walsh, Dennis Greene, Mrs. W. M. Eller.
Mount Zion—W. O. Barnett, Barney Johnson, D. M. Triplett.
New Hope—Richard Vannoy, Clyde Church, Lora Vannoy.
North Wilkesboro, First—D. E. Elledge, Mrs. Tal Barnes, Mrs. Ira D. Payne.
Oakwoods—M. C. Jones, Frank Walker, Mrs. Walter Stroud, Mrs. Jim Canter, Mrs. Pearl Blevins, Mrs. Everette Lowe.
Pilgrim—Rev. B. L. Minton, Robert Huffman, Mrs. Charles Shumaker.
Pleasant Grove—Willie T. Church, Finley Church, Richard Parsons, Jr.
Pleasant Home—Minnie McNeill, A. G. Bungarner, Mrs. J. C. Whittington.
Purlear—Mrs. Ina Nichols, Mrs. Mary Nichols, Tom W. Hayes, R. Don Nichols.
Roaring River—T. J. McNeil, M. M. Mathis, Mrs. L. W. Smithey, Mrs. Ruby Mathis.
Second Baptist—Dossie Berrong, Curtis Blevins, I. N. White, Vance Wingle.
Sharon Walker—June Walker, Zachary Ferguson.
Stony Hill—J. B. Baker, G. S. McNeil, C. O. Parsons, Dollie Parsons, Wilma Whittington.
Walnut Grove—R. C. Meadows, W. R. Parlier, D. S. Broyhill.
Welcome Home—Sherman Shumate, Presley Kilby, Paul Snider.
Wilkesboro—T. C. Shoemaker, Mrs. G. T. Mitchell, Mrs. George Parlier.
Zion Hill—Mrs. Atwell German, Mrs. Charlie German, Mrs. Warren Dyer.

CONSTITUTION

Name

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association of Wilkes County, North Carolina

Objects

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to consider and promote measures for increasing the harmony, the intelligence, and the spiritual life of the churches and for developing and directing their energies and their contributions in the advancement of Christ's kingdom throughout the earth, always in harmony with the teachings of the New Testament. This Association shall be an auxiliary to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its missionary, educational and benevolent work.

Membership

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches desiring to affiliate with it, and each affiliating church may be represented in the annual meetings of the Association by three messengers chosen by the church, by its pastor and by other ordained ministers in its membership and living within the bounds of the Association.

Article 4. Any church desiring to become a member of this Association shall present, through messengers chosen for that purpose, its request for membership at any annual session of this body. The Moderator shall then appoint a committee to inquire into the faith and practice of said church, said committee to report to the Association its findings. If the Association then votes to receive the church the Moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to the messengers.

Article 5. Any church not representing itself in this body for three successive years, either by letter or by messengers, shall be stricken from the roll of churches, unless satisfactory reasons for such failure are given.

Article 6. The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any church in its membership which shall be found to be disorderly in faith and practice, but not until charges are brought against it by some other church and carefully considered by the Association.

Organization

Article 7. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by ballot on the second day of the session before noon recess adjournment, by a majority of the messengers voting, and shall begin their term of office upon final adjournment of the session at which elected and shall continue in office until the close of the next annual session.

Article 8. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, preserve order, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and exercise all other duties of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage; he shall also, as far as his private duties may permit, visit and communicate with the churches between the sessions of the Association to encourage and assist them in their work for the kingdom.

Article 9. The Clerk shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Association; shall read the same for approval before the close of each annual session; shall superintend their printing and distribution to the churches; shall send one copy each to the General Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, the Statistical Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa., and to their denominational agencies or institutions requesting them; shall preserve a file of all the Associational records and have it present at each annual session; shall provide at least one month prior to the annual meeting of the Association letters for the use of the churches in making their reports to the Association; shall suggest to each church the amount based on its membership and contributions to other objects, needed for the printing and distribution of the Minutes; and as Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Association as directed by the Association, making an itemized statement at each annual session.

Committee

Article 10. The Executive-Promotion Committee shall consist of the Moderator, the Vice-Moderator, the Clerk, the Sunday School Associational Leader, the Training Union Leader, the W. M. U. Associational Superintendent, and all the pastors of churches within the Association, together with one member from each church elected annually by the Association upon nomination of a committee appointed by the Moderator. A quorum shall consist of the Moderator, the Vice-Moderator, the Clerk, the Associational Sunday School Leader, the Associational Training Union Director, the W. M. U. Associational Superintendent, and four pastors of the Executive Committee.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Executive-Promotion Committee to cooperate with the Baptist State Convention and with the churches of the Association in the promotion of any plans which may seem wise for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, and they shall take such steps as may be necessary to put into successful operation any plans adopted by the Association. This committee shall meet at the call of the moderator or its chairman.

Article 12. A Committee on Nomination; a Committee on Time, Place and Preacher; a Committee on Resolutions; and a Committee on Order of Business shall be appointed by the Moderator on the first day of each annual session. All except the last named committee shall make their reports to the Association before final adjournment, while the Committee on Order of Business shall prepare the program for the next annual meeting of the Association at least one month before the date of meeting, and present the same to the Association for adoption or alteration at its opening session.

General

Article 13. Not more than three messengers to the Baptist State Convention nor less than two shall be elected annually by the Association upon nomination of the Committee on Nominations.

Article 14. All questions of order not herein provided for shall

be decided according to some standard works on Parliamentary practice.

Article 15. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any annual session upon vote of two-thirds of the members present.

BY-LAWS

1. The Association shall convene annually on.....
.....and continue two days or longer, in the judgment of the Committee on Order of Business and subject to the approval of the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, conducted by whomsoever the Committee on Order of Business may designate.

3. A majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business except in the matter of making changes in the Constitution.

4. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator, shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid the use of unnecessary personalities.

5. The members shall observe towards the officers and towards one another such courtesies as are becoming to Christians.

6. Amendment to the By-Laws may be made by a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting of the Association.

Revised and adopted Oct. 17, 1936.

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1950

Tuesday Morning Session

The seventy-seventh annual session of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association convened at Davis Memorial Baptist Church on September 19, 1950. The Association was called to order by Brother T. E. Story, Moderator. Rev. J. E. Pearson, Associational Missionary, led the congregation in singing, "We're Marching to Zion." Miss Peggy Nichols, Director of Religious Education of the First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, served as pianist. The Moderator appointed Rev. J. E. Pearson as Clerk Pro tem.

The Moderator called on Brother John T. Higgins, pastor of Davis Memorial Church, to execute greetings and lead the opening devotional period. Brother Higgins read the first four verses of the sixth chapter of Romans. After comments on the scripture, he led the congregation in prayer.

The Moderator expressed appreciation for the people of Davis Memorial, their progress in the work, and for the privilege of meeting with that church. A Roll Call of the churches was made, showing 31 churches represented. Big Ivey, Second Baptist, and Shady Grove churches were not represented. The pastors and visitors were recog-

nized as follows: Gilbert Osborne, J. T. Higgins, W. N. Brookshire, Clete W. Simmons, John T. Wayland, A. W. Eller, H. I. Johnson, C. J. Poole, E. C. Hodges, Iredell Osborne, A. A. Johnson, Glenn Huffman. From Brier Creek Association, L. T. Younger; from Three Forks Association, Dr. Ward Bond; from Caldwell Association, Brother Ed O. Miller; From Alexander, John Wells; from Three Forks, Grady Minton; from Brier Creek, E. J. McNeill; from Brier Creek, Mrs. Eula Lytton; and Dr. J. C. Canipe, Superintendent of Evangelism, with Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

1. Appointment was made of committees.
2. The program for the session was adopted, upon motion by W. N. Brookshire, seconded by A. W. Eller.

PROGRAM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1950

Davis Memorial Church, Ten Miles West of Wilkesboro

THEME: "Bible Evangelism"

- 9:45 Song Service, Greetings, Scripture and Prayer—
Rev. J. T. Higgins
- 10:00 Roll Call of Churches; Introduction of Pastors; Recognition of Visitors; Appointment of Committees, (1) Time, Place, Preachers; (2) Nomination of Officers; (3) Resolutions; (4) New Churches; (5) Order of Business; Adoption of Program.
- 10:15 History of Davis Memorial Church.....Mrs. H. G. Duncan
- 10:35 Report on Sunday School Work..... Mr. J. F. Jordan
- 10:40 Report on Training Union Work..... Miss Lunda Hendren
- 10:45 Report on W. M. U. Work Mrs. G. G. Foster
- 10:50 Report on Pastors ConferenceRev. Glenn Huffman
- 10:55 Report on Church and Pastoral Relationship....Rev. L. T. Younger
- 11:05 Discussion and Adoption of Reports
- 11:25 Song Service
- 11:30 Introductory Sermon Rev. Gilbert Osborne
- 12:00 Dinner on the Grounds
- 1:15 Song Service and Prayer
- 1:20 Report on State MissionsRev. W. N. Brookshire
- 1:25 Discussion Rev. J. C. Pipes
- 1:45 Message Dr. J. C. Canipe
- 2:25 Report on Associational MissionsRev. J. E. Pearson
- 2:30 Report of Associational Executive Committee.....Mr. T. E. Story
- 2:35 Discussion of Reports
- 2:50 History of Brushy Mountain Association.....Mrs. H. G. Duncan
- 3:10 Miscellaneous Business
- 3:15 Adjournment

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1950

Walnut Grove Church, on Highway 16

- 9:45 Music, Greetings, Devotion Rev. C. J. Pool
- 10:00 Report on Baptist Hospital Mrs. Dewey Minton

10:05	Discussion	Dr. W. K. McGee
10:25	Report on Orphanage	Mrs. John Andrews
10:30	Discussion	Mr. W. C. Reed
10:45	Report on Social Service and Civic Righteousness—	Rev. Glenn Huffman
10:50	Discussion	
11:00	Report of Nominating Committee; Election of Officers	
11:05	Report on American Bible Society	Mrs. R. J. Billings
11:10	Report on Home Missions	Mrs. Tam Hutchinson
11:15	Report on Foreign Missions	Mrs. Charles McNeill
11:20	Report on Cooperative Program	Rev. Harvey White
11:25	Report on Relief and Annuity	Dr. John T. Wayland
11:30	Discussion of Reports	
11:35	Song	
11:40	Missionary Sermon	Rev. H. I. Johnson
12:10	Dinner on the Grounds	
1:15	Song Service and Prayer	
1:25	Report on Christian Education	Rev. Victor Watts
1:30	Discussion	Mr. Claude Gaddy
1:45	Messages from the Colleges	Representatives
2:00	B. S. U. Report	Mr. John Wright
2:05	Report on Biblical Recorder	Mrs. W. K. Sturdivant
2:10	Discussion	Dr. L. L. Carpenter
2:25	History of Walnut Grove Church	Mrs. H. G. Duncan
2:35	Report of Committees	
	Time, Place, and Preachers. Resolutions.	
2:50	Miscellaneous Business	
3:00	Adjournment	

3. A History of Davis Memorial Baptist Church was read by Mrs. H. G. Duncan. Upon a motion made by Dr. John T. Wayland, seconded by Rev. W. N. Brookshire, the history was adopted by the Association.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF DAVIS MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

For more than forty years the older residents of the community containing the Davis-Harris cemetery had wished for a church of their own. The organization of a church was discussed by several persons. but the initial step was taken in February, 1944. The Rev. Bine Church and wife were visiting the Dock Wood family and the conversation turned to the possibility of building a place of worship in the vicinity. It was decided to contact F. A. Keith, who obligingly came and helped those interested in starting a Sunday School and prayer meeting. In bad weather these services were held in the Lee Harris and Emit Harris homes; in good weather they were held in a new chicken house and later under the Tabernacle. At first the group consisted mostly of children, but later older persons became interested. In the absence of Mr. Keith devotional srvicees were held by first one then another.

Prior to the building of the present church the Tabernacle—a brush arbor—was built. It was completed July 15, 1944. The follow-

ing year the state graded and built a road to the site of the new church.

There was some question as to the advisability of starting a building program during the war, but certain circumstances weighted the balances in favor of building the new church. The people of the community pledged \$250.00 but each contributor preferred to wait until the framing was erected. This attitude challenged Davis Memorial to give a practical demonstration of its realty. Daisy Ferguson of Charlotte gave about two acres of land and enough timber for the framing. It was Dr. James Davis of Statesville who made the initial gift of \$50.00 to pay for sawing the framing.

Mrs. Annie Wood, then mother of eight children, began canvassing for funds. She was assisted by the Rev. S. I. Watts, Emma Ferguson, the Rev. J. L. Higgins, Lee Harris and others. The largest single contribution came from Dr. James Davis. From the record of gifts, we find the names of prominent merchants, bankers, lawyers, firms and corporations in North Wilkesboro, and some from other counties and cities. Gordon and Mount Pleasant churches sent substantial checks. The Baptist State Convention contributed \$100.00. It is quite evident that those seeking contributions did a thorough job. Careful records were kept of even the smallest contribution and of the hours of labor donated. On July 14, 1946, public recognition was given to all who in any way contributed to the building of the church.

The formal organization of Davis Memorial Baptist church took place July 16, 1944. A committee of seven members from Goshen Church was present to assist in the organization. The rules and regulations, and the church covenant were read and adopted. The doors of the church were opened for the reception of members. Seven people came forward. Mrs. Annie Wood was elected church clerk, chairman of the building committee, and treasurer of the building fund. The time of services was set for the third Saturday and Sunday of each month.

At the June meeting in 1945 final plans for the church were decided upon. Authority was given to go ahead with a structure 30' by 38'. Materials were difficult to obtain. The roofing came from Roan Mountain, the roofing nails from Asheville, and the lumber from North Wilkesboro. After her twenty-fifth trip, P. E. Brown decided that Mrs. Wood deserved priority rating and sold her the lumber for the new church building.

Progress on the new church did not follow a steady upward curve. There was a horse swapping in mid stream and Mrs. Emma Ferguson became chairman of the building committee, but after an interval of some six months there was another swapping and Mrs. Annie Wood again became chairman. The new church was completed November 28, 1945. Since that time a well house has been built, the grounds landscaped, a furnace installed, five Sunday School rooms added, screens, indirect lights and new pews donated, and other improvements made.

At the session of the Brushy Mountain Association, September 17

and 18, 1946, Davis Memorial Baptist Church presented itself to join the association. Upon a favorable report from the investigating committee, the body voted to accept the new church.

The formal organization of the Sunday School took place in August, 1944, although a Sunday School had been meeting since March 28, 1944. Mrs. Annie Wood was elected superintendent and four classes were formed. The hour for meeting was set at 2 p. m. The minutes of the Brushy Mountain Association list Theodore Fairchilds as superintendent and give the average attendance as 35 for 1946, 45 for 1947, and 30 for 1948. In 1949 Miss Beatrice Church served as superintendent and the average attendance rose to 80.

F. A. Keith, who was instrumental in organizing prayer services and the Sunday School, came often but could not assume pastorship until ordained. Finally Lewis Fork church conferred upon him the proper credentials. He served without pay until August, 1945. The next pastor was the Rev. S. I. Watts, who remained for nearly three years; but owing to a severe illness, he was absent much of the time. The supply pastor, the Rev. John Higgins, was elected pastor in May, 1948, and has since continued in this capacity. The following month he was made overseer of all work on the grounds and building. He was also church treasurer in 1949. For all this labor he received no remuneration. Davis Memorial was the only church in the association last year that did not pay the pastor a salary. However it paid a small salary in previous years: in 1946, \$100.00; in 1947, \$166.53; and in 1948, \$48.90.

There have been two church clerks—Mrs. Annie Wood and Mrs. Annie Mae Harris, with no clerk from November, 1947, until April, 1948.

The total amount given for all purposes was \$2059.14 for 1946; \$1698.48 for 1947; \$48.29 for 1948; and \$184.27 for 1949. Practically all these amounts were spent for building and improvements. Davis Memorial has given on the average less than \$10.00 per year for the orphanage and \$38.00 for missions.

The first revival, known as the Tabernacle revival, began on the third Sunday in September, 1945, and ended with a baptismal service for thirteen candidates. Lee Harris, 67 years old, professed and was baptized with his son and some of his grandchildren. The second revival, but the first in the new church began August 26, 1946, and continued for 10 days. Two baptismal services were required and forty members were added to the church. This increase was almost as great as the total increase for all the other years combined. With the six who transferred from Yellow Hill, Goshen and Mount Pleasant and the one by statement, Davis Memorial began with seven members. In 1946 there were 57 members; in 1947, 61; in 1948, 79; and in 1949, 80.

The struggle of a few brave souls to build a church during the dark days of World War II and the succeeding years of scarcity and insecurity reminds one of the struggles of our pioneer forefathers. In 1944 things happened fast: In January and February came the in-

formal talk of a new church; in March came the organization of a Sunday School and prayer meeting; in July, interested persons constructed the Tabernacle and on the next day formally organized the church; in August they reorganized the Sunday School. However, owing to scarcity and some misunderstandings the church was not completed until the latter part of the next year. Improvements have been made each year since. The people of the community should be justly proud of their church. In many respects Davis Memorial is fully abreast of the times. It has had two very successful Vacation Bible Schools and contributes to the cooperative plan. Its average Sunday School attendance is 80, the exact number enrolled as church members. In fact only two churches in the association—Davis Memorial and Sharon Walker—have a larger Sunday School attendance than resident membership. Nevertheless its financial obligation to its pastor, orphanage and missions does not measure up to that of some of the other churches in its class.

In conclusion we pause to pay a word of tribute to Dr. James Davis in whose honor Davis Memorial was named. According to the church records he has given most liberally toward the building of the church and the many improvements that have been made. His advice has enabled the church to avoid certain dangers and to progress more rapidly. It was he who finally brought about the insuring of the building after many months of futile discussions and it was he who urged that ministers be approved by the church before invited to fill the pulpit. To show appreciation for his services, Davis Memorial made him an honorary member on August 17, 1947. At his request he was enrolled simply as "your humble servant."

MRS. H. G. DUNCAN.

4. Churches wishing to approach the Association for membership were invited to come forward. Brother Jeff McNeill and Mrs. Eula Lytton, of Roaring River Baptist Church, of the Brier Creek Association, were recognized. Brother McNeill stated the conditions and request of Roaring River Church for membership, that the church unanimously desired the advantages of training and fellowship afforded by this Association. Brother W. N. Brookshire and Brother Robert Meadows were asked to serve with Rev. A. W. Eller and Mrs. Ira Payne on Committee of New Churches.

5. In the absence of J. F. Jordan, Sunday School Superintendent, the Moderator read the report of the Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Again this year the theme is, "Take Your Family to Sunday School." Every church in the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association should set a goal to provide for every member of every family.

There are four ways in which families are divided: (1) As to Sunday School, when children are sent and parents stay at home; (2) As to Christ, when one parent is a Christian and the other is not; (3) As to the church, when one parent is of a different faith and the other

is a Baptist; (4) As to the home, when many couples are divorced.

What is the right answer to these divisions? Surely it is in united families, united in regular church attendance, united in Bible study, united in church membership, united in family altar. Get every member of every family in Sunday School, and other desirable and helpful things will follow.

Again with our theme for this year, we should do more Bible study with more people; enlist complete families in full-time church attendance and personal soul-winning; and have a Vacation Bible School in each church.

This summer the Association put on a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign in 18 of the 34 churches in the Association. These 18 churches reported a Sunday School enrollment of 3,599. In the territory of these 18 churches there are 7,223 possibilities and there are 1900 unsaved persons above the Primary Department. Now, are we going after these unsaved people and get them into the Sunday School and church; let other denominations get them; or let them continue to be lost?

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. JORDAN.

6. Miss Peggy Nichols read the report on Associational Training Union Work.

BRUSHY MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION

The Brushy Mountain Associational Training Union has had a very successful year under the leadership of a fine corps of Associational Officers and our Associational Missionary, Rev. J. E. Pearson.

Executive, Officers and Leaders, and Mass Meetings were held during the year as scheduled. It was decided that enough time could not be given to conferences when the Officers and Leaders Meeting was held jointly with the Mass Meetings, therefore they are now being held separately.

Eight persons from the Brushy Mountain Association attended the Associational Officers Planning Meeting in High Point in November.

The Associational Training Union Manual was taught to the Associational Officers at the First Baptist Annex, November 22, 1949, by Rev. J. Earl Pearson.

A change was made in the awarding of the attendance banner, in that the banner is awarded on a percentage basis; the percentage of those present and the number enrolled in each Training Union. We have had larger attendance at the Mass Meetings this year than ever before. Hinshaw Street received the attendance banner for two quarters during the year and Edgewood and Plasant Home has received it one quarter each.

Linda Jo Godby, Gail Woodward, Jean Wayland and Elizabeth Pearson represented this Association at the Regional Training Union Convention in Elkin in April, with Linda Jo Godby being proclaimed eligible for the State Tournament at the Summer Assembly. Miss Karen Bishop represented this Association in the Intermediate Sword Drill, and Mrs. Robert Foster was made eligible in the Association to

participate in the Adult Scripture Reading Tournament in the Region, but was not able to attend the Regional Convention. Neither was Linda Jo Godby able to attend the Summer Assembly.

A very successful Central Training School was held in Wilkesboro Baptist Church, September 4-8, 1950, with 8 churches participating. The average attendance was 78 and 60 awards were requested. The Church Loyalty Week series of study course books were used with Dr. John T. Wayland teaching "Growing a Church;" Rev. J. E. Pearson, "Honoring the Deaconship; Rev. Victor Watts, "Training in Church Membership," Rev. W. N. Brookshire, "The Meaning of Church Membership," and Miss Virginia Dare Teague, "The Junior and His Church." In addition the Junior and Intermediate Leadership Manuals were taught by Misses Kay Teague and Betty Brewer, State Training Union workers and a large group of Nursery-Story Hour children were present each night and were under the direction of Mrs. Monroe Eller and Miss Pansy Foster.

Study Courses were held in a number of churches, including North Wilkesboro First, Edgewood, Little Rock and Moravian Falls. A class in methods was also taught at Lewis Fork in the interest of organizing a Training Union. Training Unions were organized at Mt. Pleasant and Moravian Falls and plans are being made for organization at North Wilkesboro Second.

The officers for the coming year were elected and installed in the Mass Meeting September 1, 1950, and with constant work on the part of officers re-elected and enthusiasm on the part of officers newly-elected we can look forward to a new year of service for the Lord in our Training Union.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS LUNDA HENDREN,

Director Associational Training Union.

7. The reading of the W. M. U. report was postponed until the second session of the Association due to the absence of Mrs. Gilbert Foster.

8. Rev. Glenn Huffman read the report of the Wilkes County Baptist Pastors' Conference.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE

The Wilkes County Baptist Pastors' Conference is an organization for all the Baptist ministers in Wilkes County. For several years we held the conference in the Reins-Sturdivant Chapel, but it has been moved to the Baptist Church at Wilkesboro, because of the better parking facilities. The benefits of the conference can be judged by the type of programs planned for each meeting. The program includes a devotion, the transaction of business, a discussion of some practical subject, a homiletical study, and an inspiring message by one of the group. Instead of the annual one week school, we have met every Monday morning this year for Bible study and other helpful studies. Recently we have made plans and are securing books to carry on group studies with the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

We have had a good year. The average attendance has been twelve, and it is our hope that more ministers will attend the conferences, which are held on Monday following the 3rd Sunday at 10:00 A. M., and the study group on other Monday mornings at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. G. HUFFMAN.

9. Brother L. T. Younger, pastor in the Brier Creek Association, read the report on Church and Pastoral Relationship.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

A Christian church is a family of God as the brothers and sisters work together as children of the Heavenly Father led by their elder brother, Jesus Christ, who is also their Savior and Lord. The pastor of the church is related to this family of God in several ways. He is a part of the family circle himself and works with his fellows as a brother. The writers of the New Testament use several words to describe him. He is called "pastor," that is, shepherd of the flock. He is called "bishop," that is, overseer of the church. Paul liked to write of himself as a "minister of Jesus Christ," that is a servant of the Master. And above and within the family of God was the power and the cement of the Holy Spirit girding and strengthening the whole church.

When we keep foremost in our minds and hearts the above spiritual facts we have a sure foundation upon which to build a truly Christian church and pastoral relationship, and one that will be fruitful for Kingdom building. When the church and the pastor think of each other in the manner and spirit of the New Testament they also avoid the deadly pitfalls of dissension and dissatisfaction into which they may stumble to the delight of the evil one. For example, the children of God should not suffer open dissension and violent disagreement in calling a Christian brother to be their under-shepherd. And ministers who love the Lord Jesus and the church for which He died should not think of entering into rivalry in seeking such a call, but rather wait upon the Holy Spirit and His direction of both people and pastor.

We have heard deacons and even pastors talk about "hiring a preacher." Is the pastor a hired servant? He is the servant of the Lord Jesus, but he certainly is no hireling. The hireling will flee when the wolf comes to harm the flock, but the good shepherd will defend the sheep even if it costs him his life. The hireling is interested primarily in the money, the shepherd in the sheep. Pastors are called by the church under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. They are not hired by two or three deacons who are seeking to buy all they can with as little as possible.

The "annual call" has been used with success by many of our churches. But it is a system that encourages many harmful practices. One is that of hiring and firing a preacher. Another bad result is the creation of political factions in the church as each group prepares to gain the power to control the annual election. It makes the pastor a temporary worker who may not give his best because the length of time with the church is uncertain. Long ago teachers in schools and colleges were given "tenure of office" after proving themselves. The

“annual call” gives no such inducement for faithful service to the minister.

The “indefinite call” is now rapidly coming into practice everywhere and is used almost universally by the larger churches. When a pastor receives an “indefinite call” that means that he will continue to serve the church as long as the Holy Spirit leads him or the church to go on with the relationship. Either the church or the pastor may end their covenant when he or they feel led to do so. In our opinion nothing would improve church and pastoral relationship more than the substitution of the “indefinite call” for the “annual call.” It would help more than anything else to put an end to hirelings and church politics and would foster a peaceful family relationship under God.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. YOUNGER.

Brother A. W. Eller, Dr. Ward Bond and Brother C. E. Hodges, spoke in discussion of Report on Church and Pastoral Relationship. Miss Peggy Nichols and J. E. Pearson, Associational Missionary, spoke in discussion of the Training Union Report. J. E. Pearson spoke in discussion of the Sunday School report. On motion by C. J. Poole the reports were adopted.

10. The Clerk was recognized to read a note from Dr. James Davis and to introduce Mr. J. B. Johnston, the former Superintendent of Barium Springs School, who brought words of greeting from Dr. Davis. He spoke in behalf of children, that they ought to be kept in church.

11. Miss Virginia Fairchilds, of Davis Memorial Church, led the congregation in singing, “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus.”

12. Brother Gilbert Osborne, pastor of Gordon Baptist Church in our Association and Oak Grove Baptist Church in the Elkin Association, was introduced to preach the introductory sermon. He expressed appreciation for the program theme, “BIBLE EVANGELISM.” Reading from Matthew 28:18-20, his subject was “Limits Beyond Which God Cannot Go.”

I. God is not limited.

A. God is not limited by this natural world.

1. Created, controls it.

B. God is not limited in physical life.

1. Has power to give and take life.

II. God is limited.

A. God cannot go beyond man himself.

1. Man has free choice.

2. Preaching leads people to Jesus.

B. God cannot go beyond the cross to reach men.

C. God cannot go beyond your faith.

13. The Clerk was recognized to speak in behalf of Brother S. I. Watts and Mrs. Watts. Mrs. Watts is gravely ill, and in Davis Hospital, Statesville. Dr. John T. Wayland was asked to lead the prayer in behalf of Brother and Sister Watts. With the prayer the Association was recessed for lunch.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

14. The Moderator called the afternoon session to order at 1:15. Mrs. Betty Jones, of Davis Memorial, served as pianist while Miss Peggy Nichols led the congregation in singing, "Standing on the Promises." Brother E. C. Hodges led in the opening prayer.

15. Brother A. W. Eller, Chairman of Committee on New Churches, reported the committee was favorably impressed with the application of Roaring River Church. The church was received under watchcare, pending their letter from Brier Creek, upon motion by Brother Glenn Huffman, seconded by Brother C. J. Poole. The motion was passed unanimously. Words of greeting were expressed by the Moderator.

16. The Report on State Missions was read by Rev. W. N. Brookshire. It was adopted upon motion by Rev. C. J. Poole and seconded by Rev. Cleve W. Simmons.

STATE MISSIONS

The objective of the State Mission Program is "North Carolina For Christ." To accomplish this objective the program is concerned with eighteen activities. They are as follows:

1. **Missionary Pastoral Assistance.** Last year 93 pastors and 125 churches received such assistance. These pastors and churches reported 1,662 conversions, and 2,551 additions by baptisms and otherwise. There were 23 churches built or repaired and the total gifts from the 125 churches was \$329,617.

2. **Church Extension.** The funds expended in this activity last year were \$20,575.

3. **Summer Student Program.** This work aids the churches and provides valuable experience for the young people who plan to give their full time to Christian service. It also provides some income for those who wish to continue their training. Last summer 150 young people were used in this program.

4. **Department of Evangelism.** The Secretary of this department is Rev. J. C. Canipe. His task in part is to serve as Director of the school for ministers at Fruitland, conduct revivals, Associational Simultaneous Crusades in Evangelism, State Wide Conference on Evangelism, and Regional Conferences on Evangelism.

5. **Department of Radio and Visual Education.** Many pictures have been made of the mission work in North Carolina and are available in slide form. The radio program "Light For Living" has been carried by more than 30 stations, and has reached many people in North Carolina with the Gospel.

6. **Work Among the Indians.** There are two full-time workers among the Indians. Reverend Harvie Brewington and Miss Mae Locklear in Robeson County. Reverend Robert Lee Edwards in Person County is serving as the pastor of the Indian church and principal of the high school.

7. **Cooperative Work With the General Baptist State Convention.** This Negro Convention was appropriated \$2,400 to help with the

salaries of workers. Last year \$300 was given to assist in the Vacation Bible School program.

8. **Work at the Sanatoriums and at Samarcand.** Appropriations are made to pastors serving churches near these institutions since they give a part of their time to the institutions.

9. **The Allied Church League.** An appropriation of \$8,500 was made for this work. The Executive Director is Mr. R. M. Hauss. Many victories have been won against alcoholic beverages in North Carolina by this united effort.

10. **Department of Rural Church Work.** Dr. Henry Walden, Jr. is employed by the Convention and Wake Forest College as Secretary of this department. He teaches a course in the College on Rural Church Work, and does as much field work as possible.

11. **Work Among the Silent People.** Mr. C. E. Jones is missionary among the Silent People of the state. There are some 3,000 of them. The fine work being done among these people is indicated by the offering of \$474.49 which they made to the Convention last year.

12. **Schools for Ministers and Deacons.** Such schools are held both at Fruitland and Fort Caswell. Fruitland alone enrolled around 130 ministers last year.

13. **The Baptist Brotherhood.** This is a new department of the State Mission work. Mr. Horace Eason along with the General Secretary and President of the Convention promote this work.

14. **Sunday School and Vacation Bible School Division.** This work is directed by Mr. L. L. Morgan, Secretary. Much progress has been seen both in enrollment in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and in New Church and Educational buildings.

15. **Training Union Division.** Mr. Harvey T. Gibson is Director of the Training Union Department. He has promoted Associational Wide Enlargement Campaigns, Central Leadership Training Union Schools, Associational Officers Planning meetings, Simultaneous Associational Mass Meetings, Regional Conventions and Summer Assemblies.

16. **The Student Union Division.** Mr. James Ray is Secretary of this work. It provides capable student workers for the Baptist Hospital, and the various colleges in North Carolina.

17. **The Baptist Book Store.** The Baptist Book Stores, one in Raleigh and one in Charlotte, have as their main purpose, and are well equipped, to serve the Baptist churches and Baptist people in North Carolina.

18. **Summer Assemblies.** The two assemblies are Fruitland, in the west, and Fort Caswell, in the east. Both assemblies have summer programs.

To carry on such a program as outlined above requires a budget of at least \$350,000 each year. About \$160,000 is contributed from the Cooperative Program. This leaves a large amount to be raised by a special offering for State Missions. "All of the work of the Convention is embraced under the head of State Missions except that committed by Charter to the schools, the orphanage, and the hospital. It is not too much to say that State Missions is the 'grass roots' of all the

work Baptist are trying to cause to grow." The State Mission Program merits our prayers and loyal support.

Respectfully submitted,

W. N. BROOKSHIRE.

In the absence of Rev. Earl Bradley, who was to have represented the State Convention, the Moderator spoke in discussion of the report, speaking as a member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, in behalf of State Missions work and offering.

17. The Moderator introduced Dr. J. C. Canipe, President of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, and Superintendent of Evangelism, to speak concerning State Missions and the Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign, March 25-April 8. Dr. Canipe brought out the fact that there are 1,300,000 lost in North Carolina above the Primary group. We must do personal work along with mass evangelism. We need spiritual preparation for the great task.

18. J. E. Pearson, Associational Missionary, read the Report on Associational Missions. Report was adopted upon motion.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY FOR PERIOD SEPT. 1, 1949, TO AUGUST 31, 1950.

This report is properly divided into different phases, presenting not only the personal work of the missionary, but also recognizing the work of others and of the churches in the Associational Missions program. Also, consideration is given to the work ahead.

The following information concerns the work of the missionary:

The following services have been visited, with no definite service rendered:

Worship services, 27; Training Union, 3; Revival Services, 23; Sunday School, 13; Woman's Missionary Union, 2; Prayer services, 5.

Definite services rendered:

Sermons, other than special or revival messages, 35; S. S. lessons taught, 19; Participated on T. U. programs, 12; Assisted demonstration T. U. program, 1; W. M. U. programs, 3; Revivals, 5; Other special visits to churches, 10; Associational S. S. meetings, 5; Messages, 4; Associational T. U. meetings, 5; Led one conference; one devotional; Associational W. M. U. meetings, 3; messages, 2; Directed 1 Association-wide Deaconship meeting; Participated other Associational meetings, 3; Radio Messages, 8; Professions of faith during these services, 55; Additions to churches during these services, 77; Special dedications during these services, 10. Individual conferences, 422; Group conferences, 57; Committee conferences, 15; Visits other than conferences, 283; Monthly bulletins published, 1535; Calendars of Activities published, 165; Letters written, 336; Cards, 104; Miles traveled in work, 8,813; Ordination messages, 5; T. U. socials, 4; S. S. socials, 1; Prayer service messages, 3; Promotional messages, 6; T. U. study courses taught, 5; S. S. study courses taught, 7; Mission studies taught, 2; attended 1 other; Sessions of Wilkes County Baptist Pastors' Conference attended, 5; messages, 2; Sessions of Preachers' School attended, 21;

messages, 18; Interdenominational Pastors' Conference attended, 4; Assisted Wilkesboro W. M. U. in service at County Jail; Assisted in administration of Lord's Supper, 2; Assisted in Baptismal Services, 3; Vacation Bible Schools directed, 5; Vacation Bible School conferences, 3; V. B. S. picnics, 5; V. B. S. commencements, 5; Directed Association-wide V. B. S. Clinics, 2; Visited 3 other Vacation Bible Schools; Promoted Association-wide S. S. Enlargement Campaign, and directed campaign and survey in one church during campaign; Arranged some of newspaper and radio publicity on all phases of work; Assisted in partial survey of 2 possible mission points; Attended and spoke at W. M. U. Leadership Conference, at North Wilkesboro, for Brushy Mountain and Alexander Associations; Attended Regional T. U. Officers Meeting, North Wilkesboro; Served as Secretary-Treasurer for county-wide CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program); Participated in 2 services on World Day of Prayer; Sermon at community sunrise service, Easter; 1 sermon and 1 prayer service message, First Methodist Church.

Work outside the Association:

Visited annual meeting of Stone Mountain Association; Directed Rural Church Enlargement Campaign, Bethel Church, Union Association; survey, 9 messages, 1 dedication; School of Missions, Haywood Association, 6 messages, 1 dedication; Attended W. M. U. Divisional meeting, West Jefferson; Attended Associational T. U. Officers Meeting, High Point; Attended Associational Missions Conference, Raleigh; Attended Baptist State Convention, Raleigh; Message at T. U. Mass Meeting, and visit to Preachers' School, West Jefferson; Message on Associational Missions, Stone Mountain Association; Message at T. U. Mass Meeting, Elkin Association; Message, Preachers' School, Elkin Association; Visited S. S. and preached 2 sermons, First Baptist Church, Elkin; Attended Special session of Baptist State Convention, Charlotte; Attended Regional T. U. Convention and participated on program, Elkin; Assisted Ordination Service, Hiddenite Baptist Church; Attended Southern Baptist Convention and W. M. U. Convention, Chicago; Message at Preachers' School, Stone Mountain Association; Visited annual meeting of Three Forks Association.

The splendid cooperation and devoted service of all officers of the Association and its organizations are appreciated by your missionary, and recognition of the contribution of those officers and of the churches to the work follows:

Special mention should be made of the splendid work of Brother John Wright, of Edgewood Baptist Church, who served as Vacation Bible School Worker this summer. He gave competent leadership to all schools assigned him; and, in addition, did excellent work all summer in his home church.

There were 17 Vacation Bible Schools held in the Association, that are known or reported. About 50 professions of faith were seen in these schools.

In addition to the information contained in the reports of the organizations it should be said that all associational officers have ren-

dered fine service in planning, promoting, and doing the work, and have given much of their time and means.

Unusual commendation should be expressed concerning the work of Dr. John T. Wayland and Brother Woodrow N. Brookshire as teachers in the Preachers' School which has been in operation at Wilkesboro since December 1, 1949. This is an outstanding work of the Association and of Wilkes County Baptist Pastors' Conference.

The following amounts of money have been handled by your missionary:

	Associational Missions	Value Food, Clothing, Gas
Beaver Creek	\$60.00	\$20.00
Cub Creek	9.70	
Davis Memorial	57.00	
Edgewood		2.00
Gordon	5.00	
Hinshaw Street		45.00
Lewis Fork		8.00
Mt. Carmel	4.00	
Mt. Pleasant	26.71	
New Hope	92.14	15.00
Pleasant Home	14.00	5.50
Sharon Walker	5.00	
Wilkesboro	25.00	
Welcome Home	63.00	10.00
Boiling Springs		20.00
Purlear		15.00
Pilgrim	53.80	

Appreciation is expressed for the above offerings to the work, and the gifts of food, clothing, and gas for the missionary and family.

May the Spirit of the Lord be upon us as we cooperatively work through this coming year. We confidently expect this year, centered around the great Simultaneous Revival from March 25 to April 8, to be the best yet for the Association. Let us hope that every church will enjoy fellowship with us all in our associational activities, and that every church will have a part in support of all causes fostered and supported through our conventions. May God bless everyone in all the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. EARL PEARSON, Missionary.

The Associational Missionary requested that an offering be taken at this session as an expression of appreciation to Brother John Wright for his assistance in Vacation Bible School work during the summer. Mr. Wright has announced his intention to enter seminary at an early date to prepare for full time Christian service. The offering amounted to \$20.09.

19. The Moderator appointed Rev. John L. Wells to serve temporarily as Clerk during the next feature on the program. Report of Associational Executive Committee showed a total of \$2,453.91 from the churches of the Association to the Missions Program of the Association. The report was adopted upon motion.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To the delegates and brethren of the Brushy Mountain Association assembled, your Committee wishes to commend to you again the work

of our Associational Missionary, Brother J. Earl Pearson. He has worked hard and you have observed from his report that the results are certainly on the favorable side. I, personally, am able to say to you that I know from personal observation that he has used every possible opportunity to have our work progress in this Association. He has conducted revivals, directed and taught in Vacation Bible Schools, planned and directed Sunday School enlargement campaigns, supplied for his absent preacher brethren, led prayer meetings, conducted ordination services, and many other services too numerous to mention in this brief report, all of which assures us of the importance of such a leader in our Association.

I wish to say further that the Committee appreciates very sincerely the support that has been given by the various churches. In a number of instances this support has been very liberal and but for that fact the work would have been greatly handicapped, if not discontinued. There are still about one third of the churches that have not been impressed to the point of giving their financial support. We really need some support from all the churches. Will you not join with us in making the support of this work unanimous?

T. E. STORY, Chairman Executive Committee.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Beaver Creek	\$96.00
Boiling Springs	24.00
Cub Creek	21.70
Davis Memorial	57.00
Edgewood	36.00
Elk Church	4.00
Fishing Creek	10.00
Gordon	5.00
Hinshaw Street	48.00
Lewis Fork	8.00
Little Rock	60.00
Moravian Falls	24.00
Mt. Carmel	4.00
Mt. Zion	22.00
Mt. Pleasant	61.70
New Hope	132.14
N. Wilkesboro 1st.....	1232.57
Pilgrim	53.80
Pleasant Home	74.00
Sharon Walker	17.00
Wilkesboro	400.00
Welcome Home	63.00
Walnut Grove.....	24.00

\$2477.91

State Mission Board	\$1200.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Spainhour	500.00
Miscellaneous	25.07

\$4203.98

Balance 1948-49	103.37
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Grand Total	<u>\$4307.35</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Salary J. E. Pearson	\$2799.84
Expenses J. E. Pearson....	658.58
House Rent	480.00
Retirement	121.29
Miscellaneous	28.86

\$4088.57

Balance Sept 15	<u>218.78</u>
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\$4307.35

T. E. STORY, Treasurer.

20. Mrs. H. G. Duncan read the last series or the last twenty-five years of history of the Brushy Mountain Association. This history includes the years from 1922 through 1946. The history was adopted upon motion by Rev. Ed Hodges and seconded by Ray Parsons.

THE THIRD TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF THE HISTORY OF THE BRUSHY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The third twenty-five years of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association begins with the year of 1922 and extends through 1946. The first session of this quarter, or the fifty-first in the history of the Association, was held with Pleasant Grove Baptist church, August 25 to 27 inclusive. The various reports were unusually good. A large number of baptisms were reported—315 for the whole Association, 76 of which were at Walnut Grove by the Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, and 34 at Ronda by the Rev. W. E. Linney. Each Sunday School was requested to take a collection once per month for the orphanage. It had been agreed at the last meeting of the Association that some one be appointed to give a brief history of the church where the annual session was being held. In accordance with this decision, Vance McGhinnis gave an exceedingly short history of Pleasant Grove church.

The fifty-second meeting was held with the Oakwods church. Alarm was expressed over the liquor situation and it was stated that liquor was being manufactured illegally in almost every township. Professional evangelism was rampant; and as a result evangelism was being stressed while pastoral relationship was neglected. An unsuccessful effort was made to combine the Baptist churches of the Stone Mountain, Elkin, Brier Creek and Brushy Mountain Associations, within Wilkes county, into one county-wide association. Ronda was granted a letter of dismissal to unite with the Elkin Association. A short history of the Oakwods church, which was then six years old, was given by a committee.

Harmony church was the place of the fifty-third session. The minutes of this meeting contain exceeding brief and somewhat inaccurate histories of the Lewis Fork and Brushy Mountain Associations. There is also an anonymous short history of the Harmony church. According to one report, there were only 15,000 white and colored Baptists in North Carolina on March 26, 1830, when the Baptist State Convention was organized, and 570,000, or one in about every six of the population in 1924.

The fifty-fourth session was held with Walnut Grove, August 21-23, 1925. The Association voted to go back to the previous time of meeting—on Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in August. The Rev. W. C. Meadows gave a short history of Walnut Grove church. Something peculiar appears to have happened to the clerk, as he evinces a mania for bedecking people with the Dr. Degree. As a result we find Dr. W. L. Griggs, Dr. J. L. Shinn, Dr. W. R. Bradshaw, and the like. The Dr. degree was evidently easily obtained at that time.

According to the minutes of the fifty-fifth meeting, held with the Second Baptist church of North Wilkesboro, only 18 per cent of the

population in the Brushy Mountain Association was enrolled in Sunday School, and a number of Sunday Schools were open only six months during the year. A committee was appointed to collect historical data of the Baptists in Wilkes county, but apparently it succumbed to the lethargy of indolence. A committee gave a nine line report on the history of the Second Baptist church, which was then twenty years old. Hinshaw Street, a new church, joined the Association. According to the moderator—C. C. Wright—within 20 years the Sunday School membership in churches within the Brushy Mountain association had increased from 1,585 to 2,642 or 66 per cent church membership from 1,977 to 3,959 or over 100 per cent and contributions from \$3,005.00 to \$23,418.00 or 678 per cent.

The minutes of the fifty-sixth session, held with Goshen church, September 22-24, 1927, contain a letter from the Rev. W. C. Meadows, who was ill and unable to attend. In this letter Mr. Meadows stated that he had been preaching for 54 years, and had missed only four annual sessions of the association in 59 years. That included some of the Lewis Fork sessions. He also stated that he and the Rev. Milton McNeil began preaching the same year. H. A. Carlton gave a short history of Goshen church.

The presence of Drs. F. P. Gains, R. T. Vann, and C. E. Maddry high-lighted the fifty-seventh session, held with Mount Pleasant church. U. G. Foster gave a brief history of Mount Pleasant church.

Stony Hill was the place of the fifty-eighth meeting of the association. The minutes note the change in name from Baptist Orphanage to Mills Home, in honor of John H. Mills, the founder and for the first ten years its general manager. A short history of Stony Hill church was given by G. W. Walsh. The obituaries note the death of the Rev. Milton McNeil, who had been a minister for 56 years and a pastor for over 25 years.

The fifty-ninth session was held with Little Rock, August 22-24, 1930. Elk Baptist church joined from the Stone Mountain Association. Trouble continued in the Mount Pleasant church and the Association advised a new trial for T. J. Bishop. The committee on the state of the church reported a "lack of spiritual power in the individual Christian life and the church life of our day." The report declared that "we must rid our churches of members who do not walk worthy of their calling." A brief history of Little Rock was given by Wilson Lackey.

During the sixtieth session, held with Fishing Creek church, Liberty Grove joined this body from the Stone Mountain Association. A brief history of Fishing Creek church was given by Pearl Jarvis.

The sixty-first meeting was held with Pilgrim church, August 23-24, 1932. The minutes contain an account of the tragic death (August 20, 1932) of the writer's cousin, Dr. M. L. Kesler, who had been superintendent of Mills Home for 27 years. F. O. Foster gave a short history of Pilgrim church.

Mount Zion was the place of the sixty-second session. A strong sentiment was shown against liquor. It was stated that 90 per cent of the crime in Wilkes county was due to liquor. Church members

who drank liquor were advised to get out of the church. A brief history of Mount Zion church was given by W. O. Barnett. The obituaries record the death (July 14, 1933) of C. C. Wright, who had served as moderator of this Association for 27 years and as superintendent of the public schools of Wilkes county for 34 years.

The sixty-third annual session convened with Moravian Falls church. The time of the annual sermon was changed from just after organization until 11:40 A. M., and the the election of officers until the second day. We are not informed who preached the annual sermon, and no history of the church is recorded. The minutes contain a brief history of the Lewis Fork and Brushy Mountain Associations by the Rev. W. C. Meadows. The obituaries contain a record of the death of the Rev. W. C. Meadows, who had been a minister for 61 years. His picture is found on the second page and the minutes of that year were dedicated to his memory.

The sixty-fourth session was held with Lewis Fork church, and the sixty-fifth with Oakwoods. During the former meeting C. H. Jones gave a brief history of Lewis Fork church, and at the latter T. E. Story gave a brief history of the Brushy Mountain Association. This was the second time the Association had met with the Oakwoods church and no history of the church is included. A new constitution was adopted.

Liberty Grove was the place of meeting of the sixty-sixth session. The 28 churches reporting a Sunday School gave a total enrollment of 3,134 and a church membership of 4,662. The obituaries record the death of the Rev. W. E. Linney, who had long been a pastor of churches in the Alexander, Brushy Mountain and Brier Creek Associations. A page in the minutes is dedicated to his memory.

During the sixty-seventh meeting, held with Mount Pleasant church, September 8-9, 1938, Big Ivey and Boiling Springs churches joined this Association, and during the next session—the sixty-eighth—held with Beaver Creek church, Welcome Home joined. The liquor problem continued to trouble the churches and the committee reported conditions as "almost unbearably bad." Some one gave a brief and apparently inaccurate history of Beaver Creek church. During the sixty-ninth session, held with New Hope, Purlear church joined this Association. The seventieth annual session was held with Pleasant Home church, September 23-24, 1941. According to reports a Sunday School Association had been organized and two meetings held during the summer. During the seventy-first meeting of the Brushy Mountain Association, held with Zion Hill, New Hope church of Caldwell joined this Association. The minutes contain a good paper on "The Place of Music in Public Worship" by Mrs. G. T. Mitchell.

The seventy-second session was held with Elk Baptist church, September 23, 1943. This meeting lasted for only one day—the shortest session in the history of the Association. W. A. Proffit gave a short history of Elk church, and S. I. Watts a history of the Wilkes Baptist Pastors' Conference which was organized in 1939. The obituaries report the death of Rev. Finley C. Watts, who had been a minister and

pastor of churches in this Association for 26 years. A page giving his picture and a history of his life is contained in the minutes. It was also the year of the death of Vance McGhinnis, who had served as clerk and treasurer of this Association from 1898 to 1903 and from 1921 to 1930 inclusive—a total of 24 years.

The seventy-third session was held with Hinshaw Street. The minutes contain a long report on the orphanage by H. G. Duncan and a short history of Hinshaw Street by John L. Wells. The next session—the seventy-fourth—was held with Mount Carmel. The minutes contain a report of Christian education by H. G. Duncan, and one on Temperance by John L. Wells. There is a short history of Mount Carmel church by I. J. Lovette, Sr. It was at this session that the Rev. C. J. Poole was elected vice-moderator and Dr. H. G. Duncan historian. Both have continued in office since.

The seventy-fifth session was held with Pleasant Grove, September 17-18, 1946, and rounded out 75 years of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association. The writer gave a history of Pleasant Grove church.

In Table I will be found a list of the churches which were, at any time, members of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association during the third twenty-five year period. The Association began with 27 churches and ended with 34. During the 1923 session Ronda was given a letter of dismissal and there is no report of Oak Grove after 1926 and it is not listed after 1929. I suppose it went by the way of a premature death. It will be noticed that during this period Hinshaw Street, Elk, Liberty Grove, Big Ivey, Welcome Home, Purlear, New Hope, (Caldwell) and Davis Memorial churches affiliated with this Association. Sixteen churches had perfect attendance records for the full period of the third 25 years.

In Table II it will be noted that the time of the annual meeting was changed from August to September, back to August, then to October, and finally back to September. Likewise the number of days the sessions were held decreased from three (sometimes four) to two, then to one for one session, then back to two. The day of beginning was also changed from Thursday to Friday, then back to Thursday, and finally to Tuesday. During the 25 year period the Association met twice with Pleasant Grove (the first and last), Oakwoods, and Mount Pleasant. It met for the first time with Goshen, Pilgrim, Liberty Grove, Elk, and Hinshaw; the first and second times with Pleasant Grove and Oakwoods, the third time with Walnut Grove, Little Rock, Mount Zion, Moravian Falls, Beaver Creek, Pleasant Home, and Mount Carmel, the third and fourth times with Mount Pleasant, and the fourth times with Lewis Fork, New Hope and Zion Hill.

This third twenty-five year period had three moderators: C. C. Wright served for ten years, J. L. Hemphill for three, and T. E. Story for twelve years. Vance McGhinnis was clerk and treasurer for nine years, Mrs. Roxie Jennings for four, and J. F. Jordan for twelve. One time the name of the preacher of the introductory sermon is not given and a number of times the text of the sermon is omitted. The largest number of baptisms reported was 342 in 1945 and the smallest was 79

in 1929. In 1924 we find a new column appearing—those received by statement—and continuing for 22 years. Likewise we have erasures appearing in 1927 and continuing for 19 years. By this means the churches relieved themselves of a large number of inactive members—123 in 1940. In 1946 another change took place. Instead of reporting those gained by statement and restoration separately, they are lumped together as other additions. Likewise those excluded and erased are listed together as other losses. Such changes destroy statistical tables and make it almost impossible to show trends.

According to such reports as we have, the church membership increased from 3,599 in 1922 to 5,892 in 1946, and the collections from \$11,344.12 to \$111,693.73. The lowest pastor's salary reported for 1922 was \$20.00 per year for Stony Hill and the highest was \$1527.50 for the First Baptist of North Wilkesboro; while in 1946 the lowest was \$100.00 for Big Ivey and Davis Memorial, and the highest was \$3700.00 for the First Baptist of North Wilkesboro. Thus the First Baptist had approximately 11 per cent of the members of the Association and the pastor received 21 per cent of the salaries paid within the Association. Taking the statistics for 1949 we find that the 34 churches had a combined membership of 6,634, and the pastors' salaries amounted to \$22,011.09. The First Baptist of North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro, both of which furnish parsonages, had 16 per cent of the members and their pastors received 33.4 per cent of the total salaries.

Most of the Sunday School statistics are so spotted, incomplete and evidently inaccurate, that they are of little value. The total enrollment was given as 2,253 in 1922 and 4,461 in 1946, and the average attendance was given as 883 and 2,419 for those dates. From these statistics we would estimate that less than half of the church members are enrolled in Sunday School, and not over one-fourth are regular attendants.

The minutes of this twenty-five year period contain mostly routine reports and statistics, with no outstanding discussions of doctrines nor church discipline. One great defect is that the sermons and speeches of outstanding visiting speakers are not reported—thus much of the value—the real cream of the Association does not reach the different churches and individual members. According to the minutes there has been a steady increase in church members, pastors' salaries, and collections. The reports on the state of the churches, on the other hand, indicates a sad decrease in spiritual power.

General Summary and Conclusions

This series of four papers cover 111 years—36 years of the Lewis Fork Baptist Association, and 75 years of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association. The first paper began with 1936 and the last closes with 1946. From the first paper in this series, it will be recalled that the first Association covering this area was the Strawberry Baptist Association of Virginia, organized in 1776. In 1790 the Yadkin Baptist Association, which had been a branch of the Strawberry Association, withdrew and became an independent association. Beaver Creek was the only church, now within the Brushy Mountain Association, which

was a member of the Yadkin Association at its organization. As Beaver Creek was organized in 1779, it was probably a member of the Strawberry Association before the Yadkin Association became an independent organization.

In 1836 the Lewis Fork Association was founded with churches of the Yadkin, Brier Creek and Catawba Associations. Four churches, now members of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association—Beaver Creek, New Hope, Lewis Fork, and Zion Hill—were charter members of the Lewis Fork Association. The Lewis Fork Association included all or part of the Baptist churches in what is now Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, Alexander, Iredell, Watauga and Ashe counties. The Lewis Fork Association passed out of existence in 1871 and the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association was organized in 1872. This Association held its first session with Sulphur Springs church in Alexander county. It included churches in Wilkes, Alexander, Ashe, and Caldwell counties, but now includes only part of the Missionary Baptist churches in Wilkes. Beaver Creek, Lewis Fork, New Hope, Pilgrim, Zion Hill, Cub Creek, Walnut Grove, and Mount Zion were among the charter members of this Association. Eighty-one churches, at one time or another, have been members of the Lewis Fork and Brushy Mountain Associations. So far as I have been able to ascertain, Beaver Creek, Lewis Fork, New Hope, and Zion Hill were represented at every session of the Lewis Fork Association, and Lewis Fork and Walnut Grove have been represented at every session of the Brushy Mountain Association. That would give Lewis Fork 115 years of continuous representation. Several churches have been represented at each session of the Brushy Mountain Association since they became members.

The Lewis Fork Association adopted a constitution and by-laws, and when the Brushy Mountain Association was organized it took over the same constitution and by-laws with the exception of substituting "exercise lordship" for "Lord it." There were few changes in either the constitution or by-laws until 1936, when they were revised. Despite this modernization and streamlining, violations continue.

During the sessions of the Lewis Fork Association and the early sessions of the Brushy Mountain Association there was much emphasis on preaching with one or more sermons each day and usually four on Sunday. Many questions of doctrine and discipline were brought in by churches, discussed and settled. For a number of years practically no attention has been given to these phases. On the other hand, more emphasis is being placed on Sunday Schools, training unions, Bible schools, missionary endeavors, hospital work, and collections. Likewise, more stress is being placed on constructing larger and more beautiful churches. There has been a notable increase in pastors' salaries and money contributed for the different church objects. Whether or not this has kept pace with the general increase of wealth, we are unable to say. Likewise there has been a marked increase in church membership, but this apparently has not kept pace with the increase in population.

We dislike to close with a sour note, but the study of the minutes covering 111 years and general observations, force us to conclude that the minister of today does not occupy the place of respect and trust he did years ago. Church attendance has continued to decrease, the influence of the church has greatly diminished and a spirit of indifference pervades the land.

DR. H. G. DUNCAN.

TABLE I

CHURCHES	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
Beaver Creek	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cub Creek	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Edgewood	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lewis Fork	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Little Rock	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Moravian Falls	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mount Carmel	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mount Pleasant	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mount Zion	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
New Hope	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
N. Wilkesboro 1st	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pilgrim	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pleasant Grove	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pleasant Home	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Shady Grove	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Stony Hill	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Walnut Grove	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wilkesboro	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Zion Hill	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Harmony	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Oak Grove	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fishing Creek	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
N. Wilkesboro 2nd	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Goshen	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Oakwoods	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Gordon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ronda	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hinshaw Street						1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elk									1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Liberty Grove										1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Big Ivey																	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Boiling Springs																	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Welcome Home																		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Purlear																			1	1	1	1	1	1	1
N. Hope (Caldwell)																						1	1	1	1
Davis Memorial																									1
Total	27	27	26	26	26	27	27	27	27	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	30	31	32	32	33	33	33	33	34

TABLE II—The

TIME	WHERE HELD	MODERATOR	CLERK	PREC
Aug. 25-27, 1922.....	Pleasant Grove.....	C. C. Wright.....	V. McGhinnis.....	W. L.
Aug. 24-26, 1923.....	Oakwoods.....	C. C. Wright.....	V. McGhinnis.....	G. W.
Aug. 22-24, 1924.....	Harmony.....	C. C. Wright.....	V. McGhinnis.....	W. L.
Aug. 21-23, 1925.....	Walnut Grove.....	C. C. Wright.....	V. McGhinnis.....	J. L. S.
Aug. 19-21, 1926.....	2nd N. Wilkesboro.....	C. C. Wright.....	V. McGhinnis.....	Geo. C. R.
Sept. 22-24, 1927.....	Goshen.....	C. C. Wright.....	V. McGhinnis.....	G. W.
Aug. 24-26, 1928.....	Mount Pleasant.....	C. C. Wright.....	V. McGhinnis.....	N. C.
Aug. 16-18, 1929.....	Stony Hill.....	C. C. Wright.....	V. McGhinnis.....	W. M.
Aug. 22-24, 1930.....	Little Rock.....	C. C. Wright.....	V. McGhinnis.....	W. R.
Aug. 21-23, 1931.....	Fishing Creek.....	C. C. Wright.....	J. F. Jordan.....	A. E.
Aug. 22-24, 1932.....	Pilgrim.....	J. L. Hemphill.....	J. F. Jordan.....	Avery
Aug. 25-26, 1933.....	Mount Zion.....	J. L. Hemphill.....	Mrs. Roxie Jennings.....	A. J. I.
Aug. 24-25, 1934.....	Moravian Falls.....	J. L. Hemphill.....	Mrs. Roxie Jennings.....	Avery
Aug. 23-24, 1935.....	Lewis Fork.....	T. E. Story.....	Mrs. Roxie Jennings.....	N. T.
Oct. 15-16, 1936.....	Oakwoods.....	T. E. Story.....	Mrs. Roxie Jennings.....	N. T.
Oct. 12-13, 1937.....	Liberty Grove.....	T. E. Story.....	J. F. Jordan.....	C. C.
Sept. 8-9, 1938.....	Mount Pleasant.....	T. E. Story.....	J. F. Jordan.....	Isaac
Sept. 19-20, 1939.....	Beaver Creek.....	T. E. Story.....	J. F. Jordan.....	H. J.
Sept. 17-18, 1940.....	New Hope.....	T. E. Story.....	J. F. Jordan.....	Ernes
Sept. 23-24, 1941.....	Pleasant Home.....	T. E. Story.....	J. F. Jordan.....	Finley
Sept. 22-23, 1942.....	Zion Hill.....	T. E. Story.....	J. F. Jordan.....	A. J.
Sept. 23, 1943.....	Elk.....	T. E. Story.....	J. F. Jordan.....	H. J.
Sept. 19-20, 1944.....	Hinshaw Street.....	T. E. Story.....	J. F. Jordan.....	C. J.
Sept. 18-19, 1945.....	Mount Carmel.....	T. E. Story.....	J. F. Jordan.....	Isaac
Sept. 17-18, 1946.....	Pleasant Grove.....	T. E. Story.....	J. F. Jordan.....	Dr. D.

NOTE—*Other additions. †Other losses.

enty-Five Years

SCRIPTURE TEXT	Number Baptisms	Received by Letter	Rec'd by Statement	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Erased	Deaths	Churches Reporting	Members	Collections	No. Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Total Enrollment	Number of Baptisms From Sunday Schools	Collections	Average Attendance
16:15.....	315	117	.....	15	104	43	.....	36	25	3599	\$11344.12	23	144	2253	123	\$689.53	883
om. 1:16.....	210	150	.....	13	86	60	.....	43	23	3771	15860.06	24	165	2408	72	815.21	.....
133:1-2.....	169	97	9	12	69	19	.....	30	23	3713	19956.50	22	182	2524	76	2199.94	.....
4:2.....	233	81	2	5	89	40	.....	25	24	3959	23418.21	24	183	2642	124	1256.18	.....
eb. 13:8.....	168	89	4	9	98	42	.....	43	24	4011	17700.10	23	159	2677	66	760.67	1273
.....	211	97	7	16	106	47	20	45	27	4316	19325.51	27	194	2931	66	1519.15	1598
n. 5:19.....	99	68	7	1	56	42	58	41	25	3910	19505.88	23	183	2584	27	1736.13	1489
.....	79	45	3	4	62	32	6	39	25	3782	2250.00	25	203	2643	32	1952.96	1379
.....	194	81	1	6	53	5	13	37	28	4063	16862.52	28	224	2894	88	750.40	1765
.....	223	112	.....	1	107	32	.....	3	29	4690	17219.67	29	233	2399	74	.....	1658
Rom. 5:5.....	190	97	2	8	104	37	51	37	28	4605	2723.55	27	246	3712	81	.....	1787
.....	214	74	3	8	60	34	24	27	28	4660	9493.21	27	204	3350	107	.....	1363
.....	225	139	4	9	115	40	23	35	27	4631	12533.10	26	234	2892	91	515.08	1739
Luke 12:32.....	108	44	4	6	104	21	40	34	25	4376	16320.93	24	274	3304	73	357.87	1205
.....	181	46	5	8	119	19	91	55	27	4662	23439.19	27	225	3134	119	742.40	1512
m. 3.....	201	45	3	8	75	16	.....	37	27	3794	15330.10	27	223	2942	85	675.83	1417
3.....	249	71	3	17	74	23	1	34	30	5168	19516.67	30	.....	3413	67	.....	1927
.....	224	125	17	22	99	10	49	45	31	5391	18960.02	31	.....	3572	134	.....	2167
—John 4:16.....	184	86	15	12	82	7	123	28	32	5323	18872.35	32	.....	3683	61	.....	1965
5:6.....	202	100	9	16	86	13	37	47	32	5533	29177.60	32	.....	3874	75	.....	2173
3.....	238	91	6	7	98	4	4	26	33	5501	27193.28	33	.....	3645	122	.....	2195
:27-28.....	310	119	6	111	111	2	13	30	33	5933	33634.12	32	.....	3671	143	.....	1865
.....	121	75	8	3	114	.....	4	43	33	5964	40579.20	33	.....	3419	40	.....	1966
11:1-9.....	342	128	9	9	111	6	22	59	33	6270	72500.42	33	.....	3844	171	.....	2094
—Lk. 14:28-30	224	143	*11	152	152	16	38	34	34	5892	111693.73	34	.....	4461	.....	.....	2419

21. Dr. John T. Wayland asked for the floor, was recognized, and suggested that Brother Jimmie McNeill, Chairman of Wilkes County Committee on Law Enforcement, (Non-political), be permitted to speak. Brother McNeill was recognized and spoke of the work of the committee. The conditions existing in Wilkes County have received International recognition through magazine articles. Moral unpreparedness is a dangerous thing. It is our Christian responsibility to vote for men who will work for greater good of Wilkes County.

22. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. John Wells, pastor of Hiddenite Church, Alexander Association, and the meeting adjourned until Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

23. The second day of the Seventy-seventh session of the Brushy Mountain Association, meeting with Walnut Grove Baptist Church, at Pores Knob, was called to order at 9:55 by the Moderator, T. E. Story. Mrs. A. C. Chamberlain served as pianist, while J. E. Pearson led the congregation in the singing of the hymn, "I Am Thine, O Lord."

24. In the absence of the host pastor, C. J. Poole, the Moderator asked Clete W. Simmons, pastor of the Hinshaw Street Baptist Church, to lead the devotional period. He read the Twenty-third Psalm. After comments upon the scripture, Brother Simmons led in prayer.

25. Brother Robert C. Meadows, member of Walnut Grove, expressed appreciation for the privilege of having the Association at Walnut Grove.

26. The only item carried over from the first day's session was the Associational W. M. U. Report. The Moderator called upon Mrs. W. K. Sturdivant to read the report. The report was adopted upon motion.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Each Woman's Missionary Society of our Association is, as you know, an organization for the women which meets regularly and has for its aims: to enlist women in prayer, study of the missionary message of the Bible and world missions, regular contribution to missions, community missions, and the missionary education of young people.

One new organization this year makes a total of 10 W. M. S. and 19 Young People's organizations. The membership has grown substantially and the number of tithers has almost doubled; the reading and studying of books on prayer, stewardship, and world missions has included almost every member. \$3,081.74 has been given to the spread of the gospel throughout the world, and definite progress has been made in missionary education of our young people.

Our W. M. U. Associational Meeting held at Fishing Creek on June 2, brought to us the joy and inspiration of fellowship together, the wise counselling of Miss Laura Frances Snow, Field Representative, and the inspirational challenge from Miss Lydia Greene, Missionary to China.

A highlight of the year was the annual Association-Wide Study of our Foreign Mission work. This is always scheduled for the last week

in November just preceding the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

Emphasis this year as "we serve the Lord Christ," (Col. 3:24b) is on the Advance Program of Southern Baptists. "To shine upon them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death; to guide our feet into the way of peace." (Luke 1:79).

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GILBERT FOSTER.

27. Ordained ministers not present the first day of the Association were recognized at this time: C. S. Welborn, Harvey White, C. W. Bazemore, RECORDER representative, Earl Bradley, State Missionary, Dr. W. K. McGee of the Baptist Hospital, and W. C. Reid of the Baptist Orphanage.

28. Mrs. Dewey Minton read the report on the Baptist Hospital. Motion for adoption was made and carried.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL—1950

Our Baptist Hospital has become a haven of hope for thousands of sick persons each year throughout North Carolina. It provides the highest type of medical service) for the sick of all classes. It is our means of carrying on the healing ministry of Jesus.

Last year 9,700 patients were cared for in the Hospital and 90,000 visits were made to the clinics for examinations and treatments. About half of these were persons with little or no money; they were provided free professional care by the doctors, and were given additional financial assistance with the cost of the service they received.

This free service was provided largely by our Mother's Day offerings which amounted to \$128,900.00. Other assistance came from various health and welfare agencies, the Duke Endowment, and individual gifts. All this added together enabled the Hospital to provide free service amounting to \$312,500.00, in addition to the work of the doctors. And yet, many could not be given as much financial assistance as they needed because the Hospital did not have sufficient funds.

We are happy to report that at this date the Mother's Day offerings this year are running ahead of those last year. The reports from the special offerings to raise \$700,000.00 toward the building of the new South Wing to the Hospital are most encouraging. It looks now as if the full amount will be raised when all the churches have made their offerings and sent in the money. The 150 new beds this enlargement will provide will relieve the great shortage and enable the Hospital to admit the sick more promptly.

The School of Nursing is admitting one of the largest classes in its history and it looks as if it will be one of the best. It has applications from far more than it can accommodate. The Medical School has likewise had one of its best years.

The Department of Religion is growing and becoming more effective as a part of the life and work of the Hospital. Through the generous support of a friend another Chaplain is being added to the staff. The Department of Religion seeks through its ministry to help

make the Baptist Hospital a genuinely Christian institution of healing and teaching.

MRS. DEWEY MINTON.

29. Dr. W. K. McGee was invited to speak in discussion of the report. Only four churches have not contributed Mothers' Day offerings to the hospital. The Mothers' Day offering is \$10,000.00 beyond this point last year. Jesus gave one-third of his ministry to healing. More than three-fourths of a million dollars given in free service to patients last year. Between 1,500 and 2,000 people from this state pass through the clinics each week. You will find in the Hospital and the School of Medicine something you will not find anywhere else in the state—the missionary, the spiritual element.

30. Roll call of churches not present the first day was made. Brother White, of the Second Baptist Church, answered to the roll call and presented the report of the church to the Association. Shady Grove and Big Ivey were still unreported.

31. The Moderator asked Mrs. John Andrews to read the report of the Baptist Orphanage. The report was adopted upon motion of Brother Clete Simmons, seconded by Brother C. J. Poole.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Since the establishment of our orphanage at Thomasville there has been thousands of children ministered unto from all parts of the state. Through this institution we may have a part in taking care of some child that did not have the privilege of a home.

I think an important step that we could take would be to make plans to visit our Orphanage, to see the children and their matrons and see how they really live and the great work they are carrying on. This would make an impression on our minds that we would never forget, then when someone would speak to us about the orphanage we would know what they were talking about and when we were asked to give we would sincerely know what we were giving to. The next best thing to visiting the orphanage is to be a subscriber to our orphanage paper, *Charity and Children*. Through this we can keep informed as to what they are doing, and know who is helping carry on this great work.

We can give to the orphanage other than through the collection plate. We can give clothing, food and toys.

It is an honor and a duty for us to support this great work with our prayers and our material gifts.

We are truly proud of our orphanage and the fine training it is giving those children that will be our men of tomorrow. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs—).

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN ANDREWS.

32. Brother W. C. Reid, Superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage, spoke in discussion of the report on the Orphanage. He stated that the

Orphanage cared for nearly 800 homeless children last year. Centering his thoughts about verses from Mark 9, he said that the greatest need we have is to set out children in the midst of our service and let everything center about them. The Orphanage has less than enough in the Reserve Fund to feed and clothe the children for four months. The need for reconditioning of buildings and new ones is tremendous. The desire of the Orphanage is the "Abundant Life" for the children.

33. The report on Social Service and Civic Righteousness was read by Rev. Glenn Huffman. The report was adopted upon motion.

SOCIAL SERVICE AND CIVIC RIGHTEOUSNESS

"Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people."—Proverbs 14:34.

There are many things to be alarmed about in our day. The break down in home life, the desecration of the Lord's day, and the problem of strong drink are alarming.

It is time for us to remember that as Christian leaders we are to take the lead in a world that seems to be going to pieces. The service we render is wholly dependent upon what we are. If we are to be servants of humanity, we must be men and women of a clean character, with a strong faith in God and in what we are trying to do. It is not enough to say, "I believe something ought to be done."

It is time that we church people should unite our forces and do something about the political corruption of our day. Before he goes to the polls, every Christian ought to earnestly pray for the divine leadership of the Holy Spirit to direct him in whom he or she votes for. May God help us to try to save our country and our boys and girls from the awful plight that the lower forces have to offer them.

Respectfully submitted, J. G. HUFFMAN.

34. Dr. John T. Wayland spoke in discussion of the report. He stated that liquor was an outstanding issue in our county. It is no longer necessary to make white liquor in order to make a living. Other evils existing are houses of ill repute, slot machines, and gambling. In the coming election we must remember that the buying of votes is sin, and an enemy of good government, and are seeds of some ideologies that will destroy a Christian democracy.

35. Report of Nominating Committee was presented by Brother D. E. Elledge, Chairman. The Moderator expressed appreciation for work of the Committee. The report was adopted upon motion.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee recommend the following officers to serve 1950-1951, Brushy Mountain Baptist Association:

Moderator—Rev. A. W. Eller.

Vice-Moderator—Rev. Gilbert Osborne.

Clerk—Mrs. Mary Hutchinson.

Historian—Mrs. H. G. Duncan.

D. E. ELLEDGE, Chm.,

C. S. WELBORN,

J. G. HUFFMAN.

36. Dr. John T. Wayland spoke in commendation of the 16 years of service of T. E. Story as Moderator of the Association. Upon motion of Dr. Wayland seconded by D. E. Elledge, Brother Story was elected as Treasurer of the Association. Brother Glenn Huffman expressed appreciation for Brother Story and Brother Jordan and called for vote, which was unanimously passed. A rising vote of thanks was given to Brother Story.

37. Mrs. M. R. Billings read the Report on American Bible Society. Report adopted.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The American Bible Society was instituted in 1816 with its single purpose the encouragement of wider use of the Holy Scriptures in the United States and throughout the world through translation, publication and distribution.

The American Bible Society is a missionary organization supported by over forty denominations. Its work consists of the translation, publication, and distribution of the scriptures without note or comment and without purpose of profit.

Today—when millions of people around the world are turning to the Bible as never before, and when there is a shortage of missionaries in many fields—Bible distribution is more than ever a “must.” The Bible is the missionary’s chief tool. The Bible itself is a missionary. It can go where the human missionary cannot go, stay when he must leave, and keep on working in a man’s heart.

In the year 1949 the American Bible Society distributed through its own work, at home and abroad, 574,931 Bibles, 923,034 Testaments and 7,324,915 portions, a total of 8,822,880 volumes. Gifts of money and materials to Bible Societies of other countries resulted in additional production and distribution conservatively estimated at 2 million volumes, making a grand total of nearly 11 million volumes for the year.

Reports indicate that the Japanese people have turned to the Bible with an interest without parallel in all history, and four million copies of the Scriptures have already been distributed in Japan since the war.

In Germany, the post-war demand for the Bible, far greater than we had dared hope, continues as an emergency missionary opportunity. The Bible blackout imposed by the nazis, and the destruction of war, resulted in a shortage of some 12 million Bibles and New Testaments, creating the possibility of a whole nation trying to exist without the Bible. Through gifts of materials for publishing Scriptures in Germany, the American Bible Society must continue to supply this urgent need.

In response to urgent appeals from Christian Leaders, Scriptures continue to be sent to Korea as an emergency service and aid is being given towards re-establishing publication there.

Although the American Bible Society has sent to Russia since the close of the war, two large shipments of Russian Scriptures, the doors to Russia are now tightly closed. But the Society is prepared and

stands ready to supply the churches and the people of Russia with as many Russian Scriptures as they can use. The Society has on hand the largest stock of Russian Scriptures that has ever been accumulated in any one place. The American Bible Society calls on its friends to continue to pray for the opening of the Russian door, praying that Bible, not bombs, may be showered upon Russia, and Bibles, not bombs, may be produced there in the days to come.

The American Bible Society is the only agency equipped to supply the needed Scriptures on a world wide scale. The Christian people of America are the only ones who can supply the needed money. Gifts from Southern Baptist Churches to the regular work of the Society have shown their deep interest in giving the Bible to all the world. They gave in 1949, \$76,384.

Southern Baptists can be counted on to do their full share. The help of your own church is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. R. BILLINGS.

38. Mrs. Tam Hutchinson read the Report on Home Missions. Report adopted.

HOME MISSIONS

"Such as I have, give I," may sum up the lives and the spirit of our missionaries of the Home Mission Board. Those of the Brushy Mountain Association who took advantage of the opportunity to hear one of these consecrated workers, Miss Irene Chambers, when she spoke in the Wilkesboro church during the past year, saw in her radiance and vitality resulting from untiring service on the Home Field. Miss Chambers held the attention of her audience as she told many interesting experiences from her work. That these workers are constantly challenged in their busy and happy lives is expressed by another of these Home Mission workers, Miss Bertha Wallis, as she tells of "Jackson," the Hopi Indian, who, when asked if he were a Christian, replied, "I don't know what that is," when asked if he had a Bible, replied again, "I don't know what that is either," and asked of what faith he was, replied, "Just Indian, just Indian." Right here in Christian America!"

Because many of us might be impressed to say we have enough to do at home without sending missionaries to foreign fields, we should outline carefully in our minds the purpose of the Home Mission Board. Taking its motive from the words of our Saviour himself, in the Great Commission, the Home Mission Board is seeking to evangelize our home land, and then to harness the power of the evangelized at home for winning the world to Christ. This is exactly the plan Christ practised. He worked in his homeland, preparing them to go out into the world. They were obedient and true to Christ. Through the faithfulness of these early Christians we have the gospel ourselves. We must be faithful to our task, for every generation must be won to Christ.

Our missionaries are concerned about and busy at this task. During 1949 our 1,030 Home Mission workers report:

Bibles and gospels distributed.....	57,419
Conversions	35,913
Professions of faith reported by Baptist chaplains	4,893
Baptisms from Evangelistic Crusade	7,780

The whole world needs Christ today. Our homeland, furnishing missionaries dedicated to the task, sending offerings given out of love for Christ and his people, and uttering prayers from the depths of our hearts, can give them Christ, the Hope of the World.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. TAM HUTCHINSON.

39. Mrs. Charles McNeill was recognized to read the Report on Foreign Missions. Report adopted.

FOREIGN MISSION

Advance has been the keynote of the Foreign Mission Board's program for 1949, both at home and abroad.

There has been advance in the number of baptisms reported. It is impossible to secure complete figures in the number of baptisms in all mission fields, particularly in China, but allowing a reasonable number for China under present conditions, the total number of baptism for all areas can be safely estimated at 15,000 for 1949.

There has been advance in gifts to foreign missions. The Board's total receipts for the year, exclusive of world relief funds, reached a grand total of approximately five million, three hundred twenty thousand dollars. This represents an increase of approximately one-half million dollars over receipts for the previous year.

There has been advance in the number of missionaries sent to foreign fields. In 1949 sixty-seven additional missionaries were appointed, bringing the total number of active missionaries to just over 700. The most rapid advance in personnel has been Japan where we now have 40 missionaries. The highest number of missionaries in Japan at any one time prior to the second World War was approximately 20.

There has been advance in the program of training Christian leaders in all areas of our foreign mission work. New seminaries are being organized in Spanish-speaking South America. The two seminaries in Brazil are being strengthened. The Baptist Theological Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland, was founded last year, and opened in September offering theological training. "Already there is evidence of the favor of God upon this infant institution. It is plain that this school of the prophets is meeting a deep need, and its outreach and effectiveness will increase with the passing years." Plans are under way for the further development of the Italian Seminary in Turin, and the seminary in Nigeria. When we consider the effect these Christian institutions will have upon evangelism in all areas of our mission undertaking, it brings joy to our hearts.

There has also been advance in the realm of medical missions and

in the production and publication of Christian literature. Baptist publishing houses are being established, and those already in existence are being enlarged. The possibilities for developing new medical work in Columbia and Paraguay, South America, and in Japan, are great.

At present the mission work in China is being retarded. Even here missionaries are still at work. Up until the end of 1949 they were able to function without much difficulty. So long as missionaries are permitted to stay in China they will continue their work regardless of the government that is in power. "Although the missionary personnel has been considerably reduced, we are still providing financial support for Chinese Baptist who are maintaining the work of Baptist throughout all of China."

We can rightly rejoice in the progress that has been made through our foreign mission program, but if we observe the signs of the times we will be convinced that this is no time to stop. Whole nations that one time seemed content with paganism have become awakened, and are groping in the darkness for a hand to lead them. If we do not give them Christ they will be given communism or some other ism. Discontent is expressing itself on every hand. Doors of opportunity are wide open for the preaching of the Gospel. "We are face to face with conditions which require large outpouring of life and money." Advance abroad is dependent upon advance at home. The future progress of foreign missions will be determined by the response of local churches. What the churches in our association do will make a difference.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CHARLES C. McNEILL.

40. Rev. Harvey White, pastor of Welcome Home, read the Report on the Cooperative Program. He expressed his appreciation for the Cooperative Program, adding that he felt it was born out of prayer. Report adopted.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Baptist have indeed been a peculiar people down through the years, both in their faith and methods of promoting kingdom work. They have always believed in a three-fold ministry, preaching, teaching and healing. Their methods of doing the work have been many and varied—now this—now that. In 1925, twenty-five years ago, the Southern Baptist Convention came to realize as never before the greatness of their task and the weakness of their methods of support—they saw the fields white unto harvest, the laborers few. This new and enlarged vision drove them to their knees, there they stayed until the answer came. Our leaders shut in a room with the Lord and our task of getting the gospel to the world. They prayed, they wept, they repented, on past midnight, in the dark hours; and then the command was the same, the Lord was the same, the promise was fulfilled, "Lo, I am with you."

Yes, there in the book, the New Testament, was his divine plan and method of getting the gospel to the uttermost parts—"Let each

lay by him in store upon the first day of the week as God has prospered." The Cooperative Program was born that night in prayer. If our people could see it, and feel it, and follow it as our leaders did that night, what a difference it would make, what a blessing would come! We, too, could rise and sing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and "Lead On, O King Eternal, the day of march has come." Let us go back to our churches and lay the work on their hearts, and pray, and repent, and rise to fulfill our mission. Things that were born in prayer cannot be seen without prayer. Lord teach us to pray, show us thy will, help us to give. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY L. WHITE.

41. Dr. John T. Wayland presented the Report on Work of Relief and Annuity Board. Report adopted.

RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

Baptists have long stood for the separation of church and state, and have looked with horror upon any semblance of encroachment by the government upon the churches. An outstanding example of this attitude was evident at the Southern Baptist Convention in May of this year. The U. S. Congress was about to pass a bill which would have extended to church workers the social security which is now available to most secular workers. The good Baptists rose up in arms declaring that such persons were being cared for by denominational agencies and that such action would jeopardize the freedom of the church within the state. Partially as a result of this protest on the part of our Convention, the bill was so written that a church or denomination may or may not participate in the government's plan.

We were heartily in favor of the Convention's protest but could wish that our Baptist leaders were as anxious to inform our people as to the opportunity afforded by the Relief and Annuity Board, and as enthusiastic in their encouragement of our lay workers under salary to participate in the social security offered by the denomination.

Let us therefore urge every church to encourage its pastor and every other worker for the church under salary, whether director of religious education, church secretary, or janitor, to enroll in the plan of the Relief and Annuity Board. The cooperation and support of the church is necessary, and like any savings or insurance it costs money. According to the North Carolina plan the church and the pastor or worker each contributes four per cent of the salary and the State Convention two per cent from its funds. In this way one may receive after sixty-five a maximum of one-half of his average annual salary through all the years since he began participating in the plan. Like most insurance and security programs this one is somewhat complicated and any person interested should write to Mr. M. A. Huggins for details.

Remember, no pastor or other worker can participate without the cooperation of his church or churches. Sometimes ministers are slow to ask for such cooperation. An alert and faithful deacon should take

the lead in this matter and find out first from the pastor, and then from the church if such a plan can be begun.

The vast majority of the workers of our country in secular pursuits are being assured of social security in their old age. In the spirit of Christ we should do no less for our own. The only way to keep from getting old is to die. The faithful Christian is prepared to die. The wise Christian will be ready for old age.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. WAYLAND.

42. There were no comments to the reports, with the exception that J. E. Pearson spoke in behalf of the Cooperative Program.

43. The Moderator invited Brother Earl Bradley, General Missionary, to speak in representation of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He stated that North Carolina Baptists are growing. For this reason there are increasing demands for money. He urged Baptists to do the work of raising the money for the new wing at the Baptist Hospital. We must not fail because of Christ, because of the sick, for the sake of our way of life, and for the sake of our own name.

44. Reports adopted upon motion.

45. The congregation sang the first stanza of, "Faith of Our Fathers."

46. Rev. Charles J. Poole, pastor of Walnut Grove, and Fishing Creek churches, and alternate for Rev. H. I. Johnson, preached the Missionary Sermon, "Our Heritage in the Opportunity of Our Day." Using the scripture passage, "Other men have laboured and ye have entered into their labors," Rev. Poole gave an inspirational message to the Association. Rev. Poole challenged the group with the thought, "What are we doing with the heritage of our opportunities?"

47. The benediction was given by Brother Ed O. Miller and the session adjourned for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

48. The opening song of the afternoon session was "Blessed Assurance," with Mrs. A. C. Chamberlain as pianist and J. E. Pearson leading.

49. Rev. Victor Watts and Rev. Fred Blevins, pastors, were recognized.

50. Rev. Victor Watts read the Report on Christian Education. Report adopted upon motion.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Baptists are displaying renewed and increased interest in Christian Education. They are building and supporting Baptist colleges and schools as never before. The schools themselves are making progress in the direction of coordination of effort, increased efficiency, and financial stabilization.

However, two serious problems exist in our Baptist colleges. Enrolments are expected to decline during the years ahead. The larger

part of their income is obtained from tuition and fees. A serious decline in enrollment would jeopardize their ability to maintain high standards. In order to secure the future of our educational institutions and to benefit the young people themselves, every effort must be made to persuade Baptist young people to attend Baptist colleges.

Baptists are also losing some of their potential leaders because no Baptist university in the South has yet been able to offer the Ph. D. degree.

Baptists in North Carolina have supported colleges since 1834. We now have seven colleges with a total of 5000 students, most of whom are Baptists from our North Carolina homes and churches. More than 4000 of these are members in our Baptist churches. The future of our colleges is dependent upon what we do for these 4000 students.

There are forty-five or more young people from our Association who are attending college, two of whom are training for full time Christian service.

We must emphasize the fact that a Christian man or woman who is well trained in whatever profession or vocation he may work is doing Christian service in the same sense that he would be if he were employed by some church. Christian education should be a vital force in life at whatever point it may make a contact in the home, the community, the office the store, in play, in joy, in sorrow.

Baptists do not want support from the state in maintaining our Baptist schools. We want to support them for very specific purposes. As Baptists we believe we have a definite mission to perform. We cannot expect to hold and contact them as ours unless we put money into them. Only one of our churches has registered its financial support to these institutions.

But with evident signs of progress in our colleges today, there is every reason to believe in a great future for Christian education among our Baptists. We must accept responsibility, plan courageously, work diligently, exercise faith in God, and never falter.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR WATTS.

51. Recognition was given to Claude Gaddy, Council of Christian Education. Mr. Gaddy stated that we must find our young people, direct them to Baptist Colleges, train them for various types of Christian service. To have Christian Education in our communities, the teachers and principals chosen must be Christian.

52. Rev. M. H. Kendall, of Mars Hill College, brought greetings from Mars Hill, from Dr. Blackwell, the President, and from the students. Greetings also could be given from Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Moore, who both died recently, because their spirit lives on in Mars Hill.

53. The Clerk read the Report of the B. S. U., prepared by John Wright. Report was adopted upon motion.

B. S. U.

Just what is the BSU? The letters, BSU, mean Baptist Student Union, and it is exactly what the name implies. The BSU is a vol-

untary union of Baptist Students attending a college or university. It has a twofold purpose. First, to serve as a link between the Baptist student and the local church of his choice; and second, to minister to the needs of the Baptist students on the campus. These students are your boys and girls who go off to college. Their active participation in BSU work while at college will help them to grow spiritually as well as intellectually.

Any Baptist student, or any other student can become a member by joining a local Baptist Church, Sunday School, Training Union, or by actively participating in the B. S. U. program on the campus. Membership is voluntary. No dues or any financial obligations are involved. Total support for the program comes from the State Missions Department of the Baptist State Convention and from the local churches. At the present time there are nine full time and two part time field workers, and two Statewide workers paid by the Convention. These field workers act as counselors and leaders, directing the work of the B. S. U. on the campuses.

There are 10,000 Baptist in North Carolina colleges and universities, and an additional 5,000 in hospitals and business colleges. You may be surprised to learn that there are far more Baptist students enrolled in land-grant colleges, and endowed universities than in the Baptist Colleges in North Carolina. In fact, there are more Baptists at N. C. State College in Raleigh, and at Carolina in Chapel Hill, than in all Baptist institutions in the state. The Baptist Student Union plays an important roll in the non-Baptist colleges. On all college campuses he B. S. U. seeks to help your boy or girl, primarily with his religious life, but also with his social, intellectual and physical life.

The Baptist Student Union is governed by an Executive Council composed of students who have been duly elected by the membership of the B. S. U. Any member of the organization is eligible for any office on the Council. The Executive Council functions as the planning and implementing body for the total membership.

Each year Baptist Student members from all college campuses meet at a Fall Convention, Spring Convention, and Summer Assemblies at Caswell and Fruitland. In addition a week is provided for Baptist students from all over the Southern Baptist Convention at Ridgecrest Assembly. Most BSU Councils hold a Pre-School Retreat to plan the year's work and to get better acquainted. The purposes of these conventions and retreats are for planning, studying, working, and having fellowship with fellow Baptist students from other Colleges. Some of the most inspiring, happiest and best remembered occasions of college days are experienced at these meetings.

The following list will give you an idea of some of the activities of the Baptist Student Union. Of course, at each college, plan will be different.

1. Works actively with representatives of the local churches, helping them to carry out their programs, and representing the student in his relation to the church.
2. Provides a full-time ministry to the students, in all phases of his life.

3. Cooperates with other religious organizations, assisting to promote campus worship programs, and Religious Emphasis Weeks.
4. Plans and carries out discussion groups on Religious subjects.
5. Helps to promote social activity among the students.
6. Publish a monthly paper.
7. Provides religious workers to help in mission projects and other activities in the college community.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. WRIGHT.

54. Mrs. W. K. Sturdivant read the Report on the Biblical Recorder. Report was adopted upon motion.

BIBLICAL RECORDER

Biblical Recorder, a journal of the North Carolina State Convention, was founded in 1833. November 23, 1939, one hundred and six years later, it was incorporated by the Baptist State Convention in Annual Session at Winston-Salem, N. C.

Biblical Recorder should be of interest to every member of every Baptist family in North Carolina because of its wide coverage of denominational interests. If one is not interested in the sections devoted to the different church agencies, perhaps his interest would be in the section named "Editorial Outlook," "Sunday School Lesson," "The Home Circle" or one of the many discussions on important issues of the day.

Mr. L. L. Carpenter, Biblical Recorder Editor, informs us that beginning September 1, the paper was increased 50 percent in size and that Rev. C. W. Bazemore has been added to the staff as associate editor and business manager.

The Recorder has three subscription plans: \$2.50 a year for individual subscriptions, \$2.00 a year a year for clubs and \$1.50 a year for the every family plan.

The present circulation is about 42,000. Let us encourage more Biblical Recorder readers in the State by encouraging more Biblical Recorder readers in the Brushy Mountain Association, by encouraging more Biblical Recorder readers in our own churches.

MRS. W. K. STURDIVANT.

55. The Moderator introduced Rev. C. W. Bazemore, of the RECORDER, who spoke on the mission of the RECORDER. He stated that the RECORDER supports all Baptist work, deepens spiritual life, informs, inspires, enlists, indoctrinates, and unifies.

56. Mrs. H. G. Duncan read a History of Walnut Grove Church. Before reading the history she spoke concerning our serious responsibility of preserving the minutes of our churches. The history was adopted upon motion.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF WALNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Since we have no minutes from the organization of this church in 1845, until October, 1848; none for the 41 year period from June, 1887, until August, 1928; and none from May, 1931, until August, 1932, we

have had to rely upon outside sources for a considerable part of its history. In other words, the minutes for approximately 46 years of the 105 years of the history of this church have been misplaced, lost, destroyed or stolen. But such is the case with practically every church with which we have dealt. Sometimes these losses appear to be due to carelessness, and at other times to information in the minutes that some one wishes to conceal or destroy.

Since my grandmother, grandfather, and aunt, and my wife's grandmother and an uncle were members of this church, and her uncle was a clerk for some time, the history of this church is of special interest to me.

According to the late Rev. W. C. Meadows (see minutes of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association for 1925, pp. 20-21) Walnut Grove church was organized about the year of 1845, as an arm or branch of Little River church in Alexander county. Mr. Meadows states that it was organized by the Revs. R. L. Steele and J. G. Bryan, at the home of James Price, and that James Price, Harvey Meadows, and John Jones, were among the charter members. As the first pages of the minutes have been lost, we cannot speak authoritatively of the organization, constitution, articles of faith, by-laws, and rules of decorum.

Since the early minutes are missing, we do not have a record of the first pastors. The earliest account we have is the minutes of the Lewis Fork Baptist Association, which states that J. G. Bryan was pastor in 1848. In 1849 J. G. Bryan and R. L. Steele were elected as joint pastors. Apparently, they served together or separately until 1852 when George Swain and J. G. Bryan were elected as pastors. It seems that in 1853 the church called George Swain, but the next year he resigned and Alexander Gilreath was chosen as supply. In 1854 Wm. Chapel was selected, but apparently Gilreath continued as co-pastor or assistant until 1855, when Swain again became pastor. In 1856 Swain and Gilreath were elected pastors, but Gilreath thought one pastor was enough. He, however, apparently continued to serve. In September, 1859, Gilreath and Bryan were called as pastors and appear to have continued until 1863, when Bryan and James Kerley were selected. We are not informed how long they served, but in April, 1867, we find that the church called James Kerley.

In October, 1871, this church elected J. P. Gwaltney to be its pastor and requested Bethel church to ordain him. The next year R. L. Steele was again called, and the next year J. P. Gwaltney was again selected, but he evidently did not accept, and R. L. Steele was chosen. In 1875 Steele resigned and I. C. Pevette was elected.

Pevette probably continued as pastor until March, 1884, when S. D. Barnes was called. Barnes served until 1885 when D. W. Poole became pastor and W. C. Meadows assistant. D. W. Poole served until 1891, when C. C. Poole became pastor for two years. During the years of 1893 and 1894 W. R. Bradshaw was pastor. In 1895 L. P. Gwaltney began a seven year pastorate, and in 1902 J. G. Weatherman began a five year pastorate.

In 1906 D. W. Poole again became pastor and continued for five years. He was followed by T. E. Redman for a two year period. E. V. Bumgarner began in 1916 and continued until 1923, after which J. W. McAlpine served one year. The pastorate of W. E. Linney extended from 1924 until April, 1929, and C. C. Holland from that date until October, 1940. E. C. Shoe was pastor from April, 1941, until February, 1943. Rogers Gwaltney served from that date until August, 1943, when he resigned and went into the army as Chaplain. In September, 1943, E. V. Bumgarner, again became pastor and continued until July, 1944, when Rogers Gwaltney tentatively accepted the pastorate and continued until September, 1946. In November, 1946, John L. Wells became pastor and continued until July, 1949, when he resigned to go to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In October, 1949, the present pastor—Charlie Poole—was called.

We have seen that the pastors have been many an that their in term has varied. The clerks have been equally so. The first record of a clerk is James Price in 1848. He continued until 1850, when John M. Frazier began a one year service. In 1851 James Price was again elected and continued until 1856 when Joe Revis was selected. We may assume that Price went on a pout, as we find that he was excluded the next year for nonattendance. In March, 1860, Calvin Leach became clerk and continued until September, 1861, when he apparently entered the Civil War. Joe Revis was again elected and served until June, 1865, when Wm. L. Price began a fourteen year period of service.

W. C. Meadows served the next year or until August, 1884, when R. M. Edsel was elected. Edsel continued about ten years or until 1893, when S. J. Jennings began a one year term. W. G. Jennings was then clerk from 1894 until 1899, when W. G. Lowe began serving a one year period. J. S. Jennings was clerk for the year of 1900, W. A. Brown for 1901, and L. C. Jennings from 1902 to 1905. In the latter year W. A. Brown again became clerk and continued for about ten years. R. C. Meadows served one year and then W. A. Brown became clerk for the third time, and continued for two years. In 1917 W. A. Jennings became clerk and continued until June, 1929, when Perry R. Lowe was elected clerk and continued until May, 1930, when he resigned. There are no minutes from May, 1930, until August, 1932, so we do not know who was clerk. In August, 1932, we find W. A. Jennings again clerk and he continues up to date. He has served a total of thirty-two years as clerk of this church.

We are told very little about the church building. We may assume that after the church was organized services were held in private homes until a log house was built. This building continued to be used until 1879 when a framed structure was completed. The wooden building continued in use until about 1932 when this brick structure was completed. The Sunday School rooms were started about three years ago and are still in the process of construction. So far as we know the location has never been changed.

The first evaluation of church property we have is \$500.00 in 1909. It is given as \$800.00 in 1913; \$1000.00 in 1914; \$500.00 in 1915. It

continued at \$500.00 until 1919 when it went up to \$1000.00; \$1200.00 in 1921; \$1000.00 in 1922; \$1200.00 in 1925; \$1000.00 in 1926; \$2500.00 in 1930; \$5000.00 in 1931; \$4000.00 in 1938; \$7000.00 in 1939; \$5000.00 in 1940; \$2000.00 in 1942; and \$5000.00 in 1943. It would appear that the valuation of church property largely depends on the digestion of the clerks. In 1949 we find \$3000.00 was being spent on a new building. The last minutes of the Association do not give the valuation of church property.

Likewise, we are told little about the church finances. In 1848 the church contributed 75 cents. In 1853 the deacons were paid 55 cents for communion expenses. As it was necessary to take 15 cents out of the 72 cents in the treasury, only 57 cents remained in the hands of the treasurer. By 1867 the collection reached the high water mark of \$1.70. In 1883 the collection for missions amounted to \$41.96 and \$1.90 for minutes. By 1901 the total contributions were \$118.50; \$439.50 in 1921; \$678.25 in 1931; \$410.80 in 1941; \$809.98 in 1946; and \$5818.45 in 1949. Only six churches in this Association did better in 1949.

We may assume that the early pastors "preached for a song and sang it themselves." The first reference we find to a pastor's salary is in 1880, when the church agreed to pay the pastor \$25.00 per year. By 1901 the pastor was receiving \$45.00 per year; \$60.00 in 1911; \$200.00 in 1931; \$150.00 in 1931; \$133.00 in 1941; \$363.45 in 1946; and \$840 in 1949. Only five churches in this Association did better in this year.

Apparently this church began by having preaching and a business session on the third Saturday of each month and preaching on the following Sunday. This arrangement continued until March, 1885, when it was changed to the first Saturday and following Sunday. How long this continued we do not know. In September, 1933, we find the meetings being held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday of each month. At the end of that year the church voted to discontinue Saturday meetings and have preaching on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. This arrangement continues today.

The minutes of this church tell us practically nothing about the Sunday School. From the minutes of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association, we find that there was a Sunday School here in 1873 with 30 enrolled. By 1887 the enrollment had reached 80. It was 109 in 1900; 125 in 1921; 208 in 1934; 166 in 1949. The average attendance increased from 65 in 1900 to 107 in 1949. It would appear that the Sunday School has continued to grow and the average attendance has continued to improve.

Owing to the absence of the minutes and poor recordings of others, we do not know how many have been licensed or ordained to preach by this church. In 1849 we find that David Meadows was licensed, but we have no further information about him. In June, 1854, the church arranged to ordain Alexander Gilreath, and in April, 1857, Peter Tritt and Alexander Gilreath. We suppose these men were finally ordained. All this time Gilreath was either supply or co-pastor of this church. In 1878 the church revoked the license of J. W. Frazier and in October,

1882, restored his license. We are not informed when his license was first granted, or whether or not he was ever ordained. In October, 1879, we find Pilgrim church requesting this church to ordain W. C. Meadows. The minutes do not tell us when he was ordained, but he was ordained on the third Sunday in October, 1879.

It would appear that for a number of years in its early history, this church was very conservative in doctrine and strict in discipline. Most of the time of the Saturday business sessions was consumed in disciplinary action. Members were cited and excluded for non-church attendance, denial of church membership; contempt of the church; improper conduct; patting and dancing; intoxication; swearing and dancing; being drunk; profane language; bastardy; and many other charges. An example will show how stern this church was in discipline. My grandmother Duncan was excluded from this church for non-church attendance in May, 1868. She had lost her oldest son in the Civil War. Her husband had died fifteen months before and her fourth son ten months before her exclusion. These deaths left her with ten children, the youngest being about three years of age, to care for. To attend church she had to travel seven miles each way and had no way to go except by wagon, mule back, or walk. In December, 1882, Old Mountain church sent a committee and letter to know why she was excluded.

This church had the usual amount of internal troubles. In 1852 we find it adopting the Rules of Decorum, and two years later the church agreed to live up to these rules, which it apparently had not been doing. Undoubtedly the church had a mind of its own for in December, 1853, we find it voting not to abide by the decision of the association. It seems that a group of the churches withdrew from the Lewis Fork Association and founded the Taylorsville Association and another group founded the Lower Creek Association. Apparently the split was largely due to the ruling of the Lewis Fork Association that to be a member of the order of the Sons of Temperance was sufficient grounds for exclusion from the church. Walnut Grove did not agree with the ruling of the Lewis Fork Association, but retained its membership therein. In October, 1867, we find it refusing to grant a letter because the party was not present. In September, 1871, a committee was appointed to find out the difficulty between pastor and church. The trials of James Frazier and John A. Lowe were spectacular and foundation shaking, but we shall not go into these.

Gradually there has been a change and an easing of discipline.

Strict communion and foot-washing were yearly practices in the early history of this church, but we find no mention of foot-washing after April, 1876, and today the communion table is not policed. In July, 1867, is the first account of the removal of a member's name by his request. We find no record of an exclusion from this church in twenty years. Apparently the only way to get out of this church now is to die or get a letter.

I am sorry to say that the loss or destruction of minutes and incompleteness of others have prevented me from writing the type of

history of this church I desired. This church has had a long and eventful history and today stands among the leaders of our rural churches.

DR. H. G. DUNCAN.

55. The Report on Time, Place, and Preacher, was submitted by Rev. Roby McNeill. The report was adopted upon motion.

Time—Tuesday and Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1951. (18-19).

Places—Sept. 18th, 1951, North Wilkesboro First. Sept. 19, 1951, Harmony.

Preachers—Introductory Sermon, Clete W. Simmons; alternate, Harvey White. Second day, Missionary Sermon—Dr. John T. Wayland; alternate, Victor Watts.

J. C. McNEIL,
MRS. CLATE BUMGARNER,
J. R. McNEIL, Committee.

56. Report of Committee on Resolutions was read by Dr. John T. Wayland. A motion to consider the report as a whole was unanimously passed.

I. Whereas, we the members of the various churches of the Brushy Mountain Association, meeting in regular session on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 19 and 20, 1950, have enjoyed the free and happy Christian hospitality of the Davis Memorial Baptist Church and the Walnut Grove Baptist Church and the personal generosity of Dr. J. W. Davis, therefore

Be it resolved, that we express to the pastors and people of these two fine congregations and to Dr. Davis our sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for the Christian entertainment afforded us during these days.

II. Whereas, the work of the Association and its several churches, organizations, and groups has throughout the year received free and full publicity in the Journal-Patriot and over Radio Station WKBC, therefore

Be it resolved, that we express to the editors and publishers of said paper and to the staff of the radio station our sincere gratitude and deep appreciation for their very creditable and valuable services in our behalf.

III. Whereas, Dr. Hannibal G. Duncan, the very capable and painstaking historian of this Association for many years, has faithfully presented to the Association scholarly histories of several of our churches, and as the crowning achievement in this field completed shortly prior to his death an account of one hundred eleven years of Baptist work in this Association and in those associations ancestral thereto, and

Whereas, our Baptist people, and the whole population has been deeply shocked by his untimely death, keenly feeling the loss of a scholarly and capable gentleman, and

Whereas, the mantle of historian of this Association has fallen on

the shoulders of his good wife, and is worthily worn by her; therefore,

Be it resolved, that we express to Mrs. Duncan and her son our sincere Christian sympathy in their loss, and the profound gratitude of this Association for his services rendered, and complete satisfaction in the selection of his successor, and respectfully request the Association to instruct the Clerk thereof to dedicate the Minutes of this session to Dr. Duncan and place his picture in a prominent place therein.

IV. Whereas, Mr. T. E. Story has served faithfully and well as Moderator of this Association for a period of sixteen years, giving unstintingly of his time to Kingdom work, serving always as a source of inspiration and a tower of strength, therefore

Be it resolved, that this Association express to him our love and appreciation and pledge to him our continued interest and gratitude, and assure him of our prayers and best wishes for success in all of his undertakings.

V. Whereas, Mr. J. F. Jordan has given many years of unselfish service as Clerk of this Association and as Superintendent of its Sunday School work, and

Whereas, he is absent from this session because of illness; therefore

Be it resolved, that we express to Brother Jordan our Christian gratitude for his services and assure him of our continued prayer for his complete recovery from illness.

VI. Whereas, the traffic of illegal liquor has grown to tremendous proportions in our county, debauching our youth, corrupting our politics, rendering unsafe the public highway, and bringing reproach and shame upon the good people of this county, and

Whereas, little or no law enforcement has been evident in the county in the matter of bringing to justice those who sell said liquor, and

Whereas, there is likely to be no improvement in this situation until the Christian people band themselves together in a non-political organization determined to elect and support trustworthy officers of the law; therefore

Be it resolved, that this Association commend the efforts of the Wilkes County Committee on Law Enforcement (non-political), and pledge to this group our sympathetic and practical support in the effort to make Wilkes County a law-abiding community and one in which Christian principles will hold sway.

VII. Whereas, Rev. J. E. Pearson has rendered exceptionally fine Christian service as our Associational Missionary, therefore

Be it resolved, that we express to Brother Pearson our gratitude, and call upon all of the churches of the Association to join the support of this fine work.

VIII. Whereas, the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention which lie east of the Mississippi river have been called upon to join in a great simultaneous revival, March 25-April 8, 1951; therefore

Be it resolved, that this Association call upon every pastor and

every church to cooperate in this great spiritual awakening to the fullest extent possible.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WARNER MILLER,
CLETE SIMMONS,
JOHN T. WAYLAND,
Committee on Resolutions.

57. Rev. J. E. Pearson brought out the needs of the Sunday School work. The Associational Sunday School Superintendent and other officers of that work had not been elected. Also, the Association needs a Superintendent of Evangelism to lead all year, but especially in the plans and program of the Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign. The Moderator left the responsibility of action on these matters to the Executive Committee.

58. Rev. J. E. Pearson was recognized and called all newly elected officers to stand before the congregation. He expressed personal appreciation for those who had served and for those who were to serve. Rev. C. J. Poole was asked to lead in a prayer of consecration.

59. At the close of the prayer the Moderator declared the Seventy-seventh Session of the Brushy Mountain Association adjourned.

Signed:

T. E. STORY, Moderator
MRS. TAM HUTCHINSON, Clerk

DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

MINISTERS WHO ARE PASTORS IN THE ASSOCIATION

Blackburn, D. H., Route 3, North Wilkesboro
Brookshire, W. N., Wilkesboro
Brown, Clate, Route 2, Wilkesboro
Bumgarner, E. V., Taylorsville
Caldwell, W. H., Sparta
Eller, A. W., Route 1, Wilkesboro
Higgins, J. T., Wilkesboro
Hodges, E. C., Hendrix
Huffman, Glenn, North Wilkesboro
Johnson, A. A., Hays
Johnson, H. I., Moravian Falls
Miller, Ralph, Route 1, North Wilkesboro
Minton, Dean, Wake Forest
McNeil, J. R., Purlear
Osborne, Gilbert, Route 1, Wilkesboro
Osborne, Iredell, Cricket
Pardue, Loyd, Elkin
Poole, C. J., Route 2, Wilkesboro
Pruitt, Albert, North Wilkesboro
Simmons, Clete, Jonesville
Smith, Eli, Jonesville

Smith, H. H., Deep Gap
Watts, A. E., Taylorsville
Watts, Victor, Purlear
Wayland, John T., North Wilkesboro
Welborn, C. S., North Wilkesboro
White, Harvey, Taylorsville

MINISTERS IN THE ASSOCIATION WHO ARE NOT

PASTORS ANYWHERE

Blackburn, M. D., Boomer
Byrd, Richard, Route 2, North Wilkesboro
Church, Bine, Purlear
Cope, C. M., North Wilkesboro
Eller, Leroy, Moravian Falls
Eller, Vernon, Purlear
Ellis, Earl, R. F. D., Lenoir
Faw, Ed, Route 2, North Wilkesboro
Foster, A. J., Boomer
Holder, Thomas, Greensboro
Jones, S. A., North Wilkesboro
Minton, B. L., Buck
Osborne, George, Cricket
Owens, Wilson, North Wilkesboro
Parne, W. F., Boomer
Parsons, J. A., Purlear
Pearson, J. E., North Wilkesboro
Pruitt, J. C., North Wilkesboro
Sebastian, G. W., North Wilkesboro
Walsh, T. J., Parsonville

MINISTERS WHO ARE PASTORS IN OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Blevins, Fred, Route, 2, Wilkesboro
Hayes, W. N., North Wilkesboro
Miller, Ed O., Boomer
Smith, Eli, Jonesville
Smith, Graham, Cricket
Watts, S. I.

MINISTERS LICENSED THIS YEAR

Carr Dancy, North Wilkesboro, Hinshaw Street
J. Roby McNeil, Purlear, Lewis Fork
Victor Watts, Purlear, New Hope
Wilson Owens, North Wilkesboro, Second Baptist

MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR

J. Roby McNeil, Purlear, Lewis Fork
Victor Watts, Purlear, New Hope
Wilson Owens, North Wilkesboro, Second Baptist

IN MEMORIAM

"I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

Beaver Creek—Mrs. Cleatus Walsh Wilson.

Cub Creek—J. L. Hemphill, T. E. Cain (Deacon) Mrs. Millie Smithey.

Edgewood—J. G. Bumgarner (Deacon), Mrs. Nettie Transou Hall.

Fishing Creek—Leff Parsons, Mrs. Charlie Riddle.

Gordon—Mrs. Mona Teague.

Goshen—Mrs. Rachel Cardwell.

Hinshaw Street—R. E. Pierce, Presley Dancy.

Lewis Fork—Harry Prestwood.

Liberty Grove—Mrs. Florence M. Byrd, D. L. Henderson, W. N. Pardue (Deacon).

Little Rock—Mrs. Nina Parsons, Mrs. Rosa Parsons, J. A. Lackey (Deacon), L. L. Carlton (Deacon)

Moravian Falls—B. M. Pardue (Deacon, Clerk).

Mount Carmel—Mrs. Annie P. Sherrill.

Mount Pleasant—Mrs. Matt Huffman, Mrs. Ina Foster.

Mount Zion—W. M. Minton (Deacon).

New Hope—A. S. Eller (Deacon).

North Wilkesboro, First—E. M. Blackburn (Deacon), Rudolph E. Walters, A. Teagle Lott, Mrs. M. H. Stone, Theodore Porter.

Pleasant Home—Mrs. Laura Minton, Mrs. Ellen Vickers, Miss Ora Vannoy, Mrs. Lillie Lovette, Calvin Church (Deacon), Mrs. Cora Eller, Kirby McNeil.

Purlear—W. H. Eller (Deacon).

Roaring River—Mrs. Rebecca Wood.

Second Baptist—Will Lovette.

Stony Hill—Rev. J. H. Wilcoxon, Mrs. Beatrice Parsons.

Walnut Grove—Mrs. James B. Lowe.

Wilkesboro—Baine Doughton, Mrs. L. L. Godfrey, Mrs. Mollie Johnson, F. G. Holman, Roe Mahaffey, Mrs. M. C. Shew.

TABLE A—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meetings	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES				GAINS—LOSSES				T O T A L				Special Information			
				Baptisms	Letters and Other Advs	Transfers, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-res. Members	Grand Total	Pres. Members	Revival Meetings Held	No. Titlers	State Paper in Budget	Served Church	Pastor Live on Church Field?	Value Church Property Incl. Home			
Beaver Creek.....	R	1779	1 & 3	J. R. McNeil, Purlear.....	4	5	2	115	39	154	1	1	1	no	\$	12,000			
Big Ivey.....	R	1889	4	H. H. Smith, Deep Gap.....	5	1	4	8	86	94	1	3	no	no	2,000				
Boiling Springs.....	R	1932	1 & 3	A. W. Eller, R. 2, Wilkesboro.....	11	3	6	80	43	123	1	5	no	no	4,000				
Cub Creek.....	R	1862	2 & 4	Clate Brown, R. 2, Wilkesboro.....	7	4	2	71	14	85	1	3	no	no	10,300				
Davis Memorial.....	R	1944	3	J. T. Higgins, Wilkesboro.....	7	2	2	96	77	173	1	4	no	no	10,000				
Edgewood.....	R	1893	2	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville.....	6	3	8	80	80	80	1	8	no	no	2,500				
Elk.....	R	1905	2 & 4	E. C. Hodges, Hendrix.....	9	3	7	318	318	318	1	10	no	no	10,000				
Fishing Creek.....	R	1822	2	C. J. Pool, R. 2, Wilkesboro.....	6	2	7	168	66	234	2	6	no	no	8,200				
Gordon.....	V	1918	2 & 4	Gilbert Osborne, R. 1, Wilkesboro.....	3	2	4	65	95	160	1	3	no	no	2,000				
Goshen.....	R	1914	* 1 & 3	Clate Brown, R. 2, Wilkesboro.....	3	2	4	40	50	90	1	5	no	no	7,000				
Harmony.....	R	1900	2 & 4	Iredell Osborne, Cricket.....	41	25	7	254	85	339	2	13	no	no	20,000				
Hinshaw Street.....	C	1927	1,2,3,4	Clate W. Simmons, Jonesville.....	5	10	20	258	176	434	1	8	no	no	18,000				
Lewis Fork.....	R	1792	1 & 3	A. W. Eller, R. 1, Wilkesboro.....	26	8	8	130	176	206	2	2	no	no	2,500				
Liberty Grove.....	R	1886	1 & 3	Lloyd Pardue, Elkin.....	8	5	6	140	56	196	1	3	no	no	25,000				
Little Rock.....	R	1866	2 & 4	A. W. Eller, R. 1, Wilkesboro.....	7	3	2	124	34	158	1	3	no	no	3,000				
Moravian Falls.....	V	1886	1,2,3,4	Dean L. Minton, Wake Forest.....	4	5	10	42	22	64	1	1	no	no	3,000				
Mount Carmel.....	R	1880	1 & 3	Iredell Osborne, Cricket.....	11	25	15	232	118	350	1	1	no	no	30,000				
Mount Pleasant.....	R	1875	2 & 4	W. H. Caldwell, Sparta.....	7	2	11	104	52	156	1	20	yes	no	7,500				
Mount Zion.....	R	1849	1	E. C. Hodges, Hendrix.....	11	4	4	285	285	285	1	no	no	no	2,500				
New Hope.....	R	1830	4	Victor Watts, Purlear.....	14	15	40	561	195	756	1	50	no	no	156,000				
N. Wilkesboro 1st.....	C	1892	1,2,3,4	John T. Wayland, N. Wilkesboro.....	1	6	1	163	31	196	1	14	no	no	6,500				
Oakwoods.....	R	1918	1 & 3	C. S. Johnson, N. Wilkesboro.....	5	1	2	74	61	135	1	1	no	no	4,500				
Pilgrim.....	R	1859	1 & 3	A. A. Wilson, Hays.....	3	7	3	103	58	161	1	1	no	no	5,000				
Pleasant Grove.....	R	1880	* 1 & 1	Albert Pruitt, N. Wilkesboro.....	4	2	10	277	40	317	1	9	no	no	40,000				
Pleasant Home.....	R	1880	1 & 3	Victor Watts, Purlear.....	8	2	2	144	144	144	1	1	no	no	17,000				
Purlear.....	R	1932	1	Glenn Huffman, N. Wilkesboro.....	2	3	4	54	44	98	1	6	no	no	10,000				
Roaring River.....	V	1908	2 & 4	Eli B. Smith, Jonesville.....	2	6	8	70	70	70	3	1	no	no	4,000				
Second Baptist.....	R	1880	2	Albert Pruitt, N. Wilkesboro.....	10	3	3	28	8	36	1	1	no	no	2,000				
Shady Grove.....	R	1947	2 & 4	H. I. Johnson, Moravian Falls.....	17	3	3	278	100	378	1	2	no	no	2,500				
Stony Walker.....	R	1845	2 & 4	Ralph A. Miller, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro.....	20	9	12	169	4	173	1	2	no	no	2,000				
Stony Hill.....	R	1936	1 & 3	C. J. Pool, R. 2, Wilkesboro.....	23	19	20	260	98	358	1	1	no	no	20,000				
Walnut Grove.....	R	1880	1,2,3,4	Harvey White, Taylorsville.....	11	4	12	158	92	250	1	4	yes	no	12,000				
Welcome Home.....	T	1880	1,2,3,4	W. N. Brookshire, Wilkesboro.....	23	11	4	158	92	250	1	20	yes	no	44,000				
Wilkesboro.....	R	1814	2 & 4	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville.....	21	4	2	189	189	189	1	17	no	no	20,900				
Zion Hill.....	R	1814	2 & 4	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville.....	21	4	2	189	189	189	1	17	no	no	20,900				
Totals.....					291	189	224	4666	1820	7073	40	134	130	\$549,200			

*Preaching on Saturday night before 1st Sunday.

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES										Av. Attendance						
	Nursery Units	Beginner Units	Primary Units	Junior Units	Intermed. Units	Y. P. Units	Adult Units	Total No. Units	Nursery Enrolled	Beginners Enroll'd		Primaries Enroll'd	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enr	Y. P. Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	Gen. Ofc. Enroll'd	Grand Total Enr.
Boiling Springs.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	7	7	7	9	7	10	9	8	50
Edgewood.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	1	2	6	7	7	6	2	26
Hinshaw Street.....	1	2	1	1	1	1	6	39	39	8	32	18	24	24	57	5	175
Little Rock.....	1	2	1	2	1	1	5	3	3	4	8	21	12	9	24	5	81
Mount Pleasant.....	1	1	1	2	3	2	10	10	3	4	26	39	51	28	20	8	182
N. Wilkesboro 1st.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	4	4	8	10	21	8	12	6	69	
Pleasant Home.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	7	7	12	15	16	14	14	11	45	
Purlear.....	7	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	7	12	6	6	13	11	1	44
Wilkesboro.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	7	6	6	6	18	2	39	
Zion Hill.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	7	6	6	6	18	2	39	
Totals.....	112	312	108	741	1767	52169	150123	16337773	150	123	163	37	773	163	37	773	

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES										Total Tithers		
	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W.M.S. Enrolled	Y.W.A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled		Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled In Mission Study
Fishing Creek.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	18	16	16	34	34	34	---
Hinshaw Street.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	29	29	29	20	49	49	---
Liberty Grove.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	23	23	23	11	2	---
Mount Pleasant.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	14	28	42	42	12	---	---
New Hope.....	1	1	1	1	1	3	153	1136	20220	328	42	---	---
N. Wilkesboro 1st.....	1	1	1	1	1	5	18	159	6	63	40	13	---
Oakwoods.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	13	13	8	2	---	---
Pilgrim.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	17	17	10	6	---	---
Pleasant Home.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	14	14	14	5	---	---
Roaring River.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	57	16	12	14	99	50	14
Wilkesboro.....	4	2	1	1	1	8	368	154	67	37	60	586	447
Totals.....	14	36	31	31	31	430	368	154	67	37	60	586	447

TABLE F—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Receipts Through All Organizations for Year	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Songs and Books, Printing	Local Missions and Benevolences	Reveal Expenses & Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Grand Total
Beaver Creek	J. P. Hayes, Boomer	\$1734.81	\$110.00			\$4.66	\$93.63	\$190.00	\$304.50	\$83.02	\$835.81	\$408.00	\$1243.81
Big Ivy	Mrs. Trula McGuire, Pars'vi					12.00		28.00			40.00	48.00	88.00
Boiling Springs	Turner Huffman, Purlear	1634.37				78.40	11.35	67.25		48.67	205.67	293.50	499.17
Cub Creek	Mrs. W. L. Lee, R. 2, Wilkesb.	1434.89	50.00		41.47	78.40	12.00		375.00	187.22	744.09	550.00	1294.09
Davis Memorial	E. W. Huffman, Purlear	1049.04		.96	3265.00	50.00		80.00		15.00	3410.96		3410.96
Edgewood	Clifford Moore, N. Wilkesboro		36.00			72.91		75.00		28.40	212.31	443.67	655.98
Elk	Marjorie Dula, Ferguson	389.13		9.01		39.70	9.12	100.00			207.16	125.38	332.54
Fishing Creek	H. E. Pardue, R. 2, Wilkesboro	2997.40	49.33	414.54		182.23	131.00	122.00	915.00	120.50	1885.27	659.25	2544.52
Gordon	W. P. Carson, N. Wilkesboro					92.75	45.00	35.27	1211.00	368.23	1752.25	600.00	2352.25
Goshen	C. W. Proffitt, Wilkesboro	596.02	28.50			37.00		80.00		10.00	155.50	180.00	335.50
Harmony	L. A. Minton, R. 1, Wilkesboro		120.00	25.00	1600.00	100.00	334.76	50.00	275.00	90.00	2260.00	360.00	2620.00
Hinshaw Street	C. H. Lenderman, N. W'boro	7412.95	360.00	452.69		550.93		200.00	3467.29	79.25	5600.40	1290.00	6890.40
Lewis Fork	C. S. Triplett, Purlear			87.00		85.14		200.00		269.02	641.16	720.00	1361.16
Liberty Grove	Faige Hutchinson, N. W'boro	1444.16		180.35	135.00	71.82	237.21	177.12		98.93	663.22	521.92	1185.14
Little Rock	Mrs. John Andrews, Boomer		28.00	417.68	117.00	215.92		124.64		418.50	1530.95	900.00	2430.95
Moravian Falls	Sadie Brookshire, M. Falls	8024.18		80.10		137.68		100.00	6998.91	258.81	7603.50	1200.00	8803.50
Mount Carmel	Mrs. I. J. Lovette, M. Falls	336.48		41.60		26.00		35.00		29.00	131.60	120.00	251.60
Mount Pleasant	A. G. Church, Champion		140.00	232.97	15275.15	135.39	68.50	235.34	765.74	495.29	17348.98	1200.00	18548.98
Mount Zion	D. M. Triplett, Hendrix	467.73			39.40	39.40		50.98		135.75	226.13	288.98	515.11
New Hope	Clinton Eller, N. Wilkesboro	2396.43	120.00	46.40	703.63	112.47	158.38	72.67		443.45	1637.00	540.00	2197.00
N. Wilkesboro 1st.	C. B. Lomax, N. Wilkesboro.	37592.36	4900.00	896.21	50214.51	3222.98	26.98	475.00		838.70	60634.04	5026.66	65660.70
Oakwoods	Archie Anderson, Oakwoods.	2526.90			3800.00	100.00	85.64	110.65	45.00	110.00	4191.63	300.00	4491.63
Pilgrim	Arlee Minton, N. Wilkesboro	2089.87	147.25	20.00	1487.58	91.96	73.76	79.00		125.00	1899.55	334.42	2233.97
Pleasant Grove	V. M. Baker, R. 1, Wilkesboro	1800.00	110.10	90.00	750.00	42.00	62.00	140.00		125.00	1229.10	441.00	1670.10
Pleasant Home	Minnie McNeill, Wilkesboro	6947.98	200.00	56.00	6500.00	98.00	102.74	90.00		270.10	6804.00	359.00	7163.00
Purlear	Tom W. Hayes, Wilkesboro	3283.22	60.00	32.00	902.15	76.06	50.00	140.00	500.00	28.00	1680.33	600.00	2260.33
Roaring River	Mrs. J. P. Pardue, Roar. Riv.	2600.74		8.25	100.00	41.76		140.00		100.17	833.18	65.00	900.18
Second Baptist	Curtis Blevins, N. Wilkesboro		85.00			31.57		72.12	360.00		371.57	101.16	132.73
Shady Grove	Guy Eller, Wilkesboro	150.34				38.10		63.40		41.09	371.24	238.58	609.82
Sharon Walker	Mrs. Z. Ferguson, R. 1, Boomer	624.11		228.65		29.04		46.00		58.15	181.19	233.49	414.68
Stony Hill	Mrs. J. B. Baker, Parsonville		48.00		1500.00	350.00		114.00		200.00	2234.00	945.00	3169.00
Walnut Grove	Vaughn Brock, R. Pores Knob	2617.81	60.00			84.90	52.77	195.60			679.86	545.81	1225.67
Welcome Home	Sherman Shumate, N. W'boro	865.39	72.00	274.59		516.84	182.50	245.26	220.50	50.00	4918.50	3000.00	7918.50
Wilkesboro	W. A. Stroud, Wilkesboro	7770.54	425.00	1038.33	2240.07	86.97	61.77	100.00	1154.37	40.60	1547.60	1090.00	2547.60
Zion Hill	Miss Lucille German, Boomer		77.92	25.97		86.97							
Total		97756.55	7227.10	4657.70	88668.56	7176.96	1799.11	4264.42	20504.31	5040.35	139339.01	25076.54	164415.55

Note—Money Borrowed, Sale Property, etc.—Edgewood \$961.12; Harmony \$800.00; Mt. Pleasant \$6500.00; N. Wilkesboro 1st \$10,623.25; Oakwoods \$2000.00; Roaring Riv. \$600.00; Wilkesboro \$2100.00.

TABLE G—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annulity, Relief, etc.	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure for All Purposes	Total Church Debt at End of Year
Beaver Creek.....	Mrs. Genio Walsh, Boomer.....	\$120.00	\$36.00	\$10.00				\$60.00	\$155.00		\$81.00	\$1624.81	
Big Ivey.....	Odell Beshears, Parsonsville.....					\$8.02		16.00	13.65	\$19.30	105.18	88.90	
Boiling Springs.....	Turner Huffman, Purlear.....	5.21	24.00	19.00				33.00	33.00		66.00	604.35	
Cub Creek.....	Miss Hilda Combs, Wilkesboro.....			11.35				51.00	51.00	10.00	140.80	1434.89	125
David Memorial.....	Annie M. Harris, Purlear.....	9.85						20.00	2.45		19.53	3430.49	
Edgewood.....	Della Bumgarner, R. 2, Wilkesboro.....	70.55		36.25	\$12.15	5.65		102.60	56.00	22.00	305.20	961.18	
Elk.....	R. F. Walsh, Star R., Ferguson.....			11.03	6.85			24.22	2.42		47.60	380.14	
Fishing Creek.....	G. Warner Miller R. 3., N. W'boro.....	27.00	24.00	46.75	34.50	40.50	1.44	108.25	48.00	37.44	367.88	2912.40	
Gordon.....	Walter R. Burgess, N. Wilkesboro.....							96.30	48.00		48.00	2400.25	350
Goshen.....	Jesse L. Walsh, Wilkesboro.....			9.19							105.49	440.99	
Harmony.....	L. A. Minton, R. 1, Wilkesboro.....							33.00	33.00		66.00	2686.00	325
Hinshaw Street.....	G. W. Jones, North Wilkesboro.....			18.00	334.76	30.00		53.00	51.00		483.76	7374.16	8,938
Lewis Fork.....	Ralph D. McNeil, Purlear.....		10.00					20.00	10.00		40.00	1401.16	
Liberty Grove.....	Tam S. Hutchinson, N. Wilkesb.....	47.75	15.30	17.60	9.11	26.05		17.05	27.00		159.86	1345.00	
Little Rock.....	Ray Parsons, Boomer.....	60.00	60.00			12.61		60.00	60.00	122.27	374.88	2805.83	
Moravian Falls.....	Mrs. Bernice P. Greer, M. Falls.....	15.03	24.00	12.78	12.73	13.81		159.49	12.68	23.70	274.22	9077.72	373
Mount Carmel.....	Mrs. I. J. Lovette, M. Falls.....								25.00		25.00	276.60	
Mount Pleasant.....	Curtis Greene, Purlear.....		89.81	31.90	27.00	21.56	150.00	78.00	25.00	16.00	439.27	18983.25	5,210
Mount Zion.....	W. O. Barnett, Hendrix.....		22.00	6.70	6.30	2.93		68.40	14.19	21.16	141.68	656.79	
New Hope.....	R. C. Goodwin, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro.....	81.97	132.14	37.00	5.00	5.50		87.20	15.00	30.50	394.31	2591.31	
N. Wilkesboro 1st.....	J. E. Caudlin, N. Wilkesboro.....	2076.30	1200.00	20.00	767.11	20.00	1200.00	794.70	294.46		6332.57	71993.27	10,900
Oakwoods.....	Frank Walker, N. Wilkesboro.....	12.00			15.00	15.00		58.28	9.00		134.28	4625.91	2,000
Pilgrim.....	Sloan Deal, R. 1 Wilkesboro.....	8.00			3.00			11.80	16.16		53.96	2287.93	
Pleasant Grove.....	V. M. Baker, R. 1, Wilkesboro.....							25.00	25.00		50.00	1720.10	
Pleasant Home.....	Minnie McNeill, R. 1, Wilkesboro.....	65.00	63.00	50.00	50.00	30.00		185.00	90.00	58.50	591.50	7048.48	
Purlear.....	Tom W. Hayes, R. 1, Wilkesboro.....								17.61		17.61	7180.61	
Roaring River.....	Mrs. Eula Lytton, Roaring River.....	25.00			116.55	5.00		38.00	155.92		340.47	2600.80	100
Second Baptist.....	Mrs. Dossie Berrong, N. W'boro.....							50.47	10.10		60.57	960.75	
Shady Grove.....	Miss Ozelle Faw, Millers Creek.....								5.00		5.00	137.73	
Sharon Walker.....	Zachary Ferguson, R. 1, Boomer.....			5.00					15.50		20.50	630.32	200
Stony Hill.....	C. O. Parsons, Parsonville.....			10.00		10.38		15.00	21.40		56.78	471.46	
Walnut Grove.....	W. A. Jennings, R. 1, Pores Knob.....			33.30	54.39	23.37		288.50	27.87		397.43	3566.43	
Welcome Home.....	Gwyn Eller, Cricket.....	60.58						37.00	26.00		123.58	1349.25	
Wilkesboro.....	Charles C. McNeill, Wilkesboro.....	600.00	400.00	37.25	19.10	24.05	100.00	510.80	110.15	120.00	1921.35	9839.85	1,932
Zion Hill.....	E. T. German, Boomer.....					109.04		156.75	17.10		282.89	2830.49	670
Total.....		3284.24	2100.25	423.10	1466.70	410.32	1451.44	43220.69	1470.54	480.87	14308.15	178723.70	

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Boiling Springs—Turner Huffman, Luther Parsons, Roland Bishop.
Cub Creek—Mrs. Nellie Bullis, Mrs. Wilburn Anderson, Hilda Combs.
Davis Memorial—Cowles Walker, Ida Harris, Annie Greene.
Edgewood—Della Bumgarner, Clifford Moore, Clarence Fletcher.
Elk—Junior Eller, Dana Triplett, Catherine Eller, R. F. Walsh.
Fishing Creek—J. W. Pardue, Mrs. Oma McLain, Mrs. R. N. Holland,
Mrs. Ruth Johnson, Mrs. D. C. Waddell, Mrs. M. R. Billings.
Gordon—Mrs. Florence Nichols, Mrs. W P. Carson, Mrs. Minnie Wyatt.
Goshen—Jessie L. Walsh, H. A. Carlton, Sr., C. W. Proffitt.
Harmony—L. A. Minton, Mrs. L. A. Minton, Roy Davis, Orson Phillips.
Lewis Fork—Albert Triplett, Monroe Foster, Mrs. Vernon Dyer.

Liberty Grove—Paige Hutchinson, James Henderson, Mrs. George Smith, Mrs. W. W. Anderson.

Little Rock—Clay Brookshire, Lawrence Auton, J. W. Triplette.

Moravian Falls—W. C. Henrden, Mrs. B. M. Pardue, Mrs. J. C. Critcher, Mount Carmel—Ray Parlier, Henry Clanton, Mrs. I. J. Lovett.

Mount Pleasant—Dr. W. W. Miles, Mrs. W. W. Miles, Mrs. T. O. Minton, Verlie Eller.

Mount Zion—W. O. Barnett, Rev. E. C. Hodges, Barney Johnson.

New Hope—Richard Vannoy, Clyde Church, Mrs. Roby Eller.

North Wilkesboro, First—D. E. Elledge, C. B. Eller, J. Floyd Woodward.

Second Baptist—Mrs. Dossie Berrong, Miss Frances Glass, I. N. White, Mrs. Richard Byrd, Mrs. Fannie Bently.

Hinshaw Street—I. S. Baity, A. M. Handy, Mrs. Hobert Deal.

Oakwoods—Frank Walker, Hazel Stroud, M. C. Jones.

Pilgrim—W. T. Minton, Robert Huffman, Novella Shumaker.

Pleasant Grove—W. J. Church, Albert Evans, J. R. Parsons.

Pleasant Home—A. G. Bumgarner, W. T. Snyder, Minnie McNeill.

Purlear—Walter Blackburn, R. Don Nichols, Mrs. Mary Nichols.

Roaring River—T. J. McNeil, C. C. Alexander, Mrs. G. W. Scroggs, Mrs. W. M. Morrison, Mrs. Eula Lytton.

Shady Grove—Mr. & Mrs. Guy Eller, Mr. & Mrs. Everette Ferguson, Mrs. D. K. Greene.

Sharon Walker—Zachary Ferguson, Frank Hartley, Mrs. Frank Hartley, June Walker, Mrs. June Walker.

Stony Hill—G. S. McNeill, C. O. Parsons, Wilma Whittington.

Walnut Grove—Mrs. Frances Hendren, Miss Madge Jennings, D. S. Broyhill, R. C. Meadows, Mrs. Mable Meadows, Sue Brookshire.

Welcome Home—Sherman Shumate, H. R. Kendall, Pressley Kilby.

Wilkesboro—Mrs. Lloyd Pardue, Mrs. Hadley Hayes, Charles C. McNeill.

Zion Hill—Charlie Dyer, Bill Scott, Roland Walsh.

CONSTITUTION

Name

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association of Wilkes County, North Carolina.

Objects

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to consider and promote measures for increasing the harmony, the intelligence, and the spiritual life of the churches and for developing and directing their energies and their contributions in the advancement of Christ's kingdom throughout the earth, always in harmony with the teachings of the New Testament. This Association shall be an auxiliary to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its missionary, educational and benevolent work.

Membership

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches desiring to affiliate with it, and each affiliating church may be represented in the annual meetings of the Association by three messengers chosen by the church, by its pastor and by other ordained ministers in its membership and living within the bounds of the Association.

Article 4. Any church desiring to become a member of this Association shall present, through messengers chosen for that purpose, its request for membership at any annual session of this body. The Moderator shall then appoint a committee to inquire into the faith and practice of said church, said committee to report to the Association its findings. If the Association then votes to receive the church the Moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to the messengers.

Article 5. Any church not representing itself in this body for three successive years, either by letter or by messengers, shall be stricken from the roll of churches, unless satisfactory reasons for such failure are given.

Article 6. The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any church in its membership which shall be found to be disorderly in faith and practice, but not until charges are brought against it by some other church and carefully considered by the Association.

Organization

Article 7. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by ballot on the second day of the session before noon recess adjournment, by a majority of the messengers voting, and shall begin their term of office upon final adjournment of the session at which elected and shall continue in office until the close of the next annual session.

Article 8. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, preserve order, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and exercise all other duties of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage; he shall also, as far as his private duties may permit, visit and communicate with the churches between the sessions of the Association to encourage and assist them in their work for the kingdom.

Article 9. The Clerk shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Association; shall read the same for approval before the close of each annual session; shall superintend their printing and distribution to the churches; shall send one copy each to the General Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, the Statistical Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa., and to their denominational agencies or institutions requesting them; shall preserve a file of all the Associational records and have it present at each annual session; shall provide at least one month prior to the annual meeting of the Association letters for the use of the churches in making their reports to the Association; shall

suggest to each church the amount based on its membership and contributions to other objects, needed for the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

Article 10. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Association as directed by the Association, making an itemized statement at each annual session.

Committee

Article 11. The Executive-Promotion Committee shall consist of the Moderator, the Vice-Moderator, the Clerk, the Sunday School Associational Leader, the Training Union Leader, the W. M. U. Associational Superintendent, and all the pastors of churches within the Association, together with one member from each church elected annually by the Association upon nomination of a committee appointed by the Moderator. A quorum shall consist of ten members of the Executive-Promotion Committee, including four of the associational officers named above in this article, providing either the Moderator or Vice-Moderator is present.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Executive-Promotion Committee to cooperate with the Baptist State Convention and with the churches of the Association in the promotion of any plans which may seem wise for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, and they shall take such steps as may be necessary to put into successful operation any plans adopted by the Association. This committee shall meet at the call of the moderator or its chairman.

Article 13. A Committee on Nomination; a Committee on Time, Place and Preacher; a Committee on Resolutions; and a Committee on Order of Business shall be appointed by the Moderator on the first day of each annual session. All except the last named committee shall make their reports to the Association before final adjournment, while the Committee on Order of Business shall prepare the program for the next annual meeting of the Association at least one month before the date of meeting, and present the same to the Association for adoption or alteration at its opening session.

Article 14. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided according to some standard works on Parliamentary practice.

Article 15. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any annual session upon vote of two-thirds of the members present.

BY-LAWS

1. The Association shall convene annually on.....
.....and continue two days or longer, in the judgment of the Committee on Order of Business and subject to the approval of the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, conducted by whomsoever the Committee on Order of Business may designate.

3. A majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum

for the transaction of any business except in the matter of making changes in the Constitution.

4. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator, shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid the use of unnecessary personalities.

5. The members shall observe towards the officers and towards one another such courtesies as are becoming to Christians.

6. Amendment to the By-Laws may be made by a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting of the Association.

Revised and adopted Oct. 17, 1936.

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1951

Tuesday Morning Session

The seventy-eighth annual session of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association convened at the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro on September 18, 1951. The Association was called to order by Brother A. W. Eller, Moderator.

The Moderator called on Brother C. B. Eller of the First Baptist Church to execute greetings and lead the opening devotional period. Brother Eller read from the twenty-eighth chapter of Matthew. After comments on the scripture, he led the congregation in prayer. Miss Peggy Nichols, Director of Religious Education of the First Baptist Church, led the congregation in singing, "O Zion Haste." Mrs. G. T. Mitchell of the Wilkesboro Baptist Church, served as pianist.

The Moderator expressed appreciation for the people of the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro and for the privilege of meeting with that church.

1. A roll call of the churches was made, showing 33 churches present. Before the noon hour all of the 35 churches were represented.

2. The program for the session was adopted upon motion by T. E. Story, seconded by C. J. Pool.

3. The pastors of the Association were recognized as follows: R. L. Franklin, W. H. Caldwell, C. J. Poole, J. T. Higgins, Harvey White, E. C. Hodges, John T. Wayland, J. Glenn Huffman, Cleve W. Simmons, and J. Earl Pearson, Associational Missionary.

4. Visitors were recognized as follows: S. I. Watts, John Wells, Carr Dancy, M. D. Blackburn, and C. M. Cope. From the Brier Creek Association, L. T. Younger; from the South Fork Association, J. T. Hendrix, Maiden; from the York Association, South Carolina, C. H. Myers.

5. Appointment was made of committees.

PROGRAM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1951

First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro

THEME: "The Church At Its Task In Our Time"

- 9:45 Worship.....C. B. Eller
10:00 Roll Call of Churches; Adoption of Program; Introduction of
Pastors; Recognition of Visitors; Appointment of Committees.
10:15 History of the First Baptist Church.....Mrs. H. G. Duncan
10:30 Report of Training Union and Feature.....Miss Lunda Hendren
11:00 Report on Christian Education.....Rev. C. J. Poole
Recognition of College Representative-Discussion
Mr. Claude Gaddy
11:25 Music
11:30 Introductory Sermon.....Rev. Clete Simmons
Alternate, Rev. Harvey White
12:00 Dinner on the Grounds
1:15 Song and Prayer
1:20 Report on Sunday School and Feature.....Mr. T. E. Story
1:50 Report on Biblical Recorder.....Mrs. Maud Miller
1:55 Discussion, Representative of Biblical Recorder
2:05 Song
2:10 Report on Associational Missions.....Rev. J. E. Pearson
2:25 Report of Executive Committee.....Rev. A. W. Eller
2:40 Report on Orphanage.....Mr. Hadley Hayes
2:45 Discussion, Representative of Orphanage
3:00 Miscellaneous Business
3:15 Adjournment

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1951

Harmony Baptist Church, Four Miles West of
North Wilkesboro on Highway 421

- 9:45 Worship.....Rev. Rex West
10:00 History of Harmony Baptist Church.....Mrs. H. G. Duncan
10:10 Report on Foreign Missions.....Mrs. John T. Wayland
10:15 Report on Home Missions.....Rev. Robert Franklin
10:20 Report on Cooperative Program.....Mrs. Charlie Proffitt
10:25 Report on State Missions.....Mrs. G. Warner Miller
10:30 Discussion, Representative of State Convention—
Dr. E. L. Spivey
10:45 Report on Nominating Committee and Election of Officers
10:55 Report of W. M. U. and Feature.....Mrs. G. G. Foster
11:25 Song
11:30 Missionary Sermon.....Dr. John T. Wayland
12:00 Dinner on the Grounds
1:15 Song and Prayer

1:20	Report on Baptist Hospital.....	Mr. Fayette Matherly
1:25	Discussion, Representative of Hospital	
1:40	Report of Committees—Time—Place—Preacher; Resolutions	
1:50	Report on Pastors' Conference and Feature—	
		Rev. Glenn Huffman
2:20	Report on Social Service and Civic Righteousness—	
		Mr. D. E. Elledge
2:30	Report on Relief and Annuity.....	Mr. J. F. Jordan
2:35	Report on Church-Pastoral Relationships.....	Rev. John Wells
2:45	Report on Home for the Aged.....	Dr. John T. Wayland
2:50	Discussion.....	Dr. John T. Wayland
3:05	Miscellaneous Business	
3:15	Adjournment	

6. A history of the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro was read by Mrs. H. G. Duncan, Historian. Upon a motion made by J. E. Pearson, seconded by T. J. McNeil, the history was adopted by the Association.

A HISTORY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTH WILKESBORO

In 1892 North Wilkesboro was a small town, age two years. As there was no church in the town and a number of Baptist families were living here, some prominent Baptist leaders began planning for a church of their faith. The first subscription was supposed to have been solicited from Mrs. Martha Pardue Jarvis, by Rev. A. T. Pardue. A. M. Church took the lead and offered to be responsible for one-half needed to build the church if others would contribute the remainder. The project was immediately begun, and Mr. Church went into the forest and selected choice timber. A lot on the corner of 6th and F Streets, now known as the Tip McNeill home site, was donated by the early Land Company. The first building was a rectangular one room frame building with a tall belfry at one corner. It seated 400 people. Later Sunday School rooms were added to the East side and curtains were used to provide extra space.

The formal organization of the church took place on Saturday, December 17, 1892 in a printing office in the rear of the Opera House. Rev. C. S. Caswell of Mocksville, I. T. Prevette of Wilkesboro, and J. S. Forester of North Wilkesboro met with 14 others to organize the church. C. S. Caswell was elected moderator and J. S. Forester clerk of the presbytery. Augusta E. Forester, H. B. Parker, Jr., Dr. W. P. Horton, Jane Byrd, Wm. M. Absher, N. J. Absher, M. A. Absher, A. M. Church, Susanna Church, Mary L. Church, Octavia Church, Harvey Church, Lilly Church, A. M. McGee and Mary McGee presented their letters. The Church Covenant and Articles of Faith were read and adopted, and the right hand of fellowship extended by the presbytery. The doors of the church were opened and J. S. Forester, who had served as clerk of the presbytery in the absence of a minister who had

failed to attend, presented his letter and was received. Mrs. E. F. Stafford (Mary Octavia Church) is the only charter member of the church still enrolled. Incidentally she is also the only living charter member of Liberty Grove, the home church of the Church family. It was not until after the organization of the Second Baptist Church that the title "First" was acquired.

Services were held in the printing office and later in the Opera House until the completion of the building. W. R. Bradshaw was called as pastor. He had been selected to teach at Moravian Falls Academy and lived there near the Baptist church. After accepting the call to North Wilkesboro, he continued to reside at Moravian Falls until a parsonage was provided for him in 1896. This building, located on F near Fourth Street, is now used as an office by the Wilkes Hosiery Mills. During his long pastorate (January 7, 1893 to December 15, 1904) he also served at different times as pastor of Wilkesboro, Walnut Grove, Mount Carmel and Edgewood churches.

The First Baptist Church was accepted into the Association August 24, 1893. About 1900 a group of members purchased a building and established a denomination school known as Blue Ridge Institute. The first principle was R. P. Johnson from Wake Forest, and later W. R. Bradshaw took charge of the school. Free tuition was given ministerial students. The school was abandoned after a few years. About 1902 Mr. Bradshaw undertook the publication of "The Blue Ridge Baptist," denominational paper. This publication should not be confused with a paper of the same name published in the Western part of the state.

After leaving First Baptist Mr. Bradshaw returned for revivals and special occasions. Death came on March 27, 1942 and prevented his participation in the Golden Anniversary.

W. F. Staley began his first pastorate January 29, 1905 and resigned December 1, 1908; returned March 3, 1918 and remained until August 19, 1921. During his first pastorate he preached two Sundays and at intervals at Edgewood and Moravian Falls. On his return he devoted full time to First Baptist Church. Two new Baptist churches were organized and sponsored by this church; Second Baptist during his first pastorate, and Gordon during his second.

C. M. Rock became pastor January 1, 1909 and resigned March 26, 1911. He was the first full time pastor. Shortly after coming, he presented a sketch of the proposed new church. His ideas were accepted and plans were made by an architect. The following served as a building committee: W. H. Church, E. M. Blackburn, C. C. Gambill, W. B. Carlton, J. S. Forester, J. I. Myers, H. W. Horton, W. P. Horton, E. F. Stafford and C. M. Rock. The corner stone was laid August 15, 1910. W. R. Bradshaw and W. F. Staley were present. Mr. Staley delivered an address selected by C. M. Rock—"The Struggle of the Baptist."

The old church and lot were sold for \$1500.00. Leading subscribers were A. M. Church, W. H. Church, C. C. Gambill, W. P. and H. W. Horton, and E. F. Stafford. A large lot was bought on the corner of D and Sixth Streets, a part of which was later sold to Walter Gwyn. The new

plant was valued at \$25,000.00 and was supposed to seat 1,000, although the number later shrank to 600. The first service in the new building was held early in January, 1912.

Following the Rev. Rock's resignation, W. F. Staley and L. B. Padgett, a former missionary to Africa, conducted a revival. At the close of the meeting, May 28, 1911, Mr. Padgett was elected pastor, but resigned December 1, 1911. J. Manning Dunnaway came to the church as pastor January 1, 1912 and left September 15, 1913. From March 4, 1914, until August 1, 1917, Rev. Edward Long served as pastor. Following W. F. Staley's second call, W. L. Griggs became pastor June 4, 1922 and resigned May 31, 1926. In 1923 the pipe organ was installed. George Reeves served as pastor from July 18, 1926 until November 1, 1932. Eugene Olive, who had previously served the First Church at Chapel Hill, became pastor January 22, 1933 and left August 25, 1940. His interest in music led to greater emphasis on the choir.

Dr. John W. Kincheloe began his pastorate February 16, 1941 and terminated it June 1, 1944. The Golden Anniversary of the church was celebrated October 19-25, 1942. T. Sloan Guy was interim pastor until Dr. David Browning assumed his duties September 1, 1944. Plans were drawn for a much needed educational building and more stress was placed on building finances. A church office was set up in the church and a weekly paper was published for the first time. His resignation took effect February 1, 1947. W. R. Wagoner served as interim pastor until the present pastor, Dr. John T. Wayland, assumed the duties of pastor September 1, 1947.

A change had been made in building plans. It was decided to build a new parsonage on a separate lot and convert the old parsonage into a "Church Annex" for Sunday School classes and other group meetings. A site for the new parsonage was purchased from Don Coffey on the corner of D. and Fifth Streets. This property is now valued at \$35,000. The old parsonage was torn down and two sections of the three divisions of the new educational building were erected, and connected with the church. This building of 42 rooms, including class rooms, assemblies, kitchen, rest rooms and social rooms, all equipped with new furniture was dedicated in 1951. The present combined plant is valued at \$200,000. Members of the building committee were: C. B. Eller, chairman, J. E. Caudill, W. K. Sturdivant, Isaac Duncan, D. E. Elledge, Mrs. C. B. Eller, Mrs. R. T. McNeil, and the pastor, John T. Wayland.

Let us now turn to other aspects of the development of the church. The first church clerk was H. B. Parker and the next J. L. Hawkins, each serving two years. In 1897 H. W. Horton became clerk and relinquished his duties to J. W. Garvey in 1906. He was succeeded by W. B. Carlton in 1907, who served one year. S. E. Absher was elected and served until 1914. The present church clerk, J. E. Caudill, is now in his 37th year. Statistics are not available for treasurers. Those who have served as chairman of the board of deacons are: Dr. W. P. Horton, E. F. Stafford, E. M. Blackburn, A. H. Casey, D. E. Elledge,

C. B. Eller, R. T. McNeill, J. H. Whicker, W. O. Absher, and J. Floyd Woodward. There are at present 21 deacons, who serve in rotating terms.

The first Sunday School superintendent was W. P. Horton (1893-1904); the second, W. H. Church (1904-16); the third, E. M. Blackburn (1916-36); and the fourth and present, D. E. Elledge (1936-). Although the Sunday School was evidently organized in 1892 or 1893, the first report is for 1895. In that year the enrollment was 56, including 7 teachers and officers. Mrs. E. F. Stafford was a teacher. For the first ten-year period the enrollment was 125; for the second, 270; for the third, 360; for the fourth, 638; the fifth, 603; and the sixth (8 years), 599. The average attendance was probably about half the enrollment.

Let us compare the Sunday School enrollment with the church enrollment. In 1892 there were 13 male and 12 female members. The yearly average membership for the first ten-year period was 56; the second, 180; the third, 320; the fourth, 570; the fifth, 592; and the sixth (8 years), 718. The slow growth for the fifth can be explained through the erasure of many names from the inactive list. There has been a rapid increase in membership.

Before entering upon a discussion of finances we should remember that the actual value of a dollar is determined by what that dollar will buy. The first pastor was paid a salary of \$100.00 for preaching one Sunday a month. Of the 19 churches in the Association, only seven paid any salary and only one paid more. For the first ten-year period the average yearly salary was \$225; the second, \$700.54; the third, \$1,287.20; the fourth, \$2,752.50; the fifth, \$2,620.00; and the sixth (8 years), \$3,773.60. For 1950 a total of \$10,401.66 was paid for all salaries, and revival and supply expenses. In 1893 First Baptist Church paid to all objects \$239.10; in 1902 \$386.50; from 1912-32 around \$6,000.00; in 1942, \$13,052.79 and in 1950, \$77,653.97. The present plant including the pastor's home is valued at \$235,000.00

It is impossible to summarize the influence of this church upon the lives of its members, upon the Association, and upon the Baptist denomination. In the early twenties R. Paul Caudill and Eugene Eller were ordained as ministers and have reflected great credit to the mother church. In 1948 Dean Minton was ordained to the Christian ministry and is now a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Five young women have dedicated their lives to Christian service: Mrs. Kenneth Green, Beth Jones, Peggy Nichols, Betty Jean Wells and Carol Richardson and are now either serving as Educational Directors or preparing for future work.

The First Baptist Church has always been interested in work beyond her immediate field. In addition to the paper and school already mentioned, she sponsored a Sunday School in Woodlawn in 1906 and the Second Baptist Church in 1907. Since then she, with other churches in town, has conducted a Sunday School and more recently a group of leaders from various churches have been considering the advisability of

organizing a religious center in Woodlawn. She sponsored Gordon Church in 1918. She gave considerable money and encouragement to Mountain View Institute, located at Hays and sponsored by the Brushy Mountain, Stone Mountain, and Elkin Associations.

She has taken the lead in several movements in the Association. On November 24, 1902, the Woman's Missionary Society was organized. From a modest beginning of 23 members, who made their money by selling fancy work, the enrollment reached 153 in 1950. The Society was instrumental in organizing the work in the Association, August 21, 1909. No record is available for the organization of the B. Y. P. U., but it was flourishing in 1919 and was no doubt responsible for the organization in the Association February 17, 1918. The first Vacation-Bible School in the Association was held at First Baptist Church in 1933, with an enrollment of 166 and an average attendance of 140. Since then schools have been held practically every year. The first Sunday School library was established in 1907-08 while W. H. Church was superintendent, and was among the first in the Association. In 1951, "The Brotherhood" was organized, the first in the Association.

First Baptist joined the Association in 1893 and invited the body to meet with her the following year. She was again host in 1907, 1921, and 1951.

MRS. H. G. DUNCAN

7. Miss Lunda Hendren, Associational Training Union Director, read the report on Associational Training Union work. Report was adopted upon motion. Associational Training Union officers presented a most attractive feature covering some of the work of the Training Union, including a Junior Memory Work Drill.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

The first activities of the 1950-51 Brushy Mountain Associational Training Union year included the attendance of 6 Executive Officers at the State Planning Meeting at High Point on Oct. 5, 1950 and the study of the Associational Manual Nov. 20 and Dec. 11, 1950.

Regular meetings were held, as scheduled: the Executive Committee Meeting the first month in each quarter, Officers and Leaders of all Training Unions the second month in the quarter and the Mass Meeting the third month.

For the Mass Meetings a variety of programs and activities were planned and carried out, which included: in the first mass meeting held Nov. 30, 1950, the Southside Theme for 1951, "Choose Ye This Day" was presented on filmstrip and in a message by Rev. James Potter, Pastor First Baptist Church in Statesville; the March, 1951 mass meeting featured a Youth Rally with several young people being used in the program and the various Tournaments of the Training Union. In the Junior Memory Work, Linda Godby and Elizabeth Pearson were winners in association and later in the regional and state tournaments. Avalon Minton won in association and region and Dorothy Darlington, Sarah Jane Payne and Jean Wayland in Association. In the Interme-

diate Sword Drill Sherrill Gambill was winner in association and in the Young Peoples Better Speakers for the association Leatrice Absher was winner and Janet Church, alternate. Mrs. Hazel Reavis won in the Adult Scripture Reading and the Intermediate Choir of North Wilkesboro in the associational and regional Hymn Festival. Instead of the one mass meeting in June 1951, group meetings were held in 6 churches and 334 persons were present from 17 churches. Hinshaw Street had the largest number present (83) from any church with Training Union and Davis Memorial (22) of any church without Training Union. At the mass meeting for the present quarter annual reports were made and new officers elected and installed. Attendance banner for mass meetings was won twice by Edgewood, once by Wilkesboro and once by Purllear church.

13 churches in the association now have Training Union work.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS LUNDA HENDREN,

Director Associational Training Union.

8. C. J. Poole read the report on Christian Education. Report adopted upon motion.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The question has been asked, "When should Christian education begin in the life of a child?" And someone answered, "With its grandmother." As we think of this statement we surely would say that it would be good if every child, his mother, and grandmother had a college education, but it would be better if they were Christian. The Master said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." That is to serve as a foundation for everything else. We should recognize and accept the great challenge there is in our opportunity to instill Christianity into the heart of every student long before college days. We always recognize quickly the need for a Christian element in our schools and colleges. We rejoice when we see that our Baptist centers of education have a great Christian spirit about them and are doing a grand job; but may God keep us aware also of the need of Christianity in all its reality instilled deeply in the heart of those we would send to our Christian educational centers.

Respectfully Submitted,

CHARLES J. POOLE.

9. The Moderator read a telegram from Claude F. Gaddy stating that he would not be able to meet the Association at the scheduled time for a discussion of Christian Education.

10. Miss Peggy Nichols led the congregation in singing, "We're Marching to Zion." Mrs. G. T. Mitchell served at the piano.

11. Dr. John T. Wayland, pastor of the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro, was recognized to extend an invitation to lunch immediately following the sermon.

12. Brother Clete Simmons, pastor of Hinshaw Street Baptist

Church of North Wilkesboro, was introduced to preach the Introductory Sermon. Brother Harvey White, alternate, pastor of Welcome Home, read the scripture, Matthew 28: 16-20 and Acts 1: 8-9. After prayer, Brother Simmons preached on the program theme, "The Church at Its Task in Our Time." The task is a tremendous one because of the characteristics of our time. The church must learn to cope with all phases of our world, our political world, our educational world, and our religious world. The world today is lacking in Christian education. Some of our leaders seem to have left the principals our forefathers stood for. The Christians of today should try to live up to the name of "Christian." Those early followers who were first called Christians had something the world did not have. The churches seem to have lost the zest for evangelism, lost the warmth that Christians of earlier years used to show. We need to renew this warmth and carry the gospel of eternal truth through Christian living, as did the early Christians. It is the task of the church to preach the New Testament, doctrine of the new birth, salvation by repentance and faith, consecrated living, and generous giving.

13. The Association was recessed for lunch.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

14. The afternoon session was called to order by the Moderator at 1:15. Brother Earl Pearson lead the congregation in singing, "Saviour, More Than Life to Me." Brother S. I. Watts led in the opening prayer. The Moderator recognized Brother W. A. Eichelberger, American Sunday School Association representative as a visitor.

15. The report on Associational Sunday School work was read by Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Brother T. E. Story. The report was adopted upon motion. The feature of the Sunday School Department portrayed a conference between a pastor and his Sunday School Superintendent, showing some ways of improving the Sunday School.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is the teaching agency in our churches. To it in the main must be given credit for what ever knowledge our people have of the Bible and the plan of salvation. It will perhaps hold true that four-fifths of all of the people who come into the membership of our churches come by way of the Sunday School.

All of this being true, how important it is that we give much and grave consideration to the improvement of the Sunday Schools in all of the churches.

At a meeting of the Associational Executive Committee held at Wilkesboro Church early in the year the writer of this paper was elected as Associational Superintendent and some suggestions were offered for encouraging the churches to improve their various Sunday Schools.

Later in the year a very enthusiastic associational meeting was held with the Pleasant Home Church and the Superintendent and the Associational Missionary put on a demonstration program.

On September 6th., at Hinshaw St.. Church, the last meeting of the Associational year was held which was well attended and a demonstration program was given.

The first meeting of the new year will be held with the Welcome Home Church on Monday evening, September 24th., to make plans for the coming year. All Sunday School Officers and Teachers are urged to attend.

The remainder of the time allotted to this part of the program will be used in giving you a feature which we hope will commend itself to you so forcefully that you will go away and do something about it.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. STORY,

Associational Superintendent

16. Mrs. Maude Miller, Associational representative of "The Biblical Recorder," read the report on the Recorder. The report was adopted upon motion.

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

For the past one hundred and eighteen years the Baptists of North Carolina and the South have had the privilege each week in that long period of time of receiving a copy of the Recorder in their homes.

During that period of years we have seen our membership grow from some fifteen thousand members to more than seven hundred thousand.

Surely the lives of many have been enriched by that light that has come to them through the pages of this publication as it has sought, through the news from the many churches and associations, its editorials giving Christian view points, and its general information concerning the Baptist world wide program, to bring God's Kingdom in.

It is a publication that ought to be in every home.

If you wish to subscribe individually you can get 52 issues for \$2.50; better than that if you will get a club in your church you can have the same 52 issues for \$2.00, but better still, if you will get your church to subscribe for each resident family of the members of your church, you can get the 52 issues for \$1.50 which is less than three cents per week.

At the present time, the ministers of the Association receive the Recorder and at least one or more have the club plan and one church has the "Every Family' Plan." We ought to do much better than that.

MRS. MAUDE MILLER

17. Report on Associational Missions was read by Brother J. Earl Pearson, Associational Missionary. The report was adopted upon motion.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

What do we mean when we use the term "Associational Missions"? Many people think that it refers to the personal work of the associational missionary. That is partially true, but not altogether so. The missionary must be in the program, and should at least have some

voice in guidance of that program; but the program must not be centered in that one person. It rather should be a cooperative effort in support of every phase of the Lord's work, supported and engaged in by the churches of a district association, largely confined to the area of that association, and yet reaching out beyond in influence and fruitfulness. It oftentimes is partially supported by the state convention, but is directed from within the district association, yet cooperatively works with the state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention in promotion of every phase of the work. The direction and co-ordination of that work may be shared by the missionary and the executive committee, or a missions committee, if desired. This work is close to the local churches, is often done with those churches, and participated in by local churches. These churches have a voice in the direction of the program through the executive committee, when the pastors and lay representatives of the local churches participate in the committee meetings. Dr. Sydnor Stealey, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, has often made the statement that one can easily tell how close a denomination or sect is to the New Testament pattern by asking the question, "which way is the power flowing?" If the power is flowing from the local church level, on out through the district association, the state convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention, then it is more nearly right than would be the case if the power were flowing in the opposite direction.

We are enjoying a happy situation in that kind of work here in our association. Our work is growing in almost every respect. Reports of the associational organizations and information revealed by the church letters indicate that fact. The officers leading us in the work of the Association and its organizations are to be commended for devoted and effective service.

Special recognition is given to the work of Brother John Wright of the Edgewood Church who was our summer worker again this year. He worked within the Association for 13 weeks, conducting Vacation Bible Schools, teaching study courses, preaching in revivals, and doing promotional and office work. Brother Wright is now engaged in further preparation for the ministry at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. There were 20 Bible Schools in our Association this year, and Mr. Wright's work was a great help in promotion and direction of these schools, though some were held without outside help.

The remaining portion of this report will be concerning the work of your missionary in the larger program of Associational Missions:

Visits, with no particular service rendered, to the churches for revival services, worship services, Sunday School, Training Union, prayer services, funerals, etc., 68. Definite service rendered; revivals, with 57 sermons; 18 other sermons; taught 20 Sunday School lessons; participated on 11 Training Union programs; on 5 W.M.U. and auxiliaries programs; 5 prayer meeting messages; 5 promotional messages; participated in 2 socials; taught 5 Training Union courses; taught 3 mission studies; promoted and participated in associational meetings—

2 Sunday School, 11 Training Union, and 1 W. M. U.; engaged in 448 individual, 10 group, and 12 committee conferences; enjoyed 379 visits other than conferences; directed 11 Vacation Bible Schools, with 8 preparation days, 11 picnics, and 11 commencements; directed 3 religious surveys; published 1800 bulletins; published 125 calendars of activities; sent out 270 pieces of mail; helped organize 2 Training Unions; traveled 13,037 miles in work; 18 radio messages; helped hold 8 special services at institutions; on 2 Sunday School department programs; on 1 Training Union demonstration program; 5 messages on special occasions; during all these services there were 56 conversions, 54 additions to the churches, and 15 dedications to special service; participated in 4 baptismal services and attended 1 other; 4 messages at Preachers' School; attended 27 sessions of Preachers' School and 9 of Pastors' Conference; led 2 Officers and Teachers meetings; assisted in 5 funerals; conducted 1 church conference; participated Lord's Supper twice; taught 1 Bible Study course.

Helped promote and participated in following other activities in Association; 1 Central Training Union Training School; Pastors' Family picnic; annual Associational meeting; serving as clerk; 3 meetings of Associational Executive Committee; 3 Evangelistic Rallies; the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade; studied Associational Training Union manual with officers; the annual Preachers' Week.

Work done outside the Association; Sunday School Planning Meeting, Morganton; revival, Cedar Rock, Caldwell Association; revival, First Baptist, Jonesville; Deacons' Rally, Yadkin Association; Training Union Planning Meeting, High Point; Wilkesboro Div. W. M. U. meeting, Yadkinville; Baptist State Convention, Durham; Conference for Missionaries, Durham; Conference on Evangelistic Crusade, Durham; Conference for Missionaries; Fruitland; participated in State-wide S. S. Clinic, Winston-Salem, conducted Eulargement Campaign in 1 church during clinic, directed survey, and preached 2 sermons; visited Preachers' Week, West Jefferson; conducted Mission Study, Rock Creek, Elkin Association; 2 visits and sermon, Fletcher, Carolina Association; Regional T. U. Officers Planning meeting, North Wilkesboro; W.M.U Leadership Conf., Elkin; Conf. on Evang., Charlotte; V. B. S. Clinic, Fruitland; participated Regional T. U. Convention, West Jefferson; sermon, Hiddenite, Alexander Association; sermon, Mt. Valley, Stone Mt. Association; sermon, Damascus, Colored, North Wilkesboro.

Your missionary wishes to express thanks to all who have contributed to support of Associational Missions program, and specifically to express gratitude for all personal gifts of money, food, etc., with a special word of thanks to all who have contributed or are contributing to the purchase of the new car. All these are much appreciated by your missionary and his family.

The following gifts not reported by the Treasurer are acknowledged; Big Ivy, food, valued \$5.00; Boiling Springs, food, value \$16.50; Edgewood, food, value \$10.00; Lewis Fork, food, \$15.00; Mount Carmel,

food, value \$2.00; Mount Pleasant, food, value \$15.00 and clothing, value \$4.00; New Hope, food \$10.00 value, and \$75.00 on car; First Baptist, food, value \$5.00; Hinshaw Street, food, value \$10.00; Purlear, food, value \$5.00, and \$25.00 on car; Welcome Home, food, value \$10.00; Zion Hill, food, value \$75.00. Other personal gifts toward the car and not given through churches amounted to more than \$400.00.

The following amounts of money have been handled by your missionary and remitted for the churches; Big Ivy, \$4.13, Assoc. Missions, and \$1.50, Cooperative Program; Davis Memorial, \$33.00, Assoc. Missions, \$15.00, J. Wright, and \$5.47, Cooperative Program; Boiling Springs, \$15.00, J. Wright, and \$5.45, Cooperative Program; Cub Creek, \$5.00 Cooperative Program; Edgewood, \$10.00, J. Wright; Harmony, \$48.25, Assoc. Missions; Lewis Fork, \$57.00, Assoc. Missions; Liberty Grove, \$12.75, Cooperative Program, \$15.00, J. Wright; New Hope, \$48.80, Assoc. Missions; Mt. Carmel, \$10.00, Cooperative Program; Oakwoods, \$27.60, Assoc. Missions; Pilgrim, \$19.75, Assoc. Missions; Purlear, \$50.00, Assoc. Missions, and \$5.82 Cooperative Program; Zion Hill, \$6.25, Assoc. Missions, \$10.00, J. Wright; \$10.42, Cooperative Program; First Baptist, \$15.00, J. Wright.

My service with you in Jesus name continues to be a happy experience. Your gracious fellowship and earnest cooperation is appreciated. May God bless you. Please pray for your missionary and his family.

Respectfully submitted

J. EARL PEARSON, Missionary

18. The report of the Executive Committee was read by Brother A. W. Eller, Chairman of the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To all the churches of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association: The Executive Committee of your association reports the following business transacted during the year:

Three special meetings were held in the interest of the work of our association. Plans were discussed how all the churches can be led to become more generous in support of our program of Associational Missions, under the leadership of our missionary, who is doing a wonderful work, by preaching, teaching, and promoting all phases of the work, without which we would be a great loss. Committees were appointed to contact the eleven churches that did not contribute to Associational Missions last year, and to encourage all our churches to be as generous as possible in helping to support this fine work here among our own churches.

The matter of the debt on our Minute Fund was discussed at length, and will be given more consideration in another section of this report.

A committee, composed of Dr. John Wayland, Rev. Gilbert Osborne, Miss Lunda Hendren, and Mr. Clyde Church, was appointed to study the constitution of the association and suggest changes. The recommendations of that committee are as follows:

“It is recommended that Article 9 be confined entirely to considera-

tion of the work of the Clerk; and that the last portion of that article now referring to the work of the Treasurer be lifted from Article 9, that the words 'and as' be replaced by the word 'the', and that the reworded portion of Article 9, referring to Treasurer be designated Article 10, with all other articles thereafter being numbered consecutively.

Since messengers to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina are to be appointed by local churches, as provided by the Constitution of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, we therefore recommend that under the general section of the Constitution of the association that Article 13 be deleted, and that remaining articles be renumbered to correspond.

It is further recommended that the last sentence of Article 10, which refers to the Executive-Promotion Committee, be made to read as follows: "A quorum shall consist of ten members of the Executive-Promotion Committee, including four of the associational officers named above in this article, providing either the Moderator or Vice-Moderator is present."

As concluding work of the Executive Committee, the program for the 1951 session of the association was arranged and recommended.

Your Executive Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That our Associational Missions program, under the leadership of our missionary, J. E. Pearson, be given continued and more generous support.

2. That the Treasurer's report and suggested budget for this year, which will be presented as a part of this report, be accepted.

3. That the following policy concerning offerings for the missionary be suggested to the churches in order to prevent confusion:

A. Service rendered to a church by the missionary has not been and will not be dependent upon the ability or the willingness of that church to receive an offering for the missionary.

B. That each church be encouraged to send in regular contributions to Associational Missions, either on a monthly or quarterly basis, in order that financial obligations of the association may be met regularly.

C. Whenever the missionary renders service to a church, love offerings may be received and designated as the church wishes; but if undesignated otherwise, it will be credited for the church as a gift to Associational Missions. This may be the only contribution of that church to Associational Missions, or it may be in addition to the amounts sent in regularly.

D. Personal gifts of food, gas, clothing, etc., and money will be reported in the missionary's personal report as the giver wishes, and will not be included in the report of the treasurer.

4. We further recommend that the report of the Committee

of the Executive Committee on Constitutional Changes be accepted.

5. Also, that the Preachers' School, sponsored by the Wilkes County Baptist Pastors' Conference, be given the whole hearted support of the churches and the preachers. Some financial support from the churches or otherwise, and a better response to the school by the preachers, whether or not they are pastors, should be given in order that the school may be expanded. The churches are urged to encourage pastors and preachers to attend the school. In cases where ministers must do secular work to make a living, it may be that the churches can make it financially possible for them to leave that work, where possible, for one day or one-half day each week.

6. That the debt of \$110.00 on the publication of the 1950 associational minutes be paid off by special contributions raised in the churches during the next few weeks.

7. That the association hold a night session on the night of the first day of the annual meeting next year, and that it be used as the Committee On Order Of Business arranges.

8. That the Calendar of Activities be set up for the Associational year instead of the calendar year.

9. And, finally, that letters of the churches to the association be mailed to the clerk at least once one week ahead of the meeting of the association in order that a digest of the church letters made be arranged and presented at the annual meeting.

Your Committee appreciates very sincerely the fine support and cooperation given by all the churches in the association during the past year, and may we all do our best in the coming year to build and make our association one of the best in our state.

Respectfully submitted,
The Executive Committee of the
Brushy Mountain Baptist Association
A .W. ELLER, Chairman

19. Report of Associational Treasurer was read by Brother T. E. Story. Report of Executive Committee and Treasurer adopted upon motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Your Treasurer begs leave to submit the following report of the financial transactions of the past year as follows:

There are 35 churches in the Association and 26 of them have contributed in some amount, small or large, to the support of the local missionary work and nine have not, however, two of the nine did take a special offering for the extra helper employed to help with the Vacation Bible School work.

The treasurer wishes to thank all of the churches for their support of this work and wishes to urge them to continue to do so with perhaps some additional liberality on the part of a number of the stronger churches.

It is certainly hoped that the nine churches not contributing to the

work the past year will endeavor to do so in some sort of way during the coming year.

Our work can continue to go forward under the leadership of our Associational Missionary, Brother J. E. Pearson, with the cooperation of the churches. Failure to do so would be a setback to all of our church work in the Association.

T. E. STORY, Treasurer

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT

Sept. 15, 1950, to Sept. 15, 1951

RECEIPTS:

Beaver Creek	\$ 36.00
Big Ivy	4.13
Boiling Springs	24.00
Cub Creek	12.00
Davis Memorial	33.00
Edgewood	33.00
Elk	4.00
Fishing Creek .....	.
Gordon	24.00
Goshen	14.00
Harmony	48.25
Hinshaw St.	48.00
Lewis Fork	87.00
Liberty Grove .....	.
Little Rock	60.00
Moravian Falls	18.00
Mount Carmel .....	.
Mount Pleasant	30.00
Mount Zion	16.50
New Hope	98.80
N. Wilkesboro 1st.....	1215.00
N. Wilkesboro 2nd.....	.
Oakwoods	27.60
Pilgrim	19.75
Pleasant Home	60.00
Pleasant Grove .....	.
Purlear	62.00
Roaring River .....	.
Sharon Walker .....	.
Stony Hill	5.00
Shady Grove .....	.
Walnut Grove	24.00
Welcome Home .....	.
Wilkesboro	400.00
Zion Hill	9.90
	\$2413.93
State Mission Board	\$1240.00
Mr. J. E. Spainhour.....	375.00
	\$4028.93
1950 Balance	218.78
	\$4247.71
Grand Total	\$4247.71

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary J. E. Pearson	2799.87
Asso. Exp. et al	897.26
House Rent	480.00
	\$4177.13
Balance Sept. 16, 1951 ..	70.58
	\$4247.71

John Wright Account

RECEIPTS

State Mission Board	165.00
N. Wilkesboro 1st.....	65.00
Edgewood	20.95
Liberty Grove	15.00
Boiling Springs	15.00
Davis Memorial	15.00
Cub Creek	5.30
Welcome Home	5.00
Zion Hill	10.00
	\$316.25
Association Funds	28.75
	\$345.00

Paid John Wright..... 345.00

Summary of All Receipts

State Mission Board.....	1240.00
State Mission Board	165.00
	\$1405.00
J. E. Spainhour	375.00
The Churches	2413.93
The Churches	151.25
	\$4345.18

T. E. STORY, Treasurer.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS
1951-1952

Salary of Missionary Worker.....	\$2800.00
Expense Allowance.....	908.00
House Rent.....	480.00
Retirement for Missionary.....	112.00
	\$4300.00
Salary and Expenses of Summer Worker.....	250.00
	\$4550.00

PROPOSED RECEIPTS

From State Mission Board.....	\$1200.00
Special, Personal Contribution.....	500.00
The 35 Churches of Association.....	2850.00
	\$4550.00

20. Brother C. J. Poole spoke in discussion of the reports of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer. He urged the churches to try to keep ahead of the budget for Associational Missions.

21. Brother R. L. Franklin spoke in discussion of the report of the Executive Committee, referring to the plan for a night session to be held on the first day of the Association next year. Brother Franklin brought out the fact that many people who cannot attend during the day session might be able to come to a night meeting.

22. Mrs. Hadley Hayes read the report on the Baptist Orphanage. The report was adopted upon motion.

**REPORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO BAPTIST ORPHANAGE
FROM THE BRUSHY MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION**

During the year 1950 this Association sent to the Orphanage the sum of \$3,345.25. During the first half of this year our contributions have amounted to \$1,125.50.

Of course, we would urge each church to give to the orphanage as liberally as it can. I recall that I moved back here in 1938 and at that time the Wilkesboro Baptist Church was sending to the Orphanage \$50.00 per year. In 1939 our Young Men's Sunday School Class voted to support one orphan a year. On the second Sunday of each month we take a special offering and send \$35.00 on that Sunday to the Orphanage. Whatever we have left we put in the bank and send an extra offering on Thanksgiving. In the twelve years our class has not failed to send our check to support our orphan. I know personally that our members have derived a great deal of pleasure out of knowing that we are doing this for some child who cannot support itself.

I wish that each church could work out some definite program and send a definite amount to the Orphanage each month to help support

these children who have no one to depend on except the big hearts of the members of the Baptist Churches in this state.

I am glad that our offerings are this much but I hope that in next years report a decided increase will be shown from this Association.

HADLEY HAYES

23. Brother Marse Grant was invited to speak in discussion of the Orphanage report. Brother Grant reviewed the policies as set down in the beginning of the Orphanage by John H. Mills, of receiving "once a month" offerings, plus a Thanksgiving offering, and of keeping the people informed about the Orphanage through "Charity and Children." He recalled the names of some of the great leaders of the Orphanage down through the years, and asked the Association to remember the present leader, Brother W. C. Reid, in prayer. Being the "father" of 765 children has its problems, as does being a matron, with its demands on patience, energy, and time. Because of the tragedies of the world, the Orphanage is in great demand. It is trying to fill the needs of these boys and girls. Over 50 young people accepted Christ during the Simultaneous Revival, which was preached by one of the former Mills Home boys.

24. The Moderator invited any churches wishing to present themselves for membership in the Association to come forward. No churches responded.

25. Brother John T. Wayland called attention to the Bulletin of the North Carolina Home for the Ageing and asked delegates to take home a copy.

26. The Moderator expressed appreciation to the host church and invited the delegates to attend the session at Harmony on the next day, Wednesday, the 19th of September.

27. Brother J. Earl Pearson called attention to free literature he had for distribution to the delegates, particularly on Brotherhood work. He challenged the men to be enlisted in the work of the Brotherhood that more men might be informed of the work of the Baptists. Appreciation was expressed for the splendid Brotherhood recently organized in the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro, the only and first in the Association.

28. Benediction was pronounced by Brother W. W. Miles, and the meeting adjourned until Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

29. The second day of the seventy-eighth session of the Brushy Mountain Association, meeting with Harmony Baptist Church, was called to order at 9:45 by the Moderator, Brother A. W. Eller. Mrs. John T. Wayland served as pianist, while Brother J. Earl Pearson led the congregation in singing, "Wonderful Words of Life."

30. Brother Rex West, pastor of Harmony, extended greetings from the church to the delegates and visitors. Brother West led the group in the worship period, reading Luke 5: 1-11. God would have us

launch out into the deep in our Association and not be satisfied with what we've done, but definitely realize greater things for Him.

31. The Moderator called attention to committees appointed at Tuesday session.

32. A history of Harmony Baptist Church was read by Mrs. H. G. Duncan, Associational Historian. The history was adopted by the Association upon motion.

A HISTORY OF HARMONY CHURCH

The Christian people of the present Harmony community felt the need of a church and Sunday School. With roads almost impassable in winter, it was hardly possible for the families to attend church regularly. T. J. Broyhill, lumberman and carpenter, was preparing to build a new house when his wife suggested that they continue to live in a sawmill shack and build a place of worship in the community. Mr. Broyhill then took the lead in building Harmony church. He gave three acres of land, timber, and even used the sills and framing cut for his new house. Labor and some financial help were contributed. Workmen were urged: "Work as long as you can free, then I will pay you." While the church was being planned and built, Rev. A. T. Pardue preached the first sermon under a large oak. Later a brush arbor served as a temporary place of worship.

We do not know exactly why the name was chosen. It was reported that Mr. Broyhill often spoke of hoping the name of "Harmony" would be chosen. This name pleased A. T. Purdue. Perhaps, as was suggested in Sunday School last Sunday, these men gave the name "Harmony", hoping the new church would live up to its name.

The formal organization took place September 9, 1900. A presbytery was formed and included four ministers: J. J. Beech, J. S. Forester, L. P. Gwaltney and A. T. Pardue. J. J. Beech was elected moderator and J. O. Pardue, clerk. The following brought their letters: from Cub Creek, T. J. Broyhill, Sara Broyhill, Rural Broyal, Marvin Broyhill, J. O. Pardue and M. A. Pardue; from Pleasant Home, John Kilby, Martha Kilby, H. C. Kilby, and Fanny Dancy; from Pilgrim, W. L. Minton; South Fork, Delphia Minton. Evidently the organization was not fully completed as the Church Covenant and Articles of Faith were read and approved October 13, 1900. The Banner McNeill family, who were kept away on account of illness, and possibly others joined later and were considered as charter members. The Covenant was faithfully recorded in the church minutes. Harmony was received into the Association at the 1901 meeting.

The first pastor, J. J. Beech, served two years. On September 13, 1902, G. W. Hamby began a one year term. A. T. Pardue became pastor January 3, 1904 and remained until September 3, 1910, when J. W. Burchett began a four-year pastorate. In August 1915, W. E. Linney was elected pastor. Owing to a gap in the minutes, we presume the next pastor was A. T. Pardue, followed by R. N. Garner in 1918. Finley Watts served as pastor in 1919. G. W. Sebastian was called Sep-

tember 24, 1919 and served two years. L. B. Murray was called July 1921 and remained until June 1928. Finley Watts was elected and continued until July 1930 when L. B. Murray was again elected. In June 1931, Hubert Bullis was selected and served until June 1935. During the September 1933 revival conducted by the pastor and A. E. Watts 54 members were added to the church. At a called meeting in June 1935, A. E. Watts and Levi Green were nominated and the former was elected. At the June 1936 business meeting, F. C. Watts and Levi Green were nominated and the latter was elected. Finally in September, 1936, a request for 34 church letters was granted. These persons with some others formed the nucleus for Welcome Home church. The Rev. Watts gave up his work in August, 1939, and was followed by R. F. Day, who continued as pastor until September 12, 1943. A. G. Aldridge was elected, but was unable to come. Harvey Phillips served instead. In September, 1944, Graham Smith was selected as pastor and served until February, 1946, when Arthur Ashley was elected. The July election in 1948 gave the pastorate to Iredell Osborne, who continued through 1950.

In the minutes of the Association T. J. Broyhill is listed as church clerk, but J. O. Pardue signed the church minutes during this period. He continued to serve as church clerk until March 1917 when he resigned on account of ill health. R. J. Farrington was elected and served until September 1919, when H. M. Phillips took over the work. In August 1924 H. W. Mahaffey began a three year term. He resigned in June and C. J. Jones became clerk and remained until June 1932 when H. W. Mahaffey was again elected. In April 1934 W. E. Jones became clerk and relinquished his duties to J. T. Mahaffey November 1935. He remained until December 1941. At that time H. H. Hartley was elected. He was succeeded by the present clerk L. A. Minton September 1944.

The first record of membership gives 24. The average number enrolled each year for the first ten year period was as follows: first, 42; second, 70; third, 150; fourth, 140; fifth (eight years) 94. There was a rapid growth until 1939. A peak of 201 was reached in 1935. In 1940, 100 names were removed by erasure. From the 66 left, the enrollment has increased to 90.

The growth of the Sunday School has not been consistent. During part of the time Sunday School was held only during the warmer months. As compiled from what statistics are available, the average yearly enrollment for the first ten year period was 53, the second 68, the third 103, the fourth 84 and the fifth (eight years) 74. The average attendance has been about two thirds of the enrollment. Beginning with 1923 and extending through 1936 the enrollment was highest. Since 1946 there has been a decided increase in attendance. D. S. Lee was the first Sunday School superintendent (1902). Other superintendents with term of office are as follows: G. F. McNeill, 1907, 1911; T. J. Broyhill, 1908; J. O. Pardue, 1909; J. F. Goodman, 1912; T. M. Hawkins, 1913; W. M. Howell, 1914; H. M. Phillips, 1915, 1920; H. W.

Mahaffey, 1919; R. L. Lankford, 1921, 1940-45, 1947-48; H. D. Caudill, 1922-25, 1929-39; W. B. McNeill, 1926; L. T. Bernard, 1928; Jake Caudill, 1946; J. T. Mahaffey, 1949; Clyde Reavis, 1950-. For the other years I have no record.

Harmony, like many other churches did not deal in high finance during its early years. On July 1, 1905, the collection amounted to 37 cents. For the first few years no salary was paid the pastor, then around \$50.00 was given. The amount gradually increased until in 1950 Harmony paid the pastor \$360.00. In 1941 the total contribution for all purposes was \$220.96 and for the next year, \$945.90. Last year the total expenditure was \$2686.00. Harmony paid more than 23 of the 35 churches in the Association although only six churches had fewer members. To put it another way, Harmony gave almost \$40.00 per member while the average member in the Association contributed around \$25.00.

The church building was erected in 1900. Later a building fund was established and the collection each third Sunday was set aside for this purpose. The building was insured for \$3000. In August 1949 the building committee was given authority to build Sunday School rooms. Three have been erected and one more can be made from these. This project cost about \$1600.00 The plant is now valued at \$6,000.00. Approximately \$250.00 was spent on improving the cemetery. A janitor is employed and a small amount is given the Sunday School secretary.

Of the 12 churches reporting tithers Harmony has five, and ranks seventh from the top of all churches in the Association in tithing.

Harmony has done other things that need to be noticed. By making small contributions over a long period of time, she has bought a piano and just recently has had the floors beautifully finished. She has remembered the needy of the community and has sent contributions consistently to the Baptist Hospital and Orphanage. She has laid a great deal of stress on music and has shared her quartets and choir with other churches. In the early history of the church a definite effort was made to encourage members to attend church regularly. Persons were dismissed for disorderly conduct, but were restated when they repented of their sins. Very few churches have laid more stress on the members being in hamony when business was to be transacted. The church finances have been excellently kept since 1943. An adding machine has been used to assure accuracy. Two ministers have been ordained to the Christian ministry—Graham Smith and Edd Faw in 1944.

There is no record of a Baptist Training program or of a Vacation Bible School. Around 1915, and again in the early 1930's, a Woman's Missionary Society was listed. It would appear that the field is ripe for more emphasis on young peoples' work and missions.

MRS. H. G. DUNCAN

33. Ministers not present the first day of the Association were

recognized as follows: L. B. Minton, Buck, N. C.; Rex West, pastor Harmony Baptist Church; C. W. Bazemore, Assistant Editor of the "Biblical Recorder"; M. H. Kendall, Mars Hill College; J. W. Hemric, Brier Creek Association.

34. Mrs. John T. Wayland read the report on Foreign Missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

As hopes of world peace fade, and as men everywhere are seeking desperately to hold on to what little peace and security they have, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is trying to do its small part in bringing about a real and permanent peace—by expanding and advancing its work in foreign lands as rapidly as possible.

A new high record was established in 1950 by the appointment of 111 new missionaries in one year. This brings the number of active Southern Baptist missionaries to just over 800.

Work was begun in 3 additional countries—Ecuador and Peru in South America and Southern Rhodesia in Africa. Missionaries have also been assigned to Jordan in the Near East. With these additions, the Board will have missionaries in residence in 27 national areas of the world.

A high record has also been established in receipts—the total being over six million dollars—a large increase over the previous year of 1949.

The largest advance of the year has been in Japan. At the end of the year we had 72 missionaries under appointment to serve eighty-five million Japanese people. The Board hopes to reach a total of 100 missionaries to Japan by the end of 1951.

No definite report can be made on China because of the present Communist control. Most, if not all, of the missionaries had to leave China, but our large investments of the past in this country have not been made in vain, for there are thousands of Chinese Christians—with trained learders among them who will carry on for Christ.

If the high rate of expansion which the Foreign Mission Board has achieved since the Advance Program was launched is to be maintained, Southern Baptists must continue to increase Foreign Mission Funds.

This will require cooperation and sacrifice on the part of every local church. Let us work and pray to the end that our Association may be a strong link in the chain of Brotherhood which binds man to man and man to God.

Respectfully submitted,

EUNICE F. WAYLAND

35. Brother R. L. Franklin read the report on Home Missions.

HOME MISSIONS

The distinctive work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention might be designated as that of surveying the fields and studying relative needs and opportunities, of equalization

of mission responsibilities and support, of unification of forces for common tasks and interests, of service to groups requiring a South-wide ministry, and of leadership in missionary education.

To meet the needs of the denomination for more liberal and permanent support, the Home Mission Board has launched a comprehensive Five-Year Crusade for more converts, more churches, more mission stations, and more effective witnessing. In 1950 and 1951 the emphasis has been on evangelism with the Simultaneous Crusades of Evangelism. Church extension has been the main theme since the Crusade in 1951 and will continue through 1952. In 1953 and 1954 the special emphasis will be upon effective witnessing, with the purpose of securing soul winners, enlisting unaffiliated Baptists, and crossing all racial and language barriers with the gospel.

The Home Mission Board has been alert to current trends and new opportunities for service. Since 1940 eight new departments or phases of work have been started or reorganized. These new types of work are the city mission program, the rural church program, the school of missions department, the student mission program, city Negro centers, work among the migrants, the Western Mission program, and the chaplain's peacetime ministry. Evangelism has received new emphasis. Field workers have been added to serve among the Good Will Centers, to help reach Catholics, to assist with mission buildings, and to minister to juvenile delinquents. All of these ministries are being carried on in addition to the regular work among the language groups and the special interest groups that have been functioning for many years.

Southern Baptists have been blessed in a peculiar way. They have grown almost three times as rapidly as the population. Today approximately two-thirds of the Baptists of the world live in the bounds of our Convention territory.

Brushy Mountain Association contributions of 11 churches	
to Home Missions.	\$ 961.32
Contributions through Co-operative Program of 19 churches	
to Home Missions	291.58
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Total contributions to Home Missions.....	\$1252.90

"Uuto whomsoever much is given, will much be required."

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. FRANKLIN

36. The report on the Cooperative Program was given by Brother C. W. Proffit.

THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Experience has proved that the survival of any organization depends upon the foundation on which it is established and the system by which it is managed. The Cooperative Program was adopted in 1926 out of necessity, to enlist all Southern Baptists in the systematic

support of all the work of the denomination. There is no reason why the Cooperative Program should not be supported by all Missionary Baptists, yet less than 50 per cent of the churches of the Brushy Mountain Association contributed to the program last year.

I recently heard a well known man in our Association speak unfavorable of the Cooperative Program, that he thought the money given was divided unfairly and that he felt the people should be let decide for themselves what part of the Baptist Program they should contribute to. I cannot agree with him on the last part of his statement due to the fact that the majority of Baptists are not aware of the needs of our organization and if we were left to give as we wished parts of our program would prosper while others would suffer.

Through our gifts to the Cooperative Program we help support every phase of Baptist work throughout the world. From the time of the adoption of this program until 1948 there has been a steady increase, both in the amount given and the number of churches contributing, but for some unexplainable reason since 1948 there has been a sharp decrease in both. Here are Statistics taken from the records of our association.

Year	Amount given Cooperative Program	Number of Churches Contributing
1945	\$4417.57	12
1946	\$4617.72	18
1947	\$4274.93	20
1948	\$5270.58	24
1949	\$4628.40	21
1950	\$3284.24	16

Can it be that we are no longer Missionary Baptists? Our people need to be constantly reminded of the aims and objectives of the Cooperative Program and encouraged to give systematically. It is probably true that not more than one-fifth of our membership are doing this. The great task ahead of us, therefore, is to develop the individual members to a sense of stewardship along with the conviction that the bringing of the offering is really as much a part of worship as is prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. PROFFIT

37. Mrs. G. Warner Miller read the report on State Missions.

STATE MISSIONS

The goal and objective of State Missions may be stated thus:

“NORTH CAROLINA MUST BE CHRISTIAN”

In trying to accomplish this objective the State Mission program embraces many activities, and these may be stated as follows: S .S. Work, T. U. Work, Assemblies, Teaching Activities (Visual Education, Radio, etc.), Evangelism, New and Needy Churches, Work among the

Indians, School for Ministers, Work among the Silent People, Interracial Activities, Neglected Areas (Lots for New Churches) and Student Work among 15,000 Baptist Students.

Renewed emphasis is being given to work among the rural churches.

Therefore, State Missions has many pressing needs but perhaps the most pressing right now is some \$50,000.00 with which to buy lots where new churches should be established and another \$50,000.00 above what is now being received for State Missions with which to supplement the salaries of Pastors to minister to the churches and thus get the work started.

Let it be remembered that State Missions is Not Just One Object, but is a program of some eighteen activities.

A special Offering during September and October of \$150,000.00 is perhaps the greatest need of our North Carolina Baptist Program.

May State Missions attain the goal "NORTH CAROLINA MUST BE CHRISTIAN" by Loyal Support and Earnest Prayers of Baptists throughout the State.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. WARNER MILLER

38. On motion, the reports on Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Cooperative Program, and State Missions were adopted. Brother J. Earl Pearson spoke to the Foreign Mission report and the report on the Cooperative Program. Brother Rex West spoke to the report on State Missions.

39. On motion of Brother John T. Wayland, seconded by Brother Glenn Huffman, the program of the Association was revised to give time to representatives present from Mars Hill College and the "Biblical Recorder", who were scheduled to speak at the Tuesday session.

40. Brother Clyde Church was recognized to read the report of the Nominating Committee. The Committee nominated the following officers: Moderator, Rev. A. W. Eller, R. 1, Wilkesboro; Vice-Moderator, Rev. Gilbert Osborne, R. 1, Wilkesboro; Treasurer, Mr. T. E. Story, Wilkesboro; Clerk, Mrs. Tam Hutchinson, R. 2, N. Wilkesboro; Historian, Mr. J. F. Jordan, Wilkesboro. They were unanimously elected.

41. Report of the Woman's Missionary Union was read by Mrs. Tal Barnes. Report was adopted upon motion.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

"That the world may know," the underlying motive of the Advance Program of our denomination, has been the end to which the women and young people of the Brushy Mountain Associational W. M. U. have purposed to place their talents and energies.

With a gain of four new organizations, there are now twelve Woman's Missionary Societies and twelve Young People's organizations in twelve of the churches of our association. A gain in membership makes a reported total of 571.

Realizing that, if they are to help the world to know Christ, they need to know the needs and opportunities. There has been a definite increase in mission study classes and in the reading of missionary books. There has been, too, a spirit of faithfulness in stewardship as shown in an increase in the total gifts to the Cooperative Program, to all special mission offerings, and in the total number of tithers. Cooperating in the Evangelistic Crusade, many engaged in personal witnessing and in other efforts to win the lost of their communities as a part of the planned work of community missions. In behalf of missionaries, fellow Christians on mission fields, and the multitudes to be won, earnest prayers have been lifted at the daily nine o'clock morning prayer hour and at the increased observance of the definite Seasons of Prayer for Home, State, and Foreign Missions.

It was a glorious privilege to hold the annual meeting with the women and pastor of Pleasant Home church and to have as special guests Miss Ernelle Brooks, missionary to Nigeria; Miss Hilda Mayo, State Young People's Leader; and Mrs. Bessie Harris and Mrs. Howell of the Woman's Baptist H. & F. Missionary Convention of North Carolina (colored); and several of our own pastors.

The North Carolina Union is joining the other southern states of the Convention in returning to an October to October year of accounting. It is with a deep desire to give ourselves into the fullest consecration to service that we solicit your support and prayers as we seek leadership for the new year just ahead that with devotion and abandon the women and young people give themselves "that the world may know."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. GILBERT FOSTER

42. The Moderator invited Brother M. H. Kendall, of Mars Hill College, to speak to the Association. Brother Kendall brought greetings from all the colleges. There are 5,000 students in our Baptist colleges this year. The Catholics are fast gaining ground in North Carolina. The Catholics hold so much sway in Chile that \$4 million was given to Catholics not to teach their doctrines in the public schools. We must send our children to church supported schools. In the city of Waynesville, North Carolina, of the students the Catholic school has enrolled, 86 per cent of the students are not Catholic. Many of our North Carolina towns and cities have similiar situations. Any young man or woman who wants to go to college can go, depending upon how strong his own desire is. Students do not lose credits when transferring to other colleges. Last year, Mars Hill College became a member of the National Association of Schools of Music. Mars Hill gives the student a Christian atmosphere, and gives them genuine things for their growth. There is no reason why one cannot have a highly trained mind and a warm heart.

43. Brother C. W. Bazemore, of the "Recorder," was invited to speak to the Association by the Moderator. Brother Bazemore emphasized the "Recorder" as the agent of the Baptist State Convention

for keeping us informed—the “mouth piece.” It aids in carrying out our program of worship, evangelism, vision, and Christian homes. Brother Bazemore contrasted the lives of two different people as to their purpose in life. One, who willed \$30,000 to her dog, was not a Christian. The other, who spent time in a Japanese prison camp during World War II, came home and prepared himself to go back and preach Jesus to them, came from a Christian home.

44. The Moderator appointed Brother N. C. Church and Brother Richard Parsons to serve on the Time, Place, and Preacher Committee.

45. Brother J. Earl Pearson led the congregation in singing, “Rescue the Perishing.” Mrs. John T. Wayland served as pianist.

46. Brother John T. Wayland, pastor of the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro, preached the “Missionary Sermon,” reading from the seventeenth chapter of Acts. Brother Wayland asked three piercing questions: God believes in missions. Do you? Christ believes in missions, gave Himself for it. Are you willing? Every Christian should be a missionary. Are you? Many people do not know God as a missionary God. Who is the God you know? God loves all of His creation. Many do not believe in people who live across the line—racial, state, slums, etc. Are people giving to missions in proportion to their own needs? They are giving to missions just as they did ten years ago, before they had televisions and the many other items of luxury. God made man free, to choose between good and evil. Man broke the law of God and went the evil way. Ever since, God has been trying to save us. God believes in missions and expects us to love every single person. He wants us to bring them to him. Missions originated in the heart of God. John 3:16 reveals that God gave all he had in this world. Jesus is the reason for missions. The Holy Spirit is our means. The arms of Jesus are outstretched on the cross to all men everywhere. Every Christian should consider himself called to be a foreign missionary. It is up to the individual to prove it to God if he cannot go. There are certain requirements to be a foreign missionary, such as age limitations, unusual personality, etc. All of us can be missionaries at home. Missions is not a matter of geography, but a matter of spirit. If Jesus Christ means everything to you, then He can mean everything to someone else. In his Name, it is our duty and privilege to share Jesus. “I can’t do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do. What I can do, by the grace of God, I will do.”

47. After the benediction the session adjourned for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

48. The opening song of the afternoon session on Wednesday was, “I Love to Tell the Story.” The congregation was led in singing by Brother Rex West and Miss Peggy Nichols served as pianist. Brother Carr Dancy led the opening prayer.

49. The Moderator recognized ministers who were not present at the other sessions, as follows: Brother R. M. Hauss, Shelby, Execu-

tive Director of the Allied Church League; Brother Julian Pentecost, Baptist Hospital Chaplain; and Brother Iredell Osborne.

50. Report on the Baptist Hospital was given by Miss Peggy Nichols. The report was adopted upon motion.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

North Carolina Baptists have every reason to be proud of their Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Incorporated in 1922, the Hospital has kept as its main objectives teaching and healing. These objectives are accomplished through your Baptist Hospital and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College, which form only Baptist-owned hospital and medical school combined in the world today.

The School is now a four year medical school, supported from the General Budget of Wake Forest and the resources of the Bowman Gray Foundation. Several young men from Wilkes County are enrolled there at present. Also, included in the teaching program is a School for nurses, from which several of our girls from Wilkes County were recently graduated.

The Department of Religion at the Hospital is composed of a director, who recently served as Interim pastor of Wilkesboro Baptist Church, several chaplains, in training, and a Student Secretary. The chaplains are eager to be of service any time during the day or night.

Besides the service rendered to patients occupying the 260 beds and 55 bassinets the Hospital operates an Outpatient Department for those who cannot be accommodated in the hospital. A private Diagnostic Clinic is located in the Medical School for those who are able to pay for examinations.

An average of three babies per day are born at the hospital, about 9 X-Ray treatments are given, 1,949 meals are served, 13 operations are performed, 50 to 60 prescriptions are filled, 18 emergency visits are made, and 5 and a half tons of coal are burned per day.

Funds received each year in Mother's Day offerings are used to help pay the hospital expenses of those patients who can only pay a part of their hospitalization or nothing at all. Receipts from the Mother's Day offering in 1950 totaled \$140,639.81, which included \$3,-964. 57 estimated value of linens given by Woman's Missionary Unions. Of this amount, 31 churches of the Brushy Mountain Association contributed \$1,057.48. Twenty-six churches in this Association reported \$2,415.69 given during the Associational year 1950-51 to the hospital, of which \$1,114.10 was given to the Mother's Day offering.

Approximately half of the 9,702 bed patients admitted to the hospital in 1950 and all those seen in the Outpatient Clinic (47,889 visits) paid no doctor's fee and were assisted by the Mother's day offering.

Hundreds of Wilkes County patients are treated each year at the hospital with expenditures unpaid amounting to several thousand dollars more than this Association contributes to the hospital. The deficit is taken care of only by other North Carolina Baptists.

When the hospital was first built, only 100 beds were provided.

Although there are now 260 beds, there is a great demand for more beds and more space. In 1946 the Convention authorized the building of a new wing, and it is just this year that the building will be begun. At the Convention in April, 1950, two proposals were made as to how gifts could be collected from each church for payment of the wing:

1. Let each church undertake to raise \$1, \$2, or \$3 per member, according to its membership.
- or 2. Let each church give about one-fourth of what it contributed to all objects of the Convention in 1949, provided no church set a goal of less than \$100, unless the church has fewer than 100 members.

Winston-Salem friends have given \$608,000 to help build this wing.

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us give, as the Lord has prospered us."

Respectfully submitted,

PEGGY NICHOLS

51. Brother Julian Pentecost spoke to the Association on the work of the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. As Chaplain, Brother Pentecost works with Dr. McGee and Richard Young. The Mother's Day offerings by the churches make possible the free service given by the Hospital. For every dollar given, \$2 to \$3 worth of free service is made available to patients. The hospital touches the lives of many people for Christ. It is a part of His ministry.

52. Report of Time, Place, and Preacher was submitted and report was adopted upon motion. The Executive Committee will choose alternates for the sermons.

TIME—Tuesday and Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1952 (23rd & 24th).

PLACE—September 23, 1952, Purlear. Night session, 23rd, Purlear. September 24, 1952, Lewis Fork.

PREACHER—Introductory Sermon, R. L. Franklin. Missionary Sermon, Clate Brown.

Respectfully submitted,

R. DON NICHOLS, Chairman

53. Brother R. L. Franklin read the report on resolutions. The report was adopted upon motion.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, we the members of the various churches of the Brushy Mountain Association, meeting in regular session on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 18 and 19, 1951, with the First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, and the Harmony Baptist Church, be it resolved:

1. That we express to the pastors and people of these two fine congregations our sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for the Christian entertainment afforded us during these days.

2. That we communicate to the editors and publishers of the Journal Patriot and the North Wilkesboro Hustler and to the staff of

radio station WKBC our gratefulness for the invaluable services that they have rendered us in the past year.

3. For the fine way in which they responded and brought to safety the lovely meal that had been prepared for us on the first day of our meeting, we express our innermost gratitude to the North Wilkesboro Fire Department.

4. That we make known to our moderator and his staff of co-workers our deep feeling of obligation to them for the able leadership that they have given the Association.

5. To the Associational Sunday School Superintendent, the Associational Superintendent of the Woman's Missionary Union, and the Associational Director of the Training Union we voice our praise for the effective programs of work that they have led us to accept and to do during the past year.

6. That we make manifest to Brother J. E. Pearson our very deep appreciation for the fine Christian leadership and work done in our Association, and that we all pledge to him our loyal support in his work during the coming year.

7. That we convey to Brother John Wright our gratitude for the services rendered our Association during the summer of 1951.

8. That we commend Brother Glenn Huffman, President of our Wilkes Baptist Pastors' Conference, the Conference, and its teachers during the past year, Dr. John T. Wayland, Reverend J. E. Pearson, and Reverend W. N. Brookshire, for the services rendered our Association and County through the Monday morning Preachers' School.

Furthermore, that we express appreciation to the friends of this group in the churches of our Association who through monetary gifts, gifts of books, and moral support have contributed to the upbuilding of the pastors of our Association and County.

9. That we communicate our gratitude to the Wilkes County Committee on Law Enforcement (non-political) for the efforts made by this committee to make our county cleaner and morally better during the past year, and at the same time speak out against reckless driving on the highways, endangering the lives of many persons, pledging to this Committee more support during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

IREDELL OSBORNE,

J. F. JORDAN,

ROBERT L. FRANKLIN,

Committee on Resolutions

54. The report on the Wilkes County Pastors' Conference was read by Brother J. Glenn Huffman. The report was adopted upon motion. The Conference presented to the Association their feature in the form of a class in the pastor's school. Brother Huffman, president, welcomed the pastors in the class. The opening song by the group was, "Holy Manna." Brother S. I. Watts led in prayer. Brother John T. Wayland taught the Bible study, based on the book "Faith of the New Testament," by W. T. Conner.

PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

The Wilkes County Baptist Conference is an organization for all the preachers in the County and has proved very helpful to those attending.

For a good many years we have meet once a month for fellowship and a study of our work. Due to the fact that so many of our pastors did not have the opportunity to go to school and prepare themselves for the work, we have organized a school for the preachers.

This school may be judged by the type of subjects studied, as following the Bible, Church History, English Grammar, Homiletics, and now studying the New Testament Theology and Homiletics, and also Hymn singing.

Our teachers are, Dr. John T. Wayland, Rev. Earl Pearson, and Rev. Robert Franklin. Our school opens with the singing of a hymn and prayer at 9:30 each Monday morning and closes at 12 noon. The place is the First Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro.

REV. GLENN HUFFMAN, President

REV. J. ROBY McNEIL, Secretary

55. The report on Social Service and Civic Righteousness was read by Brother D. E. Elledge. The report was adopted upon motion.

SOCIAL SERVICE AND CIVIC RIGHTEOUSNESS

“He hath showed Thee, O Man, What is Good, and what doth the Lord require of Thee, but to do justly and love mercy and walk humbly with thy God.” Micah 6-8.

The Prophet of old, has given us a good pattern for daily living. We certainly should be honest in all our dealings with our fellow men and with ourselves. And most of all, be honest with God. We should be sympathetic to those who have sorrows and are in trouble and need comfort and sympathy.

Those of us who are followers of The Great Teacher should not fail to teach honesty and practice it. There are great numbers of people in our midst who do not practice this great virtue on election day. So many of our people treat the use of the ballot too lightly, or are not interested enough to even get out and vote and still another group who are willing to sacrifice their principle for the sake of a few dollars.

We also have the evil of strong drink to deal with. It seems from some of the recent elections, this evil is on the increase.

We also have the violation of the sixth commandment. The desecration of the Sabbath Day. This evil is becoming greater all the time.

The corrupt morals of so many in our midst is certainly on the increase. This fact is brought out in our Courts in its criminal sessions and in daily observations.

The Gambling evil is on the loose and its results are more alarming as time goes on. Some big time gamblers have recently been shown up. May they speedily be brought to justice and many of the fellows, who have not yet been brought out in the open, be dealt with according to their evil and their wrongs against our Society.

There are many other vices practiced in our time, but space will not permit us to mention all of them.

I think we should see that something is done to check or if could be, to stamp out these out these outstanding evils that are among us. We, who call ourselves Christians, should rise up as a united group of people and do something about it. We must accept this challenge, and go back to our communities and make better places in which to live.

As Christian citizens, we should cooperate to the fullest with the officials of the law, who are doing a fine job. There is in our County at this time, an enforcement committee composed of interested citizens from the different sections of the County who are working closely with the law officers.

Let us give them our wholehearted support.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. ELLEDGE

Brother Elledge spoke to the report, challenging the delegates to speak out boldly against the evils of today. It is the obligation of each church member to make his community better.

56. The Moderator invited Brother R. M. Hauss, of the Allied Church League to speak to the Association. Brother Hauss stated that the League is definitely making progress despite the way the situation looks on the surface. The last legislature treated the League badly, passing legislation for the liquor people and killing any dry legislation in the committee. In the State-Wide Convention, to be held in Greensboro in November, plans will be made to try to elect State officials that will go along with the League. Brother Hauss made a plea that the dry legislators be returned.

57. Report on Relief and Annuity was read by Brother J. F. Jordan.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

The purpose of these plans, promoted by the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the State Convention, is to provide annuities for ministers and church employees who participate in the plans when they reach retirement age, sixty-five, or at any period they may retire after reaching that age, and an annuity to the widow; to provide a disability annuity if such disability occurs at any time prior to age sixty-five; to provide an annuity for the widow in the event of the death of the member before reaching age sixty-five

It is so designed that each church a pastor serves during his participation in the plan has a share in providing something for his old age. If it is good to provide for pastors in their old age, it would seem good for all the churches he serves during his ministry, whether they be five or twenty-five, to have some share in providing an annuity for him. This is exactly what the Ministers' Retirement Plan does. In this way the burden of caring for a minister does not fall on the last church served.

The cost of this plan is as follows: Dues are payable monthly or quarterly, in the middle of the period and are as follows:

The pastor pays 4 percent of his salary. The church, or churches, pay 4 per cent of his salary, or an amount equal to that paid by the pastor. The convention adds to that amount.

During any one year, then, there is laid aside to build up an annuity an amount equivalent to about 9 per cent of what a man receives in actual salary, exclusive of any amount he may receive for a home. This means that while about 9 per cent of the salary a pastor receives is laid aside for payment of annuities, he pays only 4 per cent. if his churches join with him in this plan. Of course, the State convention will join with him if the churches agree to do so.

Funds are handled by our own Relief and Annuity Board and nobody makes a cent of profit out of it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. JORDAN

58. Report on Church-Pastoral Relationships was read by Brother John Wells.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS

A Christian church consists of a body of baptized believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, and if believers, then they are the "sons of God." If sons of God, all belong to one family, therefore, there should be a relationship among them that is characteristic of Him who is the Founder.

The "pastor," who is rightly "shepherd of the flock," and is so designated in the New Testament, is a member of the heavenly family, first called of God, and then by the local church to serve in this capacity. It is indeed a deplorable condition should any other than a loving relationship exist among its members.

How tragic it is to hear of "partisan squabbles" in the church during the trying time of selecting an under-shepherd. Would it not be better for everyone to unite in following the leadership of the Holy Spirit at such an important time? If this is done, I am persuaded to believe that such things as a "political fight" will be avoided. It is ridiculous that such an event as happened in this association a few years ago, should ever be known. Different groups and factions in one church actually solicited votes for the coming pastoral election by such means as financial assistance, sending out cars to bring in prospective voters, and purchasing clothing for some that might be able to attend church that day. I say such practice is ridiculous, but it is more than that, it is disgraceful. God is "shunted" to a "siding" and man has attempted to take "his train" through when he has so acted. Paul pointed out that the name of the preacher did not mean so much, for regardless of whom he might be, whether Apollos, Cephas, or himself, they were "one" in their work, and God was the Agent by which the increase came. (See 1 Cor. 3:1-11). It is my be-

lief that if we were to seriously consider this passage, we should discover that everyone has his part in the labors in God's vineyard.

We do not wish to be unfair or offer unjust criticism of any person, however, no apology is necessary for God's word: it shall stand when we have fallen. With this in mind, I should like to remind us to give serious thought to the relationship existing among church and minister, as recorded in Acts 6:1-7. When this is done I am sure that no deacon, nor any other member of the church shall have found grounds for "running" or "ruling" the pastor. If the pastor is the "shepherd of the flock," he should be the shepherd of the deacons, for do they not belong to the flock?

On the other hand, the pastor is not a czar, dictator, or king, but is a "minister" of the King of kings, i.e., he is a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. His ministry is one of service to his charge in the name of the Master. This does not, however, place him in the category of a "serf." He is a "free" servant—free in Jesus—but is not enslaved to a people for "free service."

It is a tragedy that many men who have answered the call of God to the ministry are often embarrassed and many times ridiculed because they are unable to maintain the expected social standard and meet financial obligations. This is due solely to the prevalent practise of churches underpaying their pastor. When a man takes from his pocket a small "snap" type pocketbook and fumbles with thumb and forefinger until he is able to grasp a "dime", or at most a "quarter," drop this in the "collection" plate—collection is what it is—and sit back with a pious, self-satisfied expression upon his face, he is actually withholding food, clothing, and other necessities from the pastor and his family. More than this, he is robbing God.

Many people have the idea that if the pastor receives an offering of \$25, he has been highly paid for one hour's work. All who so reason, fail to understand that their pastors work is never ended. He is often lying awake nights praying for his congregation while others sleep peacefully. He must spend much time in serious study, attend various meetings, visit the sick, conduct funeral services, minister to the bereaved, maintain his family, and many other things that are unseen by the laymembers of the church. This is the work he does for the \$25. The church must do something, and this right early, to bring about a more fitting financial relationship.

It is encouraging that many churches have discontinued the practice of the "annual call." Regardless of what degree of success some have realized, the "annual call" has been a curse to many. It has not only retarded the progress of the church by making it veritably impossible for the pastor to institute a worthwhile program, but many times has done great hurt to both church and pastor. A few years ago, one pastor told me that he would not consider a call to a certain church. When I asked the reason, he replied, "They call a new pastor every year immediately following the revival, and it is usually the assisting

ministers. This method of securing a pastor has been practiced ever since the organization of the church, and I know that I would only be there until next year."

These and many like practices make for a strained relationship among churches and pastors. It seems to me that the practice of the principles of ethics would go far toward relieving any strained relationship. The fact that the church brings together people of all ages and conditions and creates a fellowship in God, who is no respecter of persons, gives added ethical meaning to the life of each individual concerned. The cleavages which exist in society and which often aggravate unethical relations are bridged in the true Christian fellowship of the church. Should there be any doubt that the ethical and social significance of the church as a brotherhood and a larger family of God has ever been fully realized in fact, the very existence of the church as an instrument of brotherhood and a group of people of good will constitutes a striking ethical challenge to every individual. Let everyone apply the principle of love, that there might exist a right church and pastoral relationship.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN L. WELLS

59. Report on Home for the Aging was read by Brother John T. Wayland.

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOME FOR AGING

The North Carolina Baptist State Convention in its November, 1950 session, authorized the committee on the Home for the Aging to make plans for the opening and operation of our Home for the Aging as soon as the committee might find a way to meet the cost of equipping and operating. The Home has been greatly helped by the gifts received—furniture, office equipment, heating system, blankets, linens, towels, and many other items, as well as discounts on supplies necessary to be purchased. Although the Home has been operating only since March 16, yet it now has assets approximating \$50,000, and is not operating in the red.

Our residents range in age from 67 to 91 years, and come from widely scattered sections of North Carolina—from Franklin to Elizabeth City—the mountains to the sea. Regardless of the sections from which they come, they are a happy, congenial family, all rejoicing in the opportunity to live in the Home. The Home offers four things to those who come to live there: security, comfort, congeniality, and a Christian ministry. With this sort of program, North Carolina Baptists can add years to life, and life to years for those who reside in our Baptist Home for the Aging.

The committee on the Home has challenged North Carolina Baptists to build a home adequate to meet the need of the increasing num-

ber of old people from 65 years up. Their program calls for a million dollar plant, which would accommodate 270 residents. With the Lord leading and North Carolina Baptists cooperating, such a plant should be built and in operation within a few years.

Adapted from Report by
Superintendent J. M. Hayes

JOHN T. WAYLAND

On motion D. E. Elledge, seconded by S. I. Watts, the reports of Relief and Annuity, Church-Pastoral Relationships, and Home for the Aging, were adopted.

Brother John Wells and Brother John T. Wayland spoke to these reports.

Brother Wayland reported that there are now 20 people living in the Home for the Aging, with 100 more on the waiting list. A suggestion that a 5th Sunday offering might be taken to help finance the home was offered to the group. Brother Hauss spoke to the report on the Home for the Aging, stating that the Methodists got their start for a similar home from Mother's Day offering, plus substantial gifts.

60. The moderator expressed thanks to the host churches, to those on the program and to all who contributed to the execution of the program of the Association. The session was closed with the singing of "God Be with You Till We Meet Again," and handshaking in great fellowship.

SIGNED: A. W. ELLER, Moderator
 MRS. TAM HUTCHINSON, Clerk

MINISTERS WHO ARE PASTORS IN THE ASSOCIATION

Brown, Clate, R. 2 Wilkesboro
Bumgarner, E. V., Taylorsville
Byrd, Richard, North Wilkesboro, R. 2
Byrd, William D., Jonesville
Caldwell, W. H., Sparta
Church, Bine, Purlear
Day, Richard, Elkin
Dula, Walter, R. 5, Lenoir
Eller, A. W., R. 1, Wilkesboro
Franklin, R. L., Wilkesboro
Higgins, J. T., Wilkesboro
Hodges, E. C., Hendrix
Huffman, Glenn, R. 1, North Wilkesboro
Osborne, Gilbert, R. 1, Wilkesboro
Osborne, Iredell, Cricket
Pardue, L. J., Elkin
Peeler, B. F., Taylorsville

Poole, C. J., R. 2, Wilkesboro
Pruitt, Albert C., North Wilkesboro
Simmons, Clete W., Jonesville
Watts, A. E., Taylorsville
Wayland, John T., North Wilkesboro
West, Rex, 1622 Chatam Ave., Charlotte
White, Harvey, Taylorsville

**MINISTERS IN THE ASSOCIATION WHO ARE NOT
PASTORS ANYWHERE**

Blackburn, M. D., Boomer
Cope, C. M., North Wilkesboro
Crisp, Henry H., R. 2, North Wilkesboro
Dancy, Carr, North Wilkesboro
Eller, Leroy, Moravian Falls
Eller, Vernon, Purlear
Ellis, Earl, RFD, Lenoir
Faw, Ed, R. 1, Wilkesboro
Holder, Thomas, Sanford
Jones, S. A., North Wilkesboro
Kilby, Thurman, Boomer
Miles, W. W., Purlear
Miller, Ed O., Boomer
Miller, James A., Moravian Falls
Miller, Ralph A., Cricket
Minton, B. L., Buck
McNeil, J. Roby, Purlear
Osborne, George, R. 1, North Wilkesboro
Owens, Wilson, Odell St., North Wilkesboro
Payne, Wake F., Boomer
Pearson, J. E., North Wilkesboro
Pipes, Kelly, R. 2, Pores Knob
Pruitt, J. C., North Wilkesboro
Walsh, T. J., R. 1, Wilkesboro
Welborn, C. S., North Wilkesboro

MINISTERS WHO ARE PASTORS IN OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Blevins, Fred, Oakwoods
Hayes, W. N., North Wilkesboro
Johnson, Herman I., Moravian Falls

Smith, Graham, R. 1, North Wilkesboro
Watts, S. I., Boomer

MINISTERS AWAY IN SCHOOL

Minton, Dean, 336 1-2 Franck Ave., Louisville,
Kentucky. (Home Address—North Wilkesboro)
Watts, Victor, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville 6,
Kentucky—(Home Address—Purlear)
Wright, John R., 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville 6,
Kentucky, (Home Address—R. 2, Box 247,
Wilkesboro)

MINISTERS LICENSED THIS YEAR

Miles, W. W., Purlear
Wright, John Rowland, Louisville, Kentucky

MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR

Kilby, Thurman, Boomer
Pipes, Kelly, Pores Knob
West, Rex, 1622 Chatam Avenue, Charlotte

IN MEMORIAM

“And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”—John 6:40.

Beaver Creek—Rev. A. J. Foster, T. H. Brookshire (Deacon),
G. H. Waiker, U. G. Matherly (Deacon).

Boiling Springs—Rev. J. A. Parsons.

Edgewood—Richard Moore.

Fishing Creek—Miss Ruth E. Miller.

Lewis Fork—Emry Chatham, Mrs. Flora Whittington, Mrs.
Henry Crisp, G. W. Goforth.

Liberty Grove—Mrs. W. N. Pardue, Mrs. W. J. Mahaffey,
Mrs. W. L. McCarter, Mrs. Charlie Warren.

Moravian Falls—F. G. Brewer (Deacon), Malcolm Wyatt.

Mount Pleasant—Julia Yates.

Mount Zion—A. L. Barnett.

New Hope—Miss Viola McNiel.

North Wilkesboro, First—J. F. Shores, Rev. G. W. Sebastian,
Mrs. Max Foster, Carl Crews, L. B. Pierce, Arthur
Venable.

North Wilkesboro, Hinshaw Street—Mrs. R. C. Barnette.

Pleasant Home—Mrs. A. G. Bumgarner.

Sharon Walker—Mrs. Ida Hartley.

Stony Hill—Zollie Parsons, Mrs. Ida Laws, M. R. Hamby.

Walnut Grove—J. G. Davis, Mrs. Mary Jennings.

Welcome Home—Mrs. J. W. Snyder.

Wilkesboro—Dr. G. T. Mitchell (Deacon), Frank Hendren.

Zion Hill—J. C. Walsh, J. M. German (Deacon).

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES				GAINS—LOSSES			T O T A L			Special Information					
				Rural	V-T-C	Organized	Meeting	Baptisms	Letters and Other Adms	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Residents	Total Non-res.	Members	Grand Total	Revival Meet-ings Held	No. Titlers	State Paper In Budget	Members asked	Church Budget	Value Church Property Incl.	Pastors Home
Beaver Creek	R	1779	1 & 3	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville, N. C.	8	5	10	111	44	155	2	no	no	no	no	no	no	12,000	
Big Ivey	R	1889		Bine Church, Purlear	3	2	6	12	53	65	1	no	no	no	no	no	no	2,000	
Boiling Springs	R	1932	1	Gilbert Osborne, N. Wilkesboro	6	1	82	43	125	140	3	yes	yes	no	no	no	4,800		
Cub Creek	R	1862	2 & 4	Clate Brown, R. 2, Wilkesboro	11	9	1	89	11	100	2	no	no	no	no	no	10,000		
Davis Memorial	R	1944	3	J. T. Higgins, Wilkesboro	12	7	4	92	80	172	2	no	no	no	no	no	2,500		
Edgewood	R	1893	2	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	1	1	2	79	79	79	2	no	no	no	no	no	2,500		
Elk	R	1905	3	Walter Dula, R. 5, Lenoir	10	6	5	185	42	329	2	no	no	no	no	no	10,000		
Fishing Creek	R	1822	2 & 4	C. J. Poole, R. 2, Wilkesboro	2	2	9	59	78	137	1	no	no	no	no	no	8,200		
Gordon	V	1918	2 & 4	Gilbert Osborne, N. Wilkesboro	1	1	7	59	78	137	1	no	no	no	no	no	1,500		
Goshen	R	1900	1	Clate Brown, R. 2, Wilkesboro	10	1	51	50	101	2	no	no	no	no	no	no	6,000		
Harmony	R	1901	1 & 3	Rex West, Chatham av., Charlotte	6	6	6	184	460	2	no	no	no	no	no	no	18,000		
Lewis Fork	R	1792	1 & 3	A. W. Eller, R. 1, Wilkesboro	7	4	7	136	73	209	2	no	no	no	no	no	2,500		
Liberty Grove	R	1886	1, 3, 3	L. J. Pardue, Elkin	14	3	2	155	56	211	2	no	no	no	no	no	25,000		
Little Rock	R	1866	2 & 4	A. W. Eller, R. 1, Wilkesboro	3	10	11	40	151	1	no	no	no	no	no	no	25,000		
Moravian Falls	V	1886	2 & 4		5	14	4	52	20	72	1	no	no	no	no	no	3,500		
Mount Carmel	R	1880	1 & 3	Iredell Osborne, Cricket	14	9	11	240	123	363	2	no	no	no	no	no	30,000		
Mount Pleasant	R	1875	* 2, 2, 4	W. H. Caldwell, Sparta	6	10	1	49	150	2	no	no	no	no	no	no	2,500		
Mount Zion	R	1849	1	E. C. Hodges, Hendrix	3	3	8	627	175	802	2	no	no	no	no	no	7,500		
New Hope	R	1830	2 & 4	Glenn Huffman, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	42	34	30	218	49	167	4	no	no	no	no	no	4,000		
N. Wilkesboro 1st	C	1892	1, 2, 3, 4	John T. Wayland, N. Wilkesboro	9	5	21	118	67	185	3	no	no	no	no	no	30,000		
N. Wilkesboro 2nd	C	1907	2 & 4	Richard Byrd, N. Wilkesboro	14	10	10	267	93	360	3	no	no	no	no	no	7,500		
N. W., Hinshaw Street	C	1927	1, 2, 3, 4	Clete W. Simmons, Jonesville	1	1	6	73	55	128	1	no	no	no	no	no	5,300		
Oakwoods	R	1917	1 & 3	Richard Day, Elkin	1	1	6	73	55	128	1	no	no	no	no	no	5,300		
Pfgrim	R	1859	3		4	3	3	275	42	317	2	no	no	no	no	no	3,000		
Pleasant Grove	R	1880	1	Albert Pruitt, N. Wilkesboro	3	4	8	146	46	192	2	no	no	no	no	no	40,000		
Purlear Home	R	1880	1 & 3	W. H. Caldwell, Sparta	2	2	4	45	46	91	2	no	no	no	no	no	18,000		
Purlear	R	1932	1	Glenn Huffman, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	11	5	1	41	10	51	1	no	no	no	no	no	2,000		
Roaring River	V	1908	2 & 4	William D. Byrd, Jonesville	1	2	4	41	10	51	1	no	no	no	no	no	2,500		
Shady Grove	R	1880	2	Albert Pruitt, N. Wilkesboro	1	2	4	132	132	132	2	no	no	no	no	no	1,000		
Sharon Walker	R	1947	4		9	4	9	282	100	382	2	no	no	no	no	no	2,000		
Stony Hill	R	1845	2 & 4		5	6	2	186	5	191	1	no	no	no	no	no	12,500		
Walnut Grove	R	1845	1 & 3	C. J. Poole, R. 2, Wilkesboro	9	4	9	282	100	382	2	no	no	no	no	no	20,000		
Welcome Home	R	1936	1 & 3	Harvey White, Taylorsville	21	20	17	288	94	382	1	no	no	no	no	no	44,000		
Wilkesboro	T	1880	1, 2, 3, 4	Robert L. Franklin, Wilkesboro	16	2	7	160	82	242	1	no	no	no	no	no	20,000		
Zion Hill	R	1814	2 & 4	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	250	178	219	4508	1727	7235	62	no	no	no	no	no	\$677,500		

Totals

*Preaching on Saturday night.

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	CHURCHES													
		Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Dept.	Ofc. Not Counted	Grand Total S. S.	Average Attendance	Sch. Enrollment	Average Attendance
Beaver Creek	Warren Horton, Ferguson			6	11	16	12	15	25			85	41	43	38
Big Ivey	Odell Beshears, Parsonsville	4		6	3	10			12			35	25	35	30
Boiling Springs	Turner Huffman, Purlear			8	10	11	14	13	18			74	45	37	38
Cub Creek	Halford Baker, Wilkesboro			16	14	24	22	18	70			164	100	39	35
Davis Memorial	Mrs. Emma Ferguson, R.1, Purlear	6		9	9	15	13	20	30		2	117	80	50	45
Edgewood	Clarence Fletcher, R.3, N. Wilkesb.			9	13	16	22	17	27			104	47	51	38
Elk	W. H. McGuire, R. 1, Lenoir	4	5			15	20		30			84	30		
Fishing Creek	C. B. Mayberry, R. 3, N. Wilkesboro	6		30	52	54	36	32	64		2	276	182	138	105
Gordon	Taft Michael, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro			13	13	11	15	18	29			120	101		
Goshen	J. A. Carlton, Sr., Wilkesboro			3	6	13	8	2	6			66	25		
Harmony	Clyde Reavis, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro			20				20	40			100	70		
Lewis Fork	Vernon Dyer, Purlear			15	15	10	15	12	40			92	96	86	76
Liberty Grove	Tam S. Hutchinson, R. 2, N.W.boro			14	7	18	35	14	40			9	137	82	88
Little Rock	Ray Parsons, R. 1, Boomer			15	20	20	24	22	47			172	120	98	93
Moravian Falls	Mrs. Gilbert Foster, Moravian Falls			8	20	24	17	11	58			2	140	71	
Mount Carmel	Robert Wilson, Moravian Falls			15	20	23		25	30			132	75	100	80
Mount Pleasant	C. M. Brown, Jr., Purlear	10		13	11	18	17	28	95			192	109	103	82
Mount Zion	W. O. Barnett, Hendrix			15	11	11	12	45				83	59		
New Hope	Wayne Vannoy, Purlear			18	15	23	30	18	72			2	175	117	67
N. Wilkesboro 1st	D. E. Elledge, North Wilkesboro	30		46	30	68	63	62	372	32	4	787	349	198	152
N. Wilkesboro 2nd	Mrs. Curtis Blevins, N. Wilkesboro			5	6	8	9	12	14	15		69	51		
N.W., Hinchaw Street	Lester Gambill, N. Wilkesboro			32	40	30	25	36	125			3	291	200	
Oakwoods	Frank Walker, North Wilkesboro	12		28	25	45	12	15	97			234	80		
Pilgrim				30	30	13	8	12	26			7	96	49	
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Parsons, R. 1, Wilkesboro			18	11	16	16	39	7			107	100	132	100
Pleasant Home	Gwyn Vannoy, Reddies River	7		16	17	35	25	39	116			10	265	193	79
Purlear	Walter Blackburn, Purlear			13	10	15	15	25	62			10	150	80	75
Roaring River	C. C. Alexander, Roaring River			4	16	6	8	15	30	3		90	55		
Shady Grove	Mrs. Willard Eller, R.1, Wilkesboro	6		8	10	12		8	15			45	25		
Sharon Walker	T. R. Barlow, R. 1, Boomer			11	15	10	11	22	15			84	46		
Stony Hill	G. S. McNeill, Parsonsville			18	18	12	15	15	25			7	92	60	
Walnut Grove	Joel Bentley, North Wilkesboro			17	14	27	19	45	48			4	174	101	47
Welcome Home	Chalmer Dyer, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro			36	23	20	16	43	80			9	227	106	97
Wilkesboro	T. E. Story, Wilkesboro	30		16	23	32	40	36	17	17	20	2	333	160	109
Zion Hill	W. J. Earp, R. 1, Boomer			12	12	40	35	40	35	15		189	74	80	70
Totals		94	169	548	529	706	658	778	1910	70	80	5581	3174	1752	1481

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES											Av. Attendance					
	Nursery Units	Beginners Units	Primary Units	Junior Units	Intermed. Units	Y. P. Units	Adult Units	Total No. Units	Nursery Enroll'd	Beginners Enroll'd	Primaries Enroll'd		Juniors Enroll'd	Intermed. Enroll'd	Y. P. Enroll'd	Adults Enroll'd	Gen. Ofc. Enr.
Edgewood.....				1	1	1	1	4				9	7	6	5	27	
Lewis Fork.....							4	2	4	5	16	14	14	4	18	5	68
Little Rock.....		1		1	1		1	4	24		21	20	21	20	26	5	96
Moravian Falls.....			1	1	1		1	4		4	3	4			6		19
Mount Pleasant.....										8	7	8	9	14	13		59
N. Wilkesboro, Ist.....		1		3	3	2	2	11		4	45	32	21	30	4	136	88
N. Wilkesboro, Hinshaw St.....		1		2	1	1	1	6	30		22	27	22	41	6	148	103
Pleasant Home.....		1	1	1	1	1	1	6		8	8	12	16	4	16	5	69
Purlear.....		1		1	1	1	1	4	6		10	8	20		8	52	35
Walnut Grove.....		1	1	1	1	1	1	5		9	19	19	19	10	16	7	80
Wilkesboro.....		1	1	2	1	1	1	6		9	21	17	9	10	1	67	35
Totals.....	2	5	1	13	11	8	9	54	38	66	24	186	173	110	181	41	821

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES		W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W.M.S. Enrolled	Y.W.A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled In Mission Study	Total Titlers
	Fishing Creek	Mrs. M. R. Billings, N. Wilkesboro	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	22	22	15	15	15	37	41	30
Liberty Grove	Mrs. Tam Hutchinson, N. Wilkesb.	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	21	28	20	20	20	41	30	5
Mount Pleasant	Mrs. Hoke McNiel, Buck	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	12	13	10	10	10	28	35	5
New Hope	Mrs. Roby Eller, R. 1, Wilkesboro	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	170	930	2520	254	164	64	64	5
N. Wilkesboro 1st	Mrs. J. Q. Adams, N. Wilkesboro.	1	1	3	1	1	1	7	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	13
N. Wilkesboro, Hinshaw	Mrs. Ray Michael, N. Wilkesboro.	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	16	10	15	12	12	53	10	13
Oakwoods	Miss Nora Laws, Oakwoods	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	5
Pilgrim	Miss Veonia Foster, Buck	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	5
Pleasant Home	Mrs. C. O. Lovette, R.1, Wilkesboro	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	5
Roaring River	Mrs. C. C. Alexander, R. River	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	14
Welcome Home	Mrs. Bob D. Church, N. Wilkesboro	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	8	18	12	12	102	20	14
Wilkesboro	Mrs. Maude Miller, Wilkesboro	4	4	2	1	1	1	8	52	52	52	52	52	102	20	14
Totals		15	31	39	4	3	34	387	4796	6252	644	233	111	111	111	111

TABLE E—BROTHERHOOD WORK

N. Wilkesboro 1st|Pres., Raymond Blevins, N. Wilkesboro|Enrollment, 47; Meetings Held During Year, 5

TABLE F—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Receipts Through All Organizations for Year	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses & Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Exclud. Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Grand Total
Beaver Creek	J. P. Hayes, Boomer	\$ 1474.04	\$120.00			\$ 67.08		\$231.00		\$281.04	\$ 699.12	\$ 522.00	\$1221.12
Big Ivy	Odel Beshears, Parsonsville	25.25		\$ 2.00		12.00					14.00		14.00
Boiling Springs	Turner Huffman, Purlear	808.09				87.90	\$ 31.21	112.20		162.08	392.49	338.10	730.59
Cub Creek	Mrs. W. L. Lee, R.2, Wilkesb.	2083.57	95.59	58.00		101.33	149.63	348.32	\$ 125.00	221.62	1099.59	694.11	1793.70
Davis Memorial	Mrs. Nettie Williams, N. W.	1211.85	50.75	287.93	\$ 451.48	105.39		276.54		35.19	1207.28		1207.28
Edgewood	Clifford Moore, N. Wilkesboro	1589.24	36.00	76.76		82.74	28.00	201.00		66.87	463.37	559.20	1022.57
Elk	Miss Marjorie Dula, Ferguson	303.39	6.00	13.40		53.89	10.50	27.95		81.00	129.24	95.58	224.82
Fishing Creek	Hubert E. Pardue, Wilkesb.	3538.33	92.50	889.46	335.00	151.08	26.00	115.00		538.72	1674.54	1194.63	2869.17
Gordon	W. P. Carson, N. Wilkesboro	1585.69				81.20	26.00	123.18			769.10	600.00	1369.10
Goshen	C. W. Proffit, Wilkesboro	571.71	72.00			74.65		83.00		58.49	265.14	225.00	490.14
Harmony	L. A. Minton, R.1, Wilkesboro	1363.82	12.00	157.50		66.00	10.00	160.00	325.00	104.70	858.20	325.00	1183.20
Lewis Fork	Mrs. W. P. Davis, Purlear	2037.75	120.00	487.00	168.90	207.08	60.96	200.00		55.66	1299.60	780.00	2079.60
Liberty Grove	Richard Wingler, N. Wilkesb.	2114.13		277.29	100.00	119.62		78.10		127.40	702.41	584.08	1286.49
Little Rock	Mrs. John Andrews, Boomer	2786.00	210.00	466.12	20.00	243.26	117.00	172.00		150.67	1379.05	900.00	2279.05
Moravian Falls	Sadie Brookshire, M. Falls	2749.24		279.25	426.75	193.45		212.00		235.30	1346.75	1117.56	2464.31
Mount Carmel	Mrs. I. J. Lovett, M. Falls	1191.90	30.00		559.50	47.40		50.00	268.00	35.00	989.90	190.00	1179.90
Mount Pleasant	A. G. Church, Champion	5590.65	165.00		1550.01	120.68	253.48	377.65	1400.00	497.61	4364.43	960.00	5324.43
Mount Zion	D. M. Triplett, Hendrix	522.15		15.70		38.80	39.97	53.00		40.63	188.10	334.75	522.85
New Hope	J. T. Vannoy, Jr., N. Wilkesb.	2936.65	180.00	69.98	88.93	127.89	195.00	253.45		115.72	1030.97	660.00	1690.97
N. Wilkesboro 1st	C. B. Lomax, N. Wilkesboro	4798.23	6475.00	2059.23	12154.43	2777.36	110.00	625.00	2500.00	1489.04	137579.94	5200.00	142779.94
N. Wilkesboro 2nd	Curtis Blevins, N. Wilkesboro	815.60	84.47	8.25	51.95	24.29	17.30	60.08	270.00	47.72	564.06	110.31	674.37
N. W., Hinshaw St	C. H. Lenderman, N. Wilkesb.	7361.67	390.00	483.77	830.28	517.58	158.45	275.00	1200.00		3855.08	2930.00	6785.08
Oakwoods	Archie Anderson, Oakwoods	1327.65		113.00	138.89	97.74	21.06	47.43	517.47	113.80	1049.39	300.00	1349.39
Pilgrim	Arlee Minton, N. Wilkesboro	1091.37	135.00	348.89	108.75	89.30	96.02	54.10		25.00	857.06	158.66	1015.72
Pleasant Grove	V. M. Baker, N. Wilkesboro	1470.44	210.00	120.00	230.01	106.40	30.13	135.00	66.23	117.90	1015.67	281.50	1297.17
Pleasant Home	Minnie McNeill, Wilkesboro	7051.80	250.00	92.70		194.38	69.85	87.57	3864.00	161.41	4719.91	1716.89	6436.80
Purlear	Wiley E. McNeil, Jr., Purlear	1547.35	100.00	36.54	782.00	114.00		250.00		19.32	1299.86	440.00	1739.86
Roaring River	Mrs. J. P. Pardue, R. River	1859.22	60.00	42.50	57.46	72.27	64.30	208.00	201.95	20.11	726.29	600.00	1326.29
Shady Grove	Guy Eller, Wilkesboro	212.92				16.61					16.61	188.71	205.32
Sharon Walker	Mrs. Z. Ferguson, R.1, Boomer	365.02				20.68		98.86	50.00	56.35	225.89	129.00	354.89
Stony Hill	Mrs. J. B. Baker, Parsonsville	958.04	48.00	454.75		47.00	40.00	51.34			641.09	255.00	896.09
Walnut Grove	W. P. Hendren, Pores Knob	4685.15	142.67	241.19	2151.23	240.49	108.05	120.00			3003.63	1037.02	4040.65
Welcome Home	Sherman Shumate, N. W. Knob	7782.68	125.00	52.35	6036.00	106.78	50.00	183.68	100.00	67.48	6721.29	904.82	7626.11
Wilkesboro	W. A. Stroud, Wilkesboro	9414.91	525.00	1183.76	561.91	505.57	195.33	739.00	375.00	168.69	4254.26	2172.26	6426.52
Zion Hill	Lucille German, R.1, Boomer	3930.29	79.66	203.43	500.00	92.93	73.14	100.00	670.00	62.91	1782.07	1350.93	3133.00
Totals		132355.19	9814.64	8520.75	136693.36	7002.02	1955.08	6109.45	11932.65	5157.43	187185.38	27855.11	1215040.49

TABLE G—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGE, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuitiy, Relief, etc.	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total	Expenditure for All Purposes	Total Church of Year	
Beaver Creek	Mrs. Genio Walsh, Boomer	\$120.00	\$36.00					\$60.00	\$25.00		\$241.00	\$1462.12			
Big Ivey	Odell Beshears, Parsons ville	1.25	10.00					18.15	10.75		11.25	25.25			
Boiling Springs	Turner Huffman, Purlear		44.60	\$4.00				174.57	51.00	\$10.00	77.50	808.09			
Cub Creek	Miss Hilda Combs, Wilkesboro	5.00	12.00	12.30	\$7.00	\$18.00					289.87	2083.57			
Davis Memorial	Annie M. Harris, R. 1, Purlear		33.00		6.05	10.05		228.85	96.00		455.67	1478.24			
Edgewood	Della Bumgarner, R. 2, Wilkesboro	101.97		12.75	6.85			36.76	10.96		78.57	303.39			
Elk	R. F. Walsh, Star R., Ferguson	24.00	24.00	6.85				115.00	50.00	11.00	372.11	3241.28		\$117.00	
Fishing Creek	G. Warner Miller, N. Wilkesboro	81.71	24.00	55.00	15.40	20.00		29.60	186.99		216.59	1585.69			
Gordon	Walter R. Burgess, N. Wilkesb.			10.25				36.00	93.67		151.92	642.06			
Goshen	Jesse L. Walsh, Wilkesboro		12.00	10.25				33.00	44.00	27.00	180.62	1363.82			
Harmony	L. A. Minton, R. 1, Wilkesboro		66.62	10.00				22.00	13.00		150.60	2230.20			
Lewis Fork	Ralph D. McNeil, R. 1, Purlear	10.50	105.10					30.00	35.00		219.36	1505.85			
Liberty Grove	D. W. Smith, R. 2, N. Wilkesboro	61.90	11.32	22.50	36.00	22.64		30.00	77.00		257.00	2536.05			
Little Rock	Ray Parsons, R. 1, Boomer	60.00	60.00					142.31	21.37		278.82	2743.13			
Moravian Falls	Bernice P. Greer, M. Falls	17.10	44.00	22.67	18.55	12.82			12.00		12.00	1191.90		208.00	
Mount Carmel	W. H. Lovett, Moravian Falls							60.00	13.10	33.50	266.22	5590.65		3000.00	
Mount Pleasant	W. W. Miles, Purlear	36.90	60.00	19.73	14.20	28.79		87.47	13.15	24.55	131.98	654.83			
Mount Zion	W. O. Barnett, Hendrix	6.81						99.85	16.35		430.64	2121.61			
New Hope	Hadley Canter, N. Wilkesboro	78.00	183.40	19.94		33.10		86.12	400.00		6550.82	14930.76		37500.00	
N. Wilkesboro 1st	J. E. Caudill, N. Wilkesboro	2131.98	1215.00		737.72		1200.00	48.25	6.50		54.75	729.12			
N. Wilkesboro 2nd	Mrs. Dossie Berong, N. Wilkesb.							50.00	62.50		274.85	7059.93			
N.W., Hinchaw St	Frank W. Jones, N. Wilkesboro		100.00	14.35	48.00			45.25	12.60		83.25	1432.64			
Oakwoods	Gwyn Walker, N. Wilkesboro							10.30	18.77	29.50	75.65	1091.37			
Pilgrim	Sloan Deal, R. 1, Wilkesboro	5.00	19.75	5.00	13.00	10.00		45.00	62.00	81.00	173.27	1470.44			
Pleasant Grove	V. M. Baker, N. Wilkesboro			20.00				185.00	20.70		20.70	1760.56		7534.93	
Pleasant Home	Minnie McNeill, R. 1, Wilkesboro	77.00	65.00	60.00	35.00	50.00			105.80		267.47	1593.76			
Purlear	Wiley E. McNeil, Jr., Purlear							68.67	105.80		7.00	212.32			
Roaring River	Eula A. Lytton, Roaring River	55.00		5.00	5.00	10.00	18.00		7.00		7.00	376.61		150.00	
Shady Grove	Miss Ozelle Fav, Millers Creek							14.72	7.00		21.72	376.61			
Shaton Walker	Zachary Ferguson, R. 1, Boomer			12.38				14.85	34.72		61.95	958.04			
Stony Hill	C. O. Parsons, Parsonsville							383.07	58.40		569.33	4609.98			
Walnut Grove	W. A. Jennings, R. 1, Pores Knob	53.86				74.00		25.75	50.00		156.57	7782.68		3900.00	
Welcome Home	Gwyn J. Eller, Crickets	80.82						482.00	721.45	182.21	2977.86	9404.38		1075.38	
Wilkesboro	Charles C. McNeill, Wilkesboro	819.19	400.00	39.05	30.40	53.56	250.00		18.91		807.71	3940.71			
Zion Hill	Earle German, R. 1, Boomer	10.42	86.75	268.00	116.96										
Totals		3814.41	2612.54	351.77	1234.32	497.92	1468.00	3757.94	2415.69	420.03	16572.62	231613.11	53845.31		



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Supt.:
4. (Gordon, Harmony, Hinshaw Street, Welcome Home, Pleasant Grove, Oak Grove)
Supt.:
5. (Cub Creek, Moravian Falls, Oakwoods, Walnut Grove, Wilkesboro, Shady Grove)
Supt.:
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3. Mrs. Jarvie TripletteBoomer
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Cub Creek—Mr. Woodrow Key, Wilkesboro
Davis Memorial—Mrs. Ida Bumgarner, North Wilkesboro
Edgewood—Mr. Clifford Moore, North Wilkesboro
Elk—Miss Marjorie Dula, Ferguson
Fishing Creek—Mrs. G. Warner Miller, North Wilkesboro
Gordon—Mr. Walter R. Burgiss, North Wilkesboro
Goshen—Mr. Homer Carlton, Boomer
Harmony—Mr. Hannon Minton, R. 1, Wilkesboro
Lewis Fork—Mr. Vernon Dyer, Purlear
Liberty Grove—Mr. Kermit Absher, North Wilkesboro
Little Rock—Mr. Jarvie Triplette, Boomer
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Mt. Carmel—Mr. Robert Wilson, Boomer
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Pilgrim—Mr. Charles Shoemaker, North Wilkesboro
Pleasant Grove—Mr. Richard Parsons, North Wilkesboro
Pleasant Home—Mr. Gwyn Vannoy, Reddies River
Purlear—Mr. Joe Hayes, Purlear
Roaring River—Mrs. G. W. Scroggs, Roaring River
Shady Grove—Mr. Guy Eller, Wilkesboro
Sharon-Walker—Mrs. Zachary Ferguson, Boomer
Stony Hill—Mr. George McNeil, Parsonsville
Walnut Grove—Mr. J. B. Brookshire, Moravian Falls
Welcome Home—Mr. Sherman Shumate, North Wilkesboro
Wilkesboro—Mrs. G. T. Mitchell, Wilkesboro
Zion Hill—Mr. Earl German, Boomer

MESSENGERS

- Beaver Creek—Genio Walsh, G. C. Hayes, Mrs. Genio Walsh
Big Ivey—H. H. Beshears, Clyde Phillips, Aurelia Spears
Boiling Springs—Turner Huffman, B. S. Cardwell, Rollen Bishop
Cub Creek—Mrs. Wilborn Anderson, Mrs. Claude Hill, Mrs. Chick Bullis
Davis Memorial—A. D. Church, Alec Harris, Ida Harris
Elk Baptist—Van Proffit, Chelsie McNeil, Dana Triplett, Jullie Proffit, Dare McNeil
Fishing Creek—J. B. Glass, J. W. Pardue, Mrs. R. N. Holland, Mrs. M. R. Billings
Gordon—Minnie Wyatt, Ethel Mastin, H. A. Cranor, Jr.
Goshen—Robert Walsh, Paul Bumgarner, Mrs. Helen Bumgarner
Harmony—Mr. L. A. Minton, Mrs. L. A. Minton, Mr. Clyde Blevins, Mrs. Clyde Blevins, Mr. Carl Phillips, Mrs. Carl Phillips, Mr. Orson Phillips, Mrs. Orson Phillips, Mr. W. H. Minton, Mrs. W. H. Minton
Lewis Fork—C. C. Bishop, Ruffin Triplett, D. F. Shepherd
Little Rock—J. W. Triplette, George Cruton, Lawrence Cruton
Liberty Grove—Mrs. Tam S. Hutchinson, Mrs. James Henderson, Tam Hutchinson
Moravian Falls—Rev. C. J. Poole, Mrs. Irving Eller, Mrs. J. E. Nichols, L. G. Critcher
Mt. Carmel—Ray Parlier, Ruby Parlier, W. H. Lovett
Mt. Pleasant—J. C. McNeil, Bob Walsh, M. F. Greene
Mt. Zion—W. O. Barnett, D. M. Triplett, Barney Johnson
New Hope—Clyde Church, Mrs. Alda Eller, Mrs. Loro Vannoy
North Wilkesboro, First—Mr. D. E. Elledge, Mrs. J. Q. Adams, Miss Peggy Nichols.
North Wilkesboro, Second—Mrs. Dossie Berong, Miss Frances Glass, Mrs. Richard Byrd, Mrs. Eva Porter, Mrs. Fannie Benton
Hinshaw Street—Montie Handy, Mrs. Hobert Deal, Mrs. Gord Miller
Oak Grove—J. Q. Yates, Smith Rhodes, E. E. Stanley
Oakwoods—M. C. Jones, Frank Walker, Mrs. Pearl Blevins
Pilgrim—Robert Huffman, Earl Adams, Rev. B. L. Minton
Pleasant Grove—W. J. Church, J. R. Parsons, J. A. Evans
Pleasant Home—A. G. Bumgarner, Miss Minnie McNeill, Mrs. J. C. Whittington
Purlear—W. H. Nichols, J. F. Hayes, Ted R. Nichols
Roaring River—Mrs. Wm. D. Byrd, Mrs. M. H. Lytton, Mrs. M. M. Mathis, Mrs. G. W. Scroggs
Shady Grove—Mr. Guy Eller, Mrs. Guy Eller, Mrs. D. K. Greene, Mr. Everette Ferguson, Mrs. Everette Ferguson.
Sharon Walker—T. R. Barlow, Junie Walker, Mrs. Junie Walker, Mrs. T. R. Barlow
Stony Hill—G. S. McNeil, J. W. Huffman, M. R. Spears, E. D. Hamby, John Craven
Walnut Grove—Edmond Edsel, Parks Bentley, Robert Brookshire, Fleet Brock

Welcome Home—G. L. Michall, William Holman, Paul Snider
Wilkesboro—Mrs. G. T. Mitchell, Mrs. Charles Steelman, Mrs. George
Johnson
Zion Hill—Mrs. Atwell German, Mrs. Charlie German, Mrs. Warren
Dyer.

CONSTITUTION

Name

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association of Wilkes County, North Carolina.

Objects

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to consider and promote measures for increasing the harmony, the intelligence, and the spiritual life of the churches and for developing and directing their energies and their contributions in the advancement of Christ's kingdom throughout the earth, always in harmony with the teachings of the New Testament. This Association shall be an auxiliary to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its missionary, educational and benevolent work.

Membership

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches desiring to affiliate with it, and each affiliating church may be represented in the annual meetings of the Association by three messengers chosen by the church, by its pastor and by other ordained ministers in its membership and living within the bounds of the Association.

Article 4. Any church desiring to become a member of this Association shall present, through messengers chosen for that purpose, its request for membership at any annual session of this body. The Moderator shall then appoint a committee to inquire into the faith and practice of said church, said committee to report to the Association its findings. If the Association then votes to receive the church the Moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to the messengers.

Article 5. Any church not representing itself in this body for three successive years, either by letter or by messengers, shall be stricken from the roll of churches, unless satisfactory reasons for such failure are given.

Article 6. The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any church in its membership which shall be found to be disorderly in faith and practice, but not until charges are brought against it by some other church and carefully considered by the Association.

Organization

Article 7. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by ballot on the second day of the session before noon recess adjournment, by a majority of the messengers voting, and shall begin their term of office

upon final adjournment of the session at which elected and shall continue in office until the close of the next annual session.

Article 8. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, preserve order, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and exercise all other duties of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage; he shall also, as far as his private duties may permit, visit and communicate with the churches between the sessions of the Association to encourage and assist them in their work for the kingdom.

Article 9. The Clerk shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Association; shall read the same for approval before the close of each annual session; shall superintend their printing and distribution to the churches; shall send one copy each to the General Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, the Statistical Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa., and to their denominational agencies or institutions requesting them; shall preserve a file of all the Associational records and have it present at each annual session; shall provide at least one month prior to the annual meeting of the Association letters for the use of the churches in making their reports to the Association; shall suggest to each church the amount based on its membership and contributions to other objects, needed for the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

Article 10. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Association as directed by the Association, making an itemized statement at each annual session.

Committee

Article 11. The executive-Promotion Committee shall consist of the Moderator, the Vice-Moderator, the Clerk, the Sunday School Associational Leader, the Training Union Leader, the W. M. U. Associational Superintendent, and all the pastors of churches within the Association, together with one member from each church elected annually by the Association upon nomination of a committee appointed by the Moderator. A quorum shall consist of ten members of the Executive-Promotion Committee, including four of the associational officers named above in this article, providing either the Moderator or Vice-Moderator is present.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Executive-Promotion Committee to Cooperate with the Baptist State Convention and with the churches of the Association in the promotion of any plans which may seem wise for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, and they shall take such steps as may be necessary to put into successful operation any plans adopted by the Association. This committee shall meet at the call of the moderator or its chairman.

Article 13. A Committee on Nomination; a Committee on Time, Place and Preacher; a Committee on Resolutions; and a Committee on

Order of Business shall be appointed by the Moderator on the first day of each annual session. All except the last named committee shall make their reports to the Association before final adjournment, while the Committee on Order of Business shall prepare the program for the next annual meeting of the Association at least one month before the date of meeting, and present the same to the Association for adoption or alteration at its opening session.

Article 14. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided according to some standard works on Parliamentary practice.

Article 15. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any annual session upon vote of two-thirds of the members present.

BY-LAWS

1. The Association shall convene annually on.....
.....and continue two days or longer, in the judgment of the Committee on Order of Business and subject to the approval of the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with Religious exercises, conducted by whomsoever the Committee on Order of Business may designate.

3. A majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business except in the matter of making changes in the Constitution.

4. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator, shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid the use of unnecessary personalities.

5. The members shall observe towards the officers and towards one another such courtesies as are becoming to Christians.

6. Amendments to the By-Laws may be made by a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting of the Association.

Revised and adopted Oct. 17, 1936.

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1952

Tuesday Morning Session

The eighty-first annual session of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association was called to order on Tuesday, September 23, 1952, at Purlear Baptist Church by the Rev. A. W. Eller, Moderator.

Hymn, "Amazing Grace," was sung by the congregation, with T. E. Story directing, and with Miss Peggy Nichols accompanying. Rev. Glenn Huffman, pastor, Purlear Baptist Church, led the period of devotions after having extended greetings to the Association. His devotional thought consisted of scripture-reading and prayer.

The Moderator expressed appreciation for the presence of all mes-

sengers from the churches and for the cooperation in the Lord's work.

1. A roll call of the churches was made. Thirty letters were presented. Four other letters were presented before the close of the afternoon session.

2. T. E. Story made the motion that the suggested program arranged by the Executive Committee of the Association be adopted, and upon second by J. F. Jordan, the program was adopted. The adopted program follows.

PROGRAM

**GENERAL THEME: ADVANCING WITH CHRIST
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—PURLEAR BAPTIST CHURCH**

MORNING SESSION

Theme: Advancing With Christ In Our Association

- 9:45 Worship Purlear Baptist Church
- 10:00 Roll Call of Churches; Adoption of Program; Recognition of Pastors and Preachers; Recognition of Visitors; Appointment of of Committees
- 10:15 Digest of Church Letters, Report on Associational Missions Rev. J. E. Pearson
- 10:35 Report of Executive Committee and Treasurer....Mr. T. E. Story
- 10:55 Hymn
- 11:00 Program of Evangelism Rev. J. G. Huffman
- 11:15 Church and Pastoral Relationships..... Rev. C. J. Pool
- 11:25 Special Music Wilkesboro Baptist Church
- 11:30 Introductory Sermon Rev. R. L. Franklin
- 12:00 Dinner

AFTERNOON SESSION

Theme: Advancing With Christ In Christian Education

- 1:15 Worship
- 1:20 Presentation of Training Union Work.....Miss Lunda Hendren
- 1:40 History of Purlear Baptist Church..... Mr. J. F. Jordan
- 2:00 Report on Christian Education..... Mrs. J. T. Wayland
- 2:05 Recognition of College Representatives
- 2:20 Report on Biblical Recorder..... Mrs. Harvey White
- 2:25 Address on Christian EducationRev. C. W. Bazemore
- 2:45 Hymn
- 2:50 Presentation of work of Wilkes County Baptist Pastors' Conference and Seminary Extension Center
Rev. J. G. Huffman
- 3:10 Miscellaneous Business
- 3:15 Adjournment

NIGHT SESSION

Theme: Advancing With Christ In State Missions

- 7:30 Worship Purlear Baptist Church
- 7:40 The Baptist Brotherhood at Work..... First Baptist Church

7:55	What is the District Association?.....	Rev. W. N. Brookshire
8:10	Report on the Cooperative Program.....	Mr. Gwyn Vannoy
8:15	Report on State Missions	Miss Peggy Nichol
8:20	Special Music	
8:25	Address	Rev. M. H. Kendall
	Head of Bible Department, Mars Hill College	
9:00	Adjournment	

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24—LEWIS FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

MORNING SESSION

Theme: Advancing With Christ In Missions and Benevolences

9:45	Worship	Lewis Fork Baptist Church
10:00	Presentation of Sunday School Work.....	Mr. T. E. Story
10:20	Report of Nominating Committee; Election of Officers	
10:35	Report on Baptist Hospital	Mrs. Addie Jones
10:40	Work of Baptist Hospital	Dr. W. K. McGee
10:55	Report on Foreign Missions	Mrs. J. E. Pearson
11:00	Report on Home Missions	Mrs. George Johnson
11:05	Woman's Missionary Union Presentation....	Mrs. Tam Hutchinson
11:25	Hymn	
11:30	Missionary Sermon	Rev. Clate Brown
12:00	Dinner	

AFTERNOON SESSION

Theme: Advancing With Christ In Benevolence and Social Service

1:15	Worship	
1:20	History of Lewis Fork Baptist Church.....	Mr. J. F. Jordan
1:40	Report of Committees; Time, Place, Preacher; Resolutions	
1:50	Hymn	
1:55	Our Home For the Aging	Dr. John T. Wayland
2:15	Report on Relief and Annuity	Rev. Harvey White
2:20	Our Baptist Orphanage.....	Mr. Marse Grant, Editor "Charity and Children"
2:40	Social Service and Civic Righteousness.....	Rev. John Wells
2:55	Miscellaneous Business	
3:00	Adjournment	

3. The Moderator led in a period of recognition of pastors and others. Pastors present were: J. Glenn Huffman, C. J. Poole, R. L. Franklin, John T. Wayland, Harvey White, Cleat W. Simmons, W. H. Caldwell, J. T. Higgins and Rex West. In addition, J. E. Pearson, Associational Missionary, was recognized.

4. Four visitors were recognized: M. D. Hart, Ashe Association; Luther Matthews, Pilot Mountain Association; C. H. Kincaid, Catawba River Association; and W. A. Eichelberger, Caldwell Association. The following preachers who are not pastors were recognized: Quincy Yates, B. L. Minton, and Clyde Church.

5. The Moderator appointed committees as following reports indicate.

6. A digest of Church Letters and Report on Associational Mis-

sions was given by J. E. Pearson, Associational Missionary. R. L. Franklin moved the adoption of the report with the understanding that the printed report of the Missionary be added to the minutes and upon second, the motion was adopted.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

Year	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
Non-Resident Members .....	.....	1421	1820	1727	1798
Resident Members .....	.....	3986	4666	4508	4955
Total Members	6571	6634	7073	7255	7357
Revivals	28	41	40	62	46
Baptisms	162	284	291	250	221
Other Gains	135	166	189	178	142
Losses	240	211	224	219	219
Sunday School Enrollment....	4633	4862	5441	5581	5731
S. S. Average Attendance.....	2195	2768	3026	3174	3498
Training Union Enrollment	486	672	773	821	806
Training Union Av. Att.....	266	386	458	504	453
Woman's Miss. Union Enr....	643	650	586	644	724
Vac. Bible School Enrollment	1117	1519	1460	1752	2062
Vac. Bible School Av. Att....	831	1292	1171	1481	1800

Year	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
To Assoc. Miss.....\$	\$ 938.67	\$ 1,462.67	\$ 2,100.25	\$ 2,612.54	\$ 2,780.99
Total to Miss.....	10,936.13	15,229.47	14,308.15	16,572.62	18,059.25
Total Local Prog.	85,919.42	118,893.87	164,415.55	215,040.49	117,597.77
Pastors' Salaries	18,667.36	22,011.49	25,076.54	27,855.11	31,955.59

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Heartly commendation may well be offered to all the churches in the Association. There is something for which we can rejoice in the record of every church. The general picture that can be seen from the digest of church letters and comparison with the record of other years is pleasing. Let us give thanks to God, rather than boast.

Our expenditures on our local church programs dropped nearly one hundred thousand dollars this year, due to completion of building programs; but our missions contributions increased nearly two thousand dollars; and pastors' salaries increased more than four thousand dollars.

We had 16 less revivals and had 29 less baptisms than the year before; but more people are being reached by Sunday School, training Union, W. M. U., and Brotherhood, which means a perennial evangelistic program in our churches that will soon change the picture.

The first Branch Sunday School or Mission to be fostered by one of our churches in several years was launched this year in the Woodlawn section of North Wilkesboro. Hinshaw Street, Second Baptist, and North Wilkesboro, First, cooperated in making a survey of the area. North Wilkesboro, First, accepted the responsibility of the mission, and has handled the work in a commendable way. One revival and a va-

cation Bible School has been sponsored; Sunday School, a worship service each Sunday morning, and a prayer service has been maintained.

It is good to see that some of our churches in the Blue Ridge area are growing stronger. These churches lost heavily during the war years. Big Ivey and Stony Hill have made good progress, after passing through some difficult years.

Several of our churches have wisely formed fields of churches, and have done so on their own without outside financial help, and have called pastors to serve full-time on the field of churches.

The cooperation made evident by preachers and churches in the establishment and maintenance of our Seminary Extension Center is a thing of beauty. We are grateful that these opportunities of learning and fellowship are also open to the lay people of this area. This has afforded fellowship with people from nearby associations. It is hoped that more and more it will be possible for churches to provide sufficient support for our pastors, so that it will be possible for others to break away from secular work that robs them of these privileges of fellowship and study.

This has been the best year yet for Vacation Bible School work. There have been Vacation Bible Schools in 24 of our 35 churches, plus one Mission V. B. S. at Woodlawn. Rev. Victor Watts contributed in large measure to this fine record with his service as Summer Worker. We hope to continue and to improve our Associational Vacation Bible School Clinics each spring to provide help in this work.

There are many more things for which we can rejoice, but we cannot enumerate them here. Your missionary is glad to be able to compliment a missions program and the people who do the work. These are healthy signs. The more the success of an associational program depends upon the missionary, personally, the more evident it becomes that the work is off balance. However, the records prove that associations in North Carolina that have had missionaries for some time are making a substantial progress. But it is the program of Associational Missions that really produces results, because it is a sane, cooperative, and Bible centered effort that links our hearts, minds, spirits, hands, and churches in a work that pleases God. The program is bigger than the missionary, and must be so. To succeed, the Associational Missions program must offer the most possible help with the least possible burden upon the church; and yet the churches must support the work with leadership, cooperative response, and money. The program must not only reach the churches with needed help, but must go with the churches and through the churches to the multitudes of lost and unenlisted people about us.

Your missionary is grateful that the Lord and you friends have made it possible for the following work to be done:

I have enjoyed 48 visits with you just to worship, learn, and have fellowship with you, without working. It was good to visit

241 times in your homes, and by the hospital beds of some, often with your beloved pastors, in visitation.

These things that involve work have been enjoyable, too. I preached 26 "ordinary" sermons and 61 "revival" sermons, none of which started a revival. 21 professions of faith and 26 joined church in 5 revivals in which your missionary preached. Taught S. S. 13 times; on 11 T. U. pgms.; on 2 W. M. U. pgms.; taught 1 S. S., 5 T. U., 2 Bible, and 1 Mission study courses; 9 Vacation Bible Schools, with conferences, picnics and commencements; 14 radio messages; 3 services with the Silent People; 4 Officers and Teachers Meet.; 3 baptismal services; 6 services in institutions, missions; 6 special services and programs; 8 funerals; 2 weddings; 3 ordination of deacons; 2 prayer services; promoted the work with 16 promotional messages, 917 individual conferences, 80 group or committee conferences, newspaper and radio publicity, 1500 bulletins; 150 calendars of activities, and considerable amount of other mail. Traveled 13,509 miles in work. Held one revival outside the association, and attended 17 meetings, conferences, and activities throughout the state, all related to the work.

Your missionary and his family are deeply grateful for special, designated offerings from the following: (food, clothing, listed as "Value") value, \$7.50, Beaver Creek; Value \$10.00, Offering, \$15.00; Boiling Springs; value, \$5.00, off., \$50.00, Edgewood; Gordon, off., \$24.10; off., \$15.52, Harmony; \$30.00 off., Hinshaw; value, \$10.00, Liberty Grove; value, \$25.00, off., \$81.00, Little Rock; value, \$15.00, off., \$30.00, Mt. Pleasant; off., \$48.62, New Hope; value, \$25.00, off., \$88.41, First Baptist; value, \$35.00, off., \$54.00, Pleasant Home; off. \$30.00, Purlear; value, \$5.00, Stony Hill; value \$10.00, off., \$75.00, Welcome Home; off. \$30.00, Wilkesboro; value, \$87.50, Zion Hill. Some of these are revival offerings, but most are designated offerings on car and hospitalization. It would be regrettable to overlook any gift. It is hoped that none have been omitted. Thank you, very much. Let me encourage the people of the churches to use such funds as these to more adequately support the Associational Missions program, for it is in need of a sound and more adequate system of support. It is my life now. My family shares my attitude. Your support of the program is looked upon as personal to us, to a great extent. We appreciate your love, and your acts of love and thoughtfulness.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. PEARSON

7. The reports of the Executive Committee and Treasurer of the Association were read by T. E. Story. Accompanying this, the suggested budget for the 1952-53 Associational Year was read. The motion for adoption was made by T. E. Story and second was given to the motion by C. J. Poole. A. W. Eller, R. L. Franklin, J. F. Jordan, and John T. Wayland spoke to the report of the Executive Committee and praised the work of the Associational Missionary, J. E. Pearson. The motion was adopted.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BRUSHY
MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR PERIOD
SEPT. 1951-SEPT. 1952**

The Executive Committee of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association met twice during the year.

Matters given consideration were as follows:

1. The debt of \$100.00 on the 1950 Minutes of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association was given a great deal of attention. It was first decided that letters should be written to the churches asking for contributions to pay off this debt. In addition to this, pastors were asked to try to lead the churches to pay off this amount. All of these efforts had been unsuccessful up to June of this year. At that time, a debt of \$90.00 remained. In the June meeting it was decided to ask the churches that have not made special contributions toward this debt to add to the regular cost of a copy minutes for this year an amount equal to 1/3 the cost of one copy of the minutes. Therefore, churches were urged to pay for their minutes this year at the rate of 60 cents a copy. Forty-five cents of that amount will pay for this year's copy, and 15 cents will be applied on the debt. The churches were given a choice to help or not help on the debt. It is hoped that this matter will be cleared up, and the Committee wishes to thank those who have helped.

2. The Committee voted to invite Rev. Victor Watts of this Association, and who is a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, to serve as our Summer Worker with the understanding that he receive \$15.00 a week from the State Convention and \$15.00 and expenses each week from this Association. The Committee wishes to commend Brother Watts for his excellent work for eleven weeks during this summer.

3. Your Committee considered the matter of the establishment of a mission in the Woodlawn section of North Wilkesboro. It was decided that the Baptist churches nearest the area should be invited to cooperate in making a survey of that section; and that the Association sponsor a mission there, with the responsibility for the care of that mission to be given to the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro, which church had already expressed a willingness to care for this mission. These decisions were made with the understanding that an approach be made to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and to the State Mission Board for possible financial support from one of the two. Aid was not available from either source, and the First Baptist Church accepted full responsibility for the work. The Mission was opened there on April 6 of this year, with more than 40 present for the first meeting of the Sunday School. Rev. C. S. Welborn

was invited to serve as pastor of the mission. Brother Welborn preaches each Sunday morning and conducts a prayer meeting each Wednesday evening.

4. The Executive Committee served as a program planning committee to arrange the program for this annual meeting of the Association.

The Executive Committee submits the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. That the statement in Article 11 of the constitution relative to representation of the churches on the Executive Committee of the Association be put into effect; and that the Association so elect committee members in this session, in order that the business may be properly conducted and the work promoted between annual sessions of the Association.

2. In view of the fact that seven churches gave nothing to Associational Missions this year; that we will be expected to cut our request for State Mission funds by 10% this year; that the special contributions to Associational Missions by individuals are not assured for this year; and that the First Baptist Church has been carrying a disproportionate load of the financial support of the Associational Missions program; though it has done so willingly; your committee, therefore, urges that each of the churches give fresh consideration to the financial support of the program of work within our association.

3. We further recommend that there be full participation on the part of all the churches in activities within the Association that give us opportunities for fellowship with one another between annual sessions of the Association, and that afford us better understanding of the Lord's work, and inspire us for greater service.

4. Your committee recommends that we examine ourselves in response to the Holy Spirit and in the light on New Testament teachings, and that we renew our stand on great social, spiritual, and moral principles for which Baptists have long been proud to stand. Let us help to keep our churches zealous in well balanced evangelism; faithful in observance of the ordinances; missionary in attitudes, vision, and practice; on guard against indiscriminate and irreverent use of our pulpits; so strengthened by sound and consistent teaching of God's word that the peddlers of falsehood can gain no ground with our people; and so conduct our business and promote the work within our churches that we will commend the Christian life and the Baptist way to all about us, and offer to the lost light and love to lead them to Jesus.

5. Finally, we recommend the attached budget for your adoption in order that the Associational Missions program, under the leadership of your committee and your missionary, J. E. Pearson, may be improved and continued.

BRUSHY MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

Sept. 15, 1951 to Sept. 15, 1952

CHURCHES:	To Treas.	To J.E.P.	To Watts	Min. F.	Total
Beaver Creek	\$ 36.00				\$ 36.00
Big Ivey					
Boiling Springs	10.00	\$ 42.70	\$ 29.50		82.20
Cub Creek	11.00				11.00
Davis Memorial			50.00		50.00
Edgewood	36.00				36.00
Elk	16.00				16.00
Fishing Creek	58.00				58.00
Gordon		10.05		5.67	15.72
Goshen	16.00				16.00
Harmony					
Hinshaw Street	48.00				48.00
Lewis Fork	22.00	10.10			32.10
Liberty Grove		28.50	20.85		49.35
Little Rock	60.00	81.00		9.00	150.00
Moravian Falls	26.00	40.00			66.00
Mt. Carmel			10.00		10.00
Mt. Pleasant	90.00				90.00
Mt. Zion					
New Hope	50.00		18.62		68.62
N. Wilkesboro 1	1200.00		40.00		1240.00
N. Wilkesboro 2					
Oakwoods	12.00				12.00
Pleasant Home	60.00	7.72	15.00		82.72
Pleasant Grove					
Purlear	15.00		15.00		30.00
Pilgrim					
Roaring River					
Sharon Walker		5.00			5.00
Stony Hill		29.76	15.00		44.76
Shady Grove					
Welcome Home					
Wilkesboro	460.00			14.52	474.52
Walnut Grove	24.00	15.00			39.00
Zion Hill		3.00	15.00		18.00
Total	\$2250.00	\$272.83	\$ 228.97	\$29.19	\$2780.99
Minute Fund, 1951					\$ 311.65
J. E. Spainhour contribution					500.00
State Mission Board for V. Watts					165.00
State Mission Board					1120.00
					<u>\$4877.64</u>
Balance from 1951					34.72
					<u>\$4,912.36</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

J. E. Pearson, Salary	\$2798.97
J. E. Pearson, Office and Car Exp.	852.92
House Rent	514.00
Victor Watts, Summer Helper	360.00
Carter-Hubbard, Minutes of Association.....	333.80

\$4859.69

Balance in the Checking Account Sept. 15, 1952..... \$52.67
 (We still owe on 1950 Minutes, \$90.00)

T. E. STORY,
 Associational Treasurer

BRUSHY MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET

1952-53

ANTICIPATED RESOURCES:

Baptist State Convention, on Sal. (\$90.00 Mo.).....	\$1080.00
Baptist Convention, Summer Worker	150.00
From Local Supporter	500.00
Special Contributions to Summer Worker.....	250.00
Regular Contributions from the Churches, monthly.....	2900.00
Associational Minute Fund from churches.....	350.00

\$5230.00

ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS:

Salary for Missionary (J. E. P.)	\$2800.00
House Rent	480.00
Car and Office Expenses	1080.00
Salary and Exp. of Summer Worker.....	400.00
Association's part of Retirement for Mis.....	120.00
Minutes of the Association	350.00

\$5230.00

This budget proposes to raise \$370.00 more in the coming year from the churches than was raised the past year.

Of this amount \$120.00 is required to take the place of the reduced amount received from the Baptist State Convention.

8. Mr. Walter Blackburn, Superintendent of the Sunday School at Purlear, led the congregation in singing "Faith of Our Fathers," with Miss Peggy Nichols at the piano.

9. J. Glenn Huffman presented a report on the Program of Evangelism and then spoke to his report. Upon motion by T. E. Story and second by J. E. Pearson, the report on Program of Evangelism was approved.

PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM

The Program of Evangelism, as sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention, offers opportunities for us to unite our forces, and work with God, to reach the multitudes of lost people about us.

This program is directed in North Carolina by Dr. J. C. Canipe. Through this department of our state convention the following types of evangelistic work are given emphasis: 1. Conferences on Evangelism 2. Evangelistic crusades on the level of the Southern Baptist Convention, the state, the association, county-wide areas, and city-wide areas; 3. One church campaigns; 4. special campaigns for unevangelized areas; and 5. A concerted effort in prayer for revival.

The program offers some recommendations: That we prayerfully plan for and look forward to a great evangelistic crusade to be held in three separate divisions of the nation in 1954; That each association complete an associational organization under the leadership of a Chair-

man of Evangelism; That campaigns be held on an associational level; That an Evangelism Church Council be set up in every church.

The Church Council should always be directed by the pastor. The Supt. of Sunday School, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Educational Director, Chairman of Deacons, and other officers, as desired, should serve with the pastor on the council. It should plan the evangelistic program of the church, and then submit it to the church for adoption.

A suggested program of evangelism for a church is as follows: Two revivals a year, one of them in cooperation with the crusade in the association. Churches are encouraged to invite their pastors to preach in one of the two revivals. Plan and follow through with a program of visitation and personal evangelism. Study Bible and training courses on evangelism. Find your prospects with a survey made annually. Locate prospects that come into the community between annual surveys. Use visitors cards during your services. Use any other means of finding prospects. Keep records of those prospects, and of all efforts to reach them. Keep records of profession of faith, and follow them up for baptism and church membership. Create a pastor's Union, composed of all new church members, who meet with the pastor during Training Union each Sunday, to study the booklet, *Your Life And Your Church*. You can have such a group in your church without a Training Union.

Satan will use every idea and trick he can to keep your church from joining in this great effort, because he knows Southern Baptists are on the move for God and a lost world with this plan.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GLENN HUFFMAN

10. The report on Church and Pastoral Relationships was given by C. J. Poole. The report was approved upon motion by Charles Proffit and second by J. F. Jordan.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS

Wherever church and pastoral relationships are mentioned in the Bible it is a subject considered vital indeed to both church and pastor, and surely it is no less so now.

Paul, the great pastor that he was, gave thanks, prayed, longed for and had a mutual understanding with the people to whom he ministered. A pastor is supposed to be a man of God's choice, serving a people of God's choice; and surely there should be a relationship between them that would promote a feeling of gratitude one for the other. Surely the real pastor gives thanks to God for his church and for each individual which makes up the flock, and in turn any people should be thankful that God has provided a leader and undershepherd for them. It must also be true then that the bond between church and pastor would be greatly strengthened if we prayed much one for the other. We hear Paul saying, "I make mention of you always in my prayers." Not long ago I heard this said of a pastor, "He loves his people, and prays

for them whether they do right or not." We feel that that was a great compliment, and surely no pastor can go wrong in praying much for his flock.

It is also true that there are few things that the real man of God wants more than the prayers of his people.

Then we notice the expression, "I long for you." Born of God in the heart of the pastor is the longing for the welfare of his people. This also is shared by the people whom he serves.

We realize then that if the relationship between church and pastor is complying with God's will there will be a mutual faith and understanding between them; and if our churches and pastors had faith in God and in each other and understood and loved each other, the relationship between them would indeed be like unto that above.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. POOL

11. Miss Pat Steelman, of Wilkesboro Baptist Church, accompanied by Miss Katherine Frazier of that church, sang "My Task."

12. Announcements concerning the serving of lunch were made.

13. The Introductory Sermon was preached by R. L. Franklin, pastor of Wilkesboro Baptist Church. The topic was "Christ, The Standard for Christian Growth" with scripture reference from Eph. 4:1-16. These thoughts were part of his message: The goal of the Christian Fellowship is mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. 1. To be accomplished by our increasing unity. 2. The final goal, a complete body in Christ, will be attained by the maturing of all Christians within that body.

The session was adjourned for lunch.

Note: A bountiful lunch was spread on outside tables. B. L. Minton returned thanks.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

14. R. L. Franklin led the congregation in singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer." with Miss Peggy Nichols, accompanist. The congregation then engaged in a season of prayer.

15. T. E. Story was recognized to give the report of the committee on New Churches. He stated that one church, Oak Grove, near the Millers Creek community, had presented a letter to the Committee. He made the statement that they had examined the church as to its faith and order, and had questioned them concerning their reasons for seeking membership in the Association. He stated that the Committee recommend unanimously that they be received into the fellowship of the Association. Messengers from Oak Grove were recognized as follows: J. Q. Yates, Smith Rhodes, Mont Nelson. They stated that their pastor is Burl Smith of Jefferson, North Carolina, Route 1. Upon recommendation by the committee that the church be received, motion for adoption of the report of this committee was made by Roby McNeil, and second was given by J F. Jordan. The motion was unanimously passed. The Moderator, A. W. Eller, extended the 'right hand of

fellowship' to the messengers of Oak Grove and spoke words of welcome to the church in behalf of the Association.

16. The report on Training Union was given by the Associational Training Union Director, Miss Lunda Hendren. Following the reading of her written report, a feature was presented by the Primary Department of the First Baptist Church. The children of this group were escorted by Mrs. Maurice Walsh and Mrs. George Stockbridge. The feature consisted of an acrostic presenting the letters spelling Training Union about which a thought was presented on some phase of Training Union work by Miss Hendren. Motion for adoption of the report was made by J. E. Pearson and the second was given by Cleat W. Simmons.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION ANNUAL REPORT, 1952

The Brushy Mountain Associational Baptist Training Union has had a very good year. Regular Executive Officers Meetings, Officers and Leaders Meetings and Mass or Group Meetings were held, usually on the third Monday of each month. Requirements were met for a Standard Organization on all three reports which have been made thus far.

A number of new officers from churches not usually furnishing leadership in the Association were used and all officers were very cooperative and faithful to their task all during the year.

In addition to the Attendance banner, which was previously given to the Training Union having the largest percentage of its membership present at Mass Meetings, two additional banners were presented this year; one to the Training Union having the largest number of people attending the Mass Meetings and one to the Union from any Training Union having the highest efficiency average for the quarter.

The outstanding feature of the work this year was the Group Training Schools, which were held in March at Purlear, Mount Pleasant, Zion Hill, Welcome Home, Moravian Falls and North Wilkesboro First Baptist Churches. Much of the success of these schools was due to the cooperation and leadership shown by the Group Leaders: Mrs. Tom Hayes, Mrs. Earl German, Mrs. Charles Bishop, Mr. Fred Shoemaker and Miss Pansy Foster. The leaders also conducted Group meetings in June.

The Associational Baptist Training Union Manual was studied at the beginning of the year, and a good number of officers attended the State Planning Meeting in High Point, which aided the officers very much in being able to carry out their work efficiently.

The Training Union work has been reorganized at New Hope Church since our last annual report, with very fine leadership and interest. It is regrettable that more of our churches do not have Training Union organizations, but the work is growing in the organizations we now have.

Respectfully submitted,
LUNDA HENDREN, Associational Director.

17. The report on Wilkes County Baptist Pastors Convention and Seminary Extension Center was given by J. Glenn Huffman. Follow-

ing the reading of this report, the ministers who attended the Seminary Extension Center presented a feature consisting of the singing of hymns by the group of ministers and a demonstration teaching on New Testament Religious and Political Parties by R. L. Franklin, one of the teachers in the Center. Motion for the adoption of the report on Pastors Conference and Extension Center was made by T. E. Story. It was adopted.

WILKES COUNTY BAPTIST PASTORS CONFERENCE AND EXTENSION CENTER

The Wilkes County Baptist Conference is an organization for all the preachers. For a long time, we met once a month for fellowship and study of some important phases of our work; then we decided that was not enough, and we organized a school and met once a week. We went on that way for some time, meeting once a week, and studying the Bible and other good books, such as "Faith of the New Testament" by Conner, Church History, and Preparation of Sermons, by some of the leading men of our denomination.

Last year the Southern Baptist Convention decided a group could qualify for a Seminary Extension Center, so we went to work and elected our teachers, Dr. John T. Wayland and Rev. Robert Franklin; and the Convention approved our work, and we have an accredited Seminary Extension Center going on in our County. Last semester we studied Old Testament and Preparation of Sermons.

We just began our school this year, and we are studying the New Testament and Church Leadership. Last year twenty-five preachers and five laymen attended the school. Seven preachers finished the course, and the remaining members were auditors. This year we have just started and will continue through April. Enrolled are thirty-five members.

J. G. HUFFMAN

18. Pastors not present at the morning session were recognized. J. Roby McNeil was the only one with the exception of visiting minister, Rev. C. W. Bazemore, representative of the Biblical Recorder.

19. J. F. Jordan read the History of Purlear Baptist Church. Upon conclusion of the reading, Mr. Jordan made the statement that according to the History of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association, as it is recorded in recent issues of the minutes, this is the eighty-first session of this Association rather than the seventy-ninth. Since this fact is substantiated by history, the request was made that all references to this session be as the eighty-first session. Upon motion of C. J. Poole and second by J. E. Pearson, the History of Purlear Baptist Church was approved as read.

A HISTORY OF PULEAR BAPTIST CHURCH

The Christian people of the present Pulear community felt the need of a church and Sunday School. In 1923, C. C. Hayes, purchased the old Purlear school building, and the citizens of the community joined

together and helped dismantle the building, and hauled the lumber to the present site and erected a building for the purpose of conducting funerals and Sunday School. This building was used for this purpose until the Fall of 1932.

November 6, 1932, the formal organization of Purlear Missionary Baptist Church took place. A Presbytery was formed and included four ministers; Rev. G. W. Sebastain, J. E. Hayes, J. A. Parsons, and James T. Nichols. Deacons U. G. Foster of Mt Pleasant, B. F. Huffman of Mt Pleasant, and W. H. Eller of New Hope. Rev. G. W. Sebastian was elected chairman, and James T. Nichols was elected Secretary. The church covenant was read by the chairman, and the sermon was delivered by Rev. G. W. Sebastian. The prayer was led by Rev. J. E. Hayes, and the Bible was presented by Rev. J. A. Parsons. The following were received as charter members: R. L. Cooper, Floyd Cooper, Margaret Cooper, W. H. Eller, Mertie Eller, Agnes Eller, Cecil Eller, Bonnie Hayes, Sarah J. Hayes, Katie Hayes, Richard Hayes, Com Huffman, Barbara Huffman, Jennie McNeill, Rev. James T. Nichols, Julia A. Nichols, William H. Nichols, Ina Nichols, Toyce Nichols, R. Don Nichols, Rev. G. W. Sebastian, M. E. Sebastian, Jesse Summerlin, Daisy Summerlin, Mintie Vannoy, Lula Vannoy. Mary Cooper was received under the watch care of the church pending her letter.

Rev. G. W. Sebastian was elected as the first pastor of the church. The first Sunday of each month was chosen as the time for preaching service. Rev. G. W. Sebastian served as pastor until the third Sunday in November, 1934, when the church called Rev. A. W. Eller. He served as pastor until March, 1936, when Rev. A. B. Hayes was called. He served as pastor until the December meeting in 1936, when the church unanimously called Rev. G. W. Sebastian, again, as pastor; and at the same meeting, the church voted to set apart July, 1937, for the purpose of calling a pastor for the next year. On Sunday following the second Saturday in September, 1937, the church met and voted unanimously for Rev. S. L. Blevins for pastor. He served until October, 1938. At the regular meeting time, they voted to call Rev. Vilas Minton as pastor to serve the next year ending in August, 1939. The church met in conference and reelected Rev. Vilas Minton, by acclamation, to serve during the coming year.

On the third Sunday in August, 1940, the church met and voted to call Rev. F. C. Watts as pastor, and in July, 1942, he was reelected to succeed himself another year; but due to sickness and failing health, he was unable to serve out the year. In August, 1943, the church called Rev. Fred Blevins to serve as pastor until the first of the coming year. At the December meeting, 1944, the church called a meeting, with Ted R. Nichols, moderator pro tem, and the church voted unanimously to call Rev. Glenn Huffman as pastor. He has succeeded himself each year until the present year, and is still serving as pastor.

W. H. Eller was elected the first Clerk of the church and served until 1940. J. F. Hayes was elected and served until 1944. Tom Wake

Hayes was elected and served until November 1950. Then, Wiley E. McNeill, Jr. was elected and is still serving as clerk.

The church has conducted a revival meeting most every year since 1933, and has increased in membership. In 1933 there were ten members added by baptism and ten by letter. In 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, and 1940 there were members added each year by baptism and by letters also. It seems that in 1945, the largest number was added of any one year, thirteen by baptism and two under the watch care of the church. In 1936 six members were added by baptism and four under the watch care of the church. The membership has kept increasing from year to year until at the present time the church has 146 members. The minutes show that as the membership increased finances improved accordingly.

From the reading of the minutes, it was learned that C. C. Hayes was elected the first Superintendent of Sunday School in 1934 and served to 1936; J. F. Hayes, 1936-1939; Tom Wake Hayes, 1939-1941; Gwyn Nichols, 1941-1943; D. C. Whittington, 1943-1946; Ted R. Nichols, 1946-1948; Walter A. Blackburn, 1948-1952.

In September, 1945, Dual Whittington suggested the building of Sunday school rooms to the church; and at the October meeting a motion was made that a building fund be started for the purpose of building Sunday School rooms. At the November meeting, 1945, Joe Hayes, D. C. Whittington, Don Nichols, were put on a building committee to act as they saw fit. Tom Wake Hayes was added to serve as Secretary and Treasurer. They started raising funds, and the people responded quickly, giving from one to one thousand dollars. This fund kept growing until they raised eight thousand dollars in cash, so one member of the church told me. At the October meeting in 1946, they went on record to build a new church, and appointed a building committee as follows: Joe Hayes, D. C. Whittington, W. H. Nichols, Wiley E. McNeill, Jr., and Tom Hayes. They appointed a finance committee as follows: Don Nichols, Hazel Hayes, Clyde Hayes, Lottie McNeill, Rev. Glenn Huffman; and at the April meeting, 1949, the building committee met and decided to start building the new church.

Wayne Yates was elected as purchasing agent but stated that he did not have time to devote to it, so he was replaced by Will Nichols. Don Nichols was elected building foreman. They proceeded with the building of the new church and adopted the slogan, "Pay As You Go." In 1949 they completed the new brick building, which has a good auditorium, seven good class rooms, one room in the basement, and a modern heating plant that will furnish heat to all parts of the building. All rooms are equipped with chairs and tables, and all the building equipped with electric lights. This new building cost about fifteen thousand dollars, I was told by some of the members, and it is all paid for. I was told by one member, that the members of the church contributed about three thousand dollars in free labor in the construction of the new building for which they are to be highly commended. It would be an asset to any community.

In 1940 the church voted to join the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association, and elected as the first messengers, D. C. Whittington, J. F. Hayes, W. H. Nichols, and W. H. Eller. The church, in 1944, elected and ordained four deacons, Rich Hayes, Joe Hayes, D. C. Whittington, and Tom Wake Hayes.

The church has increased financially as well as in membership, and has contributed very freely from time to time to all of the Baptist causes. I. has held a Vacation Bible School for the past four years, with great success, and also has an active Training Union and a Woman's Group of active workers. The Clerk stated to me that they have money collected and in the treasury for the landscaping and beautifying of the grounds.

J. F. JORDAN, Historian

The Moderator, A. W. Eller, relinquished the chair in the absence of the Vice-Moderator to J. E. Pearson.

20. The report on Christian Education was presented by Mrs. John T. Wayland. The report was approved upon motion by Cleat Simmons and second by T. E. Story. Mrs. Wayland spoke to her report, presenting the work of the American Bible Society as a valuable contribution to the program of Christian Education in our churches.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The year of 1951-1952 was a period marked by several important milestones in the field of Christian Education among Southern Baptists. Chief among them were:

1. The percentage of fully accredited Southern Baptist colleges now equals and in fact surpasses the average of the colleges of the United States.

2. Baylor University now offers programs of advanced study leading to the Doctorate in several fields. Baylor University is the first Southern Baptist educational institution to offer graduate work at this level outside of the field of theology.

3. Southeastern Theological Seminary began its first term in September 1951 on the campus of Wake Forest College.

4. Tennessee Baptists opened Belmont College in Nashville, Tennessee as a coeducational Baptist Junior College.

Financially, our colleges seem to be holding up well considering the increase cost of operation and the reduced enrollment. The enrollment in Baptist Schools although suffering some reduction in this past year compares favorably with the national average.

Each year about 15,000 Baptist boys and girls graduate from the High Schools in North Carolina. Not more than 4,000 of these go to any college and out of this 4,000 only 1,000 enroll in our Baptist colleges.

Last year there were graduated from the North Wilkesboro High School 61 boys and girls. Of this number about 43 were Baptists. Of these 43 Baptists only 4 are enrolled this fall in our Baptist Schools.

Why should we continue to operate these schools? First of all, one

of the outstanding purposes of the Christian college is to achieve among young people of Christian background—a permanent dedication to Christian living and Christian service.

In the Christian college a Christian student finds himself one of the majority. The most prominent and popular students are the leaders in the religious life of the school, so it is easy and natural for the new student to participate. Our young people need the Christian atmosphere of the Christian college.

Secondly, our Baptist Schools train our leaders. Of the 827 foreign missionaries under appointments in 1952, 806 attended a Baptist College. Five out of six of our pastors with college training come from our own colleges, and more than 72% of our denominational leaders with college training attended a Southern Baptist college.

So why do we not make full use of our splendid colleges? We should publicize our schools through every medium open to us. All over the state, people should be encouraged to visit our schools in order to acquaint themselves better with existing conditions.

Christian education is the threefold development of man—the physical, the mental, and the spiritual. Culture is not enough. Knowledge alone is not enough. To these must be added character. Under consecrated Christian teachers in our Baptist Colleges, our young people have every opportunity to develop fine Christian character. If we Southern Baptists are to maintain a worthy representation among Christian leaders of the world, we must redouble our efforts in the field of Christian education.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN T. WAYLAND

21. The congregation sang "Blessed Assurance," with Miss Peggy Nichols at the piano, and J. E. Pearson leading.

22. Recognition was given to Mr. B. Frank Hasty, Field Representative of Wake Forest College. The Moderator, pro tem, stated that simple recognition was given at this point in the program to college representatives and that C. W. Bazemore, of the Biblical Recorder had been especially invited to speak on Christian Education. An apology was offered to Mr. Hasty concerning time allowed college representatives, and that such limited time on the program was in no means an indication of wrong attitudes toward our institutions.

23. The report on Biblical Recorder was presented by Mrs. Harvey White. Upon motion by Turner Huffman and second by J. F. Jordan, the report was adopted.

BIBLICAL RECORDER

The winning of people to Christ and the training and development of our people must be carried on primarily through preaching, teaching, and the use of good religious literature. We must place in the hands of the people religious literature in the form of tracts, magazines and

books. The Bible, of course, occupies the chief place in our list of literature.

We must encourage our people to read and study the various types of literature which help us to understand and teach the Bible and which offer inspiration and guidance in Christian living and service. One in this list is the State Baptist paper, because it seeks to promote and support all phases of our Baptist work, both at home and abroad.

The present circulation of the Biblical Recorder, our State Baptist paper in North Carolina, is more than 50,000. This means an increase of more than 5,000 during the past twelve months. For this circulation we are grateful to God and to the pastors and leaders of North Carolina Baptists. We feel, since the Biblical Recorder is the organ of our Baptist State Convention and because of the service it will render, that it ought to be in every North Carolina Baptist home.

In addition to information about Baptist work, the Recorder carries week by week significant articles which deal with the great issues of life which all our people must face.

The Recorder has three subscriptions plans: \$2.50 a year for individual subscription, \$2.00 a year in clubs, \$1.50 a year for the every-family plan in which one subscription for each resident church family is required.

One of the great needs of our people today is that they be informed, trained, and enlisted in the whole program of the Church and the Kingdom Of God, and we feel that the Biblical Recorder is of immense value in this great cause. We would follow the injunction of Paul to Timothy: "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HARVEY WHITE

24. Rev. C. W. Bazemore of the Biblical Recorder spoke on Christian Education. He used a map of North Carolina as a visual aid to picture the location of Baptist Colleges in the State. His message was informative and inspiring.

25. The congregation sang, "Jesus Saves," with Peggy Nichols at the piano, and J. E. Pearson leading.

26. Upon the pronouncing of the benediction by W. H. Caldwell, the Moderator adjourned the afternoon session of the Association with an announcement to the congregatin to return for the first night's session of the Association, which was held in Purlear Baptist Church.

TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION

27. This session was opened with the singing of the hymn, "Draw Me Nearer," led by Mr. Walter Blackburn and played by Miss Jo Ann Hayes, both of Purlear.

28. Rev. Harvey White led the devotions which consisted of his

reading of the twenty-fourth Psalm and a prayer voiced by T. E. Story.

29. The Report on The Baptist Brotherhood was read by J. E. Pearson. Motion for adoption of the report on Baptist Brotherhood included a recommendation to the Committee on Nominations that Mr. Ray Blevins, past President of the Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro, be nominated as Associational Brotherhood President, and if elected, that as soon as possible, a group of officers be enlisted to work with him to promote the Brotherhood work in the Association. This motion was approved.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD

The Baptist Brotherhood movement is rapidly being accepted among our Baptist churches as a means to promotion of Lord's work through the lives of the men in our churches. It affords men special opportunities for fellowship and service that are well worthwhile, even in the church that affords many such privileges.

The Baptist Brotherhood promotes evangelism with a well balanced presentation and program of participation. Personal or visitation evangelism, evangelistic crusades and campaigns, and perennial evangelism in the churches is promoted.

Another phase of the work is the Man and Boy Movement, which is an effort on the part of Brotherhood members to bring neglected boys into the Sunday School and a happy church life.

We now have only one Brotherhood in our association, that of the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro, and we have no associational organization set up as yet; but plans are now being launched for the promotion of this work throughout the association.

Respectively submitted,

RAY BLEVINS

30. The Moderator, A. W. Eller, introduced W. N. Brookshire, former pastor of Wilkesboro Baptist Church, and now pastor of New Friendship Baptist Church, near Winston-Salem, N. C., who spoke on the subject, "What Is the District Association?"

Upon completion of this message, T. E. Story moved that it be included in these minutes and that it be sent to the Biblical Recorder. Second to this motion was offered by J. G. Huffman, and the motion was approved.

WHAT IS THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION?

In reply to the question, "What is the district association?" I shall state and discuss briefly two things. Others could be given, but a discussion of these two will consume the fifteen minutes allotted to this topic.

First, the district association is a voluntary organization of baptist churches of like faith and interests. This truth is evident in the formation of the first district associations.

The first baptist association, so called, was organized in England

by the Particular Baptists in 1653. This first Association lived about four years. The second was formed in England in 1655, two years after the first, and still exists. One significant thing about the churches which constituted these associations is that of a previous unity, and fellowship, and desire among the churches to work together. As early as 1644 seven Particular Baptist churches united in issuing a confession of faith composed of 50 articles which is one of the chief landmarks of Baptist history. The evidence is that these early associations were the results of a voluntary cooperation of Baptist churches of like faith and interests.

In America a group of Baptist churches in and around Philadelphia were in "intimate fellowship," and "for their mutual convenience and edification, almost from their origin, a custom grew up of holding 'general meetings.'" (Henry C. Vedder, *A Short History of the Baptists*, p. 305). At first these meetings were held once a year, later they were held semi-annual, in May and September. They were attended by anyone who found it convenient to do so, and were wholly devotional and evangelistic. In 1707 the meeting was for the first time a delegated body with five churches voluntarily sending delegates. Thus the Philadelphia Baptist Association, the first to be found in the United States, was organized in 1707, in the seventh month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, and on the seventh day of the week. (John T. Christian, *The History of the Baptists*, vol. 11, p. 148.) I doubt, however, that these dates have any particular significance.

According to the historian, Vedder, "this association speedily became the leading body among American Baptists . . . Pretty much everything good in our history from 1700 to 1850 may be traced to its initiative or active cooperation." (Vedder, *op. cit.*, p. 306) One of the outstanding accomplishments being the founding of Rhode Island College.

As new churches were organized most of them sought and obtained membership in the Philadelphia Association. As it grew in strength several missionaries were sent out along the Atlantic coast as far as Charleston, South Carolina. As was true with the first associations in England, this association was a voluntary organization of Baptist churches and was preceded by an intimate fellowship among the churches.

It is of genuine interest to learn that the next Baptist associations were organized in the south. The first of these was the Charleston Baptist Association in South Carolina, organized in 1751. The next was the Sandy Creek Baptist Association in North Carolina, organized in 1758, near what is now Siler City. It should be of interest to North Carolina Baptists to know that the third Baptist Association in the United States was organized in North Carolina.

The way this association came into existence is of great significance. Shubeal Stearns, a product of the Whitefield revival, and pastor of Sandy Creek Church, was convinced that an association, composed of delegates from the several newly organized Baptist churches in the

surrounding territory, would be good for the churches as a whole. He visited each church and explained the plan to each organization and invited them all to send delegates to his meeting house in January, 1758. Some of the churches responded and the association was organized to meet again in July, at which time a larger number of churches sent delegates. (George Washington Pascal, *History of North Carolina Baptists*, pp. 394-400.) We note that participation on the part of the churches was voluntary. What is true of this association is true of other district associations. They are voluntary organizations of Baptist churches of like faith and interests.

My second statement in answer to the question, "What is the district association?" has to do with the purpose of such an organization.

From the very beginning the Particular Baptists "disclaimed all manner of superiority or superintendency over the churches. They were willing to give advice in regard to queries, but had no notion of becoming a court of appeals to settle church quarrels and try heretics." (Vedder, *op. cit.* p. 239) Vedder lists some legitimate activities of a district association as "proposing plans of usefulness, recommending cases requiring pecuniary support, and devising means for the spread of the gospel." (I *bid.*, p. 238.) Another lists as its purpose "the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom, by the maintenance of love and fellowship, and by mutual consultations for the peace and welfare of the churches." He goes on to say, "The independency of the churches was asserted, and the powers of the association restricted to those of a Council of Advice . . . Christ and not an associated body of any kind, is Law-giver and Head of the church." (Christian, *op. cit.* p. 150.) "Our doctrine is that the church is the highest ecclesiastical tribunal on earth; and when assembled in the name of Christ, he the Great Head, is in the midst of her . . . The association is formed by a compact between churches, for the purpose of correspondence and acquaintance, and the promotion . . . of their own and common welfare of Zion. As the churches are sovereign and independent, they sustain no relation to each other, except by agreement"

"When a church violates the compact upon which she agrees to meet in associations with her sister churches she forfeits her right under the compact, and may, and ought to be denied the privileges of the association. But so long as she adheres to the terms of the compact, she has a right to be regarded as a member. She can commit no offense over which the association can exercise jurisdiction, except a plain and obvious violation of the terms of compact; and when dropped from correspondence and association, she is still as much a church as she ever was. Connection with an association is not essential to the existence of a church; but piety, purity of doctrine, and walking in all the ordinances of the Lord blameless. So the New Testament teaches, so the Baptists believe." (I *bid.*, pp. 152-153.)

Baptist churches which are faithful to this New Testament teaching have so much in common that they can work together in a broader fellowship such as the district association. In this fellowship they become

united instruments in the hands of the Great Physician. Stated very simply, Baptist churches voluntarily organize themselves into district associations for the purpose of doing together the things which they could not do by working individually.

W. N. BROOKSHIRE

(This message was delivered at the annual meeting of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association September 23, 1952.)

31. The Report on The Cooperative Program was read by Gwyn Vannoy. Upon motion by J. F. Jordon, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

We suffer much from human limitations. Some would like to go to foreign fields as missionaries, but will never be able to do so physically. Some may desire to serve on home fields, but even there be prevented by various hindrances.

The Lord's work suffers from the limitations placed upon it. We give unwisely and meagerly to the work and limit God.

The Cooperative Program overcomes many of these limitations. You can go anywhere in the world to serve Jesus when you give through the Cooperative Program, for all phases of the work are or soon will be largely supported through the Cooperative Program. As we undergird the structure of our work with the sound basis of financial support to be found in the Cooperative Program, we will loose the work from hindrances.

Let us stress that we do not give to the Cooperative Program, we give through it.

In North Carolina all our work is partially supported through the Cooperative Program except the Orphanage. After 1954 it, too, will receive part of its support from the Cooperative Program.

Southern Baptist and North Carolina Baptist Causes share on a percentage basis all funds Contributed through the Cooperative Program, The more we give through this plan the more adequately will every phase of our work be supported.

Let us effectively use this sensible plan of finance for better support of the work.

Respectively submitted,

GWYN VANNOY

32. The Report on State Missions was read by Miss Peggy Nichols. Upon motion by R. L. Franklin, and second by T. E. Story, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The term "State Missions" is used to refer to eighteen specific types of work sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and which is all done within the state. It is work done by the Baptist people and churches of our convention under the direction of our State Mission Board, our General Secretary, our three General

Missionaries, and the leaders of the various departments of our convention.

There are more than 1½ million evangelistic prospects out of a total white population in North Carolina of 2,983,110. Since Baptists are predominant in North Carolina we must assume that more than 50% of the spiritual responsibility for these people is in the hands of North Carolina Baptists.

We have received much of the good done by our State Missions Program here in our association. Our Seminary Extension Center is in some ways an outgrowth of Preachers' Schools our General missionary, J. C. Pipes, has led here in past years. Individual churches and preachers have been blessed by his noble ministry. Financial support of our associational missions program has come more directly from the General Fund of undesignated Cooperative Program money, but it has been undergirded by State Missions. Our churches have become more missions conscious and the program of Christian Education in the churches has been greatly set forward by the efforts of the State Convention to afford us information and challenge.

With the cooperation of Dr. John T. Wayland and the First Baptist Church, and Rev. Jerry F. Potter, State missionary to the Silent People, efforts have been made to minister to those who cannot speak or hear with a Sunday School class and frequent worship services. This is a State Missions ministry.

We benefit by such efforts as the work of the Allied Church League and the Better Government work which receives some support from State Missions funds to aid in the fight for better social conditions, and specifically to oppose alcoholism, gambling, and vice.

Our Summer Workers in our Association for sometime have received financial aid from State Missions Funds;

Our Sunday School, Training Union and Brotherhood work is promoted through the program of State Missions. We recognize the help that has encouraged growth in these phases of the work.

Several ministers in this area have had the privilege of attending the Preachers' School at Fruitland, which is largely supported by State Missions.

Our young people and others from our churches are attending the Summer Assemblies at Caswell and Fruitland. These opportunities for fellowship, education and inspiration are afforded through State Missions.

Certainly we gain from the efforts, in the fields of evangelism visual education and radio; and work with the Indians and Negroes in our state.

Our young people who go away to college are helped through the ministry of the Baptist Student work sponsored through State Missions.

We have many opportunities to help others in turn, throughout the

state by loyal support of the cause of State Missions. Dr. M. A. Huggins has called State Missions the "seed corn." Let us plant it well, and look for growth the fruition with expectant faith.

Respectfully submitted,

(MISS) PEGGY NICHOLS

33. The Choir of Purlear Baptist Church sang "Take Time To Be Holy".

34. Rev. M. H. Kendall, Professor of Bible and Greek, Mars Hill College, spoke on "Advancing With Christ In Our Baptist Program."

35. The Moderator expressed a desire that many would attend the sessions on Wednesday at Lewis Fork Baptist Church. He expressed appreciation to the people of Purlear for their gracious entertainment of the Association through the sessions of the first day.

36. The session was adjourned with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

37. The morning session on Wednesday, September 24, 1952, at Lewis Fork Baptist Church, was called to order by A. W. Eller, Moderator. With Miss Peggy Nichols as pianist, and with R. L. Franklin leading, the congregation sang "There's Within My Heart a Melody."

38. A. W. Eller, Moderator, speaking as pastor of Lewis Fork Baptist Church, extended greetings to the congregation. For devotional thought, he read from the tenth chapter of Romans, and led in prayer.

39. Pastors in the Association who were not present and recognized at the sessions on Tuesday were given recognition. They were as follows: Clate Brown, C. S. Welborn, E. C. Hodges, Iredell Osborne, and Bine Church. Visitors recognized were; John L. Wells, pastor of Hiddenite Baptist Church, and Dr. W. K. McGee of the Baptist Hospital.

40. The Sunday School Report was read and spoken to by T. E. Story, Associational Sunday School Superintendent. The motion for adoption of the Sunday School report was offered by John T. Wayland, and upon second by J. F. Jordan, it was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Bible is the Christian's way-bill. It is a chart and compass for all who will use it. It is a light unto those in darkness and a comfort to those who sorrow. It will lead the wayfaring man into paths of righteousness and the redeemed will find assurance on its pages.

As Christians we are obligated to read it, to study it, and to teach it. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations"; "Study to show thyself approved unto God".

Through the past years, nearly all of the new converts who have come into our churches have been in attendance in the Sunday School. Their knowledge of the Bible and the training they have received from Sunday School teachers have made easier their way to the Savior.

In our Association in the year 1951 we enrolled 5581 people which was an increase of 3.4% over the previous year. During the past five

years we have had an average increase of enrollment of 4.5% per year. At that rate we can never hope to reach the great mass of un-churched people.

At a meeting of the Sunday School Association last year we set as a goal a 15% increase and asked each of the churches to undertake to reach such goal for the current year. If that was attained in all of the churches, our enrollment this year will be 6418. But even if that is done there will still be more than 10,000 people in our association who are not in any body's Sunday School. If you wished to widen it to Wilkes County you will find at least 25,000 people who fail to go to any church. In our Association last year $\frac{3}{4}$ of the churches failed to enroll as many people in Sunday School as they had on their church rolls, and in the majority of the churches and the communities round about them there are enough prospects to more than double the present enrollment.

Our Convention is asking again that we set as goal for 1952-1953 a 15% increase in enrollment in each church. With proper effort this goal can be reached. The Superintendent and those associated with him have made plans for an intensive program of enlargement and improvement of the work generally beginning immediately after the annual Associational meeting.

This 22 day of Sept. 1952.

T. E. STORY, Associational S. S. Supt.

41. The report of the Nominating Committee was read by R. L. Franklin. John T. Wayland made the motion that the nominees be elected by acclamation. The second was made by T. E. Story, and the officers were elected as listed in the directory.

42. Mrs. Addie Jones presented the report on the Baptist Hospital. Motion for adoption was by T. E. Story, and second by J. F. Jordan. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

"And He healed many that were sick." Mark 1:34. This statement refers to the ministry of Jesus when he was here in the flesh. Also it describes the ministry of our Baptist Hospital, where hundreds of sick people go each week in search of relief from disease and sickness of almost every nature. In many cases they go as a resort when hope has all but failed. Many go there saying, "We have spent all our money and are still sick. Can the Baptist Hospital help us?" It is the business of our Hospital to do all in its power to give an affirmative answer to these pleas, which come out of sickness and poverty.

Last year the hospital provided free services in the amount of \$456,788.50 to needy persons. It is our opportunity through Mothers' Day offerings to make it possible to answer these calls for help. In 1951, 10,000 persons were cared for as bed patients, and 95,000 visits were made to the clinics for examinations and treatments. Much of

this could not have been provided without help from our Mothers' Day Offerings.

The hospital is the property of North Carolina Baptists and, is the concrete expression of their desire to minister to the whole person. Teaching and healing, two of the principal precepts of Christ's ministry are the main objectives of our Baptist Hospital. Our responsibility as Christians is to help provide these services to the sick and needy of North Carolina. A patient's need for pastoral care is increased rather than lessened by illness. To meet this need the hospital has a full Department of Religion which is a bridge between the hospital and the parent denomination, and seeks in every way to increase the hospital's resources for service.

It is hoped before this year closes every one of our churches will have done its part in helping in the cost of the construction of the new wing, which, when completed, will add 150 new beds, and many other badly needed facilities.

Let us give our best in the name of our Lord in meeting the opportunity to help sick people who need the services of our Baptist Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ADDIE H. JONES

43. Dr. W. K. McGee, Director of the Department of Religion of the Baptist Hospital spoke to the report on the hospital. Following Dr. McGee's message and request that a hospital representative be elected, John T. Wayland made the motion that the Nominating Committee provide nominees as suggested representatives for the Hospital, Orphanage, Biblical Recorder, and Home for the Aging. The motion was given second by Cleat W. Simmons, and was adopted.

44. A suggestion was made by John T. Wayland that an offering be given to the Clerk during the recess for lunch in order that a hat lost by T. E. Story, while at the Tuesday sessions at Purlear, could be replaced. (Later information offered by someone present, who knew of the hat having been taken by mistake, led to its return.)

45. The report on Foreign Missions was presented by Mrs. J. E. Pearson. This report was approved upon motion by R. L. Franklin and second by J. F. Jordan.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

At the close of the year 1950 there were 803 Southern Baptist missionaries on foreign fields. A goal of 1750 missionaries has been set for the near future, but the attainment will depend entirely upon the enlarged vision and enlarged giving of our Baptist people.

Of the 111 missionaries appointed in 1950, 31 went to Africa, Europe and the Near East; 25 to Japan; and 35 to Latin America.

For the first time our Board has appointed agricultural missionaries. Two such couples were appointed, one going to Israel, and the other to North Brazil. In each of these cases a specific request was received from the mission fields for such appointments. Also appointed

was an expert pilot and airplane mechanic to be responsible for a newly acquired plane in North Brazil.

The executive secretary of the Japan Baptist Convention envisions at least 1000 Baptist churches in Japan within 25 years. The \$600,000 needed to make possible 100 missionary appointments to Japan was received through the Cooperative Program during the latter weeks of 1951.

Here are some important facts that Southern Baptists face:

1—Outside the United States there are 2,100,000,000 people; inside the United States there are 155,000,000 people. Thirteen times more people live outside than inside the United States.

2—Our Foreign Mission Board received an income last year of \$6,900,000. Thirty one times more was given to all other causes \$215,900,000.

3—Within our homeland we have a religious leadership totaling 23,700 ministers, ordained and licensed. In other countries we have 850 missionaries and 825 ordained ministers. Our religious leadership is 14 times larger at home than abroad.

4—In our Southern Baptist Convention we have 28,300 churches, and a membership of 7,375,000 people. There were reported 376,000 baptisms. On our foreign mission field we have 1900 churches with a membership of 190,000. 18,500 people were baptized last year. We have 15 times more churches at home than abroad; our membership is 39 times larger at home than in foreign fields, and we reported 20 baptisms at home to 1 afar.

5—Our schools of higher learning at home number two to one on the foreign mission field. We have 23 Junior colleges, 29 colleges and Universities, and 7 Theological Seminaries and Trainings Schools. On our Foreign Mission fields we have 4 colleges, 5 Normal Schools, 21 Theological Seminaries and Training Schools. A total of 59 at home, and 30 abroad.

6—In our Southern Baptist Convention we have 26 Hospitals with 6750 beds. On foreign fields we have 5 hospital with 175 beds. Our hospitals are 5 to their 1, and our beds are 38 to their 1.

7—At home we have 21 Orphanages. On our Foreign we have 3.

And so we conclude—

1—That the majority of those for whom Christ died live outside the limits of the United States and comparatively few of them have yet been won.

2—The income of the Foreign Mission Board is far too small in proportion to its task.

3—We are glad to note that a splendid national leadership is emerging in many areas where the Foreign Missions Board is at work

4—The churches on the mission fields, judging by baptisms in relation to membership, are more successful in soul-winning than Southern Baptist churches at home.

5—Great emphasis is being placed upon higher education on the mission fields,—theological education in particular.

6—Mission hospitals need more adequate facilities with which to cope with unrelieved suffering and disease.

WORDS OF WISDOM:

“Missionary heroism is still a present fact; its best stories do not always have to begin with ‘Once upon a time’.” Norman Goodall in *International Review of Missions*.

“If we want to provide the Christian answer to Communism, we must do so before Communism takes control of a country. Afterwards it is too late,” Leonard Constantine in *International Review of Missions*.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. E. PEARSON

46. Mrs. George Johnson presented the report on Home Missions. The motion for the adoption of the report was given by J. F. Jordan and the second by Cleat W. Simmons, whereupon, it was approved.

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS

Last year Home Missions reported 36,390 professions of faith in response to their 99,033 sermons. The Evangelistic crusade in the southeastern states led by the Department of Evangelism, of the Home Mission Board, resulted in the greatest number of baptisms ever reported in the churches of this area. This consummated the first phase of Evangelistic crusade by divisions of west and east. In 1952 evangelism has turned toward smaller units for crusades by districts and associations. Some state wide crusades were held in the spring of 1952.

In the Department of Direct Missions 344 missionaries serving those who are shut off from the gospel by barriers of distance, racial distinction, language, and social and economic differences, won 6,767 converts. Each missionary must serve an average of 27,000 people in this department. Churches are being encouraged to serve the migrants while they are working in nearby areas, and thousands have come to look to the “mission on wheels” for a direct spiritual ministry.

Work recently started among isolated ranchers, oilfield workers and others out of touch with the Baptist message has proved a blessing to scores of neglected households. Work in the outposts—Alaska, Cuba, Panama, and the Canal Zone—has shown gratifying progress during the past year.

Interest in Negro work in our Convention territory has definitely increased. The eighteen Negro centers in which white leaders cooperate with the Negroes in a constructive, educational and missionary program, are rendering a very significant service in training Negro leaders. A Baptist Student Union program for Negroes is now being launched to help the youth in Negro colleges.

In the Department of Jewish Evangelism, the first Southwide Jewish Fellowship week, sponsored by the Board was promoted November 5-11 last year with encouraging response.

A total of 1,170 missionaries (including 305 students who assisted

regular missionaries during the summer months) served the Home Mission Board last year. The Board has work among the Chinese, the Deaf, French, Indians, Italians, Japanese, Spanish-speaking and the service of Goodwill Center, Rescue Homes and the Emergency Home in the field of Direct Missions. In other departments the Board has ministry among the Jews, Negroes, Ranchers, and Migrants. Through the Department of Co-operative Missions the Board serves in Mountain Missions, the rural church program, and city Missions. Through its Department of Evangelism, Education, Schools of Missions, and the Outposts, various types of service are rendered in many avenues, while ten general field workers spread their services over the whole convention territory.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. GEORGE JOHNSON

47. The report on The Woman's Missionary Union was presented by Mrs. Tam Hutchinson, Association W. M. U. President. Following the reading of the report, Mrs. Hutchinson spoke to the report and led in a feature presenting an object lesson concerning attitudes toward missions. Miss Barbara Absher and Miss Jo Ann Johnson of Liberty Grove Baptist Church, assisted Mrs. Hutchinson. One held a dollar bill before her eyes and spoke of missionary blindness to everything because of inordinate love of money. Another held a mirror before her eyes and spoke of seeing only self and living for self, blind to others. Mrs. Hutchinson held before her eyes a pair of field glasses. Some, she said, have the glasses reversed, and all the lost of the world are far away, but when looked through in the proper direction, and adjusted properly, one can see those at home, in the nation, and in foreign lands, and all are "brought up close" to our hearts when we learn of them through inspiring missionary information. The feature was concluded by the singing of a duet by Miss Absher and Miss Johnson. The motion for adoption of the W. M. U. report was made by Cleat W. Simmons, and the second was by T. E. Story. It was adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," (John 1:29b) has been the watchword of our Woman's Missionary Union for the past year. To advance with Christ through the Missionary organizations of our churches, we must say to a lost world, "Behold, or see, my Saviour; look at him; feel his presence." when we meditate upon these words of John the Baptist as he beheld Jesus returning from the wilderness, we feel a new sense of gratitude for what God has done for us. As an association, let us advance with a new understanding of God's plan for the world. As individuals, let us advance, that our churches might advance. Have you been a good steward of all God has so richly blessed you with this year? Have you pointed your young people to the Lamb of God and given them a longing to heal the wounds of nations? Have you been faithful in witnessing to lost souls? Have you spent much time in prayer. Have

you read inspiring accounts of the work of our missionaries at home and abroad? Have you helped to tell the story of the Lamb of God to all nations? It is the answer to the problem of sin the world over. It is the purpose for which our Missionary Union was organized. In the Brushy Mountain Association we have 12 churches with Woman's Missionary Societies, some having organizations for the young people; also, there are a few churches which have other forms of the women's groups. We are Missionary Baptist churches, we say. Let's prove it. Let's have an association of churches which believes the words of Christ in the Great Commission, and which is dedicated to the purpose of advancing with Christ throughout the whole world, that the world might "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. TAM S. HUTCHINSON

48. J. E. Pearson led the congregation in singing "Send The Light". Miss Peggy Nichols played the piano.

49. Clate Brown, pastor of Goshen and Cub Creek Churches in this Association, preached the Missionary Sermon. The theme of his splendid message was "Compassion for the Lost at Home and Abroad", emphasizing a practical demonstration of that compassion.

50. With the benediction, the session was adjourned for lunch.

Note: Following a prayer of thanks by E. C. Hodges, the bountiful meal, served by the people of Lewis Fork, was enjoyed by all.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

51. Mrs. John T. Wayland played as R. L. Franklin led the congregation in singing "Holy Manna". C. S. Welborn led the congregation in prayer

52. J. F. Jordan read the History of Lewis Fork Baptist Church. Motion for adoption was by D. E. Elledge and second by T. E. Story, and after discussion for the correction of minor details in the history, it was adopted.

A HISTORY OF LEWIS FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

A historian is a victim of circumstances. He must write according to the available material at hand. This handicap will become more and more evident as this paper is presented.

It has been a rather difficult task to write this sketch. The minutes for the first sixty-two years of this church were lost. As a result of this misfortune, we have no church minutes from 1792 to 1854. The first book of minutes undoubtedly contained information regarding the land, building, preamble of belief, organization, pastors, officers, and growth during its early years. For this information we have had to interview some of the oldest members of this church, and find them differing in opinion.

It appears that some time in 1792, a small group of Christians, how many I do not know, decided that they wanted a church in their community. As a result, Lewis Fork Missionary Baptist Church was or-

ganized in 1792, with Rev. George Wm. McNeill reported to have been the founder of the church.

This church was organized in a log building near where the present building stands, and according to information, it was thirty-five feet long and twenty-four feet wide. It had one big door at the end of the building and one window over the pulpit. The pulpit was built up about five steps high. I was told by three of the older members of this church that it has a puncheon floor in it, that is; a log was split open in the center, than the flat side was hued down with a foot adz, and then dressed off with a jack plane, and finished with a smoothing plane, and the edge of each side dressed and matched even, and then placed close together on the sleepers to make the floor to the building.

This seems to be the type of building that service was held in for a period of about twenty-eight years, or until 1829. How many members there were in this church at first, no one seems to know. Free school was also taught in the building for a number of years.

In 1820 this building was dismantled and another log building erected in its place. This building was about thirty feet long and twenty feet wide and one story high. It had one double door in the center of one end of it. The pulpit was built in the opposite end, about twelve feet long, with steps three feet high at each end. The pulpit was about four feet high and paneled with cherry and walnut lumber, with one large beam six by ten inches all the way across the top of it. This building was covered with boards. It was used to hold preaching services in until about 1909.

As to whom the first pastors of this church were, we do not know, as there are no minutes for the first sixty-two years. I was told by one member of this church that he remembers well of hearing his father and mother tell about one, Rev. Daniel Welborn, who lived at Boomer, N. C., a distance of about twelve miles from Lewis Fork Church, pastoring the church for thirteen years, and riding a horse and fording the Yadkin river each time he came to preach, and was paid one pair of home-made knitted stockings each year for his thirteen years of service. These stockings were knitted by Elvira Triplette.

We learn from the Minutes of the Lewis Fork Baptist Association, found in Douglas, Wyoming, by Professor T. E. Story, and from the second book of minutes of this church, which was found by Conrad H. Jones in the wood box in the home of Bill Parsons, while he was living at Adkins Shop, and which was being used to start fires, that the church had the following as pastors and clerks:

Rev. W. M. Church was pastor from 1841-1850; W. M. Church and G. Lipford, 1850-1852; E. E. Tilley, 1852-1855; J. McNeill and J. H. Brown, 1855-1856; James McNeill, 1856-1859; Linville Land, 1859-1863; J. H. Brown and L. Land, 1863-1864; Linville Land, 1864-1868; Richard Jacks, 1868-1870; Linville Land and D. Welborn were both pastors from February, 1870 to September, 1870; Daniel W. Welborn, 1870-1885; W. White, 1885-1886; Franklin Eller, 1886-1891; W. N. Church, 1891-1892; M. McNeill, 1892-1900; J. F. Carlton, 1900-1908; C. R. Norris,

1908-1911; R. P. Blevins, 1911-1915; S. J. Jennings, 1915-1919; G. W. Sebastian, 1919-1925; Levi Green, 1925-1928; Landreth Blevins, 1928-1930; W. D. Ashley, 1930-1933; Ed Hodges, 1933-1934; Levi Green, 1934-1939. In August 1939, the church agreed to elect a pastor by ballot. The vote for pastor was: Grady Hamby, 32 votes, and Levi Green, 28 votes. After the vote was read, it was moved to make it unanimous and everybody present stood up to vote, but the minutes did not state which one was elected. In October 1939, Grady Minton was elected by acclamation and served until October, 1942; Roger Gwaltney, 1942-1943; A. W. Eller, 1943-1952.

During this time the church had clerks as follows: Thorton Proffit, 1854-1859; A. L. Proffit, 1859-1864; Wilson L. Walsh, 1864-1870; John W. West, 1870-1884; W. P. Laws, 1884-1886; R. Triplette, 1886-1892; Z. C. Church, 1892-1900; T. F. Cox, 1900-1903; J. W. Dyers, 1903-1911; Conrad H. Jones, 1911-1915; P. S. Church, 1915-1919; C. Baker, 1919-1921; J. W. Dyer, 1921-1925; J. M. Shephard, 1925-1927; Conrad H. Jones, 1927-1933; James Triplette, 1933-1941; O. M. Green, 1941-1942; James Triplette, 1942-1948; Dale McNeill, 1948 to August, 1952, when Conrad H. Jones was elected and is now the present clerk.

This church has made its contribution to the ministry. In 1877 Byrd Jenkins was "liberated to the gift of preaching", and in 1889 J. W. Church was ordained to preach, and in December, 1944 F. A. Keith and Binè Church were ordained as ministers, and in 1950 Roby McNeill was ordained as a minister.

Lewis Fork Baptist Church has witnessed some remarkable revivals. In July, 1864 thirty-two members were added to the church, twenty by baptism and twelve under the watch care of the church until letters were received. In August, 1867 ten were added by baptism; and in 1876 ten more members were added; in 1887 there were six members added; and in 1892 ten members again were added. A revival in 1934 added six members to the church; in 1935 six more were added; 1936 twelve were added to the church; and in 1937 thirty five members. In 1939 twenty-six members; 1940, four members; in 1941 eight members; 1943, forty-five; 1944, seventeen; 1945, fourteen; 1946, twelve; and in 1947 thirty-nine members were added to the church.

In 1878 this church had 210 members; in 1884 it had 215 members; and it has kept growing in membership until 1951, at which time, the minutes gave it a membership of 460.

This church appears to have been rather strict in discipline, and to have put forth a real effort to keep itself true to Baptist principles. We find deacons being instructed in their duties, and committees being appointed to look after slack members. We find members excluded for nonattendance of services, contempt of the church, drinking, cursing, disorderly conduct, leaving the Baptist faith, fighting, taking communion with campbellites and Adventists, adultery, not paying debts, leaving the community and owing debts, living with a second living wife or second living husband, selling intoxicating drinks, gambling, dancing, heresy, and the like. The years from 1860 to 1890 saw a con-

siderable number excluded for the above charges preferred against them in the church.

“At April meeting in 1859, there was a charge preferred against a male member of Lewis Fork Baptist Church and a female member of New Hope Church. The two churches asked Beaver Creek Church and Mount Zion Church to send three members from each church to meet with a committee of two members from Lewis Fork Church and New Hope Church, with Rev. Thomas Land, acting chairman; and when assembled shall compose a court clothed with power to settle said difficulty. Said committee to meet at the home of Franklin McGee on Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 1859. The committee met according to order and after investigating the matter fully and hearing all the testimony offered found a strict contradiction existing between the parties; and reported to the two churches that in our opinion the male member of Lewis Fork Church and the female member of New Hope Church be excluded from the fellowship of the church for the acts of adultery.” It is commonly said that no one is ever turned out of the church any more, but as late as September, 1939 we find one being excluded from this church for disorderly conduct.

At the August meeting in 1861, this church adopted the constitution of the Association as the constitution of the church, along with the Rules of Decorum that it had in practice. The decorum consisted of twenty-one rules; the first ten rules had to do with demeanor; Rule 11, No male person shall neglect church meetings without an excuse based on the Scripture as his guide; Rule 12, The Scripture is our only rule for our life and practice in all our dealings; Rules 13, 14, and 15 are governed by Rule 12; Rule 16, May and September to be communion service: this church always had foot washing with communion until 1895; Rule 17, To receive no person into the church that has two living wives or two living husbands; Rule 18, The church to take a collection at each regular meeting for the different charitable institutions and the collection to be turned over to the Treasurer, and a book account kept of the same; Rule 19, A majority of the church to decide all matters; Rule 20, Any member transgressing these rules of the church shall be excluded unless he can prove satisfactorily to the church he has not violated the rule; Rule 21, Any member using intoxicating drink shall be excluded unless he comes forward voluntarily at the next meeting and makes satisfaction with the church.

The first time that we find Sunday School mentioned in the minutes of this church is at the April meeting in 1879, when John Blackburn was appointed Superintendent of Sabbath School; and at the October meeting of the same year a complaint was brought to the church against John Blackburn for not paying a debt which he had contracted. A committee was appointed, consisting of Y. D. Hall, L. Triplette, and Macalpin Walsh, to investigate the charge and report at the next meeting. At the next meeting, John Blackburn was present and apologized

to the church and stated that he would try to pay the debt, and the committee was discharged and the matter dropped.

Again in May, 1889 the minutes show that the church voted to have a Sabbath School, and appointed George E. Manual as Superintendent; and at the May meeting in 1892, the church met at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning and organized a Sunday School, but did not state who was appointed superintendent.

There is a wide discrepancy in the church membership and the Sunday School enrollment. For example, the church had a membership of 460 in 1951, but only 128 enrolled in Sunday School, with an average attendance of only 75, which is approximately 28% of the church membership. In 1950 with a membership of 434, it had only 150 enrolled in Sunday School, with an average attendance of 93.

The physical side of this church evidently has not been neglected. We have already mentioned the two early buildings. In 1909 it was decided to erect a new building. This building was a frame building, ceiled and weatherboarded, and used for church services until 1947, when the church decided to erect the present brick building. This present building is constructed of brick with class rooms enough to take care of all the classes of Sunday School, and equipped with a modern heating plant and electric lights. All the rooms are furnished with the necessary furniture; and the auditorium was furnished with new pews in September of this year.

At the May meeting in 1949 the church held an all-day service for Home Coming and Dedication. All former pastors were present, and each one made an interesting talk. Rev. W. D. Ashley preached the sermon of dedication. The new church building was completed at a cost of \$14,000 and the church was free from debt.

The interest in music in this church is evidenced by the purchase of an organ, then a piano, and the holding of several singing schools. The last singing school was held in 1950 by Troy Eller. Singing is practiced in this church regularly with James Triplette, choir leader, Miss Janet Church, pianist for the Training Union and assistant pianist for Sunday School; and Miss Clara Sue Foster, pianist for the Sunday School and worship services.

Financial contributions for religious work show a fluctuating increase. It seems that pastors have been paid by donations and gifts until 1947, when this church went on the budget plan, and has been operating since on that plan. In 1880 Wm. F. Ferguson's heirs made a deed to Lewis Fork Baptist Church for one acre of land, and it is recorded in Book Six, page 600, in the Register of Deeds office of Wilkes County. Again in 1944 a committee was appointed to look after the purchasing of some land for the cemetery, and Troy Foster and wife, Gladys Foster made a deed to the Trustees of Lewis Fork Baptist Church for 1½ acres of land at the price of \$125, recorded in Book 218, page 407, in the Register of Deeds office of Wilkes County. The Woman's Class has also been active in the financing and building of the new building. We find them giving donations, and at the May meeting in 1942 presented the

church with a communion table along with other gifts. V. C. Elledge donated sufficient land for a spacious parking lot, which was one of the latest improvements to church property.

Known historical facts reveal much concerning the course of events with this church. Were the rest known, the story of this great church would be even more revealing of a noble and fruitful ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. JORDAN

53. The report of the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher was given by the chairman, Cleat W. Simmons. The report was approved upon motion by R. L. Franklin and second by T. E. Story.

REPORT OF TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER

Since the constitution sets the date for the meeting of this Association, and since the constitution can only be changed by a two-thirds vote of the Association, we recommend that the constitution's rule on this be waived since there has been some discussion concerning change of date, and we ask that the executive committee be authorized to take action on this matter during the year after having sought to determine the wishes of the church about the change, and to set the date found suitable.

It is suggested that the first day's sessions next year be held with Wilkesboro and the sessions of the second day to be held with Goshen.

We recommend that Rev. Harvey White, Pastor of Welcome Home, be invited to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Rev. W. H. Caldwell, Pastor of Pleasant Home and Mt. Pleasant, to serve as alternate.

Also, we suggest that Rev. A. W. Eller, Pastor of Little Rock, Boiling Springs, and Lewis Fork Churches, be invited to preach the Missionary Sermon, and that Rev. Charles J. Poole, Pastor of Moravian Falls and Walnut Grove, be his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

CLEAT W. SIMMONS

ALBERT TRIPLETTE

WILL NICHOLS

54. C. S. Welborn, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, read the report of that committee. It was approved upon motion by Cleat W. Simmons and second by T. E. Story.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, we the members of various churches of the Brushy Mountain Association, meeting in regular session on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 23 and 24, 1952 with Purlear and Lewis Fork Baptist Churches, be it resolved.

1. That we express to the pastors and people of these two fine congregations our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the gracious entertainment shown us during these days.

2. That we communicate to the editors and publishers of the

Journal Patriot and the North Wilkesboro Hustler and to the staff of Radio Station WKBC our gratefulness for the services rendered to us this past year.

3. That we make manifest to Brother J. E. Pearson, our very deep and heartfelt appreciation for the fine work and christian leadership in our Association this year and that we pledge to him our loyal support in the coming year.

4. We wish to express our gratitude for the loyal and efficient service of our general officers of the Association, Brother A. W. Eller, Moderator; Mrs. Tam Hutchinson, Clerk; Brother T. E. Story, Treasurer; Brother J. F. Jordan, Historian; and Brother Gilbert Osborne, Vice-Moderator; for the supporting service of those who actively served in the leadership of the Associational Organizations, Mrs. Tam Hutchinson, W. M. U. President; Brother T. E. Story, Sunday School Superintendent; Miss Lunda Hendren, Training Union Director; and for the loyal support of the other officers who worked with them in the program.

5. Our appreciation is extended to Brother Victor Watts for his fine service as our summer worker this year, and the prayerful interest of all in the Association is extended toward him with best wishes for a fruitful ministry.

6. We commend Brother Glenn Huffman, President; Brother Roby McNeil, Secretary; and other officers of the Wilkes County Baptist Pastors Conference for the excellent program of activities for our ministers. Our grateful thanks go to Dr. John T. Wayland and Rev. Robert Franklin for their inspiring services as teachers in the Seminary Extension Center. We thank all who have contributed to the financial support of this effort. We commend this effort to ministers and laymen as being of value beyond estimate in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. WELBORN

MISS MINNIE McNeil

DR. W. W. MILES

55. With Mrs. John T. Wayland at the piano and R. L. Franklin leading, the hymn, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee", was sung by the congregation.

56. R. L. Franklin presented the amendments to the report on Nominations, as requested by earlier motion, and upon motion by T. E. Story and second by J. F. Jordan, the report was adopted. The amendments are a part of the report of that committee as printed in the directory.

57. J. E. Pearson announced that Mrs. Jim Canter of Oakwoods Baptist Church and President of the Woman's Missionary Society of that church had died suddenly on Tuesday, September 23. It was stated that the Associational W. M. U. was sending a wreath. The motion was made that the Clerk convey an 'expression of sympathy' to the family and to the sister church. The motion was approved after second by J. F. Jordan. The Moderator mentioned the presence of "Uncle Ruff"

Triplett, aged member of Lewis Fork Church and of other messengers present, and asked that R. L. Franklin lead in a prayer of intercession for the bereaved mentioned, and prayer of thanksgiving for and blessing upon the aged friends present.

58. The work of the Home for the Aging was presented in a report by John T. Wayland. Motion for adoption was by J. F. Jordan and second was by J. E. Pearson. Dr Wayland spoke to his report. He mentioned the fact that provisions for support of the Home for the Aging as in the Cooperative Program are inadequate, and that approval is being sought for a special offering about Valentine's Day for the Home. The report was approved.

REPORT ON THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOME FOR THE AGING

The operation of North Carolina Baptists' Home for the Aging was begun on March 16, 1951. This beginning was made possible by the leasing of a hospital building from the Winston-Salem Foundation for fifteen years at a cost of one dollar a year with the privilege of renewal for twenty-five years. The building was in poor repair. Gifts from the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association and from Christian individuals made possible the complete renovation of the building, and the equipping of it with a new furnace and new furnishings throughout. Rev. James M. Hayes, the Superintendent of "Resthaven", as the Home has been appropriated named, is almost entirely responsible for this Christian miracle. It cost North Carolina Baptist State Convention not a penny and the assets total now about \$100,000.00.

Miss Edna Heinzerling is the very efficient, capable and motherly supervisor of Resthaven, and we now have about twenty very happy guests living in delightful surroundings. Please come to see us at your first convenience. Restheaven is just east of Greensboro about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile off the highway to Greensboro, to your right.

The Home has had a most pleasing beginning, but frankly, is about to be starved out by her stronger brothers and sisters, and the neglect of her foster parents, North Carolina Baptists. The allotment for current expenses of \$5,000.00 a year will just about take care of six guests, and we have twenty. The allotment for building and expansion of \$7,500 for this year is a paltry sum in comparison to our needs.

Virginia Baptists and North Carolina Methodists are providing for their neglected old folks with millions and North Carolina Baptists are parceling out a few thousands. The need is growing every year. Jesus was concerned about the care of the widows. The first deacons were appointed to meet this emergency. Are we doing our part as Christians and as Baptists today?

Respectfully,
JOHN T. WAYLAND

59. Harvey White presented the report on Relief and Annuity. Motion by R. L. Franklin was adopted after second by John T. Wayland.

MINISTER RETIREMENT PLAN, RELIEF AND ANNUITY

We, as Baptist people of today, honor the aged ministers who have traveled these roads and highways through our country from church to church, having their lives devoted to the ministry of the Gospel and the betterment of our country and God's Kingdom. We are grateful for all they have done, and we are also grateful for men who through deep thinking, great planning, and much praying, have planned the relief and annuity system for the aged ministers and widows, and in which we owe the credit to the Southern Baptist Convention and State Convention. The purpose of these plans are to provide annuities for ministers and church employees, who participate in the plans, when they reach retirement age, sixty-five, or to the widow; to provide a disability annuity if such disability occurs at any time prior to the age sixty-five; to provide annuity for the widow in the event of the death of the member before reaching age sixty-five. It is so designed that each church a pastor serves during his participation in the plan has a share in providing something for his old age. If it is good to provide for pastors in their old age, it would seem good for all the churches he serves during his ministry, whether they be five or more to have some share in providing an annuity for him. This is what the retirement plan does. In this way the burden of caring for a minister does not fall on the last church served. As to the cost of the plan, dues are payable monthly or quarterly; the pastor pays 4% of his salary, each of his churches pays 4% of the portion of his salary that church pays; the Convention adds to that amount. If before reaching the age of sixty-five a pastor becomes apparently permanently and totally disabled, an annuity is paid in proportion to the salary upon which he has paid while participating in the plan. If after becoming disabled one should recover his health, he may reenter the plan without surrendering his age retirement benefits. Up to the present time fifty-seven or more ministers in North Carolina are receiving annuities under the Ministers Retirement Plan. A minister who is participating in the Ministers Retirement Plan may join the Widows Supplement Plan without taking the matter to his church as the church does not participate in this plan. The Convention undertakes to match what the pastor pays. A minister who enters this plan cannot lose. If at any time he wishes to withdraw his membership, he can surrender his certificate of membership, and receive every cent he himself has paid into the plan.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY L. WHITE

60. J. E. Pearson moved that the written report on the Orphanage be included in the minutes without reading, and that the time be allowed the Orphanage Representative. The motion carried after second by R. L. Franklin.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Your Baptist Orphanage cares for nearly 800 children annually at the present capacity. It does so in three ways: First, most of these are provided a home at Mills and Kennedy Homes in Thomasville and

Kinston. Second, about a hundred live with their mothers and are given financial aid. Third, several are kept in Boarding Homes approved by the Orphanage and the State.

The present program calling for construction of new buildings will be soon completed and will have exhausted all financial reserves now in hand.

The Orphanage now receives its support through designated offerings, received regularly, and at Thanksgiving in our churches.

It is the plan of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina that the Orphanage share along with all other convention institutions and causes in dependence upon Cooperative Program receipts for part of its support. This is only fair and businesslike. All churches will continue, of course, to exercise the privilege of giving designated offerings to any cause at any time.

Loyal support of the Baptist Orphanage by all our churches is encouraged. This is a great and noble Christian cause, worthy of our enthusiastic efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. PEARSON

61. Mr. Marse Grant, Editor of *Charity and Children*, and representative of the Orphanage spoke. He requested that the need for a pastor at the Orphanage be made an object of prayer. His thoughts were based upon the verse from Exodus 9: "Take this child, nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages".

62. The report on Social Service and Civic Righteousness was presented by John L. Wells. Motion for adoption was by D. E. Elledge, and second by C. S. Welborn. Mr. Wells spoke to his report, stirring the congregation with a brief, well prepared, and well delivered statement, concerning Christian responsibility and action on public issues. The report was approved.

REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICE AND CIVIC RIGHTEOUSNESS

One of the pressing needs of our world today is the faithful pursuit of a program of social service and civic righteousness. It is difficult to believe that the vices, of which the inhabitants of ancient Rome were guilty, were more numerous or dispicable than are those with which our world is confronted. A gross disregard for the ethical teachings of the Master, has turned many persons into bestial characters. There are in evidence practices which portray the law of the jungle, rather than the Law of God. He, of whom it is said, "who went about doing good" (Acts 10:38), has given for all time, the standard of social service and civic righteousness. We must ask ourselves the question, Shall we follow Him?

CONCERN IS NEEDED

Jesus pointed out, quite clearly, the practice of mankind of "straining at a gnat" and yet being able to "swallow a camel." This

Pharisaical attitude is in a large measure responsible for the misbehaviour of not only individuals, but also of nations.

Newsprint, radio, television, and every means of communication, daily bring to our attention the disintegrating power of social evil. Boys and girls of teen-age are becoming addicted to narcotics; liquor, wine and beer are flowing as freely as a mountain stream when swollen by a cloudburst; homes are being broken and the children are suffering from the lack of proper food, clothing, and training. Mothers and fathers are setting improper examples before their children, as they live indecent lives, openly disregarding morals.

It was my sad duty a while-ago to conduct the funeral service of an infant. The mother was only a child—I was told she was eleven years of age. The baby had no power to control its birth, and the mother in her non-age, could have easily been led astray.

How different circumstances might have been had some social service been rendered earlier! How grateful would have been a community had righteousness prevailed!

Now I ask this question, ARE WE CONCERNED?

CONCERN BRINGS RESULTS

Due to concern of prevailing conditions, there came into existence an organization known as the ALLIED CHURCH LEAGUE, INCORPORATED. This organization, under the directorship of Reverend R. M. Hauss, has been, and is continuing to make gigantic strides in propogating social service and civic righteousness. Realizing that beverage alcohol is an outstanding contributor to misery, this organization is waging warfare for the abolition of this curse. The fight is being made through legislation, education, law enforcement, and rehabilitation of alcoholics.

We thank God that such concern has brought results. Of the 100 counties in North Carolina, where elections have been held, 71 have voted against liquor; 50, against wine; and 48, against beer. May God speed the coming of complete abolition of alcoholic beverage from our land.

Your State Convention, being concerned about the question, has established a CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT. This Committee is working whole-heartedly with the ALLIED CHURCH LEAGUE in combating, not only alcoholic beverage, but all forms of vice. This Committee consists of General Chairman, and thirteen District Chairmen. Its purpose is to organize each district, and let the people know the facts concerning the conduct of representatives in the State Legislature. The Committee is in no way engaging in a "mud-slinging" campaign, but merely wishes to lay bare the truth, with the hope that voters in the various districts may be informed, and then do their part in sending representatives to Raleigh who will stand for, vote for, and support those things which are conducive to better communities. Let us forget political party affiliations, and remember spiritual relations.

If, under God, we act upon the principles of Jesus of Nazareth, when we reach the end of our way, we will have had our part in propogating social service and civic righteousness.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN L. WELLS

63. The Moderator expressed thanks to the congregation for their splendid attendance and cooperation. He thanked the people of Lewis Fork for their gracious service to the Association during the sessions of the day.

64. J. E. Pearson offered an expression of thanks to the Moderator, A. W. Eller, for his splendid leadership in the Association as Moderator for two years.

65. The Moderator asked the congregation to sing "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again". While R. L. Franklin lead the singing, the hearts of all were warmed with a time of fellowship and rejoicing as the messengers and others clasped hands in Christian love. The eighty-first annual session of the Brusny Mountian Baptist Session was concluded by a prayer by Mrs. Millard Eller of Mount Pleasant.

Signed

A. W. ELLER, Moderator

MRS. TAM HUTCHINSON, Clerk

MINISTERS IN THE ASSOCIATION WHO ARE NOT PASTORS ANYWHERE

Blackburn, M. D., Boomer
Cope, C. M., North Wilkesboro
Eller, Leroy, Moravian Falls
Eller, Vernon, Purlear
Ellis, Earl, RFD Lenoir
Holder, Thomas, Sanford
Jones, S. A., North Wilkesboro
Kilby, Thurman, Boomer
Miller, Ed O., Boomer
Miller, James A., Moravian Falls
Minton, B. L., Buck
Osborne, George, R. 1, North Wilkesboro
Owens, Wilson, North Wilkesboro
Payne, Wake F., Boomer
Pearson, J. E., North Wilkesboro
Pipes, Kelly, R. 2, Pores Knob
Pruitt, J. C., North Wilkesboro
Watts, Victor, Purlear
Yates, J. Q., Wilkesboro

MINISTERS WHO ARE PASTORS IN OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Hayes, W. N., North Wilkesboro
Johnson, Herman T., Moravian Falls
Smith, Graham, R. 1, North Wilkesboro
Watts, S. T., Boomer

MINISTERS AWAY IN SCHOOL

Minton, Dean, Apt. 331-Jordan Hall
Godfrey ave. Louisville 6 Ky.
Watts, Victor, Box 651 Southern Baptist
Seminary, Louisville 6 Ky.
Wright, John, Southern Baptist
Seminary, Louisville 6 Ky.

MINISTERS LICENSED THIS YEAR

Church, Clyde, R. 1, Wilkesboro

IN MEMORIAM

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
Psalm 116:15

Davis Memorial—Mrs. Mattie Moonie.

Elk—Mrs. Carline Hall.

Fishing Creek—Mrs. David Mink.

Goshen—Mr. R. L. Proffitt (Deacon).

Harmony—Mrs. L. T. Barnard.

Lewis Fork—Mrs. Lee Beshears, Dr. A. J. Eller.

Liberty Grove—Mr. A. P. Hix, Mr. M. D. Byrd, Mr. W. Lee
McCarter, Mr. Wm. Brown, Mrs. Frank Mahaffey.

Moravian Falls—Mrs. W. O. Hendren, Mr. D. B. Davis.

Mount Pleasant—Mrs. Isabelle Dula, Mr. Ted Cardwell, Mr.
Alta Triplett.

Oak Grove—Mrs. Pearl Hargrave, Mrs. W. A. Bullis.

New Hope—Mr. Ray Yates, Sarah Eller, Laura Yates.

North Wilkesboro, First—Mr. Claude Buchanan, Mr. John H.
Joines.

North Wilkesboro, Second—Mrs. Luecil Shephard, Mrs. Nanie
Lovette, Mrs. Ruby Gofe, Mrs. Mary Anderson.

North Wilkesboro, Hinshaw Street—Mrs. Ada Pegram, Mrs.
E. G. Smoot, Mr. Virgil Barnett (Deacon).

Pleasant Home—Miss Bessie Kilby, Mr. Robert Brown.

Purlear—Mrs. Mertil Eller.

Roaring River—Mrs. Amanda Morrison.

Stony Hill—Mr. W. J. Powell.

Walnut Grove—Mr. T. J. Brock, Mr. W. A. Jennings (Clerk),
Mr. E. G. Edsell, Mr. S. E. Gambill, Mr. A. D. Treadway,
Mr. W. T. Joines, Mr. C. J. Wallace, Mr. Lee Edsell.

Wilkesboro—Mr. W. A. Stroud (Deacon & Treasurer), Rev.
Henry Crisp, Mr. J. Philo Hall, Mr. Dave Hamby, Mrs.
Lola Johnson Sheelds, Mr. C. A. Lowe (Deacon).

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Days of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Gains—Losses		T O T A L				Special Information				
					Baptisms	Others and Transfers, etc	Total Residents	Total Non-res. Members	Pres. Members	Reverals Held	No. Titlers	State Paper in Budget	Church Budget	Catholics Join Church in Yr.	
Beaver Creek	R	1779	1 & 3	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	2	109	44	153	1	1	no	no	no		
Big Ivey	R	1883	1 & 3	Bine Church, Purlear	6	10	50	60	1	1	no	no	no		
Boiling Springs	R	1932	1 & 3	A. W. Eller, Wilkesboro, R. 1	7	82	40	132	2	2	no	no	no		
Cub Creek	R	1862	2 & 4	Clate Brown, Wilkesboro, R. 2	7	126	22	148	2	2	yes	no	no		
David Memorial	R	1893	3	J. T. Higgins, Wilkesboro	2	87	11	98	1	1	no	no	no		
Edgewood	R	1905	2	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	4	85	74	159	1	6	no	no	no		
Elk	R	1822	3	Walter Dula, Lenoir, R. 5	15	3	1	97	1	1	no	no	no		
Fishing Creek	R	1918	2 & 4	Gilbert Osborne, N. Wilkesboro	12	1	185	42	227	2	6	no	no		
Gordon	R	1914	1 & 3	Clate Brown, Wilkesboro, R. 2	1	3	2	69	65	132	2	no	yes		
Goshen	R	1900	2 & 4	M. L. Blevins, Hays	3	2	1	50	60	110	2	5	no	no	
Harmony	R	1792	1 & 3	A. W. Eller, Wilkesboro, R. 1	12	14	10	290	183	473	1	no	no	no	
Lewis Fork	R	1886	1 & 3	Lloyd Pardue, Elkin	8	6	138	73	211	2	11	no	no	no	
Liberty Grove	R	1866	2 & 4	A. W. Eller, Wilkesboro, R. 1	10	5	160	56	216	2	no	no	no		
Little Rock	R	1886	2 & 4	C. J. Pool, Wilkesboro, R. 2	9	8	3	128	38	166	1	no	no	no	
Moravian Falls	V	1880	1 & 3	Iredell Osborne, Cricket	1	2	7	48	20	71	2	no	no	no	
Mount Carmel	R	1875	2 & 4	W. H. Caldwell, Cricket	9	2	15	196	148	344	1	no	no	no	
Mount Pleasant	R	1849	1 & 3	E. C. Hodges, Hendrix	2	7	101	43	144	1	no	no	no		
Mount Zion	R	1830	3	Glenn Huffman, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	8	2	7	208	1	134	1	no	no	no	
New Hope	R	1892	1,2,3,4,5	John T. Wayland, North Wilkesboro	9	31	650	161	811	1	134	no	yes	no	
N. Wilkesboro 1st	C	1907	2 & 4	Richard Byrd, N. Wilkesboro	6	3	10	121	45	166	2	no	no	no	
N. Wilkesboro 2nd	T	1927	1,2,3,4,5	Clete W. Simmons, Jonesville	14	9	16	271	100	371	2	27	no	no	
N.W. Hinshaw St.	T	1945	3	Burl Smith, Jefferson	4	4	2	40	20	40	1	no	no	no	
Oak Grove	R	1916	1 & 3	Richard Day, Elkin	6	2	179	28	207	2	17	no	no	no	
Oakwoods	V	1859	3	J. Roby McNeil, Purlear	10	5	2	87	55	142	1	no	no	no	
Pilgrim	R	1880	*1	Albert Pruitt, N. Wilkesboro	8	1	3	174	179	1	no	no	no	no	
Pleasant Grove	R	1880	1 & 3	W. H. Caldwell, Cricket	12	2	2	275	40	315	1	10	no	no	
Pleasant Home	R	1932	2 & 4	J. G. Huffman, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1	2	2	146	146	1	1	no	no	no	no	
Purlear	V	1908	2	Wm. D. Byrd, Jonesville	4	7	3	57	44	101	1	6	no	no	no
Roaring River	R	1947	1	Albert C. Pruitt, N. Wilkesboro	1	2	37	14	51	1	no	no	no	no	
Shady Grove	R	1845	**2	Fred Blevins, Wilkesboro, R. 2	14	2	5	69	68	137	2	no	no	no	
Sharon Walker	R	1845	2 & 4	J. Roby McNeil, Purlear	8	13	279	100	379	1	no	no	no	no	
Stony Hill	R	1845	1 & 3	C. J. Pool, Wilkesboro, R. 2	7	5	2	190	14	204	1	3	no	no	
Walnut Grove	R	1936	1 & 3	Harvey White, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1	3	9	21	280	93	373	1	15	yes	yes	
Welcome Home	T	1880	1,2,3,4,5	Robert L. Franklin, Wilkesboro	5	2	3	179	67	246	1	no	no	no	
Wilkesboro	R	1814	2 & 4	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	221	142	219	4955	1798	7357	48	243	no	no	
Zion Hill	R	1814	2 & 4	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	5	2	3	179	67	246	1	no	no	no	

Totals.....

Woodlawn Mission. C |1,2,3,4,5|C. S. Welborn, N. Wilkesboro.....(Included in report of North Wilkesboro First)
 *Also Sat. before. **Sat. night before 2nd Sun.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Dept.	Ofc. Not Counted	Classes & Depts.	Mission S.	Enrollment	Grand Total S. S.	Jan. Bible Study	Training Schools	Vacation Bible School Enrollment
Beaver Creek.....	Troy Huskey, Boomer.....	6	12	20	13	25									89			41
Big Ivey.....	Odell Beshears, Parsonsville.....	4	4	10	14	18					3				23			25
Boiling Springs.....	Turner Huffman, Purlear.....	9	70	12	24	22	20	72							154	no		35
Cub Creek.....	R. C. Pegram, Wilkesboro, R. 2.....	6	12	12	15	12	20	25			4				169	yes		60
Davis Memorial.....	Emma Ferguson, Purlear.....	5	7	13	13	14	23	25							106			45
Edgewood.....	M. M. Anderson, Wilkesboro, R. 2.....	5	10	16	18	13	14	30							75			55
Elk.....	Jim Edmiston, Ferguson.....	6	31	49	62	42	35	73			2				300	no		162
Fishing Creek.....	C. B. Mayberry, N. Wilkesboro, R. 3.....	12		30	25	20	40	30			2				129			10
Gordon.....	W. P. Carson, N. Wilkesboro.....	25		10	15	15	25	25			1				66			
Goshen.....	H. A. Carlton, Boomer R. F. D.....	20	12	20	32	15	43	60			7				103			80
Harmony.....	Clyde Reavis, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1.....	14	20	26	27	25	12	60							149	no		90
Lewis Fork.....	Vernon Dyer, Purlear.....	32	11	7	19	12	15	59			2				184			88
Liberty Grove.....	Tam Hutchinson, N. Wilkesb., R. 2.....	8	20	17	22	15	37	50							128			75
Little Rock.....	Roy Parsons, Boomer.....	13	13	15	9	47		84							161	yes	1	85
Moravian Falls.....	Mrs. G. G. Foster, Wilkesboro, R. 2.....	41	47	62	77	62	57	370	24	4	130				874	yes		289
Mount Carmel.....	Kelly Pipes, Pores Knob, R. 2.....	17	15	12	20	20		20							84	no		20
Mount Pleasant.....	Julius Brock, N. Wilkesboro.....	29	29	24	28	39	86	2			2				237	yes		143
Mount Zion.....	Curtis Greene, Purlear R. 1.....	20	16	43	10	20	40	36							91			
New Hope.....	W. O. Barnett, Hendrix.....	33	20	16	43	10	20	40							149	no	1	
N. Wilkesboro 1st.....	Wayne Vannoy, Purlear.....	13	13	11	15	30	7	109							109			
N. Wilkesboro 2nd.....	D. E. Elledge, N. Wilkesboro.....	17	18	35	40	25	135	55			7				139			
N. W. Hinchshaw St.....	Ray Shumate, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1.....	29	13	13	12	24	23	53			10				287	yes		70
Oak Grove.....	Frank Walker N. Wilkesboro, 502 F.....	20	15	12	18	15	20	20							148			64
Oakwoods.....	E. E. Stanley, Cricket.....	6	7	7	10	7	12	41	3	5					96			81
Pilgrim.....	Joe L. Parsons, Wilkesboro, R. 1.....	6	18	18	35	40	25	135			10				287	yes		
Pleasant Grove.....	Charles Bishop, Reddies River.....	13	13	12	24	23	53	10			10				148			
Pleasant Home.....	D. C. Whittington, Purlear.....	4	7	7	10	7	12	41	3	5					96			
Purlear.....	C. C. Alexander, Roaring River.....	10	15	12	18	15	20	20							59	no		
Roaring River.....	Mrs. Williard Eller, N. Wilkesb. R. 1.....	10	15	15	15	20	20	5			5				90			90
Shady Grove.....	T. R. Barlow, Boomer, R. 1.....	22	7	15	29	24	54	10			10				161			46
Sharon Walker.....	G. S. McNeil, Parsonsville.....	40	13	33	24	45	87	10			10				252			97
Stony Hill.....	Joel Bentley, North Wilkesboro.....	20	14	34	24	31	40	13	84	17	3				280	yes	1	148
Walnut Grove.....	Chalmers Dyer, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1.....	15	15	35	30	25	40	14							174			114
Welcome Home.....	T. E. Story, Wilkesboro.....	55	101	583	510	822	715	661	1983	58	113	130	5731	7	3	2062		
Wilkesboro.....	W. J. Earp, Boomer.....																	
Zion Hill.....																		
Totals.....																		

Woodlawn Mission—John West, Supt., N. Wilkesboro—Included in report of North Wilkesboro First

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES										Av. Attendance						
	Nursery Units	Beginners Units	Junior Units	Intermed. Units	Y. P. Units	Adult Units	Total No. Units	Nursery Enroll'd	Beginners Enroll'd	Primaries Enroll'd		Juniors Enroll'd	Intermed. Enroll'd	Y. P. Enroll'd	Adults Enroll'd	Gen. Ofc. Enr.	Grand Total Enr.
Edgewood.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	7	5	2	7	5	29	12		
Lewis Fork.....	1	1	2	2	1	2	10	2	4	4	6	12	15	20	5	68	
Little Rock.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	12	8	24	22	7	91	60			
New Hope.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	5	8	10	17	5	45	35			
N. Wilkesboro, Ist.....	1	5	2	2	2	2	12	10	70	32	31	35	2	180	70		
N. W., Hinshaw St.....	1	2	1	1	1	1	6	21	16	17	15	32	101	80			
Pleasant Home.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	10	13	26	5	16	70	32			
Purlear.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	6	10	14	25	8	63	35			
Walnut Grove.....	1	2	2	2	1	1	5	8	21	19	8	16	6	80	40		
Wilkesboro.....	1	1	2	2	1	1	6	11	15	35	16	2	79	51			
Totals.....	2	6	5	17	12	9	11	62	10	56	40	182	195	102	181	40	806

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES										Total Organizations			
	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enroll'd	Y. W. A. Enroll'd	G. A. Enroll'd	R. A. Enroll'd		Sunbeam Enroll'd	Total Enroll'd	Enroll'd in Mission Study	Total Officers
Fishing Creek.....	1	1	1	1	1	4	22	8	34	21	85	14	7	
Liberty Grove.....	2	1	1	1	1	10	21	10	28	31	5	7		
Mount Pleasant.....	2	1	1	1	1	12	14	18	44	44	134	5		
New Hope.....	1	3	1	1	1	8	175	18	24	12	239	192	134	
N. Wilkesboro, Ist.....	1	2	1	1	1	25	25	13	38	38	40	15		
N. W., Hinshaw St.....	1	1	1	1	1	20	20	20	40	40	15			
Oakwoods.....	1	1	1	1	1	15	15	15	21	21	10			
Pilgrim.....	1	1	1	1	1	17	17	17	17	17	4			
Pleasant Home.....	1	1	1	1	1	25	25	25	40	40	4			
Roaring River.....	1	1	1	1	1	66	66	66	14	12	14	106	40	
Welcome Home.....	4	2	1	1	1	8	20	20	20	20	20	20	6	
Wilkesboro.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Purlear.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Totals.....	11	2	6	3	4	23	439	28	108	76	45	724	256	185

TABLE E — BROTHERHOOD WORK — BUILDING — GOALS

CHURCHES	No. Class Rooms	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Co-operative Program or Unified Budget for Year	Goal Association Missions Coming Year
Beaver Creek.....	6	.....	\$⁹⁵ 12,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Big Ivey.....	.....	.....	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Boiling Springs.....	.....	.....	4,000.00	.....	.....	\$⁹⁵ 36.00
Cub Creek.....	4	.....	12,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Davis Memorial.....	5	.....	10,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Edgewood.....	2	.....	2,500.00	.....	.....	.....
Elk.....	.....	.....	3,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Fishing Creek.....	10	.....	10,000.00	70.00	.....	60.00
Gordon.....	8	.....	8,200.00	.....	.....	.....
Goshen.....	4	.....	20,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....
Harmony.....	4	.....	7,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Lewis Fork.....	6	.....	18,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Liberty Grove.....	4	.....	2,500.00	.....	.....	.....
Little Rock.....	9	.....	25,000.00	.....	.....	60.00
Moravian Falls.....	8	.....	25,000.00	.....	.....	20.00
Mount Carmel.....	3	.....	3,900.00	200.00	.....	.....
Mount Pleasant.....	15	5,000.00	40,000.00	3,000.00	.....	.....
Mount Zion.....	.....	.....	2,500.00	.....	.....	.....
New Hope.....	8	.....	12,000.00	.....	50.00	60.00
N. Wilkesboro 1st.....	50	36,500.00	276,500.00	15,200.00	.....	.....
N. Wilkesboro 2nd.....	3	.....	4,000.00	.....	.....	.....
N. W., Hinshaw St.....	12	.....	35,000.00	8,800.00	.....	.....
Oakwoods.....	8	.....	8,000.00	1,900.00	.....	.....
Pilgrim.....	4	.....	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove.....	4	.....	3,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Home.....	10	.....	40,000.00	3,903.69	.....	.....
Purlear.....	5	.....	18,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Roaring River.....	4	.....	9,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Shady Grove.....	.....	.....	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Sharon Walker.....	.....	.....	2,500.00	50.00	.....	.....
Stony Hill.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Walnut Grove.....	10	.....	23,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Welcome Home.....	8	.....	15,000.00	3,300.00	.....	.....
Wilkesboro.....	28	6,000.00	44,000.00	.....	700.00	480.00
Zion Hill.....	9	.....	20,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	251	\$47,500.00	\$703,100.00	\$37,423.69	\$750.00	\$716.00

NOTE: N. Wilkesboro First—C. A. Shaw, President Men's Brotherhood, North Wilkesboro, N. C. Enrollment of Brotherhood, 51; Meetings during year, 12. Wilkesboro—Meetings held during year, 1.

TABLE F—GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Local Gifts (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Christian Education & Schools	Orphans' Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, etc.	Total Mission Gifts	Grand Total Gifts for All Causes
Beaver Creek	J. P. Hayes, Boomer	\$ 637.19	\$ 798.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 36.00					\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00		\$ 246.00	1681.19
Big Ivy	Odell Beshears, Parsonsville	400.28	338.78	6.28	97.20	\$ 3.50				15.95	9.10		132.93	871.09
Boiling Springs	Turner Huffman, Purlear	1790.26	800.00	11.15	12.00					195.55	67.76	18.55	305.91	2895.27
Cub Creek	Nettie Williams, N. Wilkesb.	557.80	491	4.91	50.00	11.04			11.17	7.57	15.91		100.60	658.40
Davis Memorial	Clifford Moore, N. Wilkesboro	361.69	431.70	119.95	36.00	30.25	\$ 14.10	\$ 13.85		142.85	8.60	5.90	370.60	1163.99
Edgewood	Catherine Eller, Ferguson	432.29	261.49	142.59	24.00			28.20	40.00	61.97	15.00	36.22	347.98	1041.76
Elk	David Miller, Wilkesboro	1606.28	1444.33	35.74	33.00	74.00	33.40	28.00		120.00	130.00	7.00	461.14	3511.75
Fishing Creek	W. P. Carson, N. Wilkesboro	630.21	600.00	38.50						17.22	40.00		78.50	1308.71
Gordon	Mrs. L. Bumgarner, Boomer	3668.06	205.00		24.00					28.00	18.70		59.92	3932.98
Goshen	L. A. Minton, Wilkesboro R. 1	587.30	475.20		15.52					30.00	20.00	23.50	87.02	1149.52
Harmony	Mrs. W. P. Davis, Purlear	989.96	920.00		32.15					30.00	25.00		87.65	1976.94
Lewis Fork	Richard Wingler, N. Wilkesb.	1240.94	489.30	50.73	49.35	21.02	15.11	28.00		60.00	88.00	50.00	246.70	1976.94
Liberty Grove	Mrs. John Andrews, Boomer	1955.30	900.00	60.00	60.00					187.45	35.00	100.00	318.00	3173.30
Little Rock	Mrs. Perry Lowe, M. Falls	610.46	850.89	20.00	24.00	40.00	15.00	18.04		20.00	25.00		354.49	1815.84
Moravian Falls	Mrs. I. J. Lovett, M. Falls	180.00	180.00	15.46	10.00					20.00	35.00		145.00	325.00
Mount Carmel	A. G. Church, Champion	2269.37	1140.00		60.00	46.05	78.85	38.10		88.83	17.34	11.05	261.40	3670.77
Mount Pleasant	J. T. Vannoy, N. Wilkesboro	4625.11	720.00	68.62	50.00	25.44	52.67	45.58		93.15	25.94		361.50	5706.61
Mount Zion	C. B. Lomax, N. Wilkesboro	3769.15	5615.56	2486.96	1440.00	115.18	135.04	209.62		846.75	600.00		7033.55	50343.26
New Hope	Mary A. Shumate, N. Wilkesb.	820.33	152.12				150.07		34.99	85.89	13.33		531.16	1563.61
N. Wilkesboro 1st	C. H. Lenderman, N. Wilksb.	2909.30	3120.00	14.00	78.00		246.32			30.35	33.75		402.42	6431.72
N. Wilkesboro 2nd	Kathleen Stanley, Cricket	191.01	72.00										119.01	382.02
N. W. Hinshaw St.	Archie Anderson, Oakwoods	1841.16	421.90	5.00	12.00	14.00	8.00	10.00		42.68	12.00	12.76	116.44	2379.50
Oak Grove	Miss Arlee Minton, N. Wbro.	444.32	119.55	5.00	10.00		3.00	7.00	2.00	23.52	30.00		40.52	604.39
Oakwoods	V. M. Baker, N. Wilkesboro		350.00	20.00	10.00					185.00	85.00		480.00	830.00
Pilgrim	Minnie McNeil, Wilkesb. R. 1	3963.52	1532.17	105.00	174.00	110.00	75.00	65.00		24.57	30.00		1024.00	6519.69
Pleasant Grove	W. E. McNeil, Jr., Purlear	834.01	567.00	10.92	30.00					75.00	20.31	17.00	269.81	1503.81
Pleasant Home	Mrs. J. P. Pardue, R. River	2117.66	800.00	50.00		7.00	10.00	20.85		5.00	8.00		13.90	3187.47
Purlear	Mrs. Guy Eller, Wilkesboro	350.00	214.00							5.00	8.00		13.90	577.00
Roaring River	Mrs. Junie Walker, Boomer	339.33	158.53							8.55	10.00		18.55	317.08
Shady Grove	Mrs. J. B. Baker, Parsonsville	291.08	313.18	13.00			5.00			15.00	25.00		58.00	662.26
Sharon Walker	Plato Hendren, Pores Knob	3572.31	1140.87	5.00	51.00	70.00		24.07		281.60	52.95	25.49	510.11	5293.29
Stony Hill	Sherman Shumate, N. Wboro	1406.36	1376.17	109.59	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00		30.02	28.91		176.52	2959.05
Walnut Grove	Ray Stroud, Wilkesboro	6241.68	3417.30	727.89	460.00	16.75	39.95	85.00	410.11	567.00	144.05	128.00	2578.75	12237.73
Welcome Home	Lucile German, Boomer	263.46	1574.49					183.21		239.38	81.26		503.85	2341.80
Wilkesboro														
Zion Hill														
Totals		85642.18	31955.59	1220.83	2860.22	586.23	883.51	806.62	698.27	3677.34	1895.77	1430.46	18059.25	135657.02

TABLE G—VISUAL EDUCATION—CHURCH MUSIC
SPECIAL INFORMATION:

North Wilkesboro, First, and Wilkesboro possess projectors and use films and film strips as visual aids to teaching and worship.

Salaries are paid to choir directors as follows: North Wilkesboro, First, \$600.00; Wilkesboro, \$360.00.

Salaries are paid to pianists and organists as follows: Gordon, \$10.00; Harmony, \$64.63; North Wilkesboro, First, \$480.00.

The following churches list choir enrollments: North Wilkesboro, First, Church—25, Intermediate—8, Total—33; Wilkesboro, Church—Various ages—24, Juniors—6, Total—30.

Church music leadership, with exception of annual music schools in some churches, is voluntary in all other churches except those listed.



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DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

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Hospital Representative—Clyde Church	Rt. 1, Millers Creek
Representative for the Home for Aging—E. N. Phillips	N. Wilkesboro

ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Association Superintendent—J. F. Jordan	Wilkesboro
Superintendent of Training—Clinton Eller	Rt. 4, N Wilkesboro
Superintendent of Evangelism—A. W. Eller	Rt. 1, Purlear
Superintendent of Enlargement—Frank Walker	502 F, N. Wilkesboro
Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Geraldine Snider,	Rt. 4, N. Wilkesboro
Chorister—Charles Proffit	Wilkesboro
Pianist—Lonnie Moore	Wilkesboro
Department Superintendents:	
Cradle Roll—Mrs. Gilbert Foster	Rt. 2, Wilkesboro
Nursery—Mrs. Monroe Eller	North Wilkesboro
Beginner—Mrs. Kate Eller	Purlear
Primary—Mrs. Kate McNeill	Rt. 1, Wilkesboro
Junior—Mrs. Alexander	Roaring River
Intermediate—Clate Bumgarner	Millers Creek
Young People—Tom Wake Hayes	Millers Creek
Adult—C. M. Brown	North Wilkesboro
Extension—Ben Johnston	Rt. 4, North Wilkesboro
Vacation Bible School—Mrs. Richard Bishop	..... Rt. 1, Millers Creek

Group Superintendents:

1. (Big Ivy, New Hope, Purlear, Stony Hill, Pleasant Home)
Superintendent—Gwyn Vannoy
2. (Boiling Springs, Lewis Fork, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Zion, Pilgrim Davis Memorial)
Superintendent—Curtis Green
3. (Beaver Creek, Little Rock, Elk, Zion Hill, Sharon-Walker, Goshen, Mount Carmel)
Superintendent—Charles W. Proffit
4. (Gordon, Harmony, Hinshaw Street, Welcome Home, Pleasant Grove, Oak Grove)
Superintendent—Talmadge Gambill

5. (Cub Creek, Moravian Falls Oakwoods, Walnut Grove, Wilkesboro, Shady Grove)
Superintendent—Joel Bentley North Wilkesboro
6. (Edgewood, Fishing Creek, Liberty Grove, North Wilkesboro, First, Roaring River, Second Baptist)
Superintendent—Tam Hutchinson Rt. 4, North Wilkesboro

ASSOCIATIONAL WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

- Superintendent—Mrs. Tam Hutchinson Rt. 4, North Wilkesboro
 Associate Superintendent—Mrs. Robert N. Holland Rt. 2, N. Wilkesboro
 Young People's Leader—Mrs. E. J. Jenkins Rt. 4, North Wilkesboro
 Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Tal Barnes, Sr., E. St. North Wilkesboro
 Missionary Study Chairman—Mrs. Robert L. Franklin Wilkesboro
 Community Missions Chairman—Mrs. Addie Jones R. 4, N. Wilkesboro
 Stewardship Chairman—Mrs. Haggie Faw Rt. 1, Millers Creek
 Associational Young People's Counselors—
 Royal Ambassadors—C. J. Poole Rt. 2, Wilkesboro
 Sunbeams—Miss Opal Miller Wilkesboro

ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION

- Director—Miss Lunda Hendren North Wilkesboro
 Associate Director—Miss Pauline Absher North Wilkesboro
 Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Pansy Foster North Wilkesboro
 Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Martha Jane Gilreath N. Wilkb.
 Chorister—R. L. Franklin Wilkesboro
 Pianist—Mrs. Carl Mercer Rt. 3, North Wilkesboro
 Assistant Pianist—Miss Jeannette Davis Rt. 2, Wilkesboro
 Pastor Adviser—The Rev. Clyde Church Rt. 1, Millers Creek
 Departmental Leaders:
 Adult—Tom W. Hayes Millers Creek
 Young People—Miss Irene Richardson North Wilkesboro
 Intermediate—Mrs. Clate Bumgarner Rt. 1, Wilkesboro
 Junior—Miss Anna Laura Canter Rt. 1, Millers Creek
 Int. and Junior—Miss Peggy Nichols North Wilkesboro
 Primary—Mrs. Fred Day North Wilkesboro
 Beginner—Miss Ruth Nichols Purlear
 Group Directors:
 Group 1. Mrs. Robert Teague Purlear
 Group 2. Mrs. Vernon Dyer Purlear
 Group 3. Mrs. Jarvie Triplette Boomer
 Group 4. Arthur Hartley North Wilkesboro
 Group 5. Fred Shoemaker Wilkesboro
 Assistant—Robert Triplette Wilkesboro
 Group 6. Miss Jessie Foster North Wilkesboro

WILKES BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE

- President—J. Glenn Huffman Wilbar
 Secretary and Treasurer—J. Roby McNeil Purlear

ASSOCIATIONAL BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD

President—R. A. Blevins	Box 238, North Wilkesboro
Promotional Vice-President—Frank Walker	502 F. St. N. Wilkesboro
Program Vice-President—R. L. Franklin	Wilkesboro
Attendance Vice-President—Conrad Shaw	North Wilkesboro
Secretary—C. M. Brown	North Wilkesboro
Advisory Council:	
Pastors: John T. Wayland	
C. J. Poole	North Wilkesboro
W. H. Caldwell	Rt. 2, Wilkesboro
J. Glenn Huffman	Rt. 1, Wilkesboro
J. Glenn Huffman	Wilbar
Laymen: Talmadge Gambill	
Curtis Greene	Hinshaw St., North Wilkesboro
Tam Hutchinson	North Wilkesboro
Archie Ellis	Rt. 4, North Wilkesboro
Archie Ellis	Rt. 2, Wilkesboro

LAY PEOPLE REPRESENTING THE CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Beaver Creek—Genio Walsh	Boomer
Big Ivy—Odell Beshears	Rt. 1, Purlear
Boiling Springs—Turner Huffman	Purlear
Cub Creek—Woodrow Key	Rt. 2, Wilkesboro
Davis Memorial—Everett Huffman	Ferguson
Edgewood—Clifford Moore	Rt. 3, North Wilkesboro
Elk—Miss Marjorie Dula	Ferguson
Fishing Creek—Mrs. G. Warner Miller	Rt. 3, North Wilkesboro
Gordon—Walter R. Burgiss	North Wilkesboro
Goshen—Homer Carlton	Boomer
Marmony—Hannon Minton	Rt. 1, Wilkesboro
Lewis Fork—Vernon Dyer	Purlear
Liberty Grove—Kermit Absher	North Wilkesboro
Little Rock—Jarvis Triplett	Boomer
Moravian Falls—Mrs. Bernice Greer	Moravian Falls
Mt. Carmel—W. H. Lovette	Moravian Falls
Mt. Pleasant—Jimmy McNeill	Purlear
Mt. Zion—Ray Welborn	North Wilkesboro
New Hope—Clinton Eller	Rt. 4, North Wilkesboro
North Wilkesboro, First—Allie Hayes	North Wilkesboro
North Wilkesboro, Second—Mrs. Dossie Berong	North Wilkesboro
North Wilkesboro, Hinshaw—Tad Gambill	North Wilkesboro
Oak Grove—J. Q. Yates	Rt. 1, Wilkesboro
Oakwoods—Archie Anderson	Rt. 2, Wilkesboro
Pilgrim—Charles Shoemaker	North Wilkesboro
Pleasant Grove—Richard Parsons	North Wilkesboro
Pleasant Home—Gwyn Vannoy	Wilbar
Purlear—Joe Hays	Purlear
Roaring River—Mrs. G. W. Scroggs	Roaring River
Shady Grove—Guy Eller	Wilkesboro

Sharon-Walker—Mrs. Zachary Ferguson	Boomer
Stony Hill—George McNeil	Rt. 1, Purlear
Walnut Grove—J. B. Brookshire	Moravian Falls
Welcome Home—Sherman Shumate	Rt. 4, North Wilkesboro
Wilkesboro—Mrs. G. T. Mitchell	Wilkesboro
Zion Hill—Earl German	Boomer

MESSENGERS

- Beaver Creek—Mrs. R. C. Walsh, Mrs. Clinard Johnson, Mrs. W. Genio Walsh
- Big Ivey—Mrs. Orelia Spears, Odell Beshears, H. H. Beshears.
- Boiling Springs—Louise Bishop, J. R. Woodie, Mrs. Turner Huffman.
- Cub Creek—Wade Ashley, Mrs. W. J. Bullis, Mrs. Welborn Anderson.
- Davis Memorial—Emit Harris, Grover McNeil, Mrs. Annie Wood.
- Edgewood—Miss Florence Miller, Mrs. Nelson Porter, Junior Anedrson, Mrs. Walter McGuire.
- Elk—Van Proffitt, Junior Eller, Theodore McNeil, P. E. Dula.
- Fishing Creek—Mrs. C. B. Mayberry, Mrs. R. N. Holland, Mrs. M. R. Billings, Miss Opal Miller.
- Gordon—V. O. Cardwell, Mrs. Addie Hamby, Mrs. George Greer.
- Goshen—C. W. Proffit, Jesse L. Walsh, Mrs. R. S. Proffit, Mrs. Helen Bumgarner.
- Harmony—Orson Phillips, Carl Phillips, Clyde Reavis.
- Lewis Fork—G. M. Foster, C. H. Jones, Mrs. Grace Triplett.
- Liberty Grove—Tam Hutchinson, George Smith, Carrie Henderson.
- Little Rock—N. C. Andrews, I. J. Broyhill, Claude Carlton.
- Moravian Falls—Rev. C. J. Poole, J. S. Steelman, Mrs. J. E. Nichols.
- Mt. Carmel—Rev. J. G. Cardwell, W. H. Lovett, Odell Watts.
- Mt. Pleasant—Curtis Greene, Toy Michael, Bruce Miles.
- Mt. Zion—Rev. E. C. Hager, Barney Johnson, D. M. Triplett.
- New Hope—Mrs. Alda Eller, Wayne Vannoy, Clinton Eller.
- North Wilkesboro First—Dr. John T. Wayland, Oliver Absher, D. E. Elledge, R. T. McNeil.
- North Wilkesboro Second—Mrs. Eva Porter, Mrs. Fannie Benton, Miss Frances Glass, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shumate.
- Hinshaw—Mrs. Omie Deal, Miss Ester Pruitt, Mrs. Nellie Moore.
- Oak Grove—W. C. Smith, Mrs. Thad Parsons, Mrs. Virgil Staley.
- Oakwoods—Frank Walker, R. L. Jones, Pearl Blevins.
- Pleasant Grove—Finley Church, George McGlamery, Mack Nichols.
- Pleasant Home—A. G. Bumgarner, Minnie McNeil, W. T. Snyder.
- Pilgrim—Charles Shumaker, Earl Adams, Della Sue Eller.
- Purlear—Mr. and Mrs. Ted Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Nichols.
- Roaring River—Grover Longbottom, Mrs. G. W. Scroggs, Mrs. Lula Ward.
- Shady Grove—Mrs. Everette Ferguson, Mrs. Thurman Faw, Mrs. D. K. Greene, Everette Ferguson.

Sharon Walker—Zachary Ferguson, Mrs. Roxie Walker, Mrs. T. R. Barlow.
Stony Hill—G. C. Church, G. S. McNeil, C. O. Parsons.
Walnut Grove—Mrs. B. M. Broyhill, Mrs. Bentley Parlier, Mrs. J. M. Blevins.
Welcome Home—H. R. Kendall, J. C. Dyer, P. V. Turner.
Wilkesboro—J. E. Seitzer, Mrs. Helen Pardue, Mrs. George Johnson.
Zion Hill—W. J. Earp, D. W. Watts, Mrs. Charlie German.

CONSTITUTION

At a meeting of the executive committee it was decided for sake of economy to omit the constitution this year. It was printed on pages 6, 7, and 8 in the 1952 minutes.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BRUSHY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. January 8, 1953. Twenty persons, including five associational officers and representing 12 churches, were present. It was decided to secure a summer worker and pay a salary of \$400. A calendar was made for the year. An investigating committee was appointed to ascertain the opinion of the Association in regard to the date of the annual meeting. It was suggested that the executive committee be broken down into smaller units, each to report to the larger group. Plans were made to promote larger offerings for the Home for the Aging.

2. February 24, 1953. Twenty-six people were present, including seven associational officers and representing 17 churches. The treasurer, T. E. Story, stated that only one-third of the churches had made contributions to associational missions; and that he was having difficulty in meeting financial obligations. Letters outlining the situation were ordered sent the churches with a request that these be read in open meeting. A sub committee on finance, consisting of T. E. Story (treas. and chm.) John Idol, John Wayland, Genio Walsh, Joe Hayes, Mrs. G. Warner Miller, Mrs. Bernice Greer, Mrs. G. T. Mitchell and Gwyn Vannoy, was appointed. It was approved that the executive committee consist of the moderator, clerk treasurer, and heads of W. M. U, S. S., T. U., Brotherhood, and Pastor's conference. It was agreed that nominations come through each of these departments for approval by the executive committee of the Association.

3. July 24, 1953. Twenty-four members were present, including five associational officers and representing 19 churches. T. E. Story reported that all bills had been paid with a small balance remaining. The moderator urged that we become more self supporting and not lean so heavily on funds from the Mission Board and special gifts. The resignation of Associational Missionary, J. E. Pearson, was accepted with regrets and proper resolutions were ordered prepared and sent to the Biblical Recorder and local paper. A committee was named to nominate a new missionary. A steering committee for "A Million More in '54" was named consisting of J. F. Jordan, Mrs. Gilbert Foster, Wayne

Vannoy (ch.) A. W. Eller, and Mrs. Paul Bumgarner. Plans were proposed for arranging a program for the annual meeting.

4. Oct. 14, 1953. After two preliminary discussions, a formal meeting was called to consider renting or buying a home for the new Associational Missionary. The resolutions appear elsewhere.

5. Nov. 30, 1953. Fourteen members were present, including five associational officers and representing 10 churches. The officers for the Associational Sunday School Department were elected and appear in the directory. The Rev. E. J. Jenkins presented the idea of having a school for deacons April 5-9 with J. C. Pipes leading. The plan was approved. A Vacation Bible School was set for each church and provisions for selecting and supporting a helper were made. The outside activities of the Missionary were discussed and it was decided to follow most of the former arrangements. A new field of service comprising Roaring River and Liberty Grove Churches was approved. The different departments will promote their own enlargement programs.

Compiled from minutes taken by Paul Billings, E. J. Pearson and Mrs. H. G. Duncan.

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1953

Tuesday Morning Session

The eighty-second (an error in numbering was corrected, making this session the eighty-second instead of the eightieth) annual session of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association was called to order by the moderator, John V. Idol. The sanctuary of the Wilkesboro Baptist Church, host for the Tuesday session, was soon filled and additional space was provided. The Rev. Robert L. Franklin served as director of music, and Mrs. Franklin as pianist. C. W. Proffit was asked to serve as temporary clerk to fill the vacancy made by the illness of Paul Billings.

The Rev. Robert L. Franklin, pastor of the Wilkesboro Baptist Church welcomed the Association in behalf of the church and conducted the devotionals, using the 28th Chapter of Matthew as his scripture. The moderator expressed appreciation for the unusually large congregation.

1. A roll call of the churches was made. Representatives from all 36 churches were in attendance. High lights of the year were given.

2. The program, arranged by the executive committee of the Association, was as follows.

It follows:

PROGRAM
of the
BRUSHY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

82nd Annual Session on October 13, and 14, 1953

THEME: "A MILLION MORE IN '54"

Tuesday October 13, WILKESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH first block west on Main Street, Wilkesboro Wednesday October 14, GOSHEN BAPTIST CHURCH intersection of Highway 268 and Boomer Road

TUESDAY MORNING

at Goshen.

- 9:45 Worship Wilkesboro Baptist Church Rev. Robert Franklin
- 10:00 Roll Call of Churches; Adoption of Program; Recognition of Pastors and Ministers; Recognition of Visitors; Appointment of Committees.
- 10:15 Digest of Church Letters and Associational Missions Report Clerk.
- 10:30 Executive Committee and Treasurer's Report.... Mr. T. E. Story
- 10:50 Hymn
- 10:55 Hospital Report Rev. Clyde Church
- 11:00 Ministry of North Carolina Baptist Hospital.... Dr. W. K. McGee
or Representative
- 11:15 Training Union Report Miss Lunda Hendren
- 11:25 Special Music Welcome Home Baptist Church
- 11:30 Introductory Sermon Rev. Harvey White
(Alternate Rev. W. H. Caldwell)
- 12:00 Lunch

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:15 Worship
- 1:20 Sunday Mr. Wayne Vannoy and State Sunday
School Department
- 1:50 Report on Christian Education and Literature—
Mrs. Robert Franklin
- 2:00 Recognition of College Representatives and Biblical Recorder
Representative
- 2:20 Hymn
- 2:25 Address on Christian Education Dr. Harold W. Tribble
or Representative
- 2:50 Pastors' Conference and Extension Center Rev. J. G. Huffman
- 3:10 Miscellaneous Business
- 3:15 Adjournment

TUESDAY NIGHT

- 7:30 Worship Wilkesboro Baptist Church
- 7:40 History of Wilkesboro Baptist Church Mr. J. F. Jordan
- 7:55 Baptist Brotherhood Report Mr. Ray Blevins
- 8:05 Report on Program of Evangelism Rev. C. J. Pool

- 8:15 Special Music Wilkesboro Baptist Church
 8:25 Evangelistic Message Speaker
 Adjournment

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:45 Worship Goshen Baptist Church and Rev. Clate Brown
 10:00 Church Discipline Dr. John T. Wayland
 10:20 Report of Nominating Committee; Election of Officers.
 10:35 Presentation of Advance Program of North Carolina Baptist
 (Cooperative Program, State Missions, Foreign Missions, and
 Home Missions) State Worker
 11:05 Woman's Missionary Union Mrs. Tam Hutchinson
 11:25 Special Music
 11:30 Missionary Sermon Rev. A. W. Eller
 (Alternate Rev. C. J. Pool)
 12:00 Lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:15 Worship
 1:20 Report of Committees: Time Place, Preacher; Resolutions; New
 Churches
 1:30 History of Goshen Baptist Church Mr. J. F. Jordan
 1:45 Hymn
 1:50 Report on Home for the Aged Dr. E. N. Phillips
 1:55 Representative of Home for the Aged Rev. James Hayes
 or Representative
 2:10 Hymn
 2:15 Report on Relief and Annuity Rev. Robert Franklin
 2:20 Report on Orphanage Mr. Will Adams
 2:25 Ministry of the Baptist Orphanages Rev. W. C. Reid
 2:40 Social Service and Civic Righteousness Mr. R. M. Hauss
 (Executive Director Allied Church League)
 3:00 Miscellaneous Business
 3:05 Adjournment

3. The hymn "Glory to His Name" was sung.

4. The Moderator recognized the following pastors: A. W. Eller, Clate Brown, George Walters, Gilbert Osborne, C. J. Pool, W. H. Caldwell, Glenn Huffman, John Wayland, Cleat Simmons, Albert Pruitt, Harvey White, and Robert Franklin. In addition he recognized J. E. Pearson, past Associational Missionary but now pastor of Kings Creek Baptist Church, Caldwell County; E. J. Jenkins, new Associational Missionary, and Mrs. Jenkins; W. A. Eichelberger, Caldwell Association; C. C. Blevins, Stone Mountain Association; W. N. Brookshire, former pastor of Wilkesboro Church, Liberty Association; Rex West, Three Forks Association; M. D. Hart, Ashe Association; B. L. Minton and W. W. Miles, ministers but not now pastors.

5. Appointment was made of committees.

6. The digest of the minutes has been enlarged upon by the clerk and appears as follows:

Comparative Digest

A convention was called Nov. 24, 1871 to meet at Three Forks in Alexander County to consider forming an Association as pre-arranged by the United and Lewis Fork Associations. Fifteen churches sent delegates with letters and six without letters. On the second day the constitution was read and adopted and the new organization given the name of Brushy Mountain Baptist Association. The convention appointed the first session to be held with Sulphur Springs Baptist Church near Taylorsville, commencing on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1872.

The Association has continued to meet annually. The seventeenth annual meeting was held with Walnut Grove, August 23-26, 1888, and the next session with Mount Pleasant, Oct. 24-27, 1889. However the clerk, J. L. Hemphill, numbered this meeting as the sixteenth, thereby making an error of two years. This erroneous numbering persisted despite the objections of the late Dr. H. G. Duncan, then historian. In 1952 the minutes were correctly labeled as the eighty-first. The program committee for the 1953 session returned to the incorrect numbering. The present clerk, being a stickler for accuracy, and on her own authority, is calling the 1953 session the eighty second.

Something of the progress made by the Baptists in the Association is shown in the table. Beginning with 1873 the eighty-year period is covered by taking certain statistics every tenth year. Although the method has its faults, we can get an idea of the trend of progress. Baptisms increased from 75 to 310 in 1943 and 240 in 1953, or from an approximate average of 3 per church to 8 per church; membership from 2,175 to 7,531, or from an approximate average of 78 per church to 209 per church; Sunday School enrollment from 460 to 5,868, or from an approximate average of 16 per church to 163 per church. Women and young people's organizations have come to the front within the last thirty odd years. Grand total gifts, excepting pastor's salary, have risen from \$33.60 to \$117,561.09, or from \$1.20 per church to \$3,265.59 per church on the average.

7. The report on Associational Missions was not given, but is included herein.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

The evidences of growth in the churches and report on work done by the churches are vital parts of a report on Associational Missions. Such information is a great deal more accurate report on the program than is the personal report of the missionary. That information is in the tables in your minutes, and in the printed reports of the various organizations, through which the Associational Missions program is taken to the churches.

These are some of the activities of your missionary: 1 revival (2 cancelled due to "Polio"), 8 revival sermons, 1 baptismal service, 40 other sermons, 11 promotional talks, 2 special services in institutions, 22 pro-

Eighty years of Progress in the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association

	1873	1883	1893	1903	1913	1923	1933	1943	1953
Number of Churches.....	28	35	19	21	23	27	29	33	36
Baptisms	75	204	52	91	201	210	214	310	240
Total Membership.....	2,175	2,985	1,375	1,779	2,721	3,771	4,660	5,933	7,531
Total S. S. Enrollment	460	1,012	.....	1,243	2,656	2,408	3,350	3,671	5,868
Total V. B. S. Enrollment .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	166	220	2,154
Total Tr. Un. Enrollment .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	268	141	867
Total W. M. U. Enrollment .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	320	537	689
Grand Total Gifts (except Pastor's Salary).....	\$33.60	\$72.28	\$543.21	\$505.58	\$5420.63	\$10391.49	\$7168.62	\$21378.02	\$117561.09

fessions of faith and 16 additions to the churches were witnessed in these services and in Bible Schools, taught Sunday School classes 22 times, on 12 Training Union programs, on 5 Woman's Missionary Union programs, conducted 4 Mission Studies, taught 1 Sunday School study course, taught 6 Training Union study courses.

The following number and types of services were visited without doing special work in those services: 29 worship services, 15 Sunday School, 5 Training Union, 3 Prayer services, 7 revival services, and 8 special services.

In addition, your missionary led 4 prayer meetings, delivered 5 ordination messages in as many ordination services, conducted 1 Bible Study, substituted on the Morning Devotional radio program 7 times, helped conduct 4 funerals, participated in 26 associational meetings, led 10 church conferences, conducted 2 services for Silent People, attended 33 sessions of the Seminary Extension Center and served as substitute teacher in 7 sessions, led 5 Sunday School planning meetings in the churches, attended 3 sessions of the Wilkes County Baptist Pastors' Conference, led 1 social, helped organize 1 Training Union, conducted 2 devotional periods, directed or helped in 11 Vacation Bible Schools, conducted 31 Vacation Bible School conferences with groups in churches. There were Bible Schools in 25 out of 36 churches. Three were called off due to "polio."

There were 1270 conferences with individuals, 66 with groups, 33 with committees. In addition to these, many of which required visits, there were 54 visits in the homes of the people and in hospitals. Your missionary drove at least 17,035 miles in this work this year.

The following work was done outside the association: attended S. S. Planning meeting, Hickory, and the Alleghany Association meeting; preached 2 sermons and led in a Training Union Enlargement Campaign in a church in Sandy Run Association; attended T. U. Officers' meeting, High Point, and Baptist State Convention, Winston-Salem; attended S. S. Clinic, Shelby, and Conference on Evangelism, High Point; attended V. B. S. Clinic, Fruitland; Preachers' School, Elkin; W. M. U. Convention, Wilmington; delivered 2 sermons, Alexander Association; helped in V. B. S. Clinic, Ashe Association; helped V. B. S. Clinic, Caldwell Association; helped in Regional Training Union Convention, Taylorsville; conducted 2 Mission Studies, Stone Mountain Association; attended Associational Missions Week, Caswell.

These regional activities were participated in locally: promoted and helped in Regional Conference on Church Music and Church Development; attended Regional T. U. Officers' meeting; attended Regional S. S. Planning meeting; and Divisional W. M. U. meeting.

Miss Betty Lois Parker, member of the Fishing Creek Baptist Church, and student at Berea College, did excellent work as our summer worker. She helped in some Bible Schools and rendered

real help in the office for the remainder of the summer. In addition, Miss Imogene Harmon, of Sherwood, did splendid work in 4 Bible Schools. These summer workers are a great help in reaching many churches with aid during the Vacation Bible School season.

This is the last report of your missionary. I have resigned my work here to become pastor of Kings Creek Baptist Church in Caldwell County. That service began on the fifth Sunday in August of this year. My service with you and the Lord has been a thrilling experience for almost five years now. Thank you for all the good things you have done for me, and for the opportunities you afforded me to work with you. Let me encourage you to "give of your best to the Master", and work with your new Associational Missionary and your Associational Officers to grow a great Associational Missions program. Be mindful of your pastors. They are good men and fine pastors. They will be better pastors when you make them better by praying for them, cooperating with them when they challenge you to go out ahead for God, and by supporting them to the extent that they are set free to do the things God has called them to do and called you to help them do. Southern Baptists are on the march for God! Satan is doing his best to keep your churches from getting into the great task and opportunity. "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ".

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. PEARSON

8. The financial report was given by Robert L. Franklin. He explained that there might be some errors as he was not sure that he had located all the papers received by Mr. Story. He also presented the budget for 1954. Both reports were approved by the Association.

BRUSHY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS:

CHURCHES

Beaver Creek	\$ 41.00
Big Ivey	5.00
Boiling Springs	36.00
Cub Creek	51.00
Davis Memorial	172.00
Edgewood	36.00
Elk	24.00
Fishing Creek	74.50
Gordon	25.00
Goshen	24.00
Lewis Fork	60.40
Liberty Grove	30.00
Little Rock	30.00
Moravian Falls	26.00
Mount Pleasant	55.00
Mt. Zion	5.63
New Hope	60.00

North Wilkesboro, 1st	1225.00	
North Wilkesboro, 2nd	21.40	
North Wilkesboro, Hinshaw St.	48.00	
Oakwoods	11.35	
Oak Grove	7.00	
Pleasant Home	55.00	
Purlear	17.00	
Shady Grove	8.00	
Walnut Grove	12.00	
Welcome Home	27.50	
Wilkesboro	570.00	
Zion Hill	48.50	
Total	\$2806.28	
		\$2806.28
Minute Fund 1952		356.00
W. P. Billings, Old Minute Debt		73.50
J. E. Spainhour, Contribution		375.00
State Mission Board		1370.00
Special - Deaf Class		13.80
		\$4994.58
Balance from 1952		61.67
		\$5056.25
Miscellaneous		36.60
		\$5092.85

DISBURSEMENTS

J. E. Pearson, Salary	2682.73	
J. E. Pearson, Travel & Office	995.00	
Rent	385.00	
Carter-Hubbard, Minutes	433.50	
Miss Betty Parker, Summer worker	275.00	
		\$4771.23
Balance on hand, October 13, 1953		321.62
Apparently there were seven of the thirty-six churches that made no contribution to Associational Missions.		

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT L. FRANKLIN

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1954 BRUSHY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS		
Salary for Missionary (E. J. J.)		\$2800.00
House Rent		480.00
Car and Office Expense		1080.00
Salary and Expense of Summer Worker		400.00
Association's Part of Retirement for Missionary		120.00
Minutes of the Association		309.25
		\$5189.25

ANTICIPATED RESOURCES

Baptist State Convention on Salary (\$90.00 per month).....	\$1080.00
Baptist Convention, Summer worker	150.00
From Local Supporter	500.00
Special Contributions to Summer worker	250.00
Regular Contributions from the Churches, monthly	2900.00
Associational Minute Fund from Churches	309.25
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	\$5189.25

9. The hymn, "I Am Thine O Lord" was sung.

10. Clyde Church was not present to give the hospital report. Arnold Smith, one of the Chaplains at the Baptist Hospital, spoke on the services rendered by the hospital. He stressed particularly the psychiatric phase of health.

11. The Training Union report was given by Miss Lunda Hendren and adopted by the Association. The list of officers was read by the clerk.

TRAINING UNION REPORT

The Brushy Mountain Associational Training Union has had a very good year. Regular Executive Officers' meetings, Officers' and Leaders' meetings and Mass or Group meetings were held, usually on the second Monday of each month.

In the mass meetings banners were awarded to the Training Union having the largest percentage of its membership present, to the Training Union having the largest number present, and to the Union from any Training Union having the highest efficiency average for the quarter. Those receiving banners for attendance were Hinshaw Street, Pleasant Home, Purlear, and for efficiency, New Hope.

A Central Training School was held at First Baptist in January for Associational Officers and Departmental Leaders from all Training Unions. The Associational Baptist Training Union Manual was studied in February, with Mr. Fred Scott, State worker, teaching. Several officers attended the State Planning meeting in High Point, which aided the officers in being able to carry out their work efficiently.

Rev. T. L. Cashwell brought the message at the "M" Night meeting in December, and 300 persons were present.

Group meetings were held in June and were well attended.

In addition to the regular department conferences held, there were conferences for Secretaries held at the Officers' and Leaders' meetings.

Cub Creek Training Union was organized this year and the work in the other organizations is growing.

All of the officers have served faithfully during the year and

wish to express appreciation for the cooperation given them during the year by the Rev. J. Earl Pearson, Past-Associational Missionary.

Respectfully submitted,
LUNDA HENDREN

12. Special music, "The Love of God", was rendered by Rex West.

13. The Scripture for the introductory sermon was read by the Rev. W. H. Caldwell, alternate, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Harvey White. He used for his text, Luke 5:18-28, and for the title of his sermon, "The Challenging Christ." Emphasis was placed on Christ's commanding authority and his challenge to the church and to the individual Christian. He offered the closing prayer.

14. After adjournment, the congregation, numbering some 300, was invited to the rear of the building for lunch. Mrs. G. T. Mitchell, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, had general supervision of serving the meal. The blessing was asked by Rex West.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

15. The meeting was called to order by the moderator. A special election took place to fill the vacancy in clerkship created by the illness of Paul Billings, and to elect an assistant treasurer to serve during the absence of T. E. Story, who had been seriously injured in a wreck some days previous. Glenn Huffman presented the report of the Nominating Committee, and the Association voted to accept those nominated. Mrs. H. G. Duncan assumed her position as new clerk. The other officers elected appear in the directory.

16. The Sunday School report was given by Wayne Vannoy, and adopted by the Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

"A MILLION MORE IN '54"

And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things. (Mark 6:34).

The goal is set. The challenge is before us.

What will we do with the responsibility that is ours?

In preparation for this great crusade, the Executive Committee of the Association appointed a steering committee for the purpose of presenting the program, "A Million More In '54", to the churches of the Association. The members of the committee are as follows: Mrs. Gilbert Foster, Mrs. Paul Bumgarner, J. F. Jordan, A. W. Eller and Wayne Vannoy.

The committee at its first meeting appointed Clyde Church to serve with it. Plans were made as to the best method of presenting the program to all churches in the Association. Each member of the committee agreed to take as his or her responsibility a cer-

tain number of churches as grouped in the Association. Group 1—Wayne Vannoy, 2—A. W. Eller, 3—Mrs. Paul Bumgarner, 4—J. F. Jordan, 5—Mrs. Gilbert Foster, and 6—Clyde Church.

To date all groups have met with the exception of Group 3. However, a meeting of this group will be held in the near future.

In the five group meetings held total attendance was 85 with 25 churches represented. The response from the churches represented was encouraging. A large majority agreed to study the book, "The Pull Of The People"... It is the belief of the writer that if the churches who study this book, and put into practice the suggestions that are practical for their own individual facilities, they will have the greatest year in the history of their Sunday School.

At least three of the Sunday Schools in the Association have organized new departments, others anticipate new classes, and most all plan an intensive visitation program.

Although we may show a gain in enrollment for the past year, our average attendance will show a loss due to the polio ban in effect during the summer months. Another loss to the Association was the resignation of our General Superintendent, T. E. Story. We feel that the entire Association wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to Mr. Story for his untiring effort and aid to all of our Sunday Schools.

Along with the election of a General Superintendent to replace Mr. Story, the Steering Committee recommends that the Association elect a Group Superintendent for each group of churches in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
WAYNE VANNOY

D. P. Brooks, Associational Secretary, State Sunday School Department, made a strong appeal for greater effort in our Sunday School work. He made an interesting comparison between the development of religion and education in England and that in the United States. Our country stresses reaching the multitude. To expand we need (1) more teachers, (2) more room, and (3) better organization. Beyond expansion we must evangelize.

17. The Association adopted the report on Christian Education given by Mrs. Robert Franklin.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 1952-1953

In an effort to cover some of the more important points to be emphasized from the tremendous amount of material that is available on the subject of Christian Education, we shall consider Christian Education in our schools and colleges, then briefly touch upon the subject of Christian Education in our churches and homes through the media of our literature.

Beginning in general terms and ending with more specific refer-

ences, let us first remember that we are Southern Baptists, and that as such we support with our students and our money six seminaries and the Carver School of Missions and Social Work at Louisville, Kentucky. These schools are: the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky; the New Orleans Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana; Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas; Golden Gate Seminary at Berkley, California; and Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina. The sixth seminary is the American Baptist Theological Seminary for Negroes at Nashville, Tennessee.

It is well for us to remember that our seminaries are the only schools that receive financial support from the Southern Baptist Convention. Sixty-two other colleges and academies receive their support from the Conventions of the States in which they are located.

North Carolina Baptists have seven colleges, two senior: Wake Forest and Meredith; and five junior: Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb, Campbell, Wingate and Chowan. The total enrollment for these schools, including summer schools, exceeded 5,000 for the past year.

As Baptists in the Brushy Mountain Association, what do we know about these institutions of learning which we are helping to support? How many of our own Baptist boys and girls are being directed to these Baptist colleges? What can we as parents, pastors, and church leaders do to emphasize the necessity for such a program of Christian education and provide that counseling and guidance that will result in more of our young people taking advantage of such training? These questions and their answers by you have far-reaching implications for the future of our Baptist witness in this state.

From a financial standpoint the most significant undertaking in 1953 is the effort to complete the raising of \$1,500,000 in the churches for the removal program of Wake Forest College. This was authorized in 1946, and it is confidently hoped that this total of \$1,500,000 will be raised by January 1, 1954, thereby completing the last authorized special campaign in the churches for any one of our institutions.

We would remind you that these institutions and the funds for their support are but means to the end that we may train young men and young women to be able to take their places in the world not only as pastors and leaders in all areas of the work of our churches, but as Christian citizens in a society that is sorely lacking in spiritual qualities or tendencies.

A study of the literature that is used to advance the cause of Christian education in our churches and our homes prompts a prayer of thanksgiving for the infinite variety and high quality of work that is done through this medium. The Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children are products of our state press which keep us informed of Baptist happenings in North Carolina. From most of our Southwide agencies comes literature such as The Commission, Southern Baptist Home Missions, Royal Service, Quarterly Review,

Home Life, The Baptist Student, The Church Musician, Open Windows, etc., as well as a splendid array of graded literature to meet the needs of all age groups in our Sunday Schools, Training Unions, and Women's Missionary Unions.

As Southern Baptists, we are happy to join with a number of other denominations and groups to work through the American Bible Society as "the churches' agency for the worldwide distribution of the Bible." Vivid accounts of some of their work may be found in the pamphlets which have been placed throughout the auditorium for your reading and use.

Much effort has been and is being expended to improve the quality and to widen the extent of Baptists' labors in Christian education. If our people are to be informed and useful Christians, we must intensify our efforts in the field of Christian education.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ROBERT L. FRANKLIN

F. B. Dedmond, head of the English Department of Gardner-Webb College, defined Christian Education as all things Christian plus a real education. M. H. Kendall, head of the Bible Department, Mars Hill College, considered Christian Education as the backbone of all Baptist work. Eugene Olive, director of alumni, Wake Forest, combined his remarks with a later report.

18. Dr. John T. Wayland, substituting for C. W. Bazemore, urged all Baptists to subscribe for the Biblical Recorder. He pointed out that our denominational paper is in reality the acts of Baptists, and represents a Christian way of looking at life. Through its pages we can become better Christians.

19. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace."

20. The address on "Christian Education" was brought by the Rev. Eugene Olive. After commenting on the progress made by the Association since his ministry at the First Baptist Church, he traced the historical development of the Convention, Biblical Recorder, and Wake Forest College. He showed how these institutions bind Baptist people together and help to build a better citizenship.

21. The Rev. J. G. Huffman gave the report on the "Pastors' Conference and Extension Center." It was accepted by the Association. It is as follows:

REPORT ON PASTORS' CONFERENCE AND EXTENSION CENTER

For twenty years Wilkes County Baptist pastors have had a conference. For several years we met once a month for fellowship and studied at different places. During the past five years, we have met once a week during the fall, winter and spring months to study. We first met at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Brown- ing who taught "Church History." Then we moved to Wilkesboro where Brother Woodrow Brookshire taught "New Testament" and

"Sermon Preparation." Dr. Wayland taught a course on "Conducting Funerals" and "New Testament Theology." At length the Southern Baptist Convention gave us the privilege of starting a Seminary Extension Department and approved as teachers the Rev. Robert L. Franklin and Dr. John T. Wayland. For the past two years they have done a very fine job in teaching the courses we have had.

Last year we had an enrollment of 25 or 30 and studied for credits and received them. In September of this year we started again with an enrollment of 27.

The Association was adjourned until the evening session.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

22. Owing to a number of conflicting meetings, the attendance was small. Moderator, John Idol, opened the session and the congregation joined in singing "Blessed Assurance" and "I Will Tell the Wondrous Story." Glenn Huffman offered the evening prayer.

23. J. F. Jordan read a comprehensive history of Wilkesboro Baptist Church. It was stated that the church would have copies mimeographed for each member and suggested that the Associational clerk condense certain parts in order to keep the cost of publishing the minutes within the budget. The Association voted to accept the history of the church and expressed appreciation to Mr. Jordan for his painstaking study.

A SHORT HISTORY OF WILKESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Wilkesboro Baptist Church was organized in August, 1880. A presbytery consisting of the Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, John Adams, James D. Tinsley and I. T. Prevette met in the courthouse in Wilkesboro for the purpose of organizing a Missionary Baptist Church. Elder Gwaltney acted as moderator and Elder Prevette as clerk. After devotional exercises were conducted by the moderator, the following brothers and sisters presented their letters: John Bowlin, James E. Bowlin, S. R. Bowlin, B. E. Bowlin, J. R. Bowlin, Ann Eller, W. C. Brown, Mary Brown, Deliah White, G. W. Green and Dora Green from Cub Creek Church; E. Staley, Martha Staley, John Staley from Oak Forest Church; A. M. Church, Susan Church, A. V. Church, L. C. Church, and E. S. Church from Mount Pleasant Church. The clerk read the letters and the presbytery received the applicants as members.

The New Hampshire confession of faith and the church covenant were read and adopted. The church was then organized. A charge was delivered by the moderator and the hand of fellowship was given by the presbytery.

The church met on the 3rd Saturday night in August, 1880, and called the Rev. G. W. Green as its first pastor. At the same time the church made application for membership in the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association. John Bowlin, A. M. Church and W. C. Brown

were sent as the first messengers to the Association. The 3rd Sunday in each month was selected for preaching service.

The following served as pastors: G. W. Green, (Aug., 1880-Oct., 1885); J. P. Gwaltney (1885-Sept., 1886); G. W. Green (Sept., 1886-July, 1890) R. L. Patton (July, 1890-July, 1891); J. R. Jones (July, 1891-Sept., 1891); R. L. Patton (Sept., 1891-Dec., 1891); L. P. Gwaltney (Dec., 1891-Feb., 1893); W. R. Bradshaw (Feb. 1893-Oct., 1904); J. S. Corpening (Oct., 1904-Jan., 1905); J. S. Staley (Jan., 1904-Feb., 1906); L. P. Gwaltney (Feb., 1906-Aug., 1906); George V. Tilley (Jan., 1907-March, 1907); K. C. Horner (March, 1907-Dec., 1908); L. P. Gwaltney (Dec., 1908-Aug., 1912); R. P. Blevins (Aug., 1912-Feb., 1914). Mr. Blevins had never been ordained. The church called a presbytery to meet Aug. 18 for the ordination service. It consisted of W. R. Bradshaw, J. M. Dunaway, L. P. Gwaltney, W. C. Meadows, M. McNeill and T. E. Redmond. After the examination, Dr. Dunaway delivered the charge and the Rev. W. R. Bradshaw presented the Bible.

The minutes from March, 1914, to September, 1914, refer to the Rev. Edwin Long as pastor but do not state anywhere that he was ever elected pastor. The Rev. W. E. Linney preached Sunday morning and evening Nov. 15, 1914. There are no church minutes from Nov. 15, 1914, to Oct. 2, 1921. The diary of W. E. Linney shows that he served the church as pastor during this period of time. He performed 32 marriages, baptized 62, held several revival meetings, and assisted in 30 funerals.

The Rev. J. A. Carmack, of Mountain View Institute, agreed to serve as substitute pastor from Jan., 1922, until the close of the school year— June 11, 1922. The Rev. James Hayes was called as supply pastor and an agreement was reached with Roaring River that the field be combined. He preached at Wilkesboro on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and at Roaring River the 2nd and 4th Sundays. This arrangement was continued until he left for the Seminary in September. Following him were L. W. Teague (Nov., 1922-June, 1932); J. L. Shinn (Aug., 1923-April, 1926); N. C. Teague with Roaring River (May, 1926-Sept., 1930); J. A. Duren (Oct., 1930-Aug., 1931); Avery Church (Sept., 1931-Nov., 1937); James Hayes as supply until Feb., 1938; Howard Ford (Feb., 1938-1939); C. C. Holland (1939-Dec., 1940); T. Sloan Guy, Jr., (1940-July, 1942).

From Aug. 2 to Sept. 2, 1942, the following ministers preached as supplies: Zeb. Baker, Howard Ford, Joseph Cohen, and A. B. Hayes. Howard Ford, who was to finish his work at the Southwestern Seminary in December, was elected pastor. Until his arrival the pulpit was filled by C. M. Caudill, Leroy Eller, Louis J. Yelongin, Judge J. J. Hayes, Jones Bryant, A. R. Phillips, George Sebastian, Ed O. Miller, and J. S. Stevenson. Ford served until September, 1945, when he resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church at Elkin. The church was again without a pastor until January, 1946, when the Rev. W. N. Brookshire was called as pastor and served the

church until January 28, 1951. Dr. W. K. McGee, of the Baptist Hospital of Winston-Salem, was elected supply pastor and served the church in that capacity until the arrival of the Rev. R. L. Franklin, who began his work on May 19, 1951.

During this time the church had clerks as follows: W. M. Brown, from August, 1880, to June, 1882; S. J. Jennings, June, 1882, to September, 1914; J. E. Spainhour from September, 1914, to August, 1924; L. Bumgarner from August, 1924, to June, 1942; C. C. McNeill from June, 1942, to the present.

The 3rd Sunday in September, 1880, a building committee was appointed to select a church site. The committee reported on the 3rd Sunday in November, 1880, that a lot had been selected and at the same meeting a committee was appointed to solicit funds for building a church. This committee made every member of the church a committee to raise funds. The building was erected on the lot where the home of Mr. Roby Church is now located. The lot was 35 by 50 and the building was 30 feet wide and 50 feet long. It had one double door in the west end and three windows on each side, and a pulpit in the east end. It was weatherboarded, ceiled, and covered with shingles. It had a belfry on top. This building was completed at a cost of \$715.83, and the dedication sermon was preached by the pastor, the Rev. G. W. Green, on the 3rd Sunday in July, 1884. There were some great revivals held in this church and a number of conversions and additions to the church.

The minutes of November 19, 1905, state that services were held in the new church, and that the Rev. W. R. Bradshaw preached the dedicatory sermon. Evidently this is the present building. I find nothing in the minutes that tells about the cost of it or when the building was first started. In 1936 there were twelve Sunday School rooms added on the west side of the building and a heating plant installed. The lot on which the building is standing was deeded to the church by R. A. Spainhour, et al., November 13, 1911, and the deed is recorded in Book 41, page 379, in the register of deeds' office. F. G. Holman and wife deeded 2,000 square feet to the church and deed is recorded in Book 217, page 274, in the register of deeds' office, and A. A. Sturdivant and wife deeded 9,000 square feet in October, 1946, and deed is recorded in Book 230, page 401 in the register of deeds' office. The lot has 100-foot frontage, 190 feet deep and contains 19,000 square feet.

At the August meeting in 1927, a committee was appointed to investigate the sale of the old parsonage and the building of a new one on the lot donated by Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Holman. The committee reported that the old parsonage could be sold for \$1,500 and a new parsonage could be built if a loan could be secured from the Wilkesboro Building and Loan Association of \$1,200. W. A. Stroud stated that such a loan could be arranged if the church so desired.

T. M. Foster submitted three plans for the parsonage: One of 7

rooms at a cost of \$2,750, one of 6 rooms for \$2,550, and one of 5 rooms for \$2,150. Mr. Foster was asked to meet with the building committee on August 11 to prepare a final report on the advisability of building a new parsonage and the type of building to erect. It was recommended that the church attempt to erect a 6-room parsonage to cost \$3,800 completed and that the difference in the cost of the new building and the sale price of the old building be financed through the Building and Loan Association. This report, when put before the church, passed and the parsonage was built.

There was a call meeting of the building committee April 25, 1947, to pass on the plans and specifications for remodeling the auditorium and the erection of an educational building. Mr. Benton, the church architect, presented plans for an additional building that would cost \$7,500, and also plans for remodeling the auditorium that would range from \$20,000 to \$25,000. The building committee rejected the figures as being too high, but kept studying plans for an education building. They planned the enlarging of the auditorium or the erecting of a building 24 by 24 on the parsonage lot. At the March meeting, 1949, the building committee and deacons held a joint meeting with T. M. Foster, who presented some plans for an educational building. These plans were similar to the Benton plans and provided for 15 class rooms with one-half the space called for in the Benton plans. The cost of erecting the building was approximately \$28,000, whereas the Benton plan cost \$78,000. Mr. Foster's plan was submitted to the church and accepted. The educational building was completed at a total cost of \$22,832.24. On February 24, 1952, a dedication service was held at which time the mortgage on the educational building was burned.

While the church has made progress in building, it has also made progress in Sunday School work. The first time the minutes mention Sunday School is in 1885, with J. R. Hendren, superintendent. There were 38 enrolled and four teachers. He served until 1887; J. D. Smith from 1887 to 1895; R. A. Spainhour from 1895 to 1897; J. D. Smith from 1897 to 1899; R. A. Spainhour from 1899 to 1905; J. D. Smith from 1905 to 1907; F. B. Hendren from 1907 to 1917; John R. Jones from 1917 to 1920; F. B. Hendren from 1920 to September, 1927; T. E. Story from 1927 to July, 1953, when J. E. Switzer was elected and is the present superintendent.

In 1924, the Sunday School was departmentized with Home Department, Beginners', Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Adult Departments. The Sunday School has made great progress and a gain in the field of work. It has increased from 38 to 336 in enrolment and from 4 to 32 teachers and officers.

This church has made great progress spiritually. It has witnessed some great revival meetings and has taken in as many as 22 members at a time. During the 73 years of spiritual growth it has increased in membership from 20 to 382 members. It has also built up a library through the members of the church to 115 volumes and

adopted rules and regulations in borrowing and reading books with Misses Christine McNeill and Jackie Davis as librarians. The church has also developed the musical side of worship. In August, 1922, the Women's Missionary Society started a piano fund. They succeeded in raising the money and purchased the piano, which added much to the choir in music. W. A. Stroud for many years was leader of the choir and did much with his time and talent in the building up of a good choir. After Brother Stroud, Mrs. G. T. Mitchell was choir director until May, 1951, when Mr. Claude Jarrett was elected. Mrs. Dave Lowe and Mrs. G. T. Mitchell served as organists until Miss Catherine Frazier became organist two years ago.

In December, 1947, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Foster presented to the church a Wurlitzer electric organ as a memorial gift at a cost of \$3,850. In August, 1951, there was a memorial service in honor of the late Dr. G. T. Mitchell, and the presentation of a piano in the educational building with a large number of song books. The pulpit furniture was donated by the Parlier family.

The church has been active in the Training Union work for many years and has a Junior, Intermediate and Adult Department with Mr. Robert Triplett, general director. In 1924, the church adopted the unified budget system for all the organizations of the church and has contributed freely to all Baptist organizations. The church elected W. A. Stroud as treasurer. He served in this capacity until he passed away in February, 1952, and since that time Mrs. W. A. Stroud and her son, Ray Stroud, have been serving as treasurer.

J. F. JORDAN, Historian.

24. The "Baptist Brotherhood" report was brought by Ray Blevins, who has since been elected Regional President of Division 7, comprising the area around North Wilkesboro. His report was adopted by the Association. Speaking on his report, Mr. Blevins read a poem from Edgar Guest on the uniting of all the efforts of all men. A most interesting account of the work at Oakwoods was given by Frank Walker. Certainly this project is worthy of emulation.

REPORT ON BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD "A Million Men For Christ"

The Brotherhood is an organized effort to put all the men in all the churches to work all the time for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. The purpose is not to start new work or to promote one cause but to support the entire program of the church. There are six main committees for work: (1) Worship, (2) Education, (3) Evangelism, (4) Stewardship, (5) Benevolence, and (6) Boys' Work. Through these committees the work is unlimited.

During the past year we have seen much progress in the establishment of a full Brotherhood program in our Association. Two promotional meetings were held during the year with approximately 15 churches represented. February 4, 1953, Mt. Pleasant Baptist

Church organized a Church Brotherhood with 10 men enrolled. February 18, 1953, Oakwoods Baptist Church organized with 19 enrolled. The Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro has continued with an enrollment of 56. Each organization has developed a program of support to the church, and much progress has been made. The church will become more the center of community life with the men uniting their efforts in working for God.

Nominations have been made to fill all the offices in the Associational Brotherhood, including an advisory council composed of pastors and laymen representing as many individual churches as possible. With the organization completed regular meetings with a full program for promoting the work will be outlined for the ensuing year. Your support is needed through your work and especially through your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
RAYMOND BLEVINS

25. The Rev. J. C. Pool presented the report on "Evangelism." It was accepted by the Association. It is as follows:

A REPORT OF EVANGELISM

Surely no single term could mean more to the Christ-like mind than the term "Evangelism" because whatever it may mean to others, it means to us the winning of the lost to Christ.

Jesus, whose purpose was to provide more abundant life, had compassion on the multitude, saying, "I come to seek and to save the lost." If indeed we are to be Christ-like and thereby win the lost to Him, we must make the foundation of such activity a compassion for people.

Therefore, with all gratitude for what has been and is being done, and in whatever form our advancing plans may take, I pray that God may give us more people in our churches who will go after the lost, and for their eternal good and for God's eternal glory evangelize them in the name of Christ our Redeemer.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. POOL

26. A program of special music was presented by the choir of the Wilkesboro Church under the direction of Claude Jarrett, choir director. Announcements concerning the Wednesday session to be held at Goshen were made.

27. The congregation sang "Revive Us Again."

28. The evangelistic message was brought by Horace Easom, State Secretary of the Brotherhood. He anchored his message on the following Scripture: John 3:14-18; Matthew 28:18-10; and Acts 1:1-8. Four observations were made: (1) humanity is too precious to lose; (2) the Savior is too wonderful to hide; (3) the mission is too important to neglect; (4) the adventure is too thrilling to miss. In his energetic manner he painted the Christian life as the most joyous type of existence.

The meeting was adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

OCTOBER 14, 1953

29. The second day of the eighty-second session of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association met with the Goshen Baptist Church. The moderator, John V. Idol, called the meeting to order. Robert Franklin, who again served as song leader with Mrs. John T. Wayland as accompanist, led the congregation in singing "Bringing In the Sheaves."

30. The Rev. Clate Brown, pastor, welcomed the Association to his church and thanked Wilkesboro Church for its hospitality of the previous day. As a devotional he read four verses from the second chapter of Isaiah, then called upon E. C. Hodges to lead in prayer.

31. In order to enable Superintendent of North Carolina Homes for the Aging, James Hayes, to attend another Association, the order of business was changed. After reminiscing on his boyhood days in that section and commenting on the progress that had been made in roads, schools, and churches, he discussed the problems confronting the Baptists in caring for their aging members. The project originated with a gift of \$100.00 and the realization that "The Baptists have waited too long already." Our homes are in reality a sort of orphanage—a place to spend a second childhood. There are four basic aims: (1) to provide a place of security, (2) to offer comfort, (3) to induce a spirit of congeniality, and (4) to offer Christian ministry. This undertaking launched on faith has proved a sound financial investment and an asset to Baptist policy.

32. Dr. John T. Wayland brought, in the opinion of the clerk, the most thought-provoking discussion of the session. In Matthew, the 18th chapter, he read the story of broken fellowship, noting among the causes, unbelief, troublemaking and wickedness. Discipline embodies the idea of prevention, protection, reclamation, and watchfulness over self. Practical methods, such as avoiding controversial matters, grouping people that are congenial, and seeking compromises, were suggested. Humility is needed in the preservation of fellowship.

33. The director of Caswell Assembly, R. K. Redwine, spoke on the cooperative plan. He recalled that our forefathers collected money by preaching a powerful sermon, then passing the plate. This was often supplemented by a pummeling of the community. The cooperative plan extends the individual's power—even a child through his contribution can preach to China. This plan did not originate in Raleigh; it had its inception in the fact that Jesus was a working man. Work is an important phase of Christianity. Our combined support enables others to carry on the work which alone we could not accomplish.

34 The congregation joined in singing "I Am Resolved."

35. Mrs. Tam Hutchinson brought the report on the Woman's Missionary Union. It was adopted and in speaking to her report,

Mrs. Hutchinson set up certain goals—a society in each church, cover the fields in our program, serve as missionaries in our fields, teach stewardship, and employ prayer and Bible readings.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

“Laborers Together with God.” The watchword of W. M. U. expresses the purpose for which Woman’s Missionary Union exists. Our annual watchword for the past year has been, “Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest.” This expresses more emphatically our copartnership with Christ. If we are to be “Laborers Together with God” in the Brushy Mountain Association, the 24 of our 36 churches which do not have any reported W. M. U. work, must join hands with those 12 churches that have heeded the call of the Lord to the Harvest and are bearing fruit because of their vision. In April of this year, our Associational W. M. U. met in annual session with Roaring River Baptist Church, having as special guests Miss Bertha Wallis, who is a laborer on our Home Mission field; Mrs. John Wacaster, Field Representative of our North Carolina W.M.U., and several of our own pastors. In October of last year our Association was hostess to the Wilkesboro Division, meeting with the First Baptist Church. At that time we were privileged to hear Miss Pearl Johnson, returned missionary from China, tell of the fields of service she had known, and Miss Ruth Provence, State Executive Secretary. The annual meeting of the State W. M. U. was held in Wilmington on March 10-12, and delegates attended from the Association. In September several of our W. M. U. members attended the Overnight Leadership Conference at Fruitland Baptist Assembly.

We are happy to report 3 new organizations during the past year. The women of the Second Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro met in January and organized a W. M. S. In the field of Young Peoples’ work, the Fishing Creek Church reported 2 new R. A. chapters. We have felt keenly the loss of our Young People’s leader, Mrs. J. E. Pearson, who moved with her husband to a new field of service, and we ask your prayers as we seek new leadership for our young people.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. TAM HUTCHINSON

36. A special number was sung by Miss Jeanette Church, accompanied by Mrs. John T. Wayland.

37. The text for the missionary sermon, taken from the 15th chapter of Matthew, was read by C. J. Pool. The Rev. A. W. Eller took as his theme “Homeside.” This is the place of beginning; God’s spirit begins at home. One of our major problems is to keep our citizens in our communities and increase our participation in religious work. To accomplish our mission on the otherside, we must put people to work on the homeside.

38. The meeting adjourned for lunch. The blessing was asked inside the church by the Rev. Isaac Watts. A splendid dinner was served on the church lawn.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

39. The meeting was resumed at the sound of the gavel and the Rev. John Wells offered the opening prayer.

40. The moderator asked if additional visitors were present. The following responded: the Rev. John Wells of North Wilkesboro and the Rev. Isaac Watts from Alexander Association, R| M. Haus of the Allied Church Council, the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Yale of the Stone Mountain Association, Marshal Anderson, Jr., Mrs. Carol Losey, and Miss Florence Miller, all of Edgewood, and Glenn Carlton of Mt. Zion.

41. The committee on time, place, and preacher for the next Associational meeting (Harvey White, J. C. McNeil, and Charlie Bishop) suggested that the first day's session be held with Pleasant Home and the second day's session with Mt. Zion. It was recommended that Glenn Huffman preach the introductory sermon, with E. J. Jenkins as alternate and W. H. Caldwell preach the missionary sermon with Clyde Church as alternate. The report was accepted and a separate vote was taken as to the date. It was decided to meet on October 12 and 13, 1954.

42. Dr. Wayland speaking for the resolutions committee thanked Wilkesboro and Goshen Churches for their hospitality; expressed appreciation for services of clerk and other officers; praised J. E. Pearson for his splendid work in the Association and welcomed E. J. Jenkins into our Association; and gratefully thanked all who appeared on the program. He asked that Miss Peggy Nichols' formal report be included in the minutes. The report and inclusion were accepted by the Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, we the members of the various churches of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association, meeting in regular session on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 13 and 14, 1953, with Wilkesboro and Goshen Baptist Churches, be it resolved:

1 That we express to the pastors and people of these two fine congregations our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the gracious entertainment shown us during these days and night;

2. That we express to the editors and publisher of the local newspapers and the staff of the local radio station our gratefulness for the services rendered to us in the way of publicity, and in the support of various projects during the past year;

3. That we make manifest to Brother J. E. Pearson, who has recently resigned as Brushy Mountain Association Missionary to accept a pastorate in Caldwell Association, our sincere appreciation for

his fine work and leadership in this Association, and wish for him God's richest blessings in his new field;

| That we wish to express our gratitude for the loyalty of the general officers of the Association, Mr. John Idol, moderator; Mr. W. Paul Billings, clerk; Mr. T. E. Story, treasurer; Mr. J. F. Jordan, historian; Mr. Charles Proffit, vice-moderator; Rev. J. Glenn Huffman, superintendent of evangelism; Mr. Will Adams, Orphanage representative; Rev. Clyde Church, Hospital representative; Mrs. Harvey White, Biblical Recorder representative; Dr. E. N. Phillips, representative for the Home for Aged; and to the General Associational Training Union director, Miss Lunda Hendren; to the Associational W. M. U. president, Mrs. Tam Hutchinson; and to the Sunday School group leaders, who have worked in loyal support of the denominational work.

5. That we are grateful to those who have contributed to the support of the Seminary Extension School, which is aiding ministers and laymen of the Association in an educational and inspirational way under the fine leadership of Rev. Robert Franklin and Dr. John T. Wayland, teachers;

Furthermore, we express gratitude to those who have assisted in the school in a financial way, and to those from the First Baptist who have served refreshments to those enrolled each session;

6. That we continue in prayer for Brother T. E. Story, long time moderator and treasurer of the Brushy Mountain Association, and who has served the Association in numerous other capacities, who was recently injured in an automobile accident;

7| That we commend Brother J. F. Jordan for his excellent work and time given to preparing and presenting the histories of the Wilkesboro and Goshen Churches;

8. That we pray to God that all our people renew and double their efforts to combat evil in this Association, and will strive to make it a better place in which to live;

9. That we will cooperate with Southern Baptists throughout the Convention to bring the slogan, "A Million More in '54" into reality;

10. That we acknowledge and express our thanks to Almighty God for His manifold blessings of the past year, for temporal needs so bountifully provided and for His unlimited grace extended to each of us.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. CLATE BUMGARNER
REV. CLYDE CHURCH
MISS PEGGY NICHOLS

Committee.

43. The clerk was asked to write letters to T. E. Story and Paul Billings in appreciation for their past work and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

44. The Rev. Robert L. Franklin presented the idea that the churches sponsor floats and other appropriate means of celebrating

Christmas with a parade, and thereby put Christ back in Christmas. A number of persons spoke favorably of the project, which was formally accepted by the Association.

45. Dr. Wayland presented the following motion: Resolved, that the executive committee of this Association be authorized to buy or rent a home for our Associational Missionary so long as the Association is not obligated this year to an amount exceeding the allotment in the budget. The motion was carried.

46. The historian, J. F. Jordan, read the history of Goshen Church. The Association adopted the history.

A HISTORY OF GOSHEN BAPTIST CHURCH

It has been a rather difficult task to write this sketch, as most of minutes of the first year of Goshen Baptist Church have been lost or destroyed. They undoubtedly contained information regarding the building, preamble of belief, organization, pastor, officers, and charter members. For this information we have had to interview some of the older members.

For some two or three years the Baptist people of this vicinity conducted a Sunday School in a Methodist Church, about one mile north of this locality. Eventually they decided to organize a Missionary Baptist Church. In February, 1914, the Rev. L. B. Murray, with T. F. Walsh, C. M. Carlton, R. L. Proffit, and J. E. Ferguson, met and organized Goshen Baptist Church. It seems that there were twelve charter members. T. F. Walsh, C. M. Carlton, R. L. Proffit, and J. E. Ferguson were ordained as the first deacons of the church. The Rev. L. B. Murray, the first pastor, served four years, or until August, 1919; B. F. Austin one year, or until September, 1920; Rev. L. B. Murray, one year, or until August, 1921; I. C. Woodruff six years, or until September, 1927; L. B. Murray seven years, or until July, 1934; Isaac Watts thirteen years, or until September, 1947. The present pastor, Clate Brown, began his duties in 1947. Thus it appears that beginning in 1914, this church has had five pastors, Rev. L. B. Murray serving 13 years, Austin one year, Woodruff six years, Watts 13 years, and Brown six years.

During this same time or from 1914, this church has had three clerks: H. A. Carlton from 1914 to 1929; C. E. Church from 1929 to 1931, and the present clerk, J. L. Walsh, from 1931 until the present. In August, 1946, Charlie Wright Proffit was elected church treasurer and in August, 1948, Mrs. Hettie Church was elected secretary.

The minutes give R. L. Proffit as the first superintendent of the Sunday School. He served from 1914 to 1918; D. K. Green from 1918 to 1921; T. R. Barlow from 1919 to 1920; G. T. Proffit from 1920 to 1921; C. M. Carlton from 1921 to 1922; T. R. Barlow from 1922 to 1924; R. L. Proffit from 1924 to 1926; D. K. Green from 1936 to 1928; Mrs. R. L. Proffit from 1928 to 1931; Virgil Baker from 1931 to

1932; D. F. Barlow from 1932 to 1934; Shubbie Elledge from 1934 to 1935; T. R. Barlow from 1935 to 1936; Rev. John Higgins from 1936 to 1946; H. A. Carlton from 1946 to September, 20, 1953, when Ray Crisp was elected and is still serving. According to the minutes of 1915, this church had sixty enrolled in Sunday School, about one year after it was organized.

The importance of the Sunday School is apparent. It is through the Sunday School that we get our ministers, deacons, Sunday School superintendents, and teachers. It is in the Sunday School where people are trained to be Christians, taught the Bible, get practice in singing, public speaking, and public prayer. To neglect this phase of church work is to cut off the feeder roots for future growth.

Goshen Baptist Church has witnessed some remarkable revivals. As a result of revivals eight members were added in 1916; fifteen in 1917; thirty in 1921; nineteen in 1925; thirty-six in 1930; ten in 1937; thirteen in 1939; eleven in 1941; and fourteen in 1944. Membership has gained rapidly. From twelve charter members it has increased to 132.

This church has contributed to nearly all phases of religious work. Apparently the pastor is given certain collections rather than a stated salary. At one service in April, 1932, the pastor received eleven dollars and five bushels of corn.

The physical side has not been neglected. The site was given by C. M. Proffit and John Higgins. The first building erected was a frame building 38 feet wide and 54 feet long. Was weatherboarded and ceiled, with the ceiling overhead 14 feet high. It had three large windows on each side and two small windows at the back of the pulpit. In 1943 the two doors in the west end were moved to the center of the building, with one large double door and new steps built in the center. This building was completed at a cost of \$350. A church bell was purchased in April, 1916, at the price of \$41.62 and placed in the belfry. The first service was held in the building May 13, 1916.

November, 1949, the church decided to erect a new building and Jesse Cardwell, H. A. Carlton, and C. W. Proffit were elected by the church as a building committee. This committee discussed plans for building until 1950, when the church elected Arnold Bumgarner, Warren Walsh, and Remus Church, making a total of six on the building committee.

The committee visited the following churches: Beaver Creek, Grandin, Kings Creek, Holly Springs, Cub Creek and Zion Hill, studying designs, plans, and the cost of these various churches. This committee declared that Goshen Baptist Church could erect a building similar to the ones visited for around \$14,000 or \$15,000, and recommended that this be done. The church approved.

In May, 1952, work was started on the building by laying a pipe line in the hollow, grading and filling in the small hollow, and level-

ing off for the foundation of the present building. Work kept moving along until the building was erected. At the present time there have been \$1,100 of free labor given on this building and \$10,046.59 paid out, making a total of \$11,146.59 spent. It is estimated that about \$4,000 will complete the building.

When the church is completed, it will have an auditorium that will seat approximately 300 persons, four Sunday School rooms, two lavatories and water in the building. It has a heating system that will furnish heat to all parts of the building and a good well and pump that will supply plenty of water in the building. There are electric lights in all parts of the building. When the grounds and building are completed, it will be a great asset that any community could be proud of.

Interest in music in this church is evidenced by the purchase of a piano. A good choir has been built up under the leadership of Charles W. Proffit as choir leader.

It appears to the writer that this church has made considerable progress for the 39 years that it has existed, has demonstrated a capacity for work, and has maintained fundamental requirements of Baptist policy. I recommend a **greater emphasis on the Sunday School** to get a million more in '54 and a more systematic financial policy.

J. F. JORDAN, Historian.

47. The remaining officers were elected. See directory for complete list.

48. Dr. E. N. Phillips explained that the increasing longevity of life is presenting a serious social problem. His report was accepted by the Association.

REPORT ON HOME FOR AGING

The youngest member of our Baptist family of institutions, the North Carolina Baptist Home, Inc., has had the best year since it began operating, March 16, 1951.

Resthaven, with space for twenty residents, has been filled to capacity. The number of inquiries for rooms has increased into the hundreds.

The home received its best financial support. The share received from the Nine Year Program (1952) was \$14,062.80; our first Special Day offering, February 15, exceeded \$52,000; and from individuals, churches, and auxiliary organizations we have received \$12,380.33, as of August 1st.

The response to the first Special Day offering for the home was most encouraging. More than half of our 3,055 Baptist churches responded. About seventy-five per cent of the amount came from the smaller churches.

Considering the short time our home has been operating (2 years), and the fact that this was the first opportunity to appeal to our

churches for a special offering, all of us should be encouraged by the response. Our next Special Day offering, February 21, 1954, should amount to \$100,000.

On June 18, this year, property was purchased for a Branch Home at Albemarle. This property, consisting of a vacated hospital building and a nurses' home building and nearly three acres of land, was purchased for \$25,000. It will cost an equal amount to renovate the property. Even so, it is well worth twice the amount invested. Thus, we can care for 60 residents—20 at Resthaven, Winston-Salem; and 40 at the Albemarle Home.

At the time of purchase, it was hoped that the branch home would be ready for operation by October 1, this year.

The general health of the residents has been exceptionally good, considering the range of their ages, 66 to 93. There has been only one death this year. The spirit and the general attitude of the residents have been most satisfactory.

There are many evidences of increasing interest in our homes. Pastors, conducting worship services, have brought delegations from their churches to share the inspiration of worship with our residents. Auxiliary and Sunday School groups have frequently visited us to conduct devotional services. Gifts of supplies and cash are often received from these various organizations.

Plans for the future enlargement are encouraging. With a general Special Day offering in February, 1954, and other special gifts from individuals and corporations, we should be ready to begin construction of our administration building, which would give us room for fifty additional residents, and making our total capacity 110 residents.

Since North Carolina Baptists now number more than 700,000 members, with thousands of our constituency now over 65 years of age, we should keep in mind the great number of our elderly brethren who need a home to provide security, comfort, congeniality, and a Christian ministry. Our North Carolina Baptists are able to meet the challenge to make adequate provision for the aging, and as "laborers together with God", we can meet it.

"Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth"—Psalms 71:9.

Superintendent Hayes requests that a representative for the Baptist Homes be elected at each Association.

Respectfully submitted,
E. N. PHILLIPS

49. The congregation sang "He Leadeth Me."

50. The report on "Relief and Annuity" was given by Robert Franklin. It was adopted by the Association.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY

On Thursday, May 16, 1918, the Southern Baptist Convention, assembled in Hot Springs, Arkansas, brought into being the Board of Ministerial Relief and Annuities, to be located in Dallas, Texas.

The Relief and Annuities Board is now thirty-five years old.

A backward glance will reveal very clearly that the intent of those who founded the Relief and Annuity Board was to provide a reasonable degree of protection for the preachers of the gospel in events of the untoward vicissitudes of life. Two facts were recognized with regard to the economic status of the preacher.

One was that ministers of the gospel are more and more men of one calling. To function satisfactorily in the discharge of their God-given tasks, little opportunity is offered them to increase their income in secular pursuits. Salaries have always been small. Unlike men in other professions, the minister has little opportunity to save through the active years of his life; consequently he cannot accumulate savings or purchase life insurance coverage.

On the other hand, preachers are subject to the same vicissitudes of life to which all flesh is heir. Some meet untimely death, leaving widows and minor children. Some experience physical incapacity, facing years of disability without income. Others live to a ripe old age, far beyond the years of earning capacity, with nothing provided to meet the necessities of life in those sunset years.

Thus, it was in the main to protect the preacher and members of his family against circumstances arising from disability and to provide retirement annuities that the Relief and Annuity Board was established.

The Board has kept on the main line these thirty-five years and has tried several retirement plans. The present Ministers' Retirement Plan was begun in 1938. Under this plan the minister pays 4 per cent of his salary, the church or churches that he is serving pays 4 per cent of his salary, and the convention adds to that amount. In addition to this plan, there is also the Widows' Supplemental Plan. Since widows of ministers in North Carolina who have attained the age of sixty-five are entitled to an annuity, this plan provides for the widow of the man who does not live to reach the age of sixty-five. One CANNOT join the Widows' Supplement Plan without being a member of the Retirement Plan. In order to participate in this plan the minister pays 1½ per cent of salary into the Widows' Supplemental Plan. Neither the church nor convention add anything to this amount.

These two plans taken together provide very fine coverage for a man in case of disability before he reaches retirement age; benefits for his wife in case of his death before reaching retirement age; and makes provision for both himself and his widow after age sixty-five. Ministers and churches, therefore, should make every effort necessary to get into these plans.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT L. FRANKLIN

51. Gwyn Vannoy gave the report on the "Baptist Orphanage." The Association accepted it.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The Psalmist must have known the quality of the righteous man when he said, "The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again, but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth." Surely the Baptist Denomination of North Carolina has shown some of the quality of character of the righteous man when we see the sympathetic giving that has made it possible for the Baptist Orphanage to continue to grow. The Baptists of North Carolina are to be congratulated for making possible facilities for those that are turned loose into the world, some without hope or a place that they might call home.

The Baptists of North Carolina were the first group to undertake a service to mankind as noble as that of taking care of the homeless. During the past sixty-eight years of continued ministry to the Home, your Orphanage has sent into the world many fine American citizens. Many of these people have proven to be assets to their communities. Otherwise, without proper instruction, they might have become liabilities.

1885 was the foundation date for the Mills Home near Thomasville. The main offices of the Orphanage are located there. In 1915 the Kennedy Home was opened. The greater Orphanage is the Mills Home.

At the present some eight hundred children are housed by the Orphanage. This means cared for in the way of food, clothing, and a place to sleep.

The Orphanage now receives its support through designated offerings, received regularly, and at Thanksgiving in our churches.

Our churches are encouraged to continue giving for the support of this noble Christian cause.

Respectfully submitted,
GWYN VANNOY

Interesting note: In 1923 six churches gave \$186.59. In 1952 32 churches gave \$3,677.34.

52. Maurice Grant, representing the Orphanage, presented a series of large photographs depicting the life at the Orphanage and gave descriptive comments on the plant and equipment. He also gave an insight into the psychological practices employed to iron out mental quirks and to develop wholesome personalities among the children.

53. The executive director of the Allied Church League, R. M. Hauss, spoke on "Civic Righteousness and Public Morals."

He said that Baptists, being the largest denomination in the state, must take the lead against alcoholism and gambling. We have passed the stage of temperance; we must fight the interests that promote the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages. Lobbyists in Raleigh prevent a state referendum on its sale and the passage of bills detrimental to the liquor interests. There must be an awakening of the voters to see that their representatives in the Assembly represent Christian interests. Commenting on legalized

gambling, he stated that certain counties are selling their souls for a little revenue. With this impassioned plea for civic righteousness, the Association closed its eighty-second session.

54. The moderator thanked all who had taken part on the program, praised the good food that had been served, and commented on the goodwill and Christian fellowship that had abounded throughout the sessions.

The closing prayer was given by J. C. McNeill.

Signed: JOHN V. IDOL, Moderator.
MRS. H. G. DUNCAN, Clerk.

OTHER MINISTERS BELONGING TO CHURCHES IN THE ASSOCIATION

Blackburn, M. D., Boomer
Carver, John W., Anderson, S. C.
Cope, C. M., North Wilkesboro
Dancy, Carr, North Wilkesboro
Eller, LeRoy, Moravian Falls
Eller, Vernon, Purlear, Route 1
Ellis, Earl, Lenoir, R. F. D.
Faw, Graham, North Wilkesboro, Route 4
Hager, E. C., Ferguson
Hayes, W. N. North Wilkesboro
Holder, Thomas E., Sanford
Johnson, Herman, Moravian Falls
Jones, S. A., North Wilkesboro
Jordan, B. C., Traphill
Kilby, Thurman, Boomer
Miller, Ed O., Boomer
Miller, James A., Moravian Falls, Route 2
Miller, Ralph, Cricket
Minton, B. L., Buck
Osborn, George, North Wilkesboro Route 4
Osborne, Gilbert, North Wilkesboro, Route 4
Osborne, Iredell, North Wilkesboro Route 4
Owens, Wilson, North Wilkesboro
Payne, W. F., Boomer
Phillips, Carl, Wilkesboro, Route 1
Pipes, Kelley, Moravian Falls, Route 2
Pruitt, J. C., North Wilkesboro
Watts, S. I., Boomer
Watts, Victor, Louisville, Ky.
Welborn, C. S., North Wilkesboro
Wells, John, North Wilkesboro
Whittington, R. S., Millers Creek
MINISTERS LICENSED THIS YEAR
Jack Phillips, Wilkesboro, Route 2

IN MEMORIAM

- Big Ivy—Rev. T. I. Walsh
Davis Memorial—Mrs. P. J. Ferguson.
Edgewood—Miss Emily Hendren, Mr. Will Bumgarner.
Elk—Mrs. Gertie Triplett.
Fishing Creek—Mrs. Nettie M. Barnette, Mr. Alfred Shep
herd.
Gordon—Mrs. Sam F. Craven.
Harmony—Mrs. Cora Sebastian.
Lewis Fork—Mrs. Laura Shepherd, Mrs. Martha Crane, Mrs.
Lillian Yates, Mrs. Margaret Greene.
Liberty Grove—Mrs. Elizabeth Alexander, Mrs. Julia Mc-
Carter.
Little Rock—Mr. Garner Livingston.
Moravian Falls—Mrs. C. D. Harris.
Mt. Carmel—Mr. Robert Wilson (Deacon).
Mt. Pleasant—Mr. Robert Walsh, Mrs. Vetra Eller, Mrs.
Dora Matherly, Mr. J. R. Foster (Deacon).
Netw Hope—Mrs. Cassie Eller, Mr. Millard O. Faw (Dea-
con), Mrs. Jeston Yates, Mr. John G. Eller.
North Wilkesboro, First—Mr. C. B. Lomax (Deacon), Mr.
C. A. Sink (Deacon), Mrs. C. P. Byrd, Mr. C. M. Teve-
paugh, Mrs. C. C. Kilby, Mr. T. C. Caudill, Mr. M. W.
Greene, Sr.
North Wilkesboro, Second—Mrs. Lottie Hall.
North Wilkesboro, Hinshaw Street—Mrs. James Dockery.
Oakwoods—Mrs. Christen Canter, Mrs. R. L. Jones.
Pilgrim—Mr. F. O. Foster (Deacon).
Pleasant Home—Miss Sallie McGlamery, Mr. Nathan Roy-
all, Mr. W. A. Porter.
Roaring River—Mrs. Jesse Childress.
Sandy Grove—Mr. Will Church.
Stony Hill—Mrs. Nancy Wilcoxen.
Walnut Grove—Mrs. Nettie W. Adams, Mrs. Nancy Lowe,
Mr. Mack Lowe, Mrs. Mary Long, Mrs. Edna L. Brooks.
Wilkesboro—Mrs. Annie Parlier, Mr. P. J. Mitchell.
Zion Hill—Miss Lucille German (Secretary and Treasurer),
Mrs. Arlie Johnson, Mrs. Tom Davis, Mrs. John Mc-
Glamery, Mrs. Atwell Greer, Mr. Atwell Greer.

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location	Date Organized	Dates of Meetings	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES				Gains—Losses		T O T A L				Special Information		
				Baptisms	Letters and Other Adds	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-res. Members	Grand Total	Revival Meetings	No. Yithers	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Includ-ing Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt, End of Year		
Beaver Creek.....	R	1779	1, 3	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville.	3	11	106	39	145	1	12,000.00					
Big Ivy.....	R	1883	1	Bine Church, Purlear.	7	5	13	57	70	1	2,000.00					
Boiling Springs.....	R	1932	1, 3	A. W. Eller, Purlear, R. 1	2	1	90	36	126	2	4,000.00					
Cub Creek.....	R	1862	2, 4	Clate Brown, Wilkesboro, R. 2	3	2	131	21	152	2	14,000.00					
Davis Memorial.....	R	1944	2, 4	Albert Pruitt, N. Wilkesboro	6	8	90	11	101	1	10,000.00					
Edgewood.....	R	1893	1, 3	Clyde Church, Millers Creek, R. 1	6	7	14	95	71	166	1	5,000.00				
Elk.....	R	1905	1, 3	Walter Dula, Lenoir, R. 5	13	3	97	20	117	1	3,000.00					
Fishing Creek.....	R	1822	2, 4	George Walters, Elkin	7	5	10	278	64	342	1	12,000.00			361.90	
Gordon.....	V	1918	2, 4	Raymond Hendrix, Boone, Box 9	7	13	181	42	223	2	8,200.00					
Goshen.....	R	1914	3	Clate Brown, Wilkesboro, R. 2	4	1	70	62	132	1	25,000.00				4,016.51	
Harmony.....	R	1900	1, 3	M. L. Blevins, Hays	1	7	50	56	106	1	5,000.00					
Lewis Fork.....	R	1792	1, 3	A. W. Eller, Purlear, R. 1	1	2	10	258	192	450	1	2,500.00				
Liberty Grove.....	R	1886	1, 3	Leroy Thomas, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4	4	6	5	170	46	216	2	2,500.00				
Little Rock.....	R	1866	2, 4	A. W. Eller, Purlear, R. 1	1	3	128	39	167	1	25,000.00					
Moravian Falls.....	V	1886	2, 4	Chas. J. Poole, Wilkesboro, R. 2	14	1	3	63	24	87	2	3,500.00				
Mount Carmel.....	R	1880	1, 3	J. G. Cardwell, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4	3	14	193	140	333	1	45,000.00				2,000.00	
Mount Pleasant.....	R	1875	2, 4	W. H. Caldwell, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4	7	3	5	112	38	150	1	2,500.00				
Mount Zion.....	R	1849	4	Raymond Hendrix, Boone, Box 9	5	7	13	207	2	2	15,000.00					
New Hope.....	R	1830	2, 4	Glenn Huffman, Wilbar	35	37	52	691	138	829	1	139	25,000.00			5,500.00
N. Wilkesboro First.....	C	1892	ALL	John T. Wayland, N. Wilkesboro	1	15	150	44	194	2	40,000.00					
N. Wilkesboro Second.....	C	1907	2, 4	Richard Byrd, N. Wilkesboro	3	8	9	274	100	374	2	25	20,000.00			
N. W. Hinshaw Street.....	C	1927	ALL	Clete W. Simmons, Jonesville	17	4	4	196	28	224	2	13	8,000.00			1,400.00
Oak Grove.....	R	1945	3	Mack McCurdy, Hiddenite, R. 1	7	5	86	51	137	1	5,000.00					
Oakwoods.....	V	1917	2, 4	J. Roby McNeil, Ferguson	9	2	4	175	5	180	1	10	3,000.00			1,015.00
Pilgrim.....	R	1859	1, 3	Albert Pruitt, N. Wilkesboro	7	12	14	273	40	313	1	10	40,000.00			
Pleasant Grove.....	R	1880	1, 3	W. H. Caldwell, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4	8	2	2	165	1	1	25,000.00					
Pleasant Home.....	R	1880	1, 3	Glenn Huffman, Wilbar	8	2	2	58	41	99	1	4	9,000.00			
Purlear.....	R	1932	2, 4	Leroy Thomas, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4	17	4	3	53	15	68	2	2	2,500.00			
Roaring River.....	R	1908	2	Garfield Cardwell, N. Wilkesboro R. 4	1	1	2	70	65	135	1	1,000.00				
Shady Grove.....	R	1880	2	Fred A. Blevins, Wilkesboro, R. 1	20	3	3	198	26	224	1	5	23,000.00			1,900.00
Sharon Walker.....	R	1947	2, 4	Clyde Church, Millers Creek, R. 1	21	13	22	304	81	385	1	20	15,000.00			
Stony Hill.....	R	1845	1, 3	Chas. J. Poole, Wilkesboro, R. 2	11	4	8	184	65	249	2	2	65,000.00			
Walnut Grove.....	R	1845	1, 3	Chas. J. Poole, Wilkesboro, R. 2	11	4	8	184	65	249	2	2	20,000.00			
Welcome Home.....	R	1936	1, 3	Harvey White, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1	21	13	22	304	81	385	1	20	10,000.00			
Wilkesboro.....	T	1880	ALL	Robt. L. Franklin, Wilkesboro	240	148	291	5336	1823	7531	43	286	\$40,000.00	\$805,200.00	\$16,193.41	
Zion Hill.....	R	1814	2, 4	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	11	4	8	184	65	249	2	2	20,000.00			

Totals.....

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES										Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Dept.	Class & Depts.	Mission S. S. Enl.	Grand Total S. S.	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible Sch. Enrollment	Average V. B. S. Attendance	Jan. Bible Study	No. Training Sch.			
Beaver Creek.....	Lester Z. Walsh, Boomer												5	11	21	16	8	23					84	40	39	32				
Big Ivey.....	Olis Griffin, Purlear, R. 1												2	6	8	4		14						35	25	31	27			
Boiling Springs.....	Turner Huffman, Purlear, R. 1												10	11	12	10	12	19						80	49	46	35			
Cub Creek.....	Robert Pegram, Wilkesboro, R. 2										20		10	9	16	18	17	63					155	99	62	57				
Davis Memorial.....	Earl Fairchild, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2										6		6	10	9	11	20	27	6					86	50	43	35			
Edgewood.....	M. M. Anderson, Sr., Wilkesboro												9	11	14	12	4	29						79	41	60	50		1	
Elk.....	James Edminston, Ferguson												10		8	11		19						49	45					
Fishing Creek.....	C. B. Mayberry, N. Wilkesboro, R. 3										10		51	41	75	56	30	90	3				356	175	236	166				
Gordon.....	W. P. Carson, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4										6		10	10	20	15	23	32	10					116						
Goshen.....	Clay Crisp, Boomer, R. 1												3	14	7	16		20						89	66					
Harmony.....	Will Bumgarner, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1												21	20	20	34		34						95	50					
Lewis Fork.....	Vernon Dyer, Purlear, R. 1										8		14	9	12	12	15	80						150	96	82	72	yes		
Liberty Grove.....	Fam Hutchinson, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4												25	15	16	26	21	40						145	77	112	100			
Little Rock.....	Ray Parsons, Boomer, R. 1										12		22	26	21	25	20	52						178	106	102	94			
Moravian Falls.....	Mrs. Gilbert Foster, Wilkesboro, R. 2										4		8	7	21	16	9	51						118	62	103	94			
Mount Carmel.....	Arnold Wilson, Moravian Falls, R. 2										8		35	22	15	22	15	45						125	75					
Mount Pleasant.....	Curtis Green, Purlear, R. 1												20	15	23	14	36	52						160	100	85	72			
Mount Zion.....	W. O. Barnett, Ferguson												6		4	5		54						69	52					
New Hope.....	Wayne Vannoy, Purlear, R. 1												15	10	20	50	21	97						213	128	76	72	yes		
N. Wilkesboro First.....	D. E. Elledge, N. Wilkesboro, 1224 Hinshaw St.										30		51	60	73	67	57	393	30					972	407	184	154	yes	2	
N. Wilkesboro Second.....	Roscoe Porter, N. Wilkesboro, 2nd St.										12		7	23	13	6	12	37						110	59	58	55		2	
N. W. Hinshaw Street.....	Julius Brock, N. Wilkesboro												19	32	30	14	25	97	18					235	190	193	174			
Oak Grove.....	Auburn Parson, Millers Creek, R. 1												20	12	37	15	15	20						50	35	24	18	yes		
Oakwoods.....	Frank Walker, N. Wilkesboro, 502-F St.												20	12	37	15	15	57						156	84					
Pilgrim.....	Earl Adams, Wilkesboro, R. 1												35	15	14	18	30	30						112						
Pleasant Grove.....	J. L. Parsons, Wilkesboro, R. 1												18	12	18	16	17	30							118	95				
Pleasant Home.....	Ralph Shoemaker, Millers Creek, R. 1										8		24	15	30	24	40	120						273	172	72	62	yes		
Purlear.....	D. C. Whittington, Purlear												8	15	12	20	25	58						138	70	78		yes	1	
Roaring River.....	M. M. Mathis, Roaring River												20	14				51	4					114	60	83	75			
Shady Grove.....	Mrs. Willard Eller, Wilkesboro, R. 1										10		6	4	10		15	14						59						
Sharon Walker.....	T. R. Barlow, Boomer, R. 1												15	14	18	17	20	36	7					100	50					
Stony Hill.....	G. S. McNeill, Purlear R. 1												15	15	15	20	20	20						90	45					
Walnut Grove.....	Mack Brock, N. Wilkesboro												19	13	19	26	54	10					160	99						
Welcome Home.....	Chalmer Dyer, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4												39	13	29	24	45	87	10					247	102	116				
Wilkesboro.....	J. E. Switzer, Wilkesboro										13		13	27	33	44	44	18						336	168	140	109	yes	1	
Zion Hill.....	W. J. Earp, Boomer										14		6	23	16	28	28	58	3					200	85	129	110	yes		
Totals.....											73	161	619	491	757	654	643	2144	55	115	156	5868	3057	2154	1663		8	8		

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Av. Attendance									
		Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Gen. Ofc. En'l.	Grand Total En'l.	
Cub Creek	Faye Davis, Wilkesboro, R. 2	3	1	9	11	7	7	14	48	40	
Edgewood	Don Losey, Wstn.-Slm., 2532 Woodville St.	2	2	1	2	5	8	7	27	16	
Lewis Fork	Clara Sue Foster, Purlear, R. 1	2	2	4	10	10	6	20	3	35	
Little Rock	Sherman Kilby, Boomer, R. 1	12	8	18	24	22	7	22	7	51	
New Hope	Robert Teague, Purlear, R. 1	5	12	12	8	32	32	22	7	35	
North Wilkesboro First	Irene Richardson, N. Wilkesboro	3	2	6	60	36	31	36	8	182	79
North Wilkesboro Hinshaw St.	Harold Pardue, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1	15	22	22	22	14	33	4	110	76	
Pleasant Home	Mrs. Chas. Bishop, Millers Creek, R. 1	10	13	16	15	16	15	16	5	75	25
Purlear	Fred R. Nichols, Purlear, R. 1	8	12	14	19	6	59	31	19	6	31
Walnut Grove	Lee Bentley, Moravain Falls, R. 2	4	16	15	10	16	6	67	31	1	50
Wilkesboro	Mrs. Helen Pardue, Wilkesboro	7	4	30	30	22	1	94	50		
Totals		124	450	206	179	91	238	47	867	471	

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. En'l.	Y. W. A. En'l.	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers	All Organizations
		Fishing Creek	Mrs. R. N. Holland, Wilkesboro, R. 2	1	1	2	1	1	5	20	31	24	34	109	13	17	8	3
Liberty Grove	Emis Johnson, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2	1	1	1	1	1	21	21	22	43	13	17	10	8	3	3
Mount Pleasant	Mrs. Kenneth G. Church, Ferguson, R. 1	1	1	1	1	1	9	9	26	9	10	28	18	139	3	3
Purlear	Mrs. Clinton Eller, N. Wilkesboro	1	2	2	1	1	16	18	26	9	10	228	18	18	3	3
North Wilkesboro, First	Mrs. R. T. McNeil, N. Wilkesboro, 6th St.	1	1	1	1	1	32	32	24	24	56	56	3	3	3	3
North Wilkesboro, Second	Mrs. Roscoe Porter, N. Wilkesboro, 2nd St.	1	1	1	1	3	19	19	20	20	39	12	13	13	6	6
North Wilkesboro, Hinshaw St.	Mrs. Raymond Cleary, Wilkesboro, R. 2	1	1	1	1	1	20	20	11	14	14	14	4	4	4	4
Pleasant Home	Mrs. Otto Reavis, Millers Creek, R. 1	1	1	1	1	1	26	26	11	37	11	11	11	11	11	11
Roaring River	Mrs. Eula Lytton, Roaring River	1	1	1	1	1	58	58	17	6	14	95	80	12	12	12
Welcome Home	Mrs. Bob D. Church, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4	1	1	2	1	1	5	5	17	6	14	95	80	12	12	12
Wilkesboro	Mrs. G. T. Mitchell, Wilkesboro	1	2	1	1	1	5	5	17	6	14	95	80	12	12	12
Totals		12	3	9	3	4	131	421	20	129	39	80	689	211	208	208

TABLE F—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Receipts Through All Organizations for Year	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary)	Maintenance, Insurance, and Equipment	Literature, Song Books Printing	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revel Expenses & Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Grand Total
Beaver Creek	J. P. Hayes, Boomer	\$1488.68			53.82	25.00	70.00		111.74	260.56	828.00	1088.56
Big Ivy	Odell Beshears, Purlear, R. 1	162.02		82.00	15.00	5.00	7.00			109.00	53.00	102.00
Boiling Springs	Turner Huffman, Purlear, R. 1	1152.13			72.16	12.55	108.99		91.10	284.80	363.15	647.95
Cub Creek	Mrs. Ola B. Hill, M. Falls, R. 1	2883.46	121.00	642.74	162.67	272.31	243.31		85.15	1551.18	768.58	2319.76
Davis Memorial	E. M. Huffman, Wilkesboro			96.00	97.04					193.04	122.00	315.04
Edgewood	Clifford Moore, N. Wilkbo. R. 3	1446.13		17.60		18.90	140.39		78.17	326.11	580.76	906.87
Elk	Mrs. Junior Eller, Ferguson	1349.51		58.80	51.05		87.17		81.90	278.91	421.31	700.22
Fishing Creek	David Miller, Wilkesboro, R. 2	5263.94	188.73	384.19	341.05	32.58	60.00	175.10	85.62	537.55	1471.03	5008.58
Gordon	W. P. Carson, N. Wilkbo. R. 4			19.97	66.00		302.00	550.00	793.36	1784.94	500.00	1681.33
Goshen	Mrs. Linney Bumgarner, Boomer	6981.18	82.00	58.00	6082.02	106.56	67.16		839.20	7781.34	281.11	8066.05
Harmony	Clyde H. Blevins, Wilkbo. R. 1	1358.16	56.04	175.87	163.17		38.00		168.02	684.58	486.58	1171.16
Lewis Fork	Mrs. W. P. Davis, Purlear, R. 1	7212.60	150.00	154.85	5496.75	136.50			168.02	6383.74	900.00	7283.74
Liberty Grove	Ena Taylor, N. Wilkesboro R. 2	1999.01		209.20	277.62	71.31	133.71		357.83	919.50	512.19	1431.69
Little Rock	Mrs. John Andrews, Boomer, R. 1	5542.12	150.00	410.29	169.27	47.00	75.00	100.00	527.92	6479.48	900.00	7379.48
Moravian Falls	Mrs. Perry Lowe, M. Falls,	3085.04	120.00	46.78	246.85	233.32	82.00		129.77	1138.72	1012.37	2151.09
Mount Carmel	W. H. Lovette, Moravian Falls				280.00				37.47	299.61	222.40	522.01
Mount Pleasant	A. G. Church, Ferguson, R. 1	3695.64	404.00	242.28	205.50	183.65	71.34	190.80	49.81	2250.39	1200.00	3450.39
Mount Zion	D. M. Triplett Ferguson, R. 1		44.00	88.00	40.15	208.17	165.15	1000.00		380.32	389.65	769.97
New Hope	J. T. Vannoy, Jr., N. Wilkesboro	2562.26	180.00	333.10	152.64	147.62	45.75		124.22	983.33	1230.00	2213.33
N. Wilkesboro 1st.	E. E. Eller, U. W. Foster N. Wilk.	52944.95	6860.00	2360.42	6723.19	2546.32	1034.00	15369.97	4707.00	39700.90	5933.32	45634.22
N. Wilkesboro 2nd.	Mrs. Ray Shumate, N. Wilkbo.	757.63		8.25	53.40				105.41	422.72	146.56	569.28
N. W., Hinshaw St.	C. H. Lenderman, N. Wilkesboro	9474.89	420.00	497.84	1884.60	471.66	330.00	1200.00		4804.10	3120.00	7924.10
Oak Grove	Rev. J. Q. Yates, Millers Crk.,								75.00	75.00	72.43	147.43
Oakwoods	Archie Anderson, Wilkbo., R. 2	1493.59		21.22	87.43	20.35	223.40	563.04	98.76	1013.20	422.14	1435.34
Pilgrim	Alice Minton, N. Wilkbo., R. 4				635.71	101.33	163.33			1143.72	202.76	1346.48
Pleasant Grove	V. M. Baker, Wilkesboro, R. 1			125.00	55.00	25.00	110.00		195.00	620.00	325.00	945.00
Pleasant Home	M. m. McNeill, Millers Crk., R. 1	4433.00	310.00	329.55	210.40	171.00	88.30	3464.00	159.70	4735.95	1559.64	6295.59
Purlear	Wayne Yates, Purlear, R. 1	2323.28	220.00	261.61	156.54	91.87	131.14			1416.20	900.00	2316.20
Roaring River	Mrs. J. P. Pardue, Roaring River	1964.10		166.74	107.56	141.21			64.00	584.24	1050.00	1634.24
Shady Grove	Mrs. Guy Eller, Wilkesboro		75.00		50.00	25.00			25.00	175.00	225.00	400.00
Sharon Walker	Mrs. J. M. Walker, Boomer	875.08			29.97		142.63	50.00		222.60	375.34	597.94
Stony Hill	Mrs. J. B. Baker, Purlear, R. 1	585.02			40.00				58.00	98.00	395.02	493.02
Walnut Grove	W. P. Hendren, Pores Knob, R. 2	3306.57	250.00	750.00	167.03	137.72	60.00		127.33	1492.08	1295.00	2787.08
Welcome Home	Sherman Shumate, N. Wilkbo.	3380.11	90.00	131.66	155.95	119.00	233.98	1532.63	17.12	2280.34	1440.00	3720.34
Wilkesboro	Mrs. W. A. Stroud, Wilkesboro.	15272.39	1088.65	1175.79	601.41		432.20		617.84	3915.89	3756.00	7671.89
Zion Hill	Atwell German, Boomer, R. 1	3182.48			133.45	22.40	160.21		440.86	756.92	1622.00	2378.92

Totals..... 90124.97 | 10809.42 | 8038.95 | 30485.11 | 7545.68 | 2351.79 | 4805.16 | 24195.54 | 10252.30 | 98483.95 | 35082.34 | 133566.29

TABLE G—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annually, Relief, etc.	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure for All Purposes
Beaver Creek	Mrs. Genio Walsh, Boomer		41.00					74.30	25.00		140.30	1228.86
Big Ivey	Odell Beshears, Purlear, R. 1	4.02	5.00						5.00		14.02	176.02
Boiling Springs	Turner Huffman, Purlear	4.88	36.00	6.00			13.30	13.00	15.00	16.00	104.18	752.13
Cub Creek	Robert Pegram, Wilkesboro, R. 2	13.76	36.00	23.00			50.00	226.95	58.64		408.35	2728.11
Davis Memorial	Elva Johnson, Ferguson	11.72	48.00					21.27	32.67	20.00	133.66	448.70
Edgewood	Della Bumgarner, Wilkesboro, R. 2	46.47	36.00	4.00	3.20			47.85	10.25	10.25	151.77	1058.54
Elk	Mrs. Chas. Dula, Hudson		24.00		7.60			89.15	7.00	80.80	207.95	908.17
Fishing Creek	G. Warner Miller, No. Wilkesb. R. 3	37.09	60.00	83.24	47.90	50.71	63.06	130.00	80.00	98.30	650.30	5658.88
Gordon	Walker R. Burgess, No. Wilkesboro	50.56						40.28	50.00		140.84	1822.17
Goshen	Jesse L. Walsli, Wilkesboro, R. 1							10.00			10.00	8076.95
Harmony	Clyde H. Blevins, Wilkesboro, R. 1				11.00			24.00	22.00	36.50	93.50	1264.66
Lewis Fork	C. H. Jones, Purlear, R. 1	23.94	24.00		6.70			54.10	16.00	13.50	138.24	1742.98
Liberty Grove	Ben Johnson, No. Wilkesboro, R. 2	58.18	48.00	12.53	25.00	46.56		58.35	35.56	26.00	310.18	1741.87
Little Rock	Ray Parson, Boomer	30.00	30.00					30.00	30.00	127.00	247.00	7626.48
Moravian Falls	Mrs. Bernice Greer, Moravian Falls		24.00	35.00	30.00	30.00	35.00	206.00	50.00	45.27	455.27	2606.36
Mount Carmel	W. H. Lovette, Moravian Falls							14.00	20.00		34.00	556.07
Mount Pleasant	W. W. Miles, Wilkesboro, R. 1	45.46	5.00	6.35	7.55	11.95	19.42		67.24	82.28	245.25	3695.64
Mount Zion	W. O. Barnett, Ferguson		3.63					62.03	28.22		93.88	863.85
New Hope	Hadley Canter, No. Wilkesboro	79.70	60.00	24.86	31.12	38.13		107.38	27.41		368.50	2581.93
N. Wilkesboro First	J. E. Caudill, No. Wilkesboro	2076.83	1800.00	99.64	220.00	225.35	1700.00	805.41	600.00	674.93	8202.16	53836.38
N. Wilkesboro Second	Edd Foster, No. Wilkesboro	20.57			16.50	5.45	36.81	92.68	16.34		188.35	757.63
N. Wilkesboro, Hinshaw St.	Gwyn W. Jones, No. Wilkesb. R. 4	24.48	48.00	32.00	76.91	10.83		68.34	41.75		302.31	8226.41
Oak Grove	Thad Parson, Millers Creek, R. 1		7.00		81.68		5.00	10.81	8.00	3.60	116.09	263.52
Oakwoods	Frank Walker, No. Wilkesb. 502 F.	8.00	12.00	12.00	15.00	9.00		18.00	15.00	10.75	99.75	1535.99
Pilgrim	Sloan Deal, Millers Creek							37.44			37.44	1383.92
Pleasant Grove	V. M. Baker, Wilkesboro, R. 1							30.00	20.00	72.00	122.00	1067.90
Pleasant Home	Mimmie McNeill, Millers Creek, R. 1	92.00	109.00	70.00	60.00	50.00		195.00	65.00	84.00	725.00	7020.59
Purlear	Wayne Yates, Purlear, R. 1	7.16	9.00		17.00			43.50	66.53		143.19	2459.39
Roaring River	Eula Lytton, Roaring River	25.00	5.00	28.00	15.00	20.00		40.00	110.00	36.00	279.00	1913.24
Shady Grove	Ozell Faw, Millers Creek		8.00	5.00				10.00	10.00		33.00	433.00
Sharon Walker	Geo. Walker, Boomer							12.25			12.25	610.19
Stony Hill	J. B. Baker, Purlear, R. 1					10.00		17.00	15.00		42.00	535.02
Walnut Grove	J. M. Blevins, Wilkesboro, R. 2	6.43	42.00	47.67	31.47	25.00		275.00	50.00	41.92	519.49	3306.57
Welcome Home	Gwyn Eller, No. Wilkesboro, R. 4	158.54	27.50		199.08	5.00		35.31	30.17		455.60	4175.60
Wilkesboro	Chas. C. McNeill, Wilkesboro	949.74	578.00	64.25	61.24	106.60	470.80	551.96	228.31	140.00	3150.90	10822.79
Zion Hill	Earl German, Boomer	17.85	146.50		233.45			260.23	29.29	14.00	701.32	3080.24

Totals.....3792.38 8272.63 563.54 964.15 881.23 2393.39 3711.59 1875.13 1633.10 19077.14 152643.43

All data have been carefully compiled and machine checked. However, some of the Associational letters contained errors and omissions, all of which affect the accuracy of the tables. The grand total membership for 1953 showed an increase over the previous year of 174, or an approximate average of five members per church. It has been impossible to obtain statistics for resident and non-resident members from two churches. As good roads increase, people become more mobile; some live in town and attend rural churches, while others live in the country and attend urban churches. It seems that a more logical classification would be active and non-active to designate those who work for the Master and those who do nothing.

Our grand total for all expenditures exceeds that of 1952 by almost \$17,000.00. All expenditures, except for hospitals and state missions, showed an increase over last year. Gifts for Christian Education rose from \$698.27 last year to \$2,593.39 this year, and the co-operative program from \$1,220.83 to \$3,272.63.

The number of tithers increased 43 during the past year. Pastors received an increase in salary of nearly \$3,000.00. Three churches—Cub Creek, Purlear, and Wilkesboro—include the state paper in their budgets. Only two—Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro—have a pledged budget.

The Sunday School enrolment for 1953 was 5,868 with an average attendance of 3,057, smaller no doubt, on account of polio, as compared with an enrolment of 5,731 the previous year. The Vacation Bible School enrolment was 2,154 while that of 1952 was 2,062. A gain of 61 was made in the Training Union. The Woman's Missionary Union sustained a loss of 35 in membership, but gained 22 more tithers.

Little Rock, New Hope, North Wilkesboro First, Purlear, and Wilkesboro have church libraries. Two churches—Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro First, possess projectors and use films and film strips as visual aids to teaching and worship. These churches are the only ones to employ paid choir directors. Musical leadership is voluntary in the other churches.

One of the most active organizations in the Association is the Brotherhood. It has taken up the slack in other organizations. C. M. Brown heads the Mount Pleasant Brotherhood which has an enrollment of 10. North Wilkesboro First has a membership of 56 with C. A. Shaw a leader. Oakwoods has a membership of 30 with Frank Walker as president. On Nov. 20, 1953, Wilkesboro Church organized a Brotherhood with 30 members. The movement in the Association is well organized and directed.

On the whole much progress has been made during the past year, much of which cannot be measured in numbers and in dollars and cents. The Associational Missionary has been a strong influence in leading the people of the Association in greater unity. Worthwhile

goals have been set up and leaders secured. The Christmas pageant was a cooperative project that carried a definite ideal—putting Christ back into Christmas.

The Seminary extension courses are giving promise of much good. Not only are the pastors receiving training, but the laymen as well. It was an encouraging spectacle to see housewives from various walks of life receive credits along with their husbands and pastors.

On the whole the Association moved forward during the past year and should make greater progress during 1954.



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Extension—Mrs. Paul Bumgarner,	Wilkesboro, R. 1
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 Sunbeam Leader—Miss Opal Miller, Wilkesboro

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Secretary & Treasurer—Miss Pat Foster, N. Wilkesboro 911 Trogdon
Song Leader—Robert Franklin, Wilkesboro
Pianist—Miss Betty Chloe Payne, North Wilkesboro
Pastor-Advisor—Clyde Church, Millers Creek, R. 1

Department Leaders:

Adult Leaders—Hunter Church

Young People's Leader—Miss Irene Richardson, N. Wilkesb. 905 F.

Intermediate Leader—Miss Faye Davis, Wilkesboro, R. 2

Junior Leader—Miss Laura Canter, Purlear

Primary Leader—Mrs. Fred Day, North Wilkesboro, Sixth Street

Beginner Leader—Miss Ruth Nichols, Purlear

Group Directors:

Group I—Don Nichols, Purlear

Group II—

Group III—Everette Griffin, Boomer

Group IV—Paul Snider, North Wilkesboro, R. 4

Group V—Fred Shoemaker, Wilkesboro

Group VI—Miss Jessie Foster, North Wilkesboro, 911 Trogden Av.

WILKES BAPTIST PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

President— J. G. Huffman, Wilbar, R. 1

ASSOCIATIONAL BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD OFFICERS

President—Frank Walker, North Wilkesboro

Promotional Vice-President—Curtis Greene, North Wilkesboro

Program Vice-President—J. H. Sowder, North Wilkesboro

Attendance Vice-President—Conrad Shaw, North Wilkesboro

Secretary—Talmadge Gambill, North Wilkesboro

Advisory Council:

Pastors: Leroy Thomas,	North Wilkesboro, R. 2
W. H. Caldwell,	North Wilkesboro, R. 4
Cleat Simmons,	Jonesville
R. L. Franklin,	Wilkesboro
Laymen: Hazel Stroud,	Wilkesboro, R. 2
Hubert Canter,	North Wilkesboro, R. 4
Presley Myers,	Wilkesboro
Charlie Johnson,	Wilkesboro, R. 2

**LAY PEOPLE REPRESENTING THE CHURCHES OF THE
ASSOCIATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Beaver Creek—J. P. Hays	Boomer, R. 1
Big Ivey—Odell Beshears	Purlear, R. 1
Boiling Springs—Turner Huffman	Purlear
Cub Creek—Glenn Davis	Wilkesboro, R. 2
Davis Memorial—Everett Huffman	Purlear
Edgewood—Clifford Moore	North Wilkesboro, R. 3
Elk—James Edminston	Ferguson
Fishing Creek—Mrs G. Warner Miller	Wilkesboro, R. 2
Gordon—Mrs. Minnie Wyatt	North Wilkesboro
Goshen—Charlie Proffit	Wilkesboro, R. 2
Gospel Baptist—Carl Faw	North Wilkesboro, R. 4
Harmony—Arson Phillips	North Wilkesboro
Lewis Fork—Vernon Dyer	Wilkesboro, R. 1
Liberty Grove—Kermit Absher	North Wilkesboro, R. 2
Little Rock—Jarvis Triplett	Boomer
Moravian Falls—Gilbert Foster	Moravian Falls
Mt. Carmel—W. H. Lovette	Moravian Falls
Mt. Pleasant—Jimmy McNeill	Wilkesboro, R. 1
Mt. Zion—Ray Welborn	North Wilkesboro
New Hope—Clinton Eller	North Wilkesboro, R. 4
North Wilkesboro, First—Allie Hayes	North Wilkesboro
North Wilkesboro, Second—Roscoe Porter	North Wilkesboro
North Wilkesboro, Hinshaw Street—Ted Gambill	North Wilkesboro
Oak Grove—W. C. Smith	North Wilkesboro, R. 1
Oakwoods—Rev. Frank Walker	North Wilkesboro, 502 F. St.
Pilgrim—Charles Shoemaker	North Wilkesboro
Pleasant Grove—Richard Parsons	North Wilkesboro
Pleasant Home—Gwyn Vannoy	Wilbar, R. 1
Purlear—Joe Hayes	Purlear
Roaring River—Mack Proffit	Roaring River
Shady Grove—Guy Eller	Wilkesboro
Sharon-Walker—T. R. Barlow	Boomer
Stony Hill—George McNeil	Purlear, R. 1
Walnut Grove—J. B. Brookshire	Moravian Falls
Welcome Home—Sherman Shumate	North Wilkesboro, R. 4
Wilkesboro—Mrs. G. T. Mitchell	Wilkesboro
Zion Hill—Earl German	Boomer

MESSENGERS

- Beaver Creek—Mrs. Lexie Walsh, Clinard E. Johnson, Mrs. Beatrice Hayes
- Big Ivey—Odell Beshears
- Boiling Springs—Turner Huffman, Bass Woodie, W. O. Huffman.
- Cub Creek—Robert Pegram, Wade Ashley, Ivey Steele.
- Davis Memorial—Willard Johnson, Mrs. Kate McNeil, Mrs. Annie Harris.
- Edgewood—Mrs. Walter McGuire, C. G. Glass, Sr., Miss Florence Miller
- Elk—Mrs. H. V. Proffit, Mrs. W. F. McNeil, Mrs. James Edmisten, Mrs. Rita Shoemaker.
- Fishing Creek—Mrs. R. N. Holland, Mrs. M. R. Billings, Mrs. Charlie Johnson, Mrs. G. Warner Miller.
- Gordon—Minnie Wyatt, V. O. Cardwell, Twila Williams.
- Goshen—Jesse L. Walsh, Robert Walsh, Mrs. Linnie Bumgarner.
- Gospel Baptist—Coy Minton, Carl Faw, Worth Church.
- Harmony—Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Minton, O. L. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Minton.
- Lewis Fork—Ward Eller, Alvin Baker, Ralph D. McNeil.
- Liberty Grove—Mrs. Tam Hutchinson, Mrs. George Smith, Elbert Johnston.
- Little Rock—Vance Land, T. J. Broyhill, N. C. Andrews.
- Moravian Falls—Jesse Nichols, Gilbert Foster, Mrs. Bern Walker.
- Mount Carmel—Rev. J. G. Cardwell, W. H. Lovett, Mrs. Lucille Cardwell
- Mount Pleasant—M. F. Greene, Bruce Miles, Arlie West.
- Mt. Zion—D. M. Triplett, Ray Welborn, L. M. Eller.
- New Hope—Miss Anna L. Canter, Mrs. Aloa Eller, Mrs. Lora Vannoy.
- North Wilkesboro, First—Dr. W. R. Wagoner, Cleve Beshears, Mrs. Fraye Eller, Mrs. J. G. Chipman.
- North Wilkesboro, Second—Mrs. Dossie Berrong, Mrs. Jennie Benton Mrs. Eva Porter.
- North Wilkesboro, Hinshaw—Charley Dancy, C. M. Cope, Mrs. Mary Baity.
- Oak Grove—Mrs. E. E. Stanley, Mrs. Cleo Stanley, W. C. Smith.
- Oakwoods, W. L. Stroud, M. C. Jones, Mrs. Pearl Blevins.
- Pilgrim—Robert Huffman, Earl Adams, Nellie Minton.
- Pleasant Grove—Willie Church, Bruce Crane, J. L. Parsons.
- Pleasant Home—Miss Cora McNeill, Charlie Bishop, J. C. Whittington.
- Purlear—R. Don Nichols, J. F. Hayes, W. A. Blackburn.
- Roaring River—C. C. Alexander, Mrs. G. W. Scroggs, Mrs. Eula Lytton
- Shady Grove—Mrs. D. K. Greene, Everette Ferguson, Mrs. Ruby Ferguson.
- Sharon Walker—Zachery Ferguson, George Walker, Mrs. D. Pearson.
- Stony Hill—G. S. McNeil, J. B. Baker, C. O. Parsons, G. C. Church.
- Walnut Grove—Madge Jennings, Mrs. Bentley Parlier, Mrs. Roy Parlier
- Welcome Home—Harry Kendall, Chalmer Dyer, Gwyn Eller.

Wilkesboro—Mrs. R. W. Edwards, Mrs. G. T. Mitchell, Mrs. Green Shepherd.

Zion Hill—G. B. Carlton, T. W. Earp, Mrs. Earl German.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BRUSHY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

On August 29, 1954 the Executive Committee of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association held a meeting at the First Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro at 3 p. m. Thirteen officers and lay representatives were in attendance, representing seven churches. A letter was read from North Winston Baptist Church commending Dr. W. R. Wagoner to our Association. Moderator Idol expressed the pleasure and good fortune of our people in having Dr. Wagoner among us. The object of the meeting was to formulate a program for our next Associational meeting. The accepted program appears elsewhere. There was some discussion regarding the printing of the minutes for 1954. It was decided to let the contract to Carter-Hubbard Publishing Co., Ray Blevins announced his resignation as regional president of the Brotherhood and asked that his successor be recommended. The matter was left with Missionary Jenkins. The opening prayer was by T. E. Story and the closing one by Ray Blevins.

CONSTITUTION

Name

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association of Wilkes County, North Carolina.

Objects

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to consider and promote measures for increasing the harmony, the intelligence, and the spiritual life of the churches and for developing and directing their energies and their contributions in the advancement of Christ's kingdom throughout the earth, always in harmony with the teachings of the New Testament. This Association shall be an auxiliary to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its missionary, educational and benevolent work.

Membership

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches desiring to affiliate with it, and each affiliating church may be represented in the annual meetings of the Association by three messengers chosen by the church, by its pastor and by other ordained ministers in its membership and living within the bounds of the Association.

Article 4. Any church desiring to become a member of this Association shall present, through messengers chosen for that purpose, its request for membership at any annual session of this body. The Moderator shall then appoint a committee to inquire into the faith and practice of said church, said committee to report to the Associa-

tion its findings. If the Association then votes to receive the church the Moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to the messengers.

Article 5. Any church not representing itself in this body for three successive years, either by letter or by messengers, shall be stricken from the roll of churches, unless satisfactory reasons for such failure are given.

Article 6. The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any church in its membership which shall be found to be disorderly in faith and practice, but not until charges are brought against it by some other church and carefully considered by the Association.

Organization

Article 7. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by ballot on the second day of the session before noon recess adjournment, by a majority of the messengers voting, and shall begin their term of office upon final adjournment of the session at which elected and shall continue in office until the close of the next annual session.

Article 8. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, preserve order, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and exercise all other duties of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage; he shall also, as far as his private duties may permit, visit and communicate with the churches between the sessions of the Association to encourage and assist them in their work for the kingdom.

Article 9. The Clerk shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Association; shall read the same for approval before the close of each annual session; shall superintend their printing and distribution to the churches; shall send one copy each to the General Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, the Statistical Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa., and to their denominational agencies or institutions requesting them; shall preserve a file of all the Association records and have it present at each annual session; shall provide at least one month prior to the annual meeting of the Association letters for the use of the churches in making their reports to the Association; shall suggest to each church the amount based on its membership and contributions to other objects, needed for the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

Article 10. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Association as directed by the Association, making an itemized statement at each annual session.

Committee

Article 11. The executive-Promotion Committee shall consist of the Moderator, the Vice-Moderator, the Clerk, the Sunday School Associational Leader, the Training Union Leader, the W. M. U. Associa-

tional Superintendent, and all the pastors of churches within the Association, together with one member from each church elected annually by the Association upon nomination of a committee appointed by the Moderator. A quorum shall consist of ten members of the Executive-Promotion Committee, including four of the associational officers named above in this article, providing either the Moderator or Vice-Moderator is present.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Executive-Promotion Committee to Cooperate with the Baptist State Convention and with the churches of the Association in the promotion of any plans which may seem wise for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, and they shall take such steps as may be necessary to put into successful operation any plans adopted by the Association. This committee shall meet at the call of the moderator or its chairman.

Article 13. A Committee on Nomination; a Committee on Time, Place and Preacher; a Committee on Resolutions; and a Committee on Order of Business shall be appointed by the Moderator on the first day of each annual session. All except the last named committee shall make their reports to the Association before final adjournment, while the Committee on Order of Business shall prepare the program for the next annual meeting of the Association at least one month before the date of meeting, and present the same to the Association for adoption or alteration at its opening session.

Article 14. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided according to some standard works on Parliamentary practice.

Article 15. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any annual session upon vote of two-thirds of the members present.

BY-LAWS

1. The Association shall convene annually on.....
.....and continue two days or longer, in the judgment of the Committee on Order of Business and subject to the approval of the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, conducted by whomsoever the Committee on Order of Business may designate.

3. A majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business except in the matter of making changes in the Constitution.

4. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator, shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid the use of unnecessary personalities.

5. The members shall observe towards the officers and towards one another such courtesies as are becoming to Christians.

6. Amendment to the By-Laws may be made by a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting of the Association.

Revised and adopted Oct. 17, 1936.

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1954

Tuesday Morning Session

The eighty-third annual session of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association met with Pleasant Home Baptist Church. The beautiful church was filled with some 350 messengers and visitors. The registration was in charge of Mrs. E. J. Jenkins and for the first time badges were given the delegates. The pastor, W. H. Caldwell, welcomed the Association to Pleasant Home and read as a devotional Psalms XXVI.

1. The clerk called the roll of churches and all but Big Ivey responded. Messengers were present the next day, however, from this church.

2. A program previously arranged by the executive committee was read and approved. It follows:

PROGRAM

of the

BRUSHY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

83rd Annual Session on October 12 and 13, 1954

THEME: "MORE AND MORE AFTER '54"

Tuesday, October 12, Pleasant Home Baptist Church Wednesday, October 13, Mount Zion Baptist Church.

TUESDAY MORNING

9:45	Worship	Pleasant Home Church, Pastor
10:00	Roll Call of churches; Adoption of Program; Recognition of Pastors and Ministers; Recognition of Visitors, and New churches; Appointment of Committees	Moderator
10:15	Digest of Church Letters	Clerk
10:25	Association Missions Report	Rev. E. J. Jenkins
10:35	Executive Committee and Treasurer's Report	Mr. T. E. Story
10:45	Hymn	
10:50	Hospital Report	Rev. Clyde Church
10:55	Ministry of N. C. Baptist Hospital	Dr. W. K. McGee
11:10	Training Union Report	Miss Lunda Hendren
11:20	Special Music	New Hope Baptist Church
11:30	Introductory Sermon	Rev. J. G. Huffman
	Alternate	Rev. E. J. Jenkins
12:00	Lunch	

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:15	Worship	Rev. Leroy Thomas
1:20	Report on Sunday Schools	Wayne Vannoy
	State Sunday School Representative	Mr. D. P. Brooks

- 1:45 History of Pleasant Home Church Mr. J. F. Jordon
- 2:00 Recognition of College Representatives Biblical Recorder Representative
- 2:15 Hymn
- 2:20 Address on Christian Education Dr. W. R. Wagoner
- Christian Literature Mrs. Bob Franklin
- 2:45 Presentation of Wilkes Baptist Pastors' Conference and Extension Center Rev. J. G. Huffman
- 3:00 Our Baptist Orphanage Mr. Will Adams
- Orphanage Representative
- 3:10 Miscellaneous Business

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:45 Worship Mount Zion Church, Pastor
- 10:00 Report of Nominating Committee Election of Officers
- 10:55 Presentation of Baptist Program (Cooperative Program, State Missions, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions)
- State Worker
- 11:05 Report on Women's Missionary Union Mrs. Grover McNeil
- 11:15 Report on Evangelism Rev. J. G. Huffman
- 11:30 Special Music Mount Pleasant Church
- 11:35 Missionary Sermon Rev. W. H. Caldwell
- Alternate Rev. Clyde Church
- 12:00 Lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:15 Worship Rev. Fred Blevins
- 1:20 Report of Committees: Time, Place, Preacher; Resolutions; New Churches
- 1:30 History of Mount Zion Church Mr. J. F. Jordon
- 1:45 Hymn
- 1:50 Home of the Aged Report Dr. E. N. Phillips, Rev. James Hayes
- 2:00 Hymn
- 2:10 Minister's Retirement Rev. Leroy Thomas
- 2:20 Baptist Brotherhood Mr. Ray Blevins
- 2:40 Social Service and Civic Righteousness Mr. Hunter Church
- Allied Church League Rev. R. M. Hauss
- 2:50 Miscellaneous Business
- 2:55 Adjournment
- Hymn

3. The Moderator recognized the following pastors and visitors: the Reverends A. W. Eller, W. A. Eichelberger, Clyde Church, George Walters, Clate Brown, Oscar Tucker, (Alexander Association), Lemuel Ramsey, W. H. Caldwell, Harvey White, John Wells, (Caldwell Association), H. I. Johnson (Alexander Association), C. M. Cope, LeRoy Thomas, J. Glenn Huffman, Robert Franklin, J. G. Cardwell, W. R. Wagoner, M. L. Blevins, Cleat Simmons, C. J. Poole, Leroy Eller, E. C. Hodges, G. L. Hamby, and E. J. Jenkins.

4 The Moderator read the part of the constitution referring to the admission of new churches and appointed E. C. Hodges, A. W. Eller, and C. J. Poole as an examining committee. Upon request five members from Gospel Baptist Church arose and were recognized.

5. The following committees were appointed:

(1) Time, place, and preacher for the next Association: Charlie Bishop, E. C. Hodges, and Mrs. Tam Hutchinson.

(2) Nominating: C. B. Eller, Harvey White, and Clyde Church.

(3) On new churches: E. C. Hodges, A. W. Eller, Charlie Poole.

(4) Special Committee on Order of Business: T. E. Story, Charlie Proffit, J. F. Jordan.

(5) Executive committee, chairman, T. E. Story

(6) Resolution: A. W. Eller, Mrs. LeRoy Thomas, and Mrs. Charles Shumaker.

6. A preliminary digest of the Associational letters was given. The complete digest has been combined from all the Associational letters and is as follows:

Baptisms, 342; membership, 7,833; S. S. membership, 6,400 with average attendance of 3,793; Vacational Bible School, 2,654 with an average attendance of 2,268; Revivals, 54; Tithers, 293; Training Union, 1,314, with an average attendance of 734; Woman's Missionary Union, 897; total spent for missions, \$23,187.56; and grand total for all expenses, \$149,682.68.

As compared with last year we had 102 more baptisms; gained 302 members; had 532 more in Sunday School; increased our Vacation Bible School enrollment by 500; added 208 to our W. M. U.; and augmented our training union by 447. In round numbers we spent \$4,000.00 more for missions, but decreased our grand total expenditures by \$3,000.00.

7 The report of the Association Missionary is herein recorded.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS REPORT

1954

For the first time we come to render an account of our stewardship for the past associational year. But there is little I can report as to my work. I may have sown, but Apolles watered, such as pastors, superintendents, men, women, and children, and the Lord gave the increase. In humility and with sincere gratitude to the Lord for His blessings upon us and to you your beautiful spirit of cooperation and patient understanding concerning the many-sided work we have tried to do, I present this report. Figures do not give the whole picture, but we must report in some manner to advance in the Kingdom's work:

I. Churches Attended: 52 Attended every church in Association

II. Trips made: 373 (to churches)

III. Sermons preached: 91

IV. State Planning Meetings: 8 Divisional: 9; Associational: 34

V. Conferences: Individual 411 General 57 Committee 41

VI. Visits to Baptist Institutions: 9

V. B. S. STATISTICAL REPORT—1954

CHURCH	PRINCIPAL	Enr.	Av. At.	Ld.	Not S. S.	Prof.	NCM.	Cost	Coop. P.	C. Off
Beaver Creek.....	Walsh, Mrs.....	37	37	2	0	0	0	\$ 41.25	\$ 12.89	0
Big Ivey.....	E. J. J.....	16	14	0	0	0	0	4.60	3.51	0
Boiling Springs.....	E. J. J.....	29	27	1	3	2	2	7.96	3.69	7.96
Cub Creek.....	Evans, Miss.....	86	79	4	1	5	5	34.00	17.05	20.00
Davis Memorial.....	Hodge, Miss.....	41	36	3	4	0	0	25.18	11.00	
Edgewood.....	Mrs. E. J. J.....	45	37	2	0	0	0	10.50	9.86	10.11
Elk.....	E. J. J.....	50	42	1	5	4	4	4.90	8.68	5.00
Fishing Creek.....	Hodge, Miss.....	179	162	11	0	3	3	104.00	20.05	27.82
Gordon.....	Evans, Miss.....	58	47	10	16	21	17	7.79	4.76	8.42
Goshen.....	E. J. J.....	30	23	8	1	0	0	4.00	8.77	
Gospel Baptist.....	E. J. J.....	84	72	1	2	0	0	3.00	12.40	5.41
Harmony.....	Hodge, Miss.....	42	34	12	0	0	0	3.00	7.70	8.61
Lewis Fork.....	Evans, Miss.....	92	84	3	11	0	0	11.40	15.48	19.15
Liberty Grove.....	Thomas, Rev.....	57	45	3	17	0	0	27.00	5.00	
Little Rock.....	Livingston.....	77	75	7	0	0	0	14.10	8.94	
Moravian Falls.....	Poole, Rev.....	84	78	8	0	0	0	28.00	25.22	
Mount Carmel.....	E. J. J.....	98	83	14	18	0	0	4.00	20.00	
Mount Pleasant.....	Church, Mrs.....	66	53	2	0	8	6	48.22	17.70	
Mount Zion.....	E. J. J.....	41	32	2	4	0	0	12.92	10.73	11.25
New Hope.....	Huffman, Rev.....	77	61	2	0	17	17	16.00	6.51	
N. W., First.....	Nichols, Miss.....	161	129	17	3	0	0	90.00	37.29	
N. W., Second.....	Hodge, Miss.....	70	65	8	0	0	0	33.93	7.59	4.57
N. W., Hinshaw.....	Mrs. E. J. J.....	174	132	6	0	0	0	85.00	21.79	16.33
Oak Grove.....	E. J. J.....	24	22	4	0	3	3	3.00	4.80	1.50
Oakwoods.....	Evans, Miss.....	74	59	3	1	12	10	20.72	10.95	28.00
Pilgrim.....	E. J. J.....	66	59	1	11	9	9	5.60	6.94	5.37
Pleasant Grove.....	Evans, Miss.....	40	31	3	6	5	3	6.50	6.83	6.49
Pleasant Home.....	Evans, Miss.....	59	55	1	3	4	4	11.77	12.10	7.95
Purlear.....	Huffman, Rev.....	83	72	6	3	5	3	16.00	10.73	
Roaring River.....	Proffit, Mrs.....	81	71	1	0	0	0	25.15	9.00	
Shady Grove.....	E. J. J.....	20	19	6	0	0	0	3.00	8.33	
Sharon Walker.....	Evans, Miss.....	31	29	5	0	0	0	4.77	3.29	7.32
Stony Hill.....	Evans, Miss.....	32	29	5	1	1	1	4.48	2.30	8.65
Walnut Grove.....	E. J. J.....	80	68	1	6	9	5	49.77	14.72	
Welcome Home.....	Michael, Mrs.....	115	94	12	6	9	8	28.99	13.00	
Wilkesboro.....	Pardue, Mrs.....	157	126	8	0	2	2	88.28	67.54	
Zion Hill.....	E. J. J.....	105	86	4	0	4	4	12.90	13.78	12.15
N. W. 1st. Mission.....	Hodge, Miss.....									
TOTAL.....		2561	2267	190	122	123	106	\$901.68	\$480.92	222.06

SCHOOLS HELD

E. J. Jenkins	Mrs. E. J. Jenkins	Miss Nancy Evans	Miss Blanche Hodge
12	9	13	6

- VII. Sunday Schools Attended: 46 Classes taught: 24
 VIII. New Organizations: R.A.-6; G.A.-4; Sunbeam Band-3 Y.W.A.-3 B.T.U.-5
 IX. Promoted: Cooperative Program; State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Departmental Sunday Schools, Church training, Deacon's School
 X. Letters written: 1398 Bulletins: 2514
 XI. Revivals: 3 Study Courses: 15 Bible Schools: 12 held, 24 Directed Baptismal services: 3—Attended 8; Ordination Services:2
 XII. Conversions: 70
 XIII. Directed two camps (Divisional-Associational)
 XIV. Miles Traveled: 26,417
 XV. Churches attended outside Association: 13 Woodlawn Mission: 2 High Schools: 2

Ten Day Schools 2 — Eight Day Schools 2 — Prep. Day 17 — Conducting own Schools 10 — Mission Schools 2. Time of Schools—Morning Schools: 26, Afternoon Schools: 5, Night Schools: 6.

Respectfully submitted,
 E. J. Jenkins, Missionary

8. The treasurer, T. E. Story, was reported ill and in Wilkes General Hospital. His report was given by Robert L. Franklin. Special mention was made of the annual gift of \$500.00 from J. E. Spainhour, and an expression of appreciation was voiced for his generosity. From the treasurer came words of gratitude for the many kindnesses shown him. The report was adopted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT RECEIPTS

BALANCE ON HAND AT LAST SESSION OF ASSOC.	\$157.62			
CHURCHES:	SUPPORT	MIN. FUND	SPECIAL	
Beaver Creek	36.00	7.50	90.00	133.50
Big Ivy		2.00		2.00
Boiling Springs	36.00	4.50		40.50
Cub Creek	60.00	12.50		72.50
Davis Memorial	35.09	3.15		38.24
Edgwood	30.00	10.00		40.00
Elk	28.00	3.00		31.00
Fishing Creek	60.00	18.00		78.00
Gordon		5.00		5.00
Goshen	24.00	7.50		31.50
Gospel Baptist	10.98			10.98
Harmony		5.40		5.40
Hinshaw St.	48.00	10.00		58.00
Lewis Fork	31.15	7.00		38.15
Liberty Grove	50.00	10.00		60.00
Little Rock	60.00	6.00		66.00
Mt. Carmel	5.50	2.70		8.20
Moravian Falls	24.00	10.00		34.00
Mt. Pleasant	40.00	18.00		58.00
Mt. Zion	7.25	5.00		12.25

New Hope	60.00	10.00	70.00
N. Wilkesboro, 1st.....	1400.00	30.00	1430.00
N. Wilkesboro, 2nd.	42.65	6.00	48.65
Oakwoods	8.00	10.00	18.00
Oak Grove		4.00	4.00
Pilgrim		10.00	10.00
Pleasant Grove		15.00	15.00
Pleasant Home	60.00	17.50	77.50
Purlear		10.00	10.00
Roaring River	105.00	9.00	114.00
Shady Grove	5.00	3.50	8.50
Sharon Walker		6.50	6.50
Stony Hill		7.50	7.50
Walnut Grove	60.00	15.00	75.00
Welcome Home	32.50	12.00	44.50
Wilkesboro	600.00	9.00	609.00
Zion Hill	22.32	7.50	29.82

2981.44	329.75	90.00	3401.19
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Received from offering at Deacons School	75.76
Received from Vacation Bible School offering	123.00
Received from Brother J. Edgar Spainhour	500.00
Received from State Mission Board	945.00
Received from State Mission Board, for Summer Help	100.00
	5302.57

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid on Salary of Missionary	\$2611.74	
Travel and Office Expense	1020.00	
House Rent	480.00	
Paid for 1953 Minutes	313.00	
Offering sent or missions	51.07	
Paid Summer Worker	150.00	
Expenses of Deacons School	24.69	
	\$4650.50	4650.50
		652.07

We still owe Miss Nancy Evans for her work in the Association the past summer the sum of 125.00

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1954-55
RECEIPTS**

From the Churches	\$3000.00
From Brother J. Edgar Spainhour	500.00
From State Mission Board	972.00
From State Mission Bd. for Summer Help	100.00
From the churches for the Minutes	300.00
September 30, '54 balance	500.00
	5372.00

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENTS

Sal. Missionary, (236.00)	3000.00
Expenses, Car, Office etc. (100.00)	1200.00
House Rent, (40.00)	480.00
Summer Worker,	200.00

Minutes of the Asso.	325.00
Exp. Deacon School	25.00
Offering to Missions	50.00
Miscellaneous	92.00
	\$5372.00

We wish to thank the churches for their support of the Associational Mission Program during the past year. Three fourths of the churches in the Association have contributed to the financial support of this program.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins have been working with us for the past year and we are glad to tell you that we think they have done a very satisfactory job. We have been very much impressed with the diligence with which they have attacked the many problems that have confronted them. They have worked patiently and hard and have gotten results for their hire. Vacation Bible Schools have been held in all the churches and a fine attendance has been reported. We feel like every church ought to support this fine work.

Respectfully submitted,
T. E. Story, by R. L. Franklin

9. The Moderator and others praised the work of Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Jenkins in carrying out the Associational missionary program.

10. The congregation sang "Marching to Zion" with R. L. Franklin leading and Mrs. Fraye Eller accompanying.

11. Recognition was made of Rex Bumgarner as messenger boy.

12. The hospital report was given by Clyde Church and adopted by the Association. It follows:

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL, 1954

The Baptist Hospital is now caring for more people than any other time in its history. This is made possible because of the use of the New South Wing, about half of which is now complete and in use. The new building provides many new and enlarged facilities which add a great deal to the service provided for our people. About 14,000 bed patients will receive treatment in the hospital in the course of the year, while many other thousands will be seen in the clinics.

The Baptist Hospital, with the various schools associated with it, forms an important educational center in the field of medical care. It trains doctors, nurses, technicians, pastors, and other Christian workers. The center of the entire hospital program is always the sick person, however. Everything else is secondary to and must be in the interest of the patient.

Our Hospital provides this type of service for persons who cannot pay for it, as well as for those who can pay in full. This is where our churches share in this ministry of healing. There are multitudes in our state who cannot receive the care they need unless somebody else pays for it. Our Hospital has no money except what the patients pay

and what we give. On Mother's Day we have privilege of sharing with those who are sick and need our help. If any church in our Association has not contributed its part toward this work, we hope that this will be done at once. The Hospital provided free service in the amount of \$527,299.99 in addition to free doctor's care to needy persons in 1953. The amount of the Mother's Day offering determines largely the amount of help the Hospital can give. Unless we give generously some will seek in vain for help at our Hospital. Let this not be true because you and I have failed.

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde Church

Dr. W. K. McKee spoke to the report. He brought greetings from the Hospital and stated that all but three churches in our Association had responded. He elaborated on the usefulness of recent additions, particularly on the recovery and operating rooms. He commented on the new chapel that is being given by the Atlas Supply Company and named the Davis Memorial Chapel. This area, particularly since the drought, is in great need of hospital service. He asked for larger contributions to meet these added burdens. A single illustration indicated how much our Baptist people appreciate their hospital.

13. The training union report was read by Miss Lunda Hendren and adopted. It follows:

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION ANNUAL REPORT

The Brushy Mountain Association Baptist Training Union has made some progress during the year, by the cooperation of our Associational Missionary, Rev. E. J. Jenkins, a faithful group of Associational Officers and the various churches in the Association.

Regular officer's meetings, leadership meetings and mass meetings were held on the second Mondays during the year.

Banners were awarded in the mass meetings to Hinshaw Street Church and Cub Creek Church for attendance and to New Hope juniors and New Hope adults for efficiency.

The associational officers met for study of the Associational Training Union Manual on November 16, 1953 and the discussion was led by Missionary E. J. Jenkins. Some of the officers attended the Associational Officer's Planning meeting in High Point, Oct. 1953.

Rev. T. Sloan Guy, Jr. brought the message at "M" Night Meeting in December, 1953 and 359 persons were present.

The Brushy Mountain Association was host to the Regional Training Union Meeting, which was held at First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, May 14-15, 1954.

Seven Training Unions were organized this year. They were: Harmony, Liberty Grove, Mt. Carmel, North Wilkesboro Second, Roaring River, Stony Hill and Welcome Home.

The report of the treasurer at the annual business meeting in September, 1954 showed a balance in treasury of \$44.96.

The association was represented in the Intermediate Sword Drill

by Miss Martha Jane Gilreath, in the Junior Memory Work Drill by Harold Chipman, and the Adult Bible Reading by Mrs. Gordon Miller in the Regional Meeting.

New Officers were elected and installed in the September business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lunda Hendren, Associational Director.

14. The Rev. Avery Church and friends from Winston-Salem, Pilot Mountain Association, were recognized.

15. Special music was rendered by a quartet from New Hope: "Face to Face" and "Is Your All on the Altar?"

16. The congregation sang "There is A Fountain" with R. L. Franklin leading and Mrs. G. T. Mitchell accompanying.

17. The Rev. Glenn Huffman gave the setting for the hymn just sung and used it as a background for his introductory sermon. His sermon "World's Conquest with Christ" was based on First Epistle of John 2:2. He declared that the world had been enlarged by radio, television, and the dispersion of soldiers to all parts of the world. Truly the harvest is white and it is the time for a conquest for Christ. Sin is everywhere destroying the church and the home. Man's mission is to save. We need homes dedicated to God and more spiritual power in our Association.

18. After a blessing in the church, the congregation assembled at the rear of the church where a sumptuous dinner was served.

Tuesday Afternoon Session

19. The group reassembled in the church. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. All new delegates were asked to register.

20. The Rev. LeRoy Thomas conducted the devotionals, emphasizing the fact that we should be still and listen to God. His scripture was taken from Exodus 14; 13-15 and Matthew 28: 19-20.

21. Dr. W. C. Reed of the Orphanage was recognized.

22. The Association adopted Wayne Vannoy's report on the Sunday School. It follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The records for another year (1953-1954) have been completed and a most encouraging report can be made for our work—new classes, new departments, new Sunday Schools, added personnel, new buildings all mean larger enrollments with more people being reached with the teaching program of our churches.

Our Associational Planning Meeting held last March with D. P. Brooks helping us to make plans for "A Million More in '54" was followed by our State planning Meeting held last September. Church planning meetings followed in most of our churches at which time aims and goals for the year were discussed and plans made to attain them. Group Leaders were provided as in former years and sent to all churches. These men in visiting our churches have rendered a most

excellent service and progress is still being made as a result of these church planning meetings. Planning precedes progress so every church is urged to meet and plan its work.

Our Associational meetings have been held quarterly during the past year, meeting on Monday night after the first Sunday of the quarter. The place of the meeting has been changed from quarter to quarter in order to reach the most churches possible during the year.

The programs of the quarterly meetings have varied as to the need and emphasis of our work. Departmental conferences were held once during the year, these were most helpful for our teachers and officers.

The spirit of cooperation among pastors, superintendents, teachers and workers has aided greatly in our work during the past year.

Baptists are certainly proving to the world what can be accomplished by real cooperation in our great Cooperative Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne W. Vannoy
Associational Supt.

D. P. Brooks of the State Sunday School Department urged us to go on to greater victory in the Sunday School work. Certainly we should not sit down on our success. Our churches need to be aroused to the extent that they will provide more space and preach the message of evangelism. People should be brought into the work by degrees and the churches should make a more dynamic appeal to lost souls.

23. It was stated that the Christmas pageant, undertaken last year, would be repeated on December 9th. at 4 p. m. All churches were invited to participate.

24. The history of Pleasant Home Church prepared by J. F. Jordan was read by the Rev. R. L. Franklin. It was adopted by the Association, but the clerk was later requested to correct certain errors.

A SHORT HISTORY OF PLEASANT HOME BAPTIST CHURCH

On the 14th day of February, 1880, a group of Christian men and women met for the purpose of organizing a Baptist church. Meeting in a grove where the cemetery is now located, they heard a sermon by the Rev. L. P. Gwaltney. Twenty-three presented themselves for membership: J. L. Marlowe, A. C. McRary, Mrs. Ellen McRary, Amanda Eller, J. E. Bullis, Mrs. Eliza Bullis, Jane Riggs, Polly Miller, J. H. McNeill, Susanna McNeill, Martha Kilby, Harrison Eller, Susan McNeill, Annie Nichols, Elvira McNeill, Barbara Kilby, J. Eller, and Margaret Eller, Peter Eller, Louisa McNeill, and M. J. Church. These being found to be orthodox in their beliefs, were accepted as charter members and the newly organized church was unanimously named Pleasant Home Baptist Church.

The presbytery consisted of John Adams, I. T. Prevette, J. P. Gwaltney, and J. T. Tinsley. Serving as moderator was John Adams

and I. T. Prevette, as secretary. A church covenant was adopted which reads as follows:

Having been as we trust brought by Divine Grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ and to give ourselves wholly to Him, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in Him with brotherly love to His glory as our common Lord. We do therefore in this strength agree that we will exercise a Christian cause and watchfulness over each other and faithfully warn, exhort, and admonish each other as occasions may require. That we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but will uphold the public worship of God and the ordinances of His house.

"That we will not omit close and family religion at home nor neglect the great duty of religiously training our children and those under our care for the service of Christ and the enjoyment of Heaven."

"That as we are the light of the world and salt of the earth, we will seek Divine aid to enable us to deny ungodliness to every worldly lust and to walk circumspectly in the world, and win the souls of men to Christ. That we will cheerfully give of our own property according as God has prospered us for the maintenance of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us for the support of the poor and to spread the gospel over the earth."

"That we will in all conditions, even till death, strive to live to the glory of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. And may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant make us perfect in every good work to do His will working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

This church adopted the following principles: We believe only in one true and living God, three persons in the God head, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. These three are one. We believe the Old and New Testament is the word of God. That Salvation is by grace through faith, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe baptism by immersion and the Lord's supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ and should be practiced by all true believers. We also believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal."

Preaching service were held under a brush arbor until the erection of a church. The site was given by J. H. McNeil. After completion of the building a revival was held, beginning in August, 1881. Thirteen members were added to the church, making a total of 48 members. A second building was later erected and served as a place of worship until the erection of the present edifice.

The Board of Deacons met in a call meeting in April, 1943 and decided to submit to the church a proposal for appointing a committee for soliciting funds for a new church building. These funds were to be held in trust in some manner agreed upon by the church until conditions would permit the erection of a new church. The offering each fourth

Sunday was to be set aside for this purpose. The following names were submitted to the church and elected as a committee to solicit funds: Monroe Faw, J. C. Whittington, W. C. Caudill, A. F. Nichols, H. C. Kilby, Howard McNeill, C. C. Church, W. T. Snyder, J. A. Reeves, A. J. Lovette, Tom McNeill, Clate Bumgarner, Allie McGlammery, C. O. Lovette, and Miss Cora McNeill as secretary and treasurer. This committee solicited funds until Jan., 1946, when a building committee of three was appointed by the church (J. C. Whittington, Clate Bumgarner, and Howard McNeill) to make plans for erecting a new church building. In September, 1946, the church held a conference with the building committee and approved the erection of a new building. In April, 1947, J. C. Whittington was appointed purchasing agent and Monroe Faw took his place on the building committee.

Grading was started for the foundation of the new building the first week in May, 1947. Work kept progressing on the new building and at the February 22, 1948, meeting the church instructed the building committee to sell the old church building and any other material on the ground including some trees and tool house. Work kept moving on the new building until it was completed May 16, 1948, when the first service was held, first baptismal service was held October, 1948 with thirteen being baptized.

In November, 1953 the last payment was made on the new church, and in December, 1953 plans were made to purchase new pews, carpet and other furnishings. The old pews and other furnishings were sold in April, 1954.

On Sunday, May 30, 1954 a dedication service was held. A bountiful dinner was served on the grounds. Rev. A. E. Watts conducted the morning service with all former pastors, still in active service, present. In the afternoon Rev. C. C. Holland preached the dedicatory service at which time occurred the burning of the \$10,000.00 note which cleared all indebtedness against the handsome building, costing some \$40,000.00.

This building is erected of brick with 13 class rooms and a large sanctuary, which will seat approximately 325, people. It is also equipped with a good heating system and water in the building with ladies' and men's rest rooms. The church is a great asset to any community.

This church has been deeded property as follows: deed from J. H. McNeill, to Trustees of Pleasant Home Baptist church, November 7, 1883 and recorded in Book 240 page 123, for one acre of land; Delphia McGlammery to Pleasant Home Baptist church, Dec. 1, 1913, recorded in Book 241 page 339, one acre; R. G. Bumgarner and wife to Pleasant Home Baptist church November 20, 1945, recorded in Book 241 page 340, for 45/100 acres; Anderson J. Lovett and wife Queen'e to Pleasant Home Baptist church, March 20, 1948, and recorded in Book 241 page 341, ½ acre of land. All deeds are recorded in the Register of Deeds office at Wilkesboro, N. C. and convey approximately three acres of land.

The following have served as pastors of this church: G. W. Green and I. T. Prevette, March, 1880 to August, 1880; I. T. Prevette, 1880-

1882; W. C. Meadows, 1882-1887; M. McNeill, 1887-1894; J. J. Caudill, 1894-1895; A. T. Pardue, 1895-1907; L. B. Murry, 1907-1910; G. W. Sebastin and Grant Cothren, 1910-1915; R. N. Garner, 1915-1918; I. C. Woodruff, 1918-1920; Grant Cothren, 1920-1926; F. C. Watts, 1926-1936; A. W. Eller, 1936-1940; Atwell Watts, 1940-1945; W. S. Luck, 1945-1949; Victor Watts, a student at Wake Forest College was elected September, 1949 and a special service was called to ordain him at New Hope, his home church. A presbytery composed of J. C. Poole, Isaac Watts, E. V. Bumbarner, and Dean Minton met at New Hope church Sept. 18, 1949, and ordained Victor Watts, after which he took up the full pastorate of Pleasant Home Church and served in that capacity until September, 1951, Rev. W. H. Caldwell served until August 29, 1954, when Clate Brown was elected.

During this time the church has had clerks as follows; A. C. McRary February, 1880-November, 1886; J. F. Dancy, November, 1886-1887; T. J. McNeill, 1887-1899; W. T. Kilby, 1899-1924; J. C. Whittington, 1924-1932; Veadie Nichols, 1932-October, 1940; Miss Minnie McNeill was elected in October, 1940 and is still serving as clerk.

This church has elected and ordained deacons as follows: February 14, 1880 A. C. McRary, J. H. McNeill, and J. E. Bullis; April, 1884 C. A. Nichols; April, 1889, Simon Eller; July, 1897, C. C. Church and H. C. Kilby; August, 1917, J. C. Whittington. W. V. Caudill, and Arthur Bumgarner; August, 1933, Alonza McNeill, Allie McGlammery, and Anderson Lovette; January, 1944, Howard McNeill and Clate Bumgarner; and in 1951 Charlie Bishop and Ralph Shoemaker. This church has ordained ministers as follows: March, 1914, Spainhour Whittington and August, 1930; James T. Porter. In August, 1936 Norman Walker was licensed to preach and in October, 1937, John Kilby.

Pleasant Home Baptist Church has grown in membership from 23 to 313. It has witnessed some great revivals. Thirteen new members joined in 1884; 16 in 1927; 20 in 1931; 29 in 1933; 18 in 1943; 19 in 1945; and 25 in 1947.

It has also made great progress in Sunday School work and has had superintendents as follows: J. H. McNeill, 1881-1895; L. B. Pierce 1895-1905; W. T. Kilby, 1905-1911; W. M. McNeill, 1911-1912; L. B. Pierce, 1912-1919; C. C. Church, 1919-1936; J. C. Whittington, 1936-1938; C. C. Church, 1938-1940; J. C. Whittington, 1940-1945; J. C. Bumgarner, 1945-1949; Gwyn Vannoy, 1949-1952; Charlie Bishop, 1952-1953. Ralph Shoemaker was elected in 1953 and is still serving. This church has made great progress in Sunday School work and has grown from six officers and 60 enrolled in 1881, to 13 officers and 280 enrolled in Sunday School this year. The minutes of the Association in 1881 reported that this Sunday School memorized 769 verses of scripture.

The Church purchased a piano in 1934 and in May, 1948, invested in a new instrument. Mr. Otto Reavis is choir leader and Miss Christine Foster and Mrs. Izelle Bumgarner are serving as pianists.

In July, 1880 the first delegates were appointed to the Association:

A. C. McRary, J. E. Bullis, and J. H. McNeill. In August, 1883 A. C. McRary, T. J. McNeill, and W. T. Kilby were sent as delegates with an offering of 70 cents for minute funds and \$2.85 for Home Missions. These seem to be the first contributions for any cause.

In February, 1899 the church collected for pastor's salary \$8.55; in August, 1942, \$81.25; in August, 1943, \$87.53; and in 1947, \$106.50. This church never has adopted a budget system; it pays the pastor by collections and donations. As the minutes state "Give as your conscience dictates."

It has been strict in discipline in dealing with its members. If any member missed more than three services a committee of three visited him, if he then failed to report he was dealt with and in many instances excluded from the church. This church has excluded members for drinking, cursing, adultery and dealing with strong drink in any form.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Jordan, Historian.

25. The report on the Biblical Recorder was not presented in person, but a copy was later given the clerk for recording in the minutes.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

Christian literature does not need defending; it needs more distribution and wider reading. Never before have Baptists had such opportunities as today to magnify and promote the Lord's work through vital Christian literature. People tend to become like the things they read and absorb in their minds and hearts. The flood of bad literature has spread over our land, with almost every news stand, drug store, bus station, and even grocery stores selling it. This bad literature very often finds its way into Baptist homes. Its pages are filled with the seeds of evil. Wider reading of good Christian literature would soon destroy the thirst for the bad. Baptists have a great opportunity—to provide the best reading matter they can get for their homes.

Baptists have compelling reasons for securing and reading Christian Literature, especially from their own presses. The aim of it all is to promote Bible study, to build Christian character, and to inform, enlist, indoctrinate, inspire and unify our people in all the great work the Lord has committed to us.

In North Carolina the BIBLICAL RECORDER is the one publication covering the entire field of our Baptist work. Without our state Baptist paper, successful promotion of our Lord's work in all Baptist channels would be well-nigh impossible. The RECORDER has carried the message of Baptists into Baptist homes for 121 years. People always do more when they know more. As they read, they lead. As they are informed, they are inspired. People usually are not interested in, and will not support, that which they do not know about.

The RECORDER has three subscription plans: individual subscriptions at \$2.50 a year; \$2.00 a year in clubs, with at least 3 subscriptions for a church with less than 100 members, and 5 subscriptions for a

church with more than 100 members; and the Every-Family Plan, the best of all, at the low rate of \$1.50 a year. The requirement for the Every-Family Plan is that each resident family of the church be on the list to receive the paper each week.

The RECORDER and its staff members seek to be of every possible service to North Carolina Baptists. We must all work together in support of every cause dear to the hearts of our Baptist people.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Harvey White

26. The Rev. Eugene Olive spoke on the interrelationship of the Biblical Recorder, founded in 1833, the State Convention organized in 1830, and Wake Forest College, founded in 1834. All contribute to religious faith founded upon truth. The three pillars of wisdom he defined as dauntless character, awareness of obligation to others, and awareness of duty. Ordinary colleges do not stress these fundamentals. The Biblical Recorder goes into only about one-fourth of our Baptist homes.

27. Dr. W. R. Wagoner brought the message on Christian education. As a preface, he stated that he thoroughly believed in Christian education. This he defined as "simply pursuit of truth with a Christian interpretation." To the non Christian the atom bomb means destruction; to the Christian it means power for constructive purposes. To science Christian education adds an interpretative note the relation to self, society and God. The home is the place to start this outlook and school should follow the same pattern. Our Baptist institutions could care for over a thousand more pupils, approximately the same number enrolled in our state universities. Our denominational schools need our support not only in finances, but also in our prayers.

28. Mrs. Bob Franklin's name appeared in error on the program as explained by the moderator.

29. The report of the committee on new churches was heard out of order. Chairman C. J. Poole stated that his committee had held a meeting at noon and was ready to present a favorable report on the admission of Gospel Baptist Church as a member of the Brushy Mountain Association. It was voted to accept Gospel Baptist Church as a member and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the representatives from that church. A short history of the church was read;

A BRIEF HISTORY OF GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Gospel Baptist Church was organized August 25, 1946 under a brush arbor with 26 charter members. It was decided to build a church and to this end \$600.00 was received from the State Mission Board. The Rev. Ralph A. Miller was elected first pastor and served until July, 1947. He was followed by Otis Cook who served for two years. Then came short interval pastorates by Jordon Crump, Otis Cooke, Roscoe Greene, Gramey Smith, and Oscar Tucker. The construction of the church was begun in 1947. Two Sunday School rooms

were added and the church was painted in 1953. During the latter part of 1953 the church books were revised.

The present pastor is the Rev. Lemuel J. Ramsey. A budgeted system is used and part of it is designated for the Cooperative Program. Offerings are taken for home and foreign missions, homes for the aging, state missions, orphanage, and the Baptist Hospital. The church has a total membership of 115 members.

30. There being no report on our Baptist Orphanage, the time was most profitably used by General Superintendent W. C. Reed. He stated that our orphanages are caring for about 700 children. The purpose is not only to minister to their physical needs but to bring them into a fullness of life. It was stated that for the first time in its history Mills Home now has an adequate place of worship, the most beautiful building on the campus. Its beauty is matched only by its inspiration to reverence. A similar church, though smaller, is being planned for Kennedy Home. Charity and Children, the Orphanage publication, has a great promotional editor. It should be more widely read. It was explained that the Cooperative Program does not begin until 1955 and that we should continue our usual contributions. Each church was urged to make Thanksgiving offering of at least one day's pay for each member on Thanksgiving for our dependent Baptist children.

31. The moderator expressed appreciation for the good food and hospitality of Pleasant Home Baptist Church. The Rev. E. C. Hodges invited the congregation to Mount Zion the following day. The Rev. John Wells pronounced the benediction.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1954

Wednesday Morning Session

32. The second day of the eighty-third annual session of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association met with Mount Zion Baptist Church. The Moderator called the meeting to order. The pastor, the Rev. Raymond Hendrix asked the choir to sing. The Rev. E. C. Hodges lead the congregation in singing: "Jesus Saves." In his devotional, the pastor read Psalms XCII and stressed the idea of Christian growth. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. J. Poole.

33. The nominating committee gave its report and the officers for the ensuing year were elected. Their names appear in the directory.

34. The Rev. Earl Bradley presented the program for the State Convention. Missions he considered to be the most important part of the Baptist program. He declared that churches die because they fail to be missionary. The Cooperative Program is a channel for individuals to use. The sun never sets on mission work. Only 2% of the mission dollar goes for overhead expenses. He strongly urged pastors to encourage a system of budgeting.

35. Mr. M. H. Kendall, who had not arrived Tuesday, was given an opportunity to present the cause of Mars Hill. He described the building program and spoke of plans for the centennial of the founding of

the college. In many fields of work the college leads. If willing to work, any boy or girl can find an opportunity to study there.

36. In addition to the ministers who had been in attendance the previous day, the Moderator recognized the Reverends Vaughn Brown and Gilbert Osborne.

36. The report of the Woman's Missionary Union was brought by Mrs. Grover McNeil, accepted by the Association and recorded as follows:

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

When I survey the wonderous cross, On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord! that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most I sacrifice them to his blood.

As we glance back over the past year, we think first of the people who have been "laborers together" in making this report possible. We are greatly indebted to our outgoing associational superintendent, Mrs. Tam Hutchinson, whose leadership has been an inspiration to the W. M. U.'s of our Association. We are thankful for all our leaders and the women who work together to "serve the Lord Christ."

We began our work this year with a Leadership conference held in October at Wilkesboro Baptist Church. Our instructors were Miss Ruth Provence, Mrs. Leland Kitchen, Mrs. Earl James, and Mrs. Robert Franklin.

Our W. M. U.'s have contributed regularly to the co-operative program and have given freely to our special mission offerings: \$591.94 was given to foreign missions; \$453.49 to Home Missions; and \$193.99 to State Missions. Before each week of prayer, when the offerings were taken, the societies participated in a mission study course.

Fourteen representatives from our association attended the State W. M. U. Annual meeting, March tenth at Greensboro First Baptist Church.

Our annual associational meeting, held with New Hope Baptist Church, was an inspiration in our lives. Mrs. Marvin Garrett was our missionary guest. Miss Ruth Provence, State W. M. U. Secretary, was our guest representing the state office. Also, with us was Mrs. Earl James, Divisional Superintendent. A G. A. Banquet was held in March at the North Wilkesboro Baptist Church. The G. A.'s were invited to bring their mothers. Over one hundred girls and women enjoyed the banquet's theme "Stars".

Our Associational Missionary Mr. E. J. Jenkins accompanied two R. A. boys to Caswell for a week in July. He and Mrs. Jenkins took twenty-three G. A. girls by bus for a week at Caswell Camp. These boys and girls were enriched by their experiences at this camp, but

we feel our own Associational Camp at Ferguson was a greater blessing to us, as more children were able to attend. Fifty-four boys and girls attended with definite good being accomplished. Five accepted Christ in the worship and study sessions. We are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins for their intensive work in promoting the camp.

Several of our women attended the Leadership Conferences held at Fruitland Baptist Assembly in September.

The W. M. U. Divisional Meeting was held October fifth at First Baptist Church, Mount Airy.

Our W. M. U. organizations have grown this year with one new W. M. S. at Gordon, a R. A. and G. A. at Mt. Pleasant, a Y. W. A. at Second Baptist, a Sunbeam Band and G. A. at Liberty Grove, a S. B., G. A., and R. A. at Roaring River, a Y. W. A. at Fishing Creek, a G. A. and R. A. at Beaver Creek and a Y. W. A. at First Baptist North Wilkesboro. Three of our W. M. U.'s still do not have any young people's organizations. We have three full graded W. M. U.'s and hope that all thirteen in the Association will soon be full graded. There are still twenty-two churches that do not have a W. M. U. organization. It is our prayer that these, too, will realize their need and join with us in our mission work.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Grover McNeil

37. Enthusiastic reports were given of the Associational camp held near Ferguson. The days were filled with inspiration and recreation. The plan is to expand from 50 to 100 campers, and to decrease the fee to \$3.00 or \$4.00 so as to encourage more children, who would be unable to pay a larger sum, to attend.

38. The reports on evangelism and on the pastor's conference were combined by J. G. Huffman. The conference began some ten years ago and for the past three years has been a part of extension work, for which credit is received. A plea was made for each church to plan more evangelistic services. The aim is to stimulate revivals in each church. A pastor's revival will be held some time this year.

39. The committee reported that the Association would be held next year at Welcome Home, October 11 and at Cub Creek, October 12; and that Dr. W. R. Wagoner would preach the introductory sermon with Rev. George Walters as alternate and Rev. George Walters the missionary sermon, with Rev. Fred Blevins as alternate.

40. With E. C. Hodges leading, the congregation sang "Jesus Is All the World to Me." A solo was sung by Mrs. W. M. Eller.

41. The Rev. W. H. Caldwell delivered the sermon while Rev. Clyde Church lead in prayer. The text was taken from St. John 12 and the 32 verse was emphasized. He stated that we must be willing to die for Jesus; we must have courage necessary to carry the gospel; we must make our lives a shining example; and we must hold Christ up.

42. The blessing was asked by Rev. C. M. Cope.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

After a splendid meal, the Association reconvened at the sound of the Moderator's gavel.

43. Rev. E. C. Hodges lead the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace."

44. In the absence of Rev. Fred Blevins, Rev. Cleat Simmons conducted the devotional for the afternoon. He prefaced his reading of the scriptures by saying he felt that this was the best Association he had attended. He read Psalms 1.

45. Professor Kendall, who had remained over the noon hour, read the history of Mount Zion Church prepared by J. F. Jordan. At the conclusion the Moderator asked E. C. Hodges and W. O. Barnett to stand in recognition of their long service in the church. The history was accepted by the Association.

A SHORT HISTORY OF MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

It has been a rather difficult task to write this sketch, as the minutes for the first sixty years give so little information about the church and the ink on many of the minutes was too faded to read.

On the 3rd Saturday in May, 1849, a body of Missionary Baptists met on Stony Fork and after prayer proceeded to the transaction of business. Elder William Church acted as moderator and motion appointed Wilson Fairchilds clerk. A motion was made that Thomas Land be appointed a messenger to Lewis Fork Church, Wilson Fairchilds to Beaver Creek and William Adkins to Zion Hill.

On the 30th day of June, 1849, according to appointment a number of messengers met on Stony Fork. These had been regularly given up from Lewis Fork, Beaver, and Zion Hill Churches to organize a new church. Elders William Church and William Brown attended and proceeded to transact business as follows: They called for the organization of this body; appointed William Church moderator for the day; selected William Church and William Brown as a Presbytery; and named Thomas Land and William Fairchilds to answer the questions for this body.

As the questions were answered satisfactorily this body was found orthodox. Thomas Land was chosen to act as deacon and Wilson Fairchilds, clerk. This body was regularly organized as a Baptist church and named Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

After the organization was completed members were called for the following presented themselves: Wilson Fairchilds, Elizabeth Fairchilds, Mary Gray, Mary A. Triplette, Thomas Land, Jane Land, Mary Land, Nancy Land, Unice Miller, John Culler, William Adkins, and Sarah Adkins. Being orthodox in the faith of the Gospel, they were received into the membership of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church on the following principles; "We believe in the one true and ever living God and that God is in some inexpressible manner triune which consists of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one. We believe the Old and New Testament to be the word of God and

the only safe rule or practice. We believe in the universal fall of man and that he is unable to restore himself to the original state of Holiness and that Salvation through Jesus Christ is sufficient to save to the utmost of all that believe in Him. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of the church instituted by Jesus Christ and that church members only are proper persons to take Communion. We believe in the resurrection of the body and the final judgment. We believe the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal. Upon the public acknowledgement of the above articles we constitute them into a regular missionary Baptist church.

The first minutes give no information about a buildings being erected. From an interview of older members, it seems that this church held services for a while in a school house then erected a log building about one mile east of the present building. The only piece of furniture in existence from this building is a home-made bench in the home of W. O. Barnette.

The minutes of the 4th Sunday in November, 1887, state that the church took under consideration the selecting of a site on which to erect a new building. At the December meeting 1887, the church decided to erect a new building near the school house in District No. 65, J. F. Triplette, donated one acre of land the deed is recorded in Book 98 on page 16, in the Register of Deeds office of Wilkes county. The building was to be 24' by 36' and to have six windows and one double door in the end of the building. F. West, T. H. West, and G. F. Hendrix were appointed to get up subscriptions and also to act as a building committee. They reported at the January meeting 1888, that \$321.00 had been raised and 7 to 8 thousand feet of lumber given. The church instructed the building committee to go ahead; added T. C. Land and J. F. Triplette to the building committee; and ordered lumber from the old building used in the new building and the remainder sold.

Some of the members have stated that the present building was erected in 1924, but the minutes says nothing about it.

The church has had pastors as follows: William Church, July, 1849-April, 1851; Jacob Crouch, 1851-1856; John G. Bryan, 1856-1857; James McNeill, 1857-1860; Linville Land, 1860-1861; Joe H. Brown, 1861-1862; (Larkin Pipes elected in November, 1862, but did not serve) F. Carlton, 1862-1863; Linville Land, 1863-1865; J. B. Brown, 1865-1868; Linville Land, 1868-1870; Larkin Hodges, 1870-1872; Joe H. Brown, 1872-1876; Linville Land, 1876-1877; J. F. Eller, 1877-1879; Linville Land, 1879-1880; Larkin Pipes, 1880-1881; M. McNeill, 1881-1883; Larkin Pipes, 1883-1886; Sidney Carroll, 1886-1887; A. S. Church, 1887-1889; A. T. Pardue, 1889-1890; W. M. Leel, 1890-1892; Asa Brown, 1892-1919; Dan Wheeler, 1910-1920; Levi Green, 1920-1929; Ed Hodges, 1929-1952; Raymond Hendrix 1952——.

The minutes mention three times that the church took up a collection for the pastor. At the April meeting, 1909, the church agreed to pay the pastor quarterly and on the 4th Sunday in January, 1925, it

decided to pay him monthly. It seems that the pastor is paid by donations, collections, and gifts.

Clerks of this church have served as follows; William Fairchilds, June, 1849-March, 1853; Thomas Land, March, 1853-June, 1870; William Waters, June, 1870-Feb., 1889; T. C. Land, Feb., 1889-July, 1891; G. F. Hendrix, July, 1891-Dec., 1905; W. O. Barnette elected December, 1905 is still serving as clerk.

Deacons have been elected as follows: Thomas Land, June 30, 1849; E. K. Walsh and A. B. West, October, 1866; Franklin West and wife as deacon and deaconess March, 1884; T. H. West and wife October, 1891; T. J. Watson and wife Carolina March, 1903; J. F. Land and S. J. Barnette as deacons, June, 1924. Green Welborn and W. O. Barnette and wives were later elected deacons and deaconesses and are still serving.

Ministers have been ordained as follows: November, 1854, Linville Land; January, 1858, William R. Miller; September, 1859, A. B. West; and August, 1876, L. B. West.

A Sunday School is first mentioned in the minutes in March, 1879, when the church agreed to organize a Sunday School, in February, 1881, the church sent delegates to a Sunday School meeting at Mount Pleasant and on the 4th Sunday in April, 1881, they made a favorable report to the church and reorganized Sunday School. In July, 1881, the church made up fifty cents for Sunday School and \$1.10 for missions, in July 1883, the church donated fifty cents for Sunday School and \$2.60 for missions. In April, 1892, T. H. West was elected Superintendent, and on the 4th Sunday in March, 1897, Sunday School was reorganized, in February, 1898, was reorganized and literature was ordered it was reorganized again in March, 1902.

The minutes of the Association give the following Sunday School reports: in 1879, there enrolled 25 students and one officer, and in 1882, the church took up a collection in the amount of fifty cents for Sunday School work. In 1888, T. H. West, was elected superintendent and served until 1899; T. C. Land, 1899-1900; T. H. West, 1900-1902; N. H. Robinett, 1902-1903; C. M. Triplette, 1903-1904; S. J. Barnette, 1904-1908; William Minton, 1908-1910; W. O. Barnette, 1910-1914; N. H. Robinette, 1914-1918; W. M. Minton, 1918-1919; S. J. Barnette, 1919-1925; Mrs. I. S. Walsh, 1925-1927; Lelia Barnette, 1927-1929; W. O. Barnette, elected in 1929, is still serving.

It seems from the minutes of the Association that the Sunday School has made much progress. It started in 1879 with 25 students and one officer; increased to 109 in 1908 under William Minton as superintendent; and enrolled 134 in 1919 under S. J. Barnett as superintendent in 1925, while Mrs. I. S. Walsh was superintendent the Sunday School was graded into departments. Last year the enrollment was 69.

The first sixty-one years of the minutes report practically nothing about revivals. In December, 1910, after a revival 11 members joined.

The church experienced many good revivals afterward and kept increasing its membership until it has grown from 12 to 150.

It has been rather strict in disciplining its members. In the early years if a member missed three services, a committee was appointed to visit and invite him to be present at the next meeting. Drinking, betting at shooting matches, gambling, playing cards, cursing and adultery were some of the evils the church had to contend with. One member came to church after a committee visited him and admitted that he had been drinking. He said that he had consulted the Lord about it and he felt like he had been forgiven; and asked the church to forgive him, which it did. In June 1892, the church passed a temperance resolution to withdraw fellowship from any member, who makes, sell or drinks intoxicating liquor or beverages of any kind.

It appears that this church has made considerable progress for the one hundred five years that it has existed; has demonstrated a capacity for work; and has maintained fundamental requirements of Baptist policy.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. Jordan, Historian.

46. Dr. W. W. Miles spoke on the need of completing the histories of our churches while older members could give information. The Association voted to ask the historian to compile these histories by 1955, and also to have them published in book form along with the histories of the Association prepared by the late Dr. H. G. Duncan.

47. As Dr. E. N. Phillips was unable to be present his report was accepted for publication in the minutes. General superintendent, James M. Hayes of the Homes for the Aging, distributed literature and discussed the homes and their problems. Two ladies from our Association are residents. We were urged to support these institutions by gifts, particularly through wills.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR AGING REPORT

The fourth Associational year of the Baptist Homes for the Aging has been one of considerable expansion and encouraging progress. There are many evidences of the continued blessing of God upon this newest phase of our North Carolina Baptist program.

A step forward was taken when the Albemarle Home opened its doors on December 7, 1953. It afforded space for 35 additional residents, making the total capacity of the two Homes 54 residents—Resthaven, Winston-Salem (19), and the Albemarle Home (35). The purchase price of the property at Albemarle—Hospital and Nurses Home buildings and 3 acres of land—was \$25,000. The cost of renovation was about \$75,000, thus making the total cost of this plant \$100,000. But, with the value of the equipment donated, the property there should now be worth at least \$300,000. Good fortune was ours again in securing the splendid staff of helpers at Albemarle. Rev. Zeb. A. Caudle, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Aberdeen, was

selected to serve as superintendent of the Albemarle Home. Both the residents of, and all who have visited, the Home have been greatly pleased with the program of service.

Resthaven, at Winston-Salem, which began operating March 16, 1951, has been filled to capacity throughout the year. Although the ages in both Homes range from 67 to 94 years, there has been no death within the past year. The general health has been remarkably good, and the spirit of satisfaction on the part of the residents has been most encouraging. The greatest loss came from the retirement of Miss Edna L. Heinzerling, supervisor of Resthaven since its opening. She had rendered most acceptable service. Mrs. Ethel Fulghum, a resident of Resthaven, was selected to act as supervisor temporarily.

A tract of 34 acres of land, just outside of the city limits of Winston-Salem, was purchased in 1953, for a central site for new buildings. The cost was \$25,000. A topographical map has been made and an architect engaged to prepare sketches of buildings to be erected on this central site, as money and circumstances will permit. It is the intention of the trustees, however, to proceed with one building at a time. The first unit will furnish space for additional residents and for offices, chapel, infirmary, laundry, refrigeration, etc. It is hoped that construction of the first unit can get under way within a year.

Inquiries have been received as to the possibility of a couple erecting a cottage on the central site, so that they might live in it until death, and then the cottage would be available to another couple. The cost of erecting and furnishing it would be paid by the couple, but it would become the property of the North Carolina Baptist Homes.

The second Special Day Offering, February 21, 1954, was encouraging. The total amount will probably be \$65,000 to \$70,000. In addition, the Homes received \$21,000 as their share of the Nine-Year Program. Word has come, too, of wills, from which the Homes will receive gifts. At least one will was probated in 1954, from which estate the Homes will receive \$2,000. But the most encouraging progress has been the response, on the part of our churches, to the program of the Homes. More and more of them are beginning to support the Homes through the Special Day Offering, or by specially designated gifts. These evidences indicate the future success of the Homes in providing more facilities and accommodating larger numbers of aging friends.

The residents and all who are serving in the Homes are deeply grateful for the help received thus far, and they covet the prayers and continued support of our Baptist constituency in the future.

It is requested that an Associational representative be elected at this session, and the name be sent to General Superintendent J. M. Hayes, Kentucky Avenue, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,
E. N. Phillips.

It was voted to include in our minutes recognition of tracts sent out by the American Bible Society.

49. Rev. LeRoy Thomas presented the report on retirement for ministers. He pointed out the merits of the plan and volunteered to explain it to any group considering its adoption. The report was accepted and is recorded as follows:

Report On Minister's Retirement

The purpose of the North Carolina Baptist Minister's Retirement Plan is to provide financial help for ministers and their wives and full time church employees during the evening hours of their lives.

It is so designed that churches, pastors and our State Convention can co-operate in providing something for old age. In this way the burden of caring for retired ministers does not fall on the last church served. Surely this is right.

The Pastor pays 4% of his Salary, the church, or churches, pay 4% and the State Convention 2½%.

Dues are paid monthly or quarterly in the middle of the period.

Funds are handled by our own Relief and Annuity Board and no one makes a cent of profit out of it; and all amounts earn interest. Anyone entering this Plan cannot lose for he can, at any time withdraw his membership and receive every cent he himself has paid into the plan plus interest.

If a pastor wishes he can pay an additional 1½% into The Widows' Supplement Plan, then the Convention pays an equal amount so that 3% of his Salary is put aside and draws interest and builds up a fund from which annuities will be paid in the event a member dies before reaching the retirement age which is 65.

Upon reaching the age of 65, a minister may retire or he may continue to work. If he does not retire he continues to pay into the plan. In any event he will be entitled to age benefits upon retirement. If a pastor becomes permanently and totally disabled before reaching the age of 65, an annuity is paid in proportion to the salary upon which he was paid and the number of years he has been in the plan.

The Raleigh Office is ready and anxious to furnish full information to pastors, deacons and members of finance committees and as far as possible, the members of the Convention Staff will be happy to visit pastors or churches who desire information, with a view to entering the plan.

We urge all Pastors to enter at once.

Respectfully submitted,
LeRoy Thomas.

50. The Brotherhood report was brought by Ray Blevins and adopted by the Association. It appears as follows:

REPORT ON BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD

"I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be

transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:1-2.

To report the accomplishments of the Brotherhoods in those churches where the lawmen have organized would be to report the work of the entire church program. The Brotherhood is not another organization to support, but an organized effort to support the entire church program. As our churches grow and more men are available for work, a greater program can be accomplished by given direction to the individual effort.

During the past year one additional church has organized a Brotherhood. November 20, 1953, Horace Easom, Sate Brotherhood Secretary, assisted the men in Wilkesboro Church in organizing. Twenty-four men were enrolled at the first meeting. Our Associational officers also assisted in the organization of a Brotherhood in a neighboring Association.

December 4, 1953 a State-wide planning meeting was held in Charlotte and as a follow up an executive committee meeting was held at the home of Rev. E. J. Jenkins. Plans were made for one Associational and one Regional meeting for the year. The Associational meeting was held January 18, 1954 at which time testimonials were heard from one representative from each Brotherhood and the principal address was given by the Rev. R. L. Franklin.

The Region Seven meeting was held May 11, 1954. From seven o'clock until 8 a clinic was held under the guidance of our state officers. At eight o'clock an inspirational meeting began and was climaxed with an address by Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth of Boone, N. C.

Nominations have been made for officers for this year and I am sure that much progress will be made under the leadership of your new officers. I appreciate very much the support you have given me in this work and am sure you will continue in your faithfulness to all who are trying to best serve God in whatever capacity they are called.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond Blevins

51. The report on social service and Civic righteousness brought by Hunter Church was adopted and is herein recorded.

SOCIAL SERVICE AND CIVIC RIGHTEOUSNESS REPORT

In spite of the fact that we do have some pessimists, I would like for us to look with an optimistic eye for just a few moments. Progress has been made in our homes. In the last few years people have built new homes, remodeled others, installed baths, bought electric appliances, home freezers and many other things to make home life more pleasant.

But more important is the progress made in our church building.

Hardly a church can be found that has not rebuilt or remodeled its plant.

Our school buildings have been greatly improved: new and larger buildings, lunch rooms, and the like. Teachers have lighter loads and can do a better job with our young folks.

Sunday School attendance is greater. Added departments have created more interests to more people.

Also of great value to our good health is the new health center in Wilkesboro. Dr. Jacobs of Charlotte holds his clinic for crippled children there. Other services are too numerous to mention.

A rescue squad of ten trained first aid men equipped with respirators, rescue boats, an ambulance and other equipment, has been organized to meet any emergency that may arise. This we hope will be enlarged in the near future. Underway under construction is the Y. M. C. A. building. Here we hope and believe our young people, and perhaps some of our older ones, will receive valuable physical, mental, and religious training. It will help many to acquire a richer and fuller life. We believe that as long as we can keep our young people engaged in activities of character building quality that we are not only helping develop good characters and personalities, but are also keeping down juvenile delinquency.

Much interest has been shown by our Home Demonstration Club Women. They have stressed the right kind of food, clothing, homes and surroundings and community welfare.

The report of the Allied Church League is very good. It shows that some of our counties have voted out ABC stores and more elections are scheduled for January and February. The committee on good government has made special effort to get candidates for the General Assembly to vote for a state wide liquor referendum, to oppose the so called "gag rule" and to disapprove of legalized gambling. They should favor temperance education in our churches, schools, and seminaries.

Several of our churches have organized Brotherhoods which are a forward step. Through them we shall gain better understanding and fellowship in our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Hunter Church

52. The Allied Church League was represented by Rev. R. M. Hauss, who spoke in his inimitable manner. He declared that as a church we do a great deal of talking but show little action. He urged us to combat the slogan "It isn't wrong to take a social drink." In some manner we must curtail the advertisements on radio and television, and must make our homes a place where sobriety is encouraged. The Association voted to set aside December 5th as commitment day against alcohol.

53. Rev. E. J. Jenkins made a strong plea to clean up the drinking and immoral practices on the church property within this Association. After some difference of opinion as to the best manner of dealing with

the situation, it was agreed that we should do all within our means to end this desecration of our church property.

54. Mrs. LeRoy Thomas read the report of the Resolutions Committee. It was accepted by the Association.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We the Committee on Resolutions for the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association meeting in its 83rd. annual session wish to express our deep appreciation to Pleasant Home and Mount Zion Churches for their generous hospitality made evident through a bountiful meal and lovely flowers for both sessions.

We are grateful to the program committee for a splendid and inspiring as well as informing program. Also we are appreciative for the visiting brethren who brought us greeting and messages from our colleges and other organizations. To our Associational Missionary, Rev. E. J. Jenkins and his wife, we extend thanks for the fine work they have done. Likewise we are grateful for the splendid leadership of our Moderator John V. Idol; for the painstaking work of our clerk Mrs. H. G. Duncan; for the untiring services of our Historian J. F. Jordan; and for the many services too numerous to mention rendered by the other officers and departmental heads of our Association.

We further resolve that we go on record as requesting that all books and literature being sold by agents in our Association, be carefully examined and have a written endorsement by the pastor before being purchased by our people.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. LeRoy Thomas
J. C. McNeil
Mrs. Charles Shumaker

55. By vote of the Association the eighty-third annual meeting of the Brushy Mountain Association was adjourned. The closing prayer was offered by Dr. W. W. Miles.

OTHER MINISTERS BELONGING TO CHURCHES IN THE ASSOCIATION

W. D. Blackburn, Boomer
Wiley H. Carrol, Millers Creek
C. M. Cope, North Wilkesboro
Carr Dancy, North Wilkesboro
LeRoy Eller, Moravian Falls
Earl Ellis, Lenoir
Vernon Eller, Purlear, R. 1
John Higgins, Wilkesboro, R. 1
Thomas Holder, Sanford
S. A. Jones, North Wilkesboro
B. C. Jordon, Traphill

Thurmond Kilby, Boomer
W. W. Miles, Wilkesboro
Ed. O. Miller, North Wilkesboro
B. L. Minton, Wilkesboro, R. 1
Ralph Miller, North Wilkesboro
Wake Payne, Boomer
Howard Pennel, Wilkesboro, R. 1
Kelley Pipes, Moravian Falls, R. 2
Carl Phillips, Wilkesboro, R. 1
J. C. Pruitt, North Wilkesboro
George Osborne, North Wilkesboro, R. 4
S. I. Watts, Boomer
R. S. Whittington, Millers Creek, R. 1

IN MEMORIAM

- Big Ivey—Mrs. Lucritia Beshears
Davis Memorial—Mr. Ralph Ferguson.
Edgewood—Mrs. Maggie Fletcher
Elk—Mr. W. A. Proffit (Deacon)
Fishing Creek—Mr. H. M. Anderson (Deacon)
Lewis Fork—Miss Ida Church, Mrs. Lee Walsh, Mr. J. R. Triplett, Mr. Lee Blackburn (Deacon)
Liberty Grove—Mrs. Martha Cothorn, Mrs. Leila Henderson.
Little Rock—Mr. Lewis Walker, Mrs. Mary Lackey, Mr. Tom Parsons.
Moravian Falls—Mrs. R. L. Scroggs, Master Bruce Pool.
Mount Carmel—Mr. Jake B. Laws, (Deacon), Mrs. Janie Mc-Niel Robertson.
Mount Pleasant—Mr. Franklin Harris, Mrs. Susie Eller, Mr. W. Cicero Triplett (Deacon).
Mount Zion—Mrs. Edna Welch Cortez.
New Hope—Mrs. Virgie Church, Mr. Com Eller, Miss Valenia Fletcher.
North Wilkesboro, First—Mrs. N. H. Waugh, Mr. M. G. Steelman, Mr. Ira D. Payne (Deacon), Mr. W. O. Johnson, Mr. W. C. Bentley, Mrs. Lizzie Kuhn, Mr. W. A. Bullis, Mr. John Brown, Mr. T. J. Frazier.
North Wilkesboro, Hinshaw—Mr. I. S. Baity (Deacon), Mr. Albert Settle, Mr. J. R. Stout.
Oakwoods—Mr. I. P. Anderson (Deacon), Mr. W. A. Ellis (Deacon), Mr. Herbert Dressler.
Pleasant Home—Mrs. H. C. Kilby (Deaconess), Mr. Jesse Pierce, Mr. Claude Rash.
Shady Grove—Mr. D. K. Greene.
Sharon Walker—Mr. Monroe Edminston.
Walnut Grove—Mr. Landon Frazier, Mrs. Lorina Joines, Mrs. Lou Bentley Kain.
Wilkesboro—Mrs. Eunice Reins Staley, Miss Mable Hendren.
Zion Hill—Mr. Burchette Hamby.

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES				TOTAL						Special Information			
				Baptism	Letters and Other Adms	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-res. Members	Grand Total	Pres. Members	Male Membership	Female Membership	Revival Meetings	No. Titlers	State Paper in Budget	No. Missions Supported by Church	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)
Beaver Creek.....	R	1719	1, 4	4		2	98	67	165	68	97	1				720.00	
Big Ivy.....	R	1883	1	3		4	12	54	66	33	33	1				55.00	
Boiling Springs.....	R	1932	1, 3				71	52	127	61	66	1				325.26	
Cub Creek.....	R	1862	2, 4	8		1	141	20	161	76	85	2		YES		738.77	
Davis Memorial.....	R	1944	1, 3	3		2	92	8	100	39	61	1				640.79	
Edgewood.....	R	1893	1, 3	3		2	94	71	165	69	96	1	3			600.00	
Elk.....	R	1905	1, 3	7		2	100	20	120	40	60	1				351.71	
Fishing Creek.....	R	1822	2, 4	38		15	321	62	383	145	238	2	14			2,322.04	
Gordon.....	R	1918	2, 4	14		8	193	39	232	86	146	1				600.00	
Goshen.....	R	1914	1, 3	7		5	72	66	138	62	76	2				250.00	
Gospel Baptist.....	R	1946	1, 3	7		5	62	53	115	47	68	2				650.00	
Harmony.....	R	1900	1, 3	8		7	68	47	115	63	52	2	4			559.00	
Lewis Fork.....	R	1792	1, 3	11		5	295	154	449	198	251	2	3			900.00	
Liberty Grove.....	R	1886	1, 3	11		3	177	46	223	88	135	2	11			1,200.00	
Little Rock.....	R	1866	2, 4	10		2	165	56	221	85	136	1				900.00	
Moravian Falls.....	V	1886	2, 4	11		16	147	42	189	72	117	1	5			1,264.00	
Mount Carmel.....	R	1880	1, 3	25		6	91	25	116	48	68	4	4			254.00	
Mount Pleasant.....	R	1875	2, 4	6		3	194	144	335	146	188	1	8			1,200.00	
Mount Zion.....	R	1849	2, 4	19		1	115	37	152	65	97	1				632.00	
New Hope.....	R	1830	2, 4	3		1	190	30	222	85	137	1				1,440.00	
N. Wilkesboro, First.....	C	1892	ALL	14		28	671	143	814	330	484	1	150			5,800.00	
N. Wilkesboro Second.....	C	1907	2, 4	4		2	92	52	144	47	97	2				86.09	
N. Wilkesboro Hinshaw.....	C	1927	ALL	6		12	279	100	379	150	229	2				3,260.00	
Oak Grove.....	R	1943	1, 3				25	10	35	15	20	1				60.00	
Oakwoods.....	R	1914	2, 4	15		4	203	30	233	85	148	2	16			623.00	
Pilgrim.....	R	1859	3	10		4	100	51	151	65	86	1				225.53	
Pleasant Grove.....	R	1884	1	4		2	150	30	180	68	112	1	12			364.72	
Pleasant Home.....	R	1880	1, 3	3		2	270	40	310	150	160	1	12			1,506.75	
Purlear.....	V	1932	1, 3	5		1	90	60	150	70	80	2				900.00	
Roaring River.....	V	1908	2, 4	1		7	53	37	90	34	56	1				1,200.00	
Shady Grove.....	R	1880	2, 4	14		2	33	15	48	20	28	4				173.00	
Sharon Walker.....	R	1947	2, 4	13		1	68	9	77	28	49	4				503.00	
Stony Hill.....	R	1845	2, 4	13		1	71	72	143	65	78	2	2			395.56	
Walnut Grove.....	R	1845	1, 3	16		2	282	87	369	170	199	2				1,200.00	
Welcome Home.....	R	1836	1, 3	10		17	44	221	248	106	142	1	20			1,440.00	
Wilkesboro.....	T	1880	ALL	23		24	12	348	72	420	170	250	2	41		3,900.00	
Zion Hill.....	R	1814	2, 4	6		4	11	183	65	248	85	163	2			1,901.46	

Totals.....

342 185 253 5837 1993 7833 9234 4588 54 293

1 \$839,141.68

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Dept.	Ore. Not Counted	Mission S. S. Enl.	Grand Total S. S.	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible Sch. Enrollment	Average V. B. S. Attendance	Jan. Bible Study	No. Training Sch.
Beaver Creek.....	Clinard E. Johnson, Ferguson.....	.....	.....	4	6	17	16	15	30	.....	8	.....	96	45	37	37	.....	.....
Big Ivey.....	Julia Summerlin, Purlear.....	.....	.....	4	6	.....	4	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	25	20	16	14	.....	.....
Boiling Springs.....	Turner Hoffman, Purlear, R. 1.....	.....	.....	15	10	17	7	20	29	3	6	.....	107	65	29	27	.....	1
Cub Creek.....	Robert Pegrarn, Wilkesboro, R. 2.....	.....	11	9	12	21	19	21	70	.....	2	.....	185	111	86	79	.....	.....
Davis Memorial.....	Earl Fairchild, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2.....	.....	11	9	12	17	20	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	117	41	36	.....	1
Edgewood.....	M. M. Anderson, Sr., Wilkesboro.....	.....	.....	7	11	23	9	7	26	.....	.....	.....	85	47	45	37	.....	.....
Elk.....	J. H. Edmisten, Ferguson.....	.....	.....	17	15	15	15	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	76	45	50	48	.....	.....
Fishing Creek.....	C. B. Mayberry, N. Wilkesboro, R. 3.....	21	15	57	50	67	55	55	93	20	2	.....	435	291	179	162	.....	.....
Gordon.....	W. P. Carson, N. Wilkesboro.....	.....	.....	6	12	11	12	14	28	.....	9	.....	92	75	58	47	.....	.....
Goshen.....	Clay Crisp, Boomer.....	8	12	7	15	7	14	35	.....	.....	1	.....	99	76	30	23	.....	.....
Gospel Baptist.....	Howard Bumgarner, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4.....	.....	.....	29	.....	28	.....	36	32	.....	.....	.....	125	78	84	72	.....	.....
Harmony.....	Willie Bungarner, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4.....	.....	.....	18	.....	20	.....	17	40	.....	.....	.....	95	65	42	34	.....	.....
Lewis Fork.....	Vernon Dyer, Purlear, R. 1.....	.....	.....	29	13	35	27	22	107	.....	.....	.....	233	127	92	84	.....	.....
Liberty Grove.....	Tam Hutchinson, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4.....	.....	.....	16	16	20	28	18	32	13	8	.....	151	91	57	45	.....	.....
Little Rock.....	Ray Parsons, Boomer, R. 1.....	.....	14	19	24	24	24	29	40	.....	.....	.....	174	116	77	75	.....	.....
Moravian Falls.....	Lawrence G. Critcher, Moravian Falls.....	.....	.....	10	11	8	17	14	17	75	3	.....	153	86	84	78	.....	.....
Mount Carmel.....	Arnold Wilson, Moravian Falls, R. 2.....	10	.....	38	.....	26	25	.....	38	.....	.....	.....	137	70	98	83	.....	.....
Mount Pleasant.....	Curtis Green, Purlear, R. 1.....	.....	.....	16	20	15	25	27	58	.....	.....	.....	161	118	66	53	.....	.....
Mount Zion.....	W. O. Barnett Ferguson, R. 1.....	.....	.....	8	.....	4	.....	22	40	.....	.....	.....	74	50	41	32	.....	.....
New Hope.....	Wayne Vannoy, Purlear, R. 1.....	.....	.....	24	26	24	49	23	69	.....	.....	.....	215	146	77	61	.....	.....
N. Wilkesboro, First.....	D. E. Elledge, N. Wilkesboro.....	30	53	41	65	63	105	24	408	30	3	140	962	408	161	129	1	1
N. Wilkesboro Second.....	Roscoe B. Porter, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2.....	.....	22	17	30	13	16	15	37	.....	.....	.....	150	64	70	65	.....	.....
N. Wilkesboro Hinshaw.....	Julius Brock, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4.....	.....	.....	30	40	30	22	20	125	.....	2	.....	269	225	174	132	.....	.....
Oak Grove.....	E. E. Stanley, Millers Creek, R. 1.....	.....	4	18	.....	20	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	60	45	24	22	.....	.....
Oakwoods.....	Archie Ellis, Wilkesboro, R. 2.....	.....	26	18	40	15	18	41	15	.....	.....	.....	158	80	67	54	.....	.....
Pilgrim.....	.....	.....	36	17	17	22	28	.....	28	.....	7	.....	127	54	66	59	.....	1
Pleasant Grove.....	J. L. Parson, Wilkesboro, R. 1.....	.....	.....	12	9	21	8	.....	34	.....	7	.....	91	71	40	31	.....	.....
Pleasant Home.....	Gwyn Vannoy, Wilbar, R. 1.....	10	20	17	28	31	69	113	.....	.....	2	.....	288	180	59	55	.....	.....
Purlear.....	D. C. Whittington, Purlear, R. 1.....	.....	10	15	15	20	15	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	110	85	83	72	.....	1
Roaring River.....	O. M. Proffit, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2.....	.....	10	15	15	9	16	46	3	.....	6	.....	120	70	81	71	.....	.....
Shady Grove.....	Mrs. Gertrude Eller.....	3	.....	6	6	6	10	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	20	20	19	.....	.....
Sharon Walker.....	T. R. Barlow, Boomer, R.....	.....	6	10	8	8	10	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	50	31	29	.....	.....
Stony Hill.....	G. S. McNeil, Purlear, R. 1.....	.....	9	15	15	13	18	.....	18	.....	6	.....	80	49	32	29	.....	.....
Walnut Grove.....	Chack Brock, N. Wilkesboro.....	.....	23	17	18	26	39	60	10	.....	.....	.....	193	105	80	68	.....	.....
Welcome Home.....	Chalmer Dyer, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4.....	.....	25	31	36	32	39	98	.....	.....	11	.....	272	153	115	94	.....	.....
Wilkesboro.....	J. E. Switzer, Mo. Falls Hwy. Wilkesboro.....	13	14	24	46	56	65	.....	116	12	3	.....	349	185	157	126	.....	.....
Zion Hill.....	W. J. Earp, Boomer.....	18	10	25	19	30	33	29	65	8	.....	.....	237	110	105	86	.....	.....
Totals.....	.....	95,198	694	572	833	793	714	2176	89	97	140	6,400	37,932	26,542	29,681	61	3	.....

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES										Av. Attendance
	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Gen. Ofc. En'l	Grand Total En'l		
Cub Creek.....		10	5	12	7	16	...	50	37		
Edgewood.....		6	11	8	...	4	1	30	19		
Harmony.....	Faye Davis, Wilkesboro, R. 2.	8	12	13	...	28	...	61	37		
Lewis Fork.....	Mrs. Trula Mc Guire, N. Wilkesboro, R. 3.	4	11	5	5	9	6	40	33		
Liberty Grove.....	Orson L. Phillips, Millers Creek, R. 1.	2	5	11	14	3	12	54	40		
Little Rock.....	Mrs. Mary Hutchinson, N. Wilksb. R. 4.	...	13	7	11	...	6	50	46		
Mount Carmel.....	E. E. Griffin, Boomer, R. 1.	...	29	18	17	...	19	4	87		
New Hope.....	Odell Watts, Boomer.	9	16	...	10	29	5	69	42		
North Wilkesboro, First.....	Mrs. Ruby Vannoy, Purlear.	4	8	38	52	13	39	8	162		
North Wilkesboro, Hinshaw.....	Charlie Lenderman, N. Wilkesboro.	5	10	15	18	12	37	4	101		
North Wilkesboro, Second.....	Mrs. Dossie Berrong, N. Wilksb. 2nd. St.	6	9	17	15	10	6	12	3		
Pleasant Home.....	Jim Foster, Millers Creek, R. 1.	6	10	17	4	13	...	2	52		
Purlear.....	Gwyn Nichols, Millers Creek.	6	7	7	9	...	13	12	48		
Roaring River.....	Miss Zell Harris, Roaring River.	3	14	6	12	18	6	25	9		
Stony Hill.....	Mrs. C. O. Patsons, Purlear, R. 1.	3	...	10	6	7	10	...	36		
Walnut Grove.....	Lee Bentley, Moravian Falls, R. 2.	...	4	13	13	10	14	6	60		
Welcome Home.....	Paul Snider, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4.	8	7	22	26	14	30	3	110		
Wilkesboro.....	Stokes Pearson, Wilkesboro.	9	18	55	31	...	18	2	133		
Totals.....		207	152	295	267	106	328	71	1314	734	

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES										Total Titheers	
	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. En'l.	Y. W. A. En'l.	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled		Sunbeam Enrolled
Fishing Creek.....	1	1	2	2	2	8	35	11	29	40	48	163
Liberty Grove.....	1	1	1	1	1	4	22	10	13	9	...	54
Mount Pleasant.....	1	1	1	1	1	5	25	9	14	5	20	73
New Hope.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	...	...	...	...	9
North Wilkesboro, First.....	1	2	3	1	1	8	179	20	26	12	10	247
North Wilkesboro, Second.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	7	13	...	...	...	20
North Wilkesboro, Hinshaw.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	30	20	20	...	...	50
Oakwoods.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	22	20	20	...	...	42
Pleasant Home.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	...	...	...	...	20
Roaring River.....	1	1	1	1	1	4	16	...	6	12	17	51
Welcome Home.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	48	...	17	...	...	65
Wilkesboro.....	1	1	1	1	1	3	67	...	17	...	19	103
Totals.....	12	6	12	6	6	64	424	80	162	78	114	897

TABLE F—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Receipts Through All Organizations for Year	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing	Local Missions and Beneficences	Revol. Expenses & Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Grand Total	Local Expense
Beaver Creek.....	J. Parks Hayes, Boomer, R. 1.	1852.94		58.02	632.64	65.54	10.00	60.00		194.14	1020.34	518.00	1538.34	
Big Ivey.....	Julia Summerlin	60.00				8.00					8.00	52.00	60.00	
Boiling Springs.....	Turner Hoffman	1940.52			26.00	75.40	7.00	79.00		61.05	248.45	325.26	573.71	
Cab Creek.....	Mrs. Ola B. Hill, Wilksb., R. 2.	3846.16	75.00	363.80	1227.00	340.97	282.47	288.97		111.96	2690.17	738.77	3428.94	
Davis Mem.....	E. M. Huffman, Wilksb., R. 1.	2796.12	15.00	25.53	1681.00	114.98		5.00		63.37	1904.88	640.79	2545.67	
Edgewood.....	Clifford Moore, N. Wlk., R. 3.	5533.39	.35			96.67		70.00		55.28	222.30	659.08	881.38	
Elk.....	Mrs. W. T. McNeil, Ferguson	1390.30									211.38	351.35	562.73	
Fishing Creek.....	David W. Miller	8538.79	212.58	679.99	725.88	502.74	339.61	306.12	361.90	378.80	3507.62	2322.04	5829.66	
Gordon.....	W. P. Carson, N. Wilkesboro	2200.09	325.00	19.97		107.87		106.10	600.00	330.90	1489.84	650.00	2139.84	
Goshen.....	Mrs. Linnie Bumgarner, Bmr.	2430.50	84.00	35.05		98.71		144.73	600.00	528.91	1491.40	348.73	1840.13	
Harpel Baptist.....	James Faw, N. Wilksb., R. 4.	1427.64			100.00	59.50	15.00	66.43	430.00	75.00	730.93	482.00	1212.93	
Harmony.....	L. A. Minton, Wilksb., R. 1.	1737.42	130.14	154.94		72.22		58.06		83.77	514.13	559.34	1073.47	
Lewis Fork.....	Mrs. W. P. Davis, Purlear, R. 1	3155.07	165.00	172.01	101.59	267.50	225.95	400.00		257.70	1589.75	900.00	2489.75	
Liberty Grove.....	Mrs. Ena Taylor, N. Wlk., R. 2.	3795.64	213.89	213.89		252.42	75.52	302.08	450.00	341.78	1185.69	950.00	2135.69	
Little Rock.....	Mrs. John Andrews, Bmr., R. 1	2920.78	104.00	152.35		156.78		248.05		645.00	1756.78	900.00	2656.78	
Mor. Falls.....	Mrs. Perry Love, Wlk., R. 2.	5919.51	120.00	46.78	3716.54	312.98	432.83	156.14		100.34	4885.61	1264.18	6149.79	
Mt. Carmel.....	W. H. Lovette, Mo. Falls, R. 2.	583.53				96.26	52.35	93.00		37.86	279.47	254.55	534.02	
Mt. Pleasant.....	A. G. Church, Ferguson, R. 1.	3273.74	300.00	315.25	1891.48	152.07	64.78	141.50	1000.00	496.58	4361.66	1200.00	5561.66	
Mt. Zion.....	D. M. Triplett, Ferguson, R. 1	1173.50	36.00	100.00		38.79		90.27		163.24	428.30	632.23	1060.53	
New Hope.....	J. T. Vannoy, Jr., N. Wilksb.,	4673.73	180.00	260.81	1612.61	160.17	47.59	336.58			2597.67	1440.00	4037.67	
N. W., First.....	U. W. Foster, E. E. Eller, N. W.	48300.72	7816.80	1634.15	9655.24	2141.12	750.00	66.80			32651.69	4135.00	36786.69	
N. W., Second.....	Mrs. Mary A. Shumate, N. W.	551.63	84.29			85.87		80.00			356.45	86.09	442.54	
N. W., Hshw.....	C. H. Lenderman, N. Wilksb.	10812.28	435.00	428.73	3321.15	490.35		200.00	1300.00	387.07	6762.30	3260.00	10022.30	
Oak Grove.....	W. C. Smith, Mrs. Crk., R. 1.	106.63								10.00	10.00	60.00	70.00	
Oakwoods.....	Archie Anderson, Wlk., R. 2	2375.82		143.47	206.95	177.67		184.22	650.64	265.85	1628.80	623.46	2352.26	
Pilgrim.....	Carson Nichols, Wilksb., R. 1.	934.41	180.00	167.28		91.39	100.80	80.97			621.04	225.53	846.57.	
Plnt. Grove.....	V. M. Baker, Wilkesboro, R. 1.	960.79		28.91		65.24		30.00		225.28	349.43	364.72	714.15	
Plnt. Home.....	Miss Minnie McNeil, Mrs. Crk.	3047.98									278.28	1506.75	1785.03	
Purlear.....	Wayne Yates, Purlear, R. 1.	4846.63	240.00	746.10	1724.00	160.00	125.60	118.50		13.81	3002.41	900.00	3902.41	
Roaring River.....	Mrs. J. P. Pardue, Roaring R.	2286.15		31.60		127.67		26.14		452.99	764.00	960.00	1724.00	
Shady Grove.....	Guy Eller, Wilkesboro, R. 1.	219.25				24.40				6.85	31.25	173.00	204.25	
Sharon Walker.....	Junie Walker, Boomer	957.71				57.65		209.45		22.42	441.34	503.12	944.46	
Stony Hill.....	Mrs. J. B. Baker, Purlear, R. 1	882.23		80.16		100.41	59.10	163.00			402.67	395.56	798.23	
Walnut Grove.....	W. P. Hendren, Moravian Falls	3234.91	150.00	232.88		232.88	225.00	234.97		156.00	998.85	1200.00	2198.85	
Welcome H.....	Ray Lankford, N. Wlkab, R. 4	4834.19	102.00	236.46		310.46	246.02	221.59	1914.44		3030.97	1440.00	4470.97	
Wilkesboro.....	J. R. Friester, Wilkesboro	17210.12	1181.47	2348.59	52.31	1066.54	51.65	338.00		670.74	5706.30	4135.00	9841.30	
Zion Hill.....	Atwell German, Boomer.....	3813.64		145.00	248.97	119.67	198.10	223.00		420.40	1355.14	1901.46	3256.60	
Totals.....		164614.46	11851.99	8673.48	27123.36	8231.49	3418.39	5125.67	13950.00	11278.68	89470.58	37058.01	126528.59	

TABLE G—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Other Objects	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure for All Purposes
Beaver Creek	Warren J. Horton, Sr., Ferguson, R. 1	12.89	126.00					75.00	25.33		239.22	1777.56
Big Ivey	Odeil Beshears, Purlear	3.51							5.00		8.51	68.51
Boiling Springs	Turner Hoffman, Purlear, R. 1	3.66	36.00	24.90	3.50	3.50		16.25	16.00	63.00	166.81	740.52
Cub Creek	Robert Pegrarn, Wilkesboro, R. 2	18.15	60.00	25.00	58.50		31.52	300.52	38.00	531.69	531.69	3960.63
Davis Memorial	Mrs. Elva Johnson, Ferguson, R. 1	12.00	24.00					17.65	8.35	62.00	62.00	2607.67
Edgewood	Miss Della Bumgarner, Wksb., R. 2	24.00	30.00	2.00	4.00	2.00		34.20	22.45	118.65	118.65	1000.03
Elk	Mrs. H. G. Proffitt, Ferguson	8.68	24.00	20.00				120.58	10.50	44.24	228.00	790.73
Fishing Creek	G. Warner Miller, N. Wksb., R. 3	116.39	60.00	107.81	14.28	103.22		175.16	90.45	125.42	792.73	6622.39
Gordon	Walter R. Burgess, N. Wksb., R. 4							50.25	10.00	60.25	60.25	2300.09
Goshen	James L. Walsh, Wksb., R. 1	8.77						26.50	25.00	15.00	75.27	1840.13
Gospel Baptist	James Freeman, N. Wksb., R. 4	43.40	10.93			4.00		4.50	17.89	6.68	69.51	1282.44
Harmony	L. A. Minton, Wilkesboro, R. 1	8.61						50.00	29.25	14.51	91.01	1164.48
Lewis Fork	C. H. Jones, Purlear, R. 1	22.64	24.00			16.00	27.00	35.63	32.40	32.40	319.32	2644.27
Liberty Grove	Ben J. Johnson, N. Wksb., R. 2	85.54	50.00	35.26		20.54		41.58	54.00	24.00	264.00	2455.01
Little Rock	Ray Parsons, Boomer, R. 1	60.00	60.00	45.00	45.00	45.90		255.00	60.00	45.00	499.90	6649.69
Moravian Falls	Mrs. Bernice P. Greer, Mo. Falls							10.00	15.00		49.51	583.53
Mount Carmel	W. H. Lovett, Mo. Falls, R. 2	48.35	60.00	12.44	28.88	40.65		50.55	51.50	27.40	319.78	5881.44
Mount Pleasant	Bruce Miles, Ferguson, R. 1		7.25	7.23	4.52	4.52		71.02	18.23	112.77	112.77	1742.27
Mount Zion	W. O. Barnett, Ferguson, R. 1		60.00			31.27		73.40	303.99	245.76	245.76	4283.52
New Hope	Hadley Canter, N. Wilkesboro	50.00	60.00	800.00	400.00	409.45	2305.55	851.88	303.92	823.60	9826.75	46613.44
N. Wilkesboro 1s	J. E. Caudill, N. Wilkesboro	2532.35	1400.00	1.81	5.00	4.00	46.23	36.15	5.95	109.09	109.09	551.63
N. Wilkesboro 2s	Mrs. Fannie Benton, N. Wksb., Minter Cleary, N. Wilkesboro	9.95		27.80	21.79	10.00		85.00	50.45	198.40	445.44	10467.74
N. W., Hinshaw	Mrs. Virgil Stanley, Millers Ck., R. 1	4.80	1.43		23.60			6.80		36.63	36.63	106.63
Oak Grove	J. H. Stroud, Wilkesboro, Box 87	35.95	8.00	36.00	15.00	10.00		52.45	23.84	26.22	157.40	2409.66
Oakwoods	Sloan Deal, Millers Creek, R. 1		12.50					25.00	25.00	176.64	87.56	934.13
Pilgrim	Bruce Crane, Wilkesboro, R. 1			20.00				25.00	25.00	615.95	246.64	960.79
Pleasant Grove	Miss Minnie McNeill, M. Creek, R. 1	62.00	45.00	100.00	35.00	50.00		220.00	135.00	1262.95	1262.95	3047.98
Pleasant Home	Wayne Yates, Purlear, R. 1	10.74						36.00	19.11	25.65	91.50	3993.91
Purlear	Eula Lytton, Roaring River	83.51	100.00		13.10	16.00		90.38	85.00	136.80	524.79	2248.79
Roaring River	J. C. Church, Wilkesboro							6.00		9.00	15.00	219.25
Shady Grove	George Walker, Boomer, R. 1			15.00				26.00	13.25	20.00	13.25	957.71
Sharon Walker	Mrs. John W. Craven, Purlear, R. 1		60.00	70.00	25.00	10.00	15.00	275.00	14.00	85.00	85.00	883.23
Stony Hill	Miss Madge M. Jennings, Mo. Falls	14.72	42.00	5.00	84.00	40.00		35.17	50.00	152.75	687.47	2886.32
Walnut Grove	Gwyn J. Eller, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4	123.88	600.00	109.94	73.50	130.98	1125.22	697.42	85.72	447.52	363.22	4834.19
Welcome Home	Charles C. McNeill, Wilkesboro	995.32						297.51	72.47	426.52	426.52	14106.92
Wilkesboro	Earl German, Boomer	13.78				173.28		4233.55	1484.92	3030.20	23187.56	149682.68
Zion Hill				1465.19	854.77	1150.31	3550.52	4233.55	1484.92	3030.20	23187.56	149682.68
Totals		4413.59	3001.62	1465.19	854.77	1150.31	3550.52	4233.55	1484.92	3030.20	23187.56	149682.68

TABLE E—BROTHERHOODS—

There are four Brotherhoods in the Association. Howard Frazier heads the Wilkesboro Brotherhood with an enrollment of 34; E. James Moore, the North Wilkesboro First, with 60; C. M. Brown, the Mount Pleasant, with 6; and Archie Anderson, the Oakwoods, with 32. The total enrollment is 132 and the total meetings held, 38. Five churches have libraries: Little Rock, New Hope, North Wilkesboro First, Wilkesboro, and Purlear. Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro First employ visual education. Goshen, Harmony, Wilkesboro, Oakwoods, and Pleasant Grove had courses in music training. Cub Creek, Roaring River, Walnut Grove, and Wilkesboro have the Biblical Recorder in their budgets.



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Sermon—First Day Rev. A. B. Cooke Jr.
Alternate: Rev. Roby McNeil

Sermon—Second Day Rev. Hunter Church
Alternate: Rev. Frank Walker

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DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Moderator—John V. Idol	R. 4 N. Wilkesboro
Vice-Moderator—Charles Proffit	Wilkesboro
Treasurer—Chalmer Dyer	R. 4 N. Wilkesboro
Clerk—Thomas W. Earp	Boomer, N. C.
Historian—J. F. Jordan	Wilkesboro
Missionary—E. J. Jenkins	R. 4 N. Wilkesboro
Assistant Missionary—Mrs. E. J. Jenkins	R. 4 N. Wilkesboro
Supt. of Evangelism—J. G. Huffman	Wilbar
Orphanage Representative—Earl Adams	R. 1 Wilkesboro
Biblical Recorder—Mrs. Clyde Church	R. 1 Millers Creek
Hospital Representative—Clyde Church	R. 1 Millers Creek
Home For Aging Representative—A. W. Eller	Purlear

ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

Associational Superintendent—Wayne W. Vannoy	Purlear
Ass't Assoc. Superintendent—J. F. Jordon	Wilkesboro
Superintendent of Training—Clinton Eller	N. Wilkesboro, R. 4
Superintendent of Evangelism—J. G. Huffman	Wilbar
Supt. of Enlargment—Rev. Frank Walker	North Wilkesboro
Secretary and Treasurer—J. T. Vannoy, Jr.	North Wilkesboro
Chorister—Hunter Church	North Wilkesboro, R. 4
Pianist—Joann Hayes	Purlear

DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS:

Cradle Roll	
Nursery—Mrs. Vernice Eller	Millers Creek
Beginner—Miss Linda Earp	Boomer
Primary—Mrs. Madeline Welborne	Ferguson
Junior—Mrs. C. M. Brown	Purlear
Young People—Curtis Greene	Purlear
Adult—Charlie Lenderman	North Wilkesboro
Extension—Mrs. Paul Bumgarner	Wilkesboro R. 1
V. B. School—Mrs. H. B. Hawkins	Moravian Falls

GROUP SUPERINTENDENTS:

Group 1. Big Ivy; New Hope; Purlear; Stony Hill; Pleasant Home; Supt. Gwyn Vannoy	Wilbar (Millers Creek)
Group 2. Boiling Springs; Lewis Fork; Mt. Pleasant; Mt. Zion; Pilgrim; Supt. Vernon Dyer	Purlear
Group 3. Beaver Creek; Little Rock; Elk; Zion Hill; Sharon-Walker; Goshen; Mount Carmel; Supt. Van Proffit	Wilkesboro

- Group 4. Gordon; Harmony; Hinshaw Street; Welcome Home; Pleasant Grove; Oak Grove; Calvary;
Supt. Talmadge Gambill North Wilkesboro
- Group 5. Cub Creek; Moravian Falls; Oakwoods; Walnut Grove Wilkesboro; Shady Grove;
Supt. Archie Ellis Wilkesboro R. 2
- Group 6. Edgewood; Fishing Creek; Liberty Grove; North Wilkesboro First; Roaring River; North Wilkesboro Second;
Supt: D. E. Elledge North Wilkesboro

ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U. OFFICERS

Superintendent Mrs. W. R. Wagoner, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Associate Superintendent Mrs. George Johnson, Wilkesboro
Community Missions Mrs. Addie Jones, Route 4, North Wilkesboro
Margaret Fund Chairman Mrs. Fred Blevins, Route 2, Wilkesboro
Mission Study Chairman Miss Nora Laws, Route 2, Wilkesboro
Stewardship Chairman.....Mrs. O. M. Proffit, Route 2, North Wilkesboro
Prayer Chairman Mrs. Andy Cooke, Jr., North Wilkesboro
Literature Chairman Mrs. Leroy Thomas, Roaring River
Youth Director Mrs. E. J. Jenkins, Route 4, North Wilkesboro
Royal Ambassador Counselor....Rev Charlie Poole, Route 2, Wilkesboro
Girl's Auxiliary Counselor....Mrs. Robert Schreckenburg, R. 1, Boomer
Sunbeam Leader Miss Opal Miller, Route 2, Wilkesboro
Young Women's Auxiliary Miss Mary Tate Anderson, R. 3, North Wilkesboro

ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION OFFICERS FOR 1955-56

Director—Miss Lunda Hendren, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Associate Director—Miss Pauline Absher, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Secretary—Miss Pat Foster, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Choirster—Mr. Dewey Minton, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Pianist—Miss Carolyn Cardwell, Rt. 4. North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Pastor-Advisor—Rev. Leroy Thomas, Rt. 2. North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Departmental Leaders:

Adults—Mr. Ted Nichols, Purlear, N. C.
Young People—Miss Irene Richardson, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Intermediates—Miss Faye Davis, Rt. 2, Wilkesboro, N. C.
Juniors—Miss Sue Ferguson, Boomer, N. C.
Intermediate and Junior Leaders—Miss Nora Laws, Rt. 2, Wilkesboro, N. C.
Beginners—Miss Ruth Nichols, Purlear, N. C.
Primaries—Mrs. Bruce Craine, Boomer, N. C.
Primary Leaders—Mrs. J. C. Bauguss, Rt. 1, Wilkesboro, N. C.

Group Directors:

1. Mr. Don Nichols, Purlear, N. C.
2. Mrs. Ward Eller, Purlear, N. C.
3. Mr. J. W. Triplette, Boomer, N. C.
4. Mr. Fred Shoemaker, Wilkesboro, N. C.
5. Mr. Paul Snider, Rt. 4, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
6. Miss Jessie Foster, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Bro. T. E. Story seconded a move by C. J. Poole that the slate of officers herein presented by the nominating committee for approval of the association be accepted. The officers were approved with the exception of the clerk, who is to be mentioned later.

COMMITTEES OF

I. FINANCE:

- Dr. W. R. Wagoner
- Frank Walker
- Clinton Eller

II. ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS:

- A. Of Dept. Heads
 - Wayne Vannoy
 - Mrs. W. R. Wagoner
 - Lunda Hendren
 - Frank Walker
- B. Others
 - Rev. A. W. Eller
 - Rev. Charlie Poole
 - Rev. Glenn Huffman

III. TRUSTEES:

- J. F. Jordan
- Dr. Hal B. Hawkins
- Bill Sturdivant

**LAY PEOPLE REPRESENTING THE CHURCHES OF THE
ASSOCIATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Beaver Creek—J. P. Hays	Boomer, R. 1
Big Ivey—Odell Beshears	Purlear, R. 1
Boiling Springs—Turner Huffman	Purlear
Cub Creek—Glenn Davis	Wilkesboro, R. 2
Davis Memorial—Everett Huffman	Purlear
Edgewood—Clifford Moore	North Wilkesboro, R. 3
Elk—James Edminston	Ferguson
Fishing Creek—Mrs. G. Warner Miller	Wilkesboro, R. 2
Gordon—Mrs. Minnie Wyatt	North Wilkesboro
Goshen—Charlie Proffit	Wilkesboro, R. 2
Gospel Baptist—Carl Faw	North Wilkesboro, R. 4
Harmony—Arson Phillips	North Wilkesboro
Lewis Fork—Vernon Dyer	Wilkesboro, R. 1

Liberty Grove—Kermit Absher	North Wilkesboro, R. 2
Little Rock—Jarvis Triplett	Boomer
Moravian Falls—Gilbert Foster	Moravian Falls
Mt. Carmel—Quincy Parsons	Moravian Falls
Mt. Pleasant—Jimmy McNeil	Wilkesboro, R. 1
Mt. Zion—Ray Welborn	North Wilkesboro
New Hope—Clinton Eller	North Wilkesboro, R. 4
North Wilkesboro, First—Allie Hayes	North Wilkesboro
North Wilkesboro, Second—Roscoe Porter	North Wilkesboro
North Wilkesboro, Hinshaw Street—Ted Gambill.....	North Wilkesboro
Oak Grove—W. C. Smith	North Wilkesboro, R. 1
Oakwoods—Miss Nora Laws	Wilkesboro
Pilgrim—Charles Shoemaker	North Wilkesboro
Pleasant Grove—Richard Parsons	North Wilkesboro
Pleasant Home—Gwyn Vannoy	Wilbar, R. 1
Purlear—Joe Hayes	Purlear
Roaring River—Mack Proffit	Roaring River
Shady Grove—Guy Eller	Wilkesboro
Sharon-Walker—T. R. Barlow	Boomer
Stony Hill—George McNeil	Purlear, R. 1
Walnut Grove—J. B. Brookshire	Moravian Falls
Welcome Home—Sherman Shumate	North Wilkesboro, R. 4
Wilkesboro—Mrs. G. T. Mitchell	Wilkesboro
Zion Hill—Earl German	Boomer

MESENTERS

Beaver Creek—Mrs. R. C. Walsh, Mrs. R. C. Schreckenbure, Mrs. W. J. Horton
Big Ivey—Odell Beshears, James Griffin, Julius Summerlin
Boiling Springs—B. S. Cardwell, W. O. Huffman, Effie Parsons
Calvery— (Gospel) Fred Shumate, Johnie Ramsey, Mrs. Mabel Ramsey
Cub Creek—Mrs. J. W. Bullis, Mrs. Arthur Sloop, Betty Sue Carson
Davis Memorial—D. A. Church, Grover McNeil, E. M. Huffman
Edgewood—M. M. Anderson, Walter Guise, Florence Miller
Elk—Howard Van Proffit, W. T. McNeil, Ed Dula
Fishing Creek—C. B. Mayberry, T. W. Pardue, Oid Wiles, Vaughn Brown
Gordan—Mrs. Minnie Wyatt, R. C. Parsons, Ralph A. Miller
Goshen—Mrs. Hellen Bumgarner, Mrs. Ruby Cardwell, Mrs. Linnie Bumgarner
Harmony—Orson Phillips, Clyde Reavis, W. H. Minton, Marry Higgins
Lewis Fork—Albert Triplett, Conrad Jones, Grace Triplett
Liberty Grove—Nona Hutchinson, Kermit Absher, Mrs. Paul Bryant
Little Rock—Mrs. Everette Griffin, Loyd Broyhill, Finley Jarvis
Moravian Falls—Mrs. Cody Lowe, Mrs. B. M. Pardue, Mrs. Hal Hawks
Mount Carmel—J. G. Cardwell, Mrs. Bruce Phillips, Mrs. Ora Phillips
Mount Pleasant—Curtis Green, J. C. McNeil, M. F. Greene
Mount Zion—D. M. Triplett, Fay Welborn, Garness Eller, John Barnett

New Hope—Herbert Church, Mrs. Alda Eller, John Vannoy
 North Wilkesboro First—Mrs. Tal Barnes Sr., A. B. Cook Jr., Mrs. W. R. Wagoner
 N. Wilkesboro Second—Mrs. Fannie Benton, Mrs. Leonard Porter, Mrs. William Lee Blackburn
 North Wilkesboro Hinshaw—Charlie Dancy, Mollie Miller, Ellen Faw, Mrs. Bynum Faw
 Oak Grove—W. C. Smith, Mrs. W. C. Smith, Mrs. Mont Nelson
 Oakwoods—Hazel Stroud, Fred Blevins, Walter Stroud, M. C. Jones, Nora Laws
 Pilgrim—Charles Shoemaker, Earl Adams, Sue Eller
 Pleasant Grove—J. L. Parsons, Richard Parsons, Willie Church
 Pleasant Home—J. C. Whittington, Minnie McNeil, Wrenn Minton, Mrs. J. C. Whittington
 Purlear—R. D. Nichols, W. A. Blackburn, Mrs. Wayne Yates
 Roaring River—Morrison, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. C. C. Alexander
 Shady Grove—Mrs. Lillie Green, Mrs. Ruby Ferguson, Mrs. Guy Eller, Mrs. Betty Smithey, Garfield Cardwell
 Sharon-Walker—Mrs. Zachary Ferguson, Mrs. Alton Edmiston, Mrs. Homer Parsons
 Stony Hill—Mrs. C. O. Parsons, Mrs. J. B. Baker, Mrs. G. S. McNeil
 Walnut Grove—Leroy Eller, Mrs. B. M. Broyhill, Madge Jennings
 Welcome Home—Bob Church, Harry Kendall, Gwyn Eller
 Wilkesboro—Mrs. Green Shepherd, Mrs. O. K. Whittington, Mrs. Stokes Parsons
 Zion Hill—G. B. Carlton, T. W. Earp, Mrs. Earl German

CONSTITUTION

Name

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association of Wilkes County, North Carolina.

Objects

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to consider and promote measures for increasing the harmony, the intelligence, and the spiritual life of the churches and for developing and directing their energies and their contributions in the advancement of Christ's kingdom throughout the earth, always in harmony with the teachings of the New Testament. This Association shall be an auxiliary to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its missionary, educational and benevolent work.

Membership

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches desiring to affiliate with it, and each affiliating church may be represented in the annual meetings of the Association by three messengers chosen by the church, by its pastor and by other ordained

ministers in its membership and living within the bounds of the Association, and the executive officer of its association.

Article 4. Any church desiring to become a member of this Association shall present, through messengers chosen for that purpose, its request for membership, at any annual session of this body. The Moderator shall then appoint a committee to inquire into the faith and practice of said church, said committee to report to the Association its findings. If the Association then votes to receive the church the Moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to the messengers.

Article 5. Any church not representing itself in this body for three successive years, either by letter or by messengers, shall be stricken from the roll of churches, unless satisfactory reasons for such failure are given.

Article 6. The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any church in its membership which shall be found to be disorderly in faith and practice, but not until charges are brought against it by some other church and carefully considered by the Association.

Organization

Article 7. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by ballot on the second day of the session before noon recess adjournment, by a majority of the messengers voting, and shall begin their term of office upon final adjournment of the session at which elected and shall continue in office until the close of the next annual session.

Article 8. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, preserve order, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and exercise all other duties of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage; he shall also, as far as his private duties may permit, visit and communicate with the churches between the sessions of the Association to encourage and assist them in their work for the kingdom.

Article 9. The Clerk shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Association; shall read the same for approval before the close of each annual session; shall superintend their printing and distribution to the churches; shall send one copy each to the General Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, the Statistical Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa., and to their denominational agencies or institutions requesting them; shall preserve a file of all Association records and have it present at each annual session; shall provide at least one month prior to the annual meeting of the Association letters for the use of the churches in making their reports to the Association; shall suggest to each church the amount based on its membership and contributions to other objects, needed for the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

Article 10. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Association as directed by the Association, making an itemized statement at each annual session.

Committee

Article 11 The executive-Promotion Committee shall consist of the Moderator, the Vice-Moderator, the Clerk; Treasurer, the Sunday School Associational Leader, the Training Union Leader, the W. M. U. Associational Superintendent, and all the pastors of churches within the Association, together with one member from each church elected annually by the Association upon nomination of a committee appointed by the Moderator. A quorum shall consist of ten members of the Executive-Promotion Committee, including four of the associational officers named above in this article, providing either the Moderator or Vice-Moderator is present.

Article 12 It shall be the duty of the Executive-Promotion Committee to Cooperate with the Baptist State Convention and with the churches of the Association in the promotion of any plans which may seem wise for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, and they shall take such steps as may be necessary to put into successful operation any plans adopted by the Association. The committee shall meet at the call of the moderator or its chairman.

Article 13. A Committee on Nomination; a Committee on Time, Place and Preacher; a Committee on Resolutions; and a Committee on Order of Business shall be appointed by the Moderator on the first day of each annual session. All except the last named committee shall make their reports to the Association before final adjournment, while the Committee on Order of Business shall prepare the program for the next annual meeting of the Association at least one month before the date of meeting, and present the same to the Association for adoption or alteration at its opening session.

Article 14. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided according to some standard works on Parliamentary practice.

Article 15. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any annual session upon vote of two-thirds of the members present.

BY-LAWS

1. The Association shall convene annually on.....
..... and continue two days or longer, in the judgment of the Committee on Order of Business and subject to the approval of the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, conducted by whomsoever the Committee on Order of Business may designate.

3. A majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business except in the matter of making changes in the Constitution.

4. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Mod-

erator, shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid the use of unnecessary personalities.

5. The members shall observe towards the officers and towards one another such courtesies as are becoming to Christians.

6. Amendment to the By-Laws may be made by a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting of the Association.

Revised and adopted Oct. 17, 1936.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY OCTOBER 11, 1955

The eighty-fourth annual session of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association met with Welcome Home Church. The beautiful church was filled with some 216 messengers and visitors. The registration was in charge of Mrs. E. J. Jenkins who gave out blue satin badges. She reported 96 delegates, 16 ministers, and 104 visitors present.

PROGRAM

of the

84th Annual Session on October 11 and 12, 1955

THEME: "BUILDING TOGETHER WITH CHRIST"

Tuesday, Oct 11, Welcome Home

Wednesday, Oct. 12, Cub Creek

9:45	Worship	Rev. Harvey White, Pastor, Welcome Home Church
10:00	Roll Call of Churches; Adoption of Program; Recognition of Pastors and Ministers; Recognition of Visitors, and New churches;	
	Appointment of Committees	John V. Idol
10:15	Hymn	
10:20	Digest of Church letters	Gwyn Vannoy
10:30	Executive Committee and Treasurer's Report	T. E. Story
10:40	Association Missions Report	Rev. E. J. Jenkins
10:50	Hospital Report	Rev. Clyde Church
10:55	Ministry of N. C. Baptist Hospital	Dr. W. K. McGee
11:10	Baptist Training Union Report	Miss Lunda Hendren
11:20	Special Music	Welcome Home Church
11:30	Introductory Sermon	Dr. W. R. Wagoner
	Alternate	Rev. Geo. Walters
12:00	Lunch	

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:15	Worship	Rev. Robert Schreckenburger
1:20	Report on Sunday Schools	Wayne Vannoy
	State Sunday School Representative	D. P. Brooks
1:45	History of Welcome Home Church	J. F. Jordan

2:00	Recognition of College Representatives on Christian Education	
2:10	Biblical Recorder Representative	
2:15	Hymn	
2:20	Librarian Representative	
2:30	Our Baptist Orphanage	Chalmer Dyer
	Orphanage Reperesentative	
2:45	Seminary Extension Center	Rev. J. G. Huffman
2:50	Social Service and Civic Righteousness	Rev. R. M. Hauss
3:10	Miscellaneous Business	

WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:45	Worship	Rev. Clate Brown, Pastor, Cub Creek Church
10:00	Report of Nominating Committee; Election of Officers	
10:15	Presentation of Baptist Program	State Worker
10:45	Report of Women's Missionary Union	Mrs. W. R. Wagoner
10:55	Report on Evangelism	Rev. J. G. Huffman
11:00	Brotherhood Report	Rev. Frank Walker
11:05	Special Music	Cub Creek Church
11:10	Missionary Sermon	Rev. Leroy Thomas
	Alternate	Rev. Fred Blevins
11:35	Lunch	

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:00	Worship	Rev. Lemuel Ramsey
1:10	Report of Committees: Time, Place, Preacher; Resolutions	
	New Churches	
1:20	History of Cub Creek Church	Mr. J. F. Jordan
1:35	Hymn	
1:40	Home of the Aged Report	Dr. E. N. Phillips
	Home of the Aged Representative	Rev. James Hayes
1:55	Miscellaneous Business	
2:00	Adjournment	
	1. Moderator John V. Idol called the eighty-fourth session to order.	
	2. The worship service was conducted by Rev. Harvy White, pastor of Welcome Home Church. His topic, "Building together with Christ."	
	3. Song, "I am Resolved," led by Rev. R. L. Franklin.	
	4. Mrs. G. T. Mitchell served as pianist throughout the association.	
	5. Dr. Wagoner of the N. Wilkesboro Church led in prayer.	
	6. The program previously arranged was adopted.	
	7. A roll call of churches noted all churches present except Mount Zion, which was represented later.	
	8. The moderator recognized the following pastors and ministers: the Reverends Glenn Huffman, W. R. Wagoner, Harvey White, Andrew Cook, Wade Miller, R. L. Franklin, J. L. Wells (Elkin Ass'n.), Bine Church, Robert Schreckenburg, Clate Brown, Linsley Ramsey, Ralph Miller, LeRoy Thomas, W. M. Morison, J. G. Cardwell, C. J. Poole, A. W. Eller, Clyde Church, Clete Simmons, George Walters, Leroy	

Eller, visitors, Mr. and Mrs. John McGrady (Stone Mt. Ass'n.), Miss Allie Mae Cook (Raleigh). L. E. Snipes (Caldwell Ass'n.).

9. Reverends A. B. Cook and Robert Schreckenbourg were recognized as new ministers to the association.

10. The following committees were appointed:

a. Time, place, and preacher for the next Association: Conrad Jones, Glenn Huffman, and Evert Griffin.

b. Nominating: Curtis Green, Herbert Church, and Hunter Church.

c. On New Churches: W. R. Wagoner, Iredell Osborne and Clate Brown

d. Special Committee On Order of Business: T. E. Story and J. F. Jordan.

e. Executive Committee Chairman: T. E. Story

f. Resolutions: Miss Minnie McNeil, Mrs. Clyde Church, and Kermit Absher.

g. Bus Usage: John Idol, Bill Sturdivant, and Wayne Vannoy. Rev. Poole moved the above committees be approved. Rev. Clete Simmons seconded the move.

11. A Preliminary digest of the Associational letters was given by the church clerk, Gwyn F. Vannoy: It follows: Baptisms 352; present members 7,947; Sunday School enrollment 6,751 with an average attendance of 3,940; Vacation Bible School enrollment 3,218; Training Union enrollment 1,488; W. M. U. enrollment 900; Brotherhoods (in four churches) Total gifts all purposes \$187,517.83; Grand total expenditure \$173,323.38; Number Training Unions in Sunday Schools 22; Number W. M. U.'s in Sunday Schools 16; Number Brotherhoods in Sunday Schools 4; Cooperative program \$7,273.49; Association Missions \$3,237.77; Total Mission expenditures \$23,103.78

As compared with last year's program, there was a gain in all phases of work from the churches. There was a gain of 10 baptisms; present members gain of 114; S. S. enrollment gain of 351; average attendance in S. S. gain of 147; Vacation Bible School gain of 564; Training U. Gain of 174; W. M. U. gain of 3; total gifts for all purposes gain of \$22,903.37; total Missions is of \$73.78; grand total expenditures all purposes gain of \$23,640.70; cooperative program gain of \$2,859.90; Association Missions gain of \$236.15.

12. Rev. R. L. Franklin led the group in a hymn, "Jesus Calls Us."

13. A report of the Associational Bus is herein given by John V. Idol.

Associational Bus

The bus was purchased. Sixteen churches gave \$364.65, two individuals gave \$50.00 making a total of \$414.65. The initial cost of the bus was \$300.00. Other costs including insurance, work, and lights amounted to \$154.18 making the total expenditures \$454.18. The bus made three trips to Caswell carrying 79 passengers. Churches Purlcar, and Zion Hill used the bus locally.

We suggest that the bus be used for Associational purposes and,

only for trips in the local churches (revivals, Bible Schools, and Study Courses not included). The bus must be maintained in good condition at all times in order to transport our people to the different assemblies such as Caswell. We feel the bus will help to interest our Association toward state assemblies, and camps. It is hoped the following year will be even more fruitful.

14. The Treasurer's and Executive Committee's Report was given by T. E. Story.

A. The Treasurer's Report is herein recorded. Rev. R. L. Franklin seconded the move made by T. E. Story for the adoption of the report. The report was approved as read. It follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Churches	Support	Min. Fund	Bus	Special	Total
Beaver Creek	66.00	7.50	12.50	7.50	93.50
Big Ivey	1.00	3.00			4.00
Boiling Springs	37.00	5.00			42.00
Calvary	15.00	10.00	10.00		35.00
Cub Creek	60.00	10.00	25.00	7.50	102.50
Davis Memorial	24.00	5.00			29.00
Edgewood	39.00	12.00	15.00	3.75	69.75
Elk	24.00	9.00			33.00
Fishing Creek	60.00	15.00		3.75	78.75
Gordon	2.00	3.00			5.00
Goshen	22.00	7.50			29.50
Harmony	5.00	5.00			10.00
Hinshaw	52.00	10.00	15.00	8.00	85.00
Lewis Fork	32.00	7.00	25.00		64.00
Liberty Grove	52.00	6.00	25.00	7.50	90.50
Little Rock	60.00	7.00	15.00		82.00
Mt. Carmel	5.00	2.00			7.00
Mor. Falls	37.00	15.00		3.75	55.75
Mt. Pleasant	90.00	18.00	20.00		128.00
Mt. Zion	10.00	5.00			15.00
New Hope	60.00	10.00	27.15	7.50	104.65
N. Wilkesboro, 1st.	1500.00	30.00	100.00	7.50	1637.50
N. Wilkesboro, 2nd	5.00	4.50			9.50
Oakwoods	24.27	10.00		7.50	41.77
Oak Grove	5.00	4.00			9.00
Pilgrim	25.00	12.00			37.00
Pleasant Grove	5.00	15.00	5.00		25.00
Pleasant Home	60.00	20.00	25.00	7.50	112.50
Purlear	60.00	10.00	15.00	7.50	92.50
Roaring River	6.00	6.00		7.50	19.50
Shady Grove	5.00	4.00			9.00
Sharon Walker	25.00	9.00			34.00

Stony Hill	5.00	7.50			12.50
Walnut Grove	60.00	10.00	15.00	3.75	88.75
Welcome Home	30.00	7.50		3.75	41.25
Wilkesboro	600.00	10.00		7.50	617.50
Zion Hill	15.00	12.00	15.00	7.50	49.50
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	3,183.27	343.50	364.65	109.25	4,000.67
E. J. Jenkins					10.35
Lunda Hendren, Bus					25.00
Baptist Home Church					3.75
Refund on Caswell Bus Trip					40.00
Crusade account					59.38
Refund Insurance					2.50
J. E. Spainhour Contributions					650.00
State Mission Board, M. A. Huggins					1008.00
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Total Receipts					\$5,799.65
Total Receipts for 1954-55					5,799.65
Balance brought forward from last year					652.07
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					\$6,451.72

DISBURSEMENTS

Rent to end of October 1955	580.00
Salary to end of September 1955	3109.66
Expense to end of October 1955	1280.00
Minutes for 1954	337.25
Bus \$300.00, Other bus Esp. 154.18	454.18
Crusade	129.29
Miscellaneous expense	28.22
Error	1.97
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Balance at end of Asso. year	531.15

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1955-56

RECEIPTS

From the Churches	3500.00
Mr. J. E. Spainhour	500.00
Minute Fund from churches	325.00
From churches for Summer worker	100.00
From State Mission Board	1000.00
From State Mission Board, Summer worker	100.00
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Balance from last year	531.15
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	6056.15

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary of Missionary	3000.00
Office and Car Expense	1200.00
House Rent	720.00
Minutes	325.00
Bus Expense	100.00
Summer Worker	200.00
Miscellaneous	511.15
	6056.15

It should be noted that the Missionary and his wife are both serving for the salary of one person; also that they held a Vacation Bible School in each church of the Association without any out side assistance.

Respectively submitted,
T. E. Story, Treasurer.

B. The Executive Committee's Report is herein recorded. J. F. Jordan seconded the move made by T. E. Story for the adoption of the report. The report was adopted as read. It follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BRUSHY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

On January 2, 1955 the Executive Committee of the Brushy Mountain Association held a meeting at the First Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro at 3:00 p. m. The invocation was rendered by Rev. C. J. Poole. Ten churches were represented. Missionary Jenkins discussed the Bible School for the current year. He stated that 2,567 children had been enrolled in last year's schools, and that the goal for the current year would be a school in every church, for a period of ten days. The committee gave Rev. Jenkins the pleasure of selecting and placing the (vocational) workers within the Association. It was agreed that the workers would receive \$200.00 each, which was to be collected from the individual schools or from the general collection within the individual churches.

The possibility of buying a bus for the transportation of the Associational groups to various places of assembly was discussed. A committee, consisting of Dr. W. R. Wagoner, Mr. H. V. Proffit, Mr. Bill Sturdivant, Mr. Tam Hutchens, and Rev. C. J. Poole were appointed to study the possibilities. Mr. Sturdivant suggested that he felt that one could be bought for the sum of \$500.00. Rev. Poole discussed insurance for the proposed bus.

A report on the Cooperative Program showed that \$480.00 had been collected with each church within the Association taking part.

The second meeting of the executive Committee met in the Wilkesboro Baptist Church, January 9, 1955, at 3:00 p. m. Rev Clyde Church led the invocation. Plans were formulated for each Associational church to conduct a revival in the month of April in conjunction with a con-

vention-wide crusade. Rev. Glenn Huffman, who is in charge of the evangelistic crusade, spoke briefly on various ways to get the program across to the members of the churches. A committee of ten was set-up to prepare the churches for the crusade, with Rev. Glenn Huffman elected as General Chairman.

The committee voted to buy the bus for the purpose of transporting Associational members to the Ridgecrest, Caswell and Fruitland assemblies, and/or said bus to be used for other christian purposes as the needs arose. \$217.00 was pledged by the sixteen churches represented toward the \$300.00 needed to purchase the bus. Dr. Wagoner was selected to head the committee to determine the extent of bus usage in the Associational work.

The third meeting of the Executive Committee met in the Wilkesboro Baptist Church on August 14, 1955, at 2:30 p. m. The pianist for this meeting was Mrs. G. T. Mitchell, the song leader was Rev. Clyde Church, and the opening prayer was given by Rev. Clete Simmons.

A suggested program was presented for the coming Annual Association. Rev. Dahl Eller moved that the committee adopt the program, and it was seconded by Rev. Clete Simmons. A move by Mr. T. E. Story, and seconded by Mr. J. F. Jordan to have Mrs. E. J. Jenkins serve as an Associate to Rev. Jenkins was adopted by the committee.

The committee accepted Judge Johnson J. Hayes' offer to some lots in Millers Creek to be used for the future Missionary's home, unless other plans materialized, or other offers which might be to the Association's advantage occurred. Mr. Jordon made a move that plans for the Missionary's home be formulated. This was seconded by Rev. Clyde Church. The committee approved Mr. Jordon as chairman of a committee to study this problem, and to submit the house plans. The committee appointed Rev. R. L. Franklin to present the committee action on a home for the Missionary to the annual Association.

Mr. T. E. Story brought a financial report to the committee. He also stressed the importance of working together for the benefit of the organization.

T. E. Story in his Executive Committee's Report

Rev. R. L. Franklin made an amendment to this report by presenting a progress report concerning the work of Associational Missions from 1944 through 1955. Using as highlights years 1944 to 1948 (Miss Madge Lewis), 1948 through 1953 (J. E. Pearson), 1953 through 1955 (E. J. Jenkins). This report shows a steady growth led by these missionaries. Rev. Franklin pointed out the desperate need for a missionary home which would be permanent. Some of these were: permanent location; high rent (\$60.00 per month); adequate rooms; office space; and a definite advantage in securing a future missionary.

The amendment was; "I move you sir, that we purchase the property; the eight room brick home and the three extra lots behind the

house lot for the price of \$9,315.00 (This property has been appraised by the bank for \$15,000.00) and to pay for this property we accept a loan from the bank of \$11,000.00, the extra \$1,685.00 be used for repairs and improvement of the property." A second to this amendment was made by J. F. Jordan. Discussion followed. Rev. Franklin pointed out that the Wilkesboro Church had raised \$150.00 for this purpose. Mr. Gwyn Vannoy of Pleasant Home Church pointed out that his church had set aside \$100.00 for this purpose. A question was raised as to how much a church would be assessed for this purpose. It was readily agreed that no church would be assessed for any amount, but that each church would set for it's goal \$1.00 per resident member. A call for the question was made by Rev. Glenn Huffman. A unanimous standing vote was given by messengers from all the thirty Seven (37) churches represented.

Gwyn F. Vannoy
Clerk of Association

MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR

Vaughn Brown, N. Wilkesboro
Tharston Barnes, Boone
A. B. Cook Jr. N. Wilkesboro
Hunter Church, N. Wilkesboro

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION WHO ARE NOT PASTORS

Barnes, Tharston, Boone
Blackburn, M. D., Boone
Cardwell, W. H., N. Wilkesboro
Cook, Jr. A. B., N. Wilkesboro
Eller, LeRoy, Moravian Falls
Eller Vernon, Purlear
Jordan, B. C., Traphill
Miles, W. W., Wilkesboro
Miller, Ed, Wilkesboro
Pennel, Howard, Wilkesboro
Pipes, Kelly, Moravian Falls
Wells, John, N. Wilkesboro
Whittington, R. S., Millers Creek

TABLE OF MISSIONS GROWTH

By Rev. Bob Franklin

Year	Churches	Members	Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Attendance	No. V. B. S.	Enrollment	Avgr. Attendance	T. U.	W. M. U.	Pastor's Salary	Local Expense	Co-op. Program	Assoc. Missions	Total Missions	Baptisms
1935	28	4,376	3,304	1,794				5	3	6,571.09	15,012.51	1,457.57		2,803.86	108
1944	33	5,864	3,491	1,966	10	418	280	2	8	13,336.62	30,907.49	2,490.66	88.00	8,574.56	121
1948	33	6,571	4,633	2,395	14	1127	821	10	10	21,767.46	85,758.96	5,270.58	828.89	10,936.13	162
1953	36	7,531	5,868	3,057	23	2154	1663	11	12	35,082.34	133,566.29	3,792.38	3792.38	19,077.14	240
1955	37	7,947	6,751	3,940	37	3,246	2688	22	16	41,227.62	150,219.60	7,273.49	4000.67	23,103.78	352

15. Rev. E. J. Jenkins brought the Associational Missions Report. The Association accepted the report without reading. It follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS REPORT

Adopted Without Reading

1955

Statistics are awfully dull, but they are proof, nevertheless, of what we are doing whether good or bad. We want to remember that behind these figures are individuals who have given of their time, energy, and means so that the gospel might be proclaimed "unto the uttermost parts". Appreciation is greatly felt for those who have labored and cooperated so wonderfully, but to our Heavenly Father we all owe our greatest debt of gratitude.

I. Work in Association:

1. Churches Attended: 37
2. Trips Made to Churches: 316
3. Sermons preached: 48
4. State Planning Meetings: 12; Divisional: 6, Associational: 50
5. Conferences: Individual - 501; General - 71; Committee - 63
6. Visits to Institutions, Assemblies: 16
7. Sunday Schools Attended: 42; Taught 18 classes
8. Visits to homes of Pastors, and leaders: 437
9. Promoted and Organized new organizations:
3 W. M. S.; 3 R. A.'s 5 G. A.'s; 2 Y. W. A.'s, 1 Sunbeam,
111 (3) T. U.
10. Promoted: Church Budgets, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Associational Missions, Cooperative Program, V. B. S., Camps and Assemblies, Christian Education, Simultaneous Revivals, Preacher's School, W. M. U. Organizations, Training Union, Departmentized Sunday Schools, Brotherhood, and Full time Worship Programs. Better church Buildings.
11. Letters written: 1,929; Bulletins: 4,000
12. Conversions: 53
13. Miles traveled: 28,148
14. Conducted: 1 Revival; Taught 20 Study Courses, 15 V. B. S. 2 Camps; A Bible School was held in all 37 churches with 2 missions this summer.
15. More people attended the Baptist Assemblies this year than ever before in the Brushy Mountain History.
The Bible School Enrollment was 3,246, with gifts to the Cooperative Program amounting to \$540.50. Mrs. Jenkins worked in 14 of these schools. Our special thanks to every person who made this Christian training possible for our young people.

II. Work Outside the Association:

As Regional Royal Ambassador Leader I have spoken in nine churches; worked in two State R. A. Camps, and led in a Divisional R. A. Camp. I also attended the State R. A. Congress.

We had the privilege of accompanying four groups of young people to Caswell this year, and transported one group to Ridgecrest. Most of these young people was transported to Caswell by the Associational Bus. We attended the Associational Missionary's Conference at Caswell, State Training Union, Sunday School, and V. B. S. Conferences and State Baptist Convention, the State W. M. U. Meeting; and the Southern Baptist W. M. U. Meeting and Southern Baptist Convention at Miami, Florida.

III. Mrs. Jenkins has not been asked to make an annual report, but the records shows her reports match this report in almost every detail, I deeply appreciate her support in this great effort for the Kingdom.

IT IS OUR HUMBLE THANKS FOR GOD'S HELP: YOUR FINE COOPERATION AND FOR YOUR WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP. WE MUST BE "LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD," AS WE GO FORWARD IN THE LORD'S WORK.

16. The Associate Missionary, Mrs. E. J. Jenkins report is herein recorded. The report was accepted without reading. It follows:

Mrs. Jenkins Report

- I. Trips made to churches: 236
- II. Attended: State Baptist Convention - Charlotte
 - State Evangelistic Conference - Greensboro
 - State V. B. S. Clinic - Garner-Webb College
 - State W. M. U. Meeting - Asheville
 - State W. M. U. Leadership Institute - Fruitland
 - State Assemblies (Junior Camp, Training Union Week, G. A.)
 - State Associational Missionaries Conference - Caswell
 - Divisional W. M. U. Meeting - Mt. Airy
 - Divisional R. A. Camp - Camp Butner (Played Piano)
 - 3 Associational T. U. Mass Meetings
 - 2 W. M. U. Executive Meetings
 - 1 Assoc. W. M. U. Leadership Conference - North Wilkesboro First
 - 1 Assoc. W. M. U. Annual Meeting - Wilkesboro
 - 1 Assoc. Sunbeam One-Day Camp - (Transported Missionary, Typed programs)
 - 1 Assoc. Executive Meeting - Wilkesboro
 - 1 Assoc. V. B. S. Clinic - Hinshaw St.
 - Southern Baptist W. M. U. Meeting - Miami, Fla.
 - Southern Baptist Convention - Miami, Fla.

- Visited Institutes and Colleges - Mars Hill Garner-Webb
Pineville-Ken. Mountain Preachers School
- III. Helped in 6 Mission study Courses (by showing filmstrip)
Taught 7 T. U. Study Courses; 2 Sunday School Study
Courses
Helped in 14 V. B. S.
Helped in organizations of : 1 W. M. U.; 5 G. A.'s, 1 Y. W. A.,
2 Sunbeams
Typed: 1929 letters (some mimeographed)
4000 Bulletins
V. B. S. Reports
Census Tabulations
Helped make V. B. S. Handwork
- IV. Helped to promote the whole Baptist Program
Mrs. E. J. Jenkins

17. The hospital report was given by Clyde Church. T. E. Story seconded the move made by Rev. Church for the adoption of the report. The report was adopted as read. The report follows:

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL 1955

Our Baptist Hospital fills an important place in the life and work of North Carolina Baptists. Now that our New South Wing is completed, it will probably serve 50,000 patients this year, touching every area of our state.

In addition to this great host of sick people our hospital provides an educational program for more than 450 young people who are in training to become nurses, doctors, technicians, pastors and other Christian workers.

The Department of Pastoral Care provides Christian counseling and guidance for the patients, students, hospital staff and personnel, as well as hundreds of others who come to the hospital from over the State for this purpose alone.

It is not easy to estimate the value of these and other services rendered by our hospital to multiplied thousands of people of all ages in the fields of health, education, and spiritual guidance.

The cost of carrying on this program for such a multitude of people is tremendous—more than two million dollars a year. One-half million dollars of this is spent in helping to care for sick people who are not able to pay for the service they need. We are grateful to God for the privilege of sharing in such a work, and we want to thank the Churches of our Association for their part in it.

The opportunities for Christian service and witness through our hospital are truly great. We need to give it a much more generous support through our Mother's Day offering and the Cooperative Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Clyde Church

N. C. BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

By Clyde Church

Dr. Pepper in the absence of Dr. W. K. McGee spoke to the report. He brought greetings from the hospital stating it was a very busy place. A 45 percent increase in the Mother's Day offering was noted. This is a way to join hands in a cooperative way he stated. N. C. Baptists are very good in promoting a program of this nature in serving those who can't serve themselves. He said the patients feel that the Doctors are concerned of their welfare. Ministers and Doctors work together in promoting the general care and welfare of the patients and in promoting the program so he said. Often patients are found having a christian experience, finding God in their stillness. The ministers were praised for their work in the problems that arise from the hospital. Dr. Pepper stated the hospital would like to have a \$200,000.00 Mother's day Offering this year, and that he feels the people are behind the program. Young Doctors are urged to become christians, he said.

18. The training union report was given by Miss Lunda Hendren. Glenn Huffman seconded the move by Miss Hendren for the adoption of the report. The report was adopted as read. It follows:

TRAINING UNION REPORT

The Brushy Mountain Associational Baptist Training Union has made some progress this year under the leadership of a fine group of associational officers and our Missionary, Rev. E. J. Jenkins.

Regular Executive Committee Meetings, Officers and Leaders Meetings and Mass Meetings were held each quarter. The largest attendance was at the "M" night mass meeting in December 1954. 436 persons were present and heard an inspiring message by Rev. J. C. Pipes.

The officers held two special meetings for the study of the Associational Training Union Manual, taught by Rev. E. J. Jenkins. Several officers attended the Associational Planning Meeting in High Point, October, 1954 and the association was well represented in the Regional Meeting in Mount Airy. There was 70 training union members attending the Summer Assemblies.

In the mass meeting banners were awarded to the Training Union having the largest percentage of it membership present, to the Training Union having the largest number of people present and the Union from any Training Union having the highest efficiency average for the quarter. The churches receiving attendance banners were Hinshaw Street, Edgewood and Cub Creek and the Unions receiving Efficiency Banners were Hinshaw Street Adults, New Hope Juniors and New Hope Intermediates.

Four new Training Unions were organized and these were in Gordon, Moravian Falls, Oakwoods and Pleasant Grove churches.

More than 500 awards were received for study courses.

The Associational Training Union recommends the attached list of officers to serve for the next associational year and submits them for election by the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Lunda Hendren, Director.

19. Rev. E. J. Jenkins led the group in a hymn, "Wonderful Words Of Life."

20. The Introductory sermon was brought by Dr. W. R. Wagoner. The scripture reading was by Rev. George Walters, taken from St. John, chapter 16: 5-16. Dr. Wagoner's topic: "The Holy Spirit and His Work." Dr. Wagoner said a knowledge of the Holy Spirit is very vital; that Christians at home should search the scriptures if they wish to know more. He said the world's need is Jesus, and our challenge is to preach Him crucified. He said that Life's attributes are due to the Holy Spirit, and with Him we have nothing to fear; that accomplishments are done only through the Holy Spirit.

21. After a blessing by Dr. Wagoner in the church, the congregation assembled in a wooded area across the road from the church where a very delightful dinner was served.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON ASSEMBLY

22. Rev. Robert Schreckenburg conducted the worship; reading from Ephesians, Chapter 5; 6-16. Topic: "The Command:"

- a. to arouse ourselves.
- b. to redeem our time.
- c. to redeem the call for the day is evil.

23. The Associational Sunday School Report was brought by Wayne Vannoy in absentee. T. E. Story seconded a move by E. J. Jenkins to submit the report without reading. The report was adopted. It follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

As we make another report on the progress of our Sunday Schools for the past year we are made to realize how swiftly time is passing and what we do on behalf of those unenlisted in our communities must be done quickly.

The records will show the results of our great campaign of "A MILLION MORE IN 54" reminding us that by working together for one great cause tremendous results may be obtained.

Our year began with the largest Sunday School enrollment in the history of the Association, 6400. We had an average attendance of 3940 an increase of 148 over the year before.

Since we are all human and are prone to let up after a hard task, we as Associational Officers have been a little lax the past year in holding and attending our group meetings. Let me urge each officer of the Sunday School organization along with teachers, superintendents,

and Pastors to attend as nearly as possible all our meetings this coming year.

In some of our Churches additional class room space has been provided; there by increasing the efficiency of the Sunday School. Needless to say many more class rooms are needed throughout the association.

As we look forward to the new year let each one of us strive to do at least two things to increase our Sunday Schools enrollment; 1st. Enroll all the men; 2nd. All the Babies in our community in Sunday School, keeping in mind always the laws of Sunday School growth.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Vannoy

THE LAWS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH

Test these laws by applying them to your own adult Sunday School work.

1. Classes normally reach their maximum growth or "saturation point" within a few months after they are started.
2. The rate of growth of classes depends upon the ability of the teacher, the activity of the class officers, and the spirit of the class.
3. The size of classes depends upon the church, the age group, the ability of the teacher, and the purpose of the class.
4. New units must be started regularly to make continuous growth possible.
5. New classes grow faster, reach more unsaved people, provide more workers, and encourage existing classes to grow.
6. Age-basis grading offers the most logical plan for starting new units.
7. Promotion recognizes the natural laws of growth and development.
8. Adults must be brought to Sunday School through personal enlistment and visitation.
9. The number of adults enlisted will be in direct proportion to the number of active workers.
10. The rooms and equipment set the pattern for growth and efficiency.
11. Classes with a narrow range grow faster, produce a better average attendance, and are more teachable.
12. An equal number of men and women can be enlisted when an equal number of classes are provided.
13. Classes with numbers and teachers of the same sex grow more consistently and provide a better teaching situation with fewer problems.
14. Classes which meet individual spiritual need through real Bible study, genuine Christian fellowship, and opportunities for service, grow consistently in enrollment and attendance.
15. Classes with an evangelistic spirit grow more rapidly.

WORK IN HARMONY WITH THE LAWS OF ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND GROWTH!

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Vannoy

Associational Sunday School Report by Wayne Vannoy

D. P. Brooks, State Sunday School Representative spoke to the report. The Sunday School theme for 1956 is: "Bring in the Men," so he said. "Sunday School is still a child's school." English Churches suffer because of a lack of uniformity in their call to worship, so commented Mr. Brooks. He stated the ratio of women to men in the Sunday School is of 6 to 4, and that we need to reach the great resources of the men. A section is out of our Sunday School bridge when we lose 52 out of every 100 of our young people, he said. We need to gather our young people in and provide for them suitable groups so they can understand. We baptize 1 out of 343 people who have no hope in Christ, he stated. Bro. Brooks said we have a mandate from God to gather; to teach the (people) word.

24. The history of Welcome Home Church was brought by J. F. Jordan. Dr. Wagoner seconded a move by Bro. Jordan that the history be accepted. The association adopted the report. It follows:

HISTORY OF WELCOME HOME BAPTIST CHURCH

Owing to the great number of new homes being built in the triangular area lying South of the Klondike road and East of Highway No. 421 and taking into consideration the rapid growth of new homes along the Boone-Trail in this vicinity, realizing the spiritual needs of these good people and being deeply aware of spiritual and social blessings derived from consecrated church work, a number of brethren led by a spirit of devotion and love of divine worship called several meetings at Cricket school building for the purpose of organizing a new church to meet the growing demand of this fast expanding community.

Sunday-School was conducted in the school building during the Summer of 1936, with growing interest each Sunday. On Wednesday evening of September 16, 1936, at 7:30 p. m. a number of Baptist brethren and sisters met in the school building for the purpose of organizing the church. The choir being led by brother Sherman Shumate, sang a song, and after the devotional service conducted by Rev. J. E. Hayes, brother H. R. Kendall stated the purpose of the meeting was to organize a new church.

A Presbytery composed of Rev. J. E. Hayes, A. B. Hayes, and D. A. Adams assisted by Deacons W. M. Carson and George Osborne of Gordon Baptist church proceeded to organize a church.

After the church was organized the Presbytery called for letters of those wishing to join. There were thirty-two persons who came forward with letters as follows: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beshears, Mrs. Edith

Beshears Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Beshears, Mr. W. H. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Jones, Mrs. Clella Mae Jones Haynes, Mr. E. B. Hollman, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Keys, the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lankford, Dewey Lankford Beshears, Gladys Lankford Church, Warren Lankford, Mr. S. E. Lankford, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Shumate, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Waddell, Rudd and Thelma Waddell and Mrs. J. W. Snyder. After these letters were read and approved by the Presbytery, they were accepted as members of the new church which was to be known as "Welcome Home Missionary Baptist Church."

The next item of business was to elect a clerk and after some discussion the church unanimously elected W. H. Hurley. The next order of business was to elect Deacons. After some deliberation the church named brother H. R. Kendall and wife, Brother Sherman Shumate and wife as deacons and deaconesses to serve with brother J. E. Brookshire and wife who joined as Deacons. On October 4, 1936, Rev. Levi Green was elected first pastor.

A building committee was appointed and met at the office of Cardwell Lumber Company, Monday October 5, 1936, at 4 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of purchasing lumber to erect a church building. This committee kept moving on with the work and by the last Sunday in December 1936, enough of the building was completed to hold Sunday School in it and the second Sunday in January 1937, the first preaching service was held in it and in a short time the building was completed and dedicated on October 19, 1938, on the present location.

Again in 1949, a building program was started. There were eight Sunday-School rooms and a baptistry added to the building. New pews were purchased and a heating system installed, which makes all the rooms and the Sanctuary comfortable. The outside of the building was brick veneered. All this was completed at a cost of \$11,935.00 paid for and the church was out of debt. 3.3 acres of land was deeded to the church by Clyde Michael, and wife Mary, August 29, 1936 and recorded in Book, 176-482. p. p.

This church has made wonderful progress both temporially and spiritually. It has held many revivals with great spiritual blessings. The first revival was held May 9, 1937, with 27 additions, June 1945, 12 joined, August 1946, 7, March 1949, 9 additions, July 1950 19 joined, July 1951, 12, August 1952, 16, and in June 1953, 21 additions. It has grown in membership from 32 to 260.

It has made great progress in Sunday School work, and has grown from 139 to 284, with Beginners, Juniors, Intermediate, Young People and Adult departments, with Superintendents and full quota of teachers in all the departments. It has had Superintendents as follows; H. R. Kendall, was first elected and served till 1948; John Kilby, 1948-1950; when Chalmer Dyer was elected and is still serving.

This church has taken great interest in developing the musical side of worship. It has taught several singing schools. Brother Sherman

Shumate, has been the choir leader and has kept it in good tune for all occasions and persuaded the church to purchase a new piano, which adds greatly to music of the choir, with Miss Annie Lee Vannoy as pianist.

The training Union is very active with Paul Snyder, President, and has organized Junior, Intermedaite, Young People and Adult department. A vacation Bible school was held this past Summer, with 128 enrolled and an average attendance of 107. The Womans missionary society is active with Mrs. Bob Church as President, and is doing great work in the church. It also has a G. A. organization with 14 members and an R. A. Organization.

During the period of time the church has had two clerks; W. H. Hurley, was elected when the church was organized and served until September 1943, when Gwyn Eller, was elected and is still serving the church. One thing is noted in the minutes of this church that has not been in the minutes of any other church. All the minutes from the beginning of the church give the passage of scripture that the Pastor uses for his text, and then the clerk comments on the inspiring and spiritual message that was brought by the Pastor.

At the September meeting in 1939, the church voted to join the Association and sent as its first messengers, Ural Sebastain, J. F. Lankford and W. H. Hurley.

It has had pators as follows; Rev. Levi Green, October 1936-1938; Rev. A. W. Eller, 1938-1941; Rev. J. C. Cook, 1941-1942; Rev. A. W. Eller 1942-1945; Rev. C. J. Poole, 1945-1947; Rev. Richard Day, 1947-1949; then without a pastor until December 1949, when Rev. Harvey White was elected and is still serving.

April 9, 1938, George Osborne joined as a deacon and in February 1940, he was ordained as a minister. May 1951, Leonard Michael, Bill Link, Coyt Dyer, Bob Church were ordained as deacons.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. JORDAN

26. Recognition of College Representatives on Christian Education.

a. M. H. Kendall, of Mars Hill College brought greetings from his school. He said that Mars Hill had the largest enrolment in its history, exceeding 1,000. He also stated in order to be a good desciple, one must concentrate on the job, and also live a clean life, and to help others to live in like manner.

b. Lawson Allen of Gardner-Webb College brought greetings from the college. He remarked that they had students enrolled from this Association. Mr. Allen asked for the prayers of the Association

c. Dr. Early brought greetings from Wake Forest College, which was founded 73 years ago, with 400 students enrolled in the Bible School. He further stated that it didn't take much of man to be a christian—but all there was in him!

27. The Biblical Recorder Representative, C. W. Bazmore stressed the value of meeting together, where the spirits of free men may work

in unity. He commented on the reading material offered to the people by the Baptist to enlighten the people, and felt that they should take advantage of it. He said it was important to invite the unlisted homes to take a part in Christ's work.

28. The reports were broken at this point to sing a hymn, "Are You Able?"

29. The Librarian Representative, Miss Annie Mae Cook stated that through the Church librarians various books were brought to the attention of the people, on The Holy Spirit, and if we would let the Holy Spirit guide us in our libraries, we would profit. She encouraged the setting up of Church libraries, that they were inexpensive, and the requirements could easily be met without too much difficulty, as help was given in the amount of 10 free books for each 15 a church purchased.

Miss Cook spoke on the value of the library to serve as a media for getting to know Christ more fully as christians, as teachers and as ministers. She stated that the library served as an aid to gain further information on subjects for the teacher and minister and also served to stimulate better Training Union programs. She felt that we would be better christians through the use of better books.

30. Baptist Orphanage Report.

The report was given by Chalmer Dyer. It was moved by Mr. Dyer that this report be adopted, seconded by Harvey White. The report was adopted. It follows:

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE OF
NORTH CAROLINA, INC. TO THE ASSOCIATIONS - 1955
THE WORK MOVES ON**

During the past year your program of Child Care has moved steadily forward. Probably there has never been a year in the history of the Orphanage when the children's needs were more adequately met.

God created the home as a place for children to live as they grow into maturity. The best institution is a poor substitute for a good Christian home. However, we are doing our best at your Children's Homes to make conditions as nearly like a normal home as possible. This is reflected in the fine spirit of your children.

During the year we cared for a total of 713 children. At the same time we gave services to and helped in the placement of more than 600 other children.

Charity and Children

Your Orphanage publication, Charity and Children, continues to reach our people all over the state in ever increasing numbers. It carries the message direct from the Orphanage to more than 47 thousand homes each week. Every Church in the state should have a club of ten or more copies to be distributed in the Sunday Schools. The subscription price is 60c per year in clubs of 10 or more. Through Charity and Children you get so much for so little you just can't afford to miss it.

Building Program

Special gifts have made possible the continuation of our building program. The new Church building at Kennedy Home is almost completed. It is considered one of the most beautiful in the state. This will greatly help to meet the greatest single need of the 160 children who live there. During the year the Broyhill Swimming Pool was constructed at Mills Home by a gift from the Broyhills of Lenoir, N. C.

The representative from the Orphanage was Paul Edinger, who brought greetings from the two homes. He spoke on the purposes of the orphanages, the basic purpose being to build christians for Christ. He approximated that the homes had helped between eight and ten thousand children and was glad to report that there had been no single child suspended from the city schools, but that they were well behaved and very active in the affairs of the schools.

He reported that due to upkeep, and redecorating cottages that much money was needed, and the support of the \$60,000 will come through the convention program. He stated that the Thanksgiving offering was more important than ever.

31. Seminary Extention Center Report was given by Rev. J. G. Huffman. He presented certificates of study to ministers and lay people for work accomplished at the Pastor's seminar.

Representative, Hodges spoke briefly on the purpose of the seminary. He said that it worked on the principle—"Life." He made a comparison by stating that God gave life to the plant, and that one worked with plants to make them produce. If a person became a preacher, he was called of God, and that God gave the minister the germ of life. In order to be fit, or to fit one to preach, one must be willing to study. The person who was called would then go to the seminary because that was its purpose, to help men of God prepare to lead others to Christ.

32. The Vacation Bible School Report not included in the original program was given by Mrs. H. B. Hawkins. Roby McNeil seconded a move by Bob Franklin that the report be included in the minutes. The report was accepted. It follows:

Vacation Bible School Report 1955

Total Churches	37
Total Church Schools	100% 37
Mission Schools	2
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Total Schools	39
Mission schools were: North Wilkesboro 1st Mission, Beaver Creek (Colored)	

This year our Association Mission was handicapped by not having a summer worker.

Statistics for all schools included Totals:

Enrollment	3246
Av. Attend	2688
1 day pupils	117
Not in Sunday School	107
Professions	39
Cost	\$794.85
Offering to Co-operative program	\$540.50

This year we had no union schools at all.

Mrs. Hal B. Hawkins

33. By request, Dr. Wagoner moved we receive Bethany Baptist Church under the watch-care of the association until the next annual meeting. Rev. Bob Franklin seconded this move. The committee on investigation will report their findings to the association for consideration.

34. The Allied Church League was represented by Rev. R. M. Hauss. He stated that work in the allied church league was progressing very nicely. Mr. T. E. Story a Wilkes County representative to Raleigh was praised, and also the people who sent him. Rev. Hauss pointed out that 49 counties do not have beer and wine. He said that we have 7,000,000 problem drinkers in the U. S. at this time. Liquor advertising spends \$1.50 on each person in N. C. each year promoting their trade, and that we as christian people aren't working for a salary, but a christian standard. Gracious living comes from identification with the kingdom of our Lord. Let us do something about our problem he challenged.

35. Bro. L. E. Snipes was recognized. He urged that we support Rev. Hauss in this challenge.

36. There being no further business for the day; the meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. Clate Simmons.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The eighty-fourth annual session of the Brushy Mt. Assn. convened at the beautiful Cub Creek Baptist Church for it's second day. Moderator Idol called the Assn. to order in the beautiful church.

Worship was conducted by Rev. Clate Brown.

His topic: "In Christ Jesus we have our trust." He stressed the importance in placing Christ in the center of our lives for peace and happiness. In Christ we have our hope, and that we need to seek him. Jesus said, "He who is not with me is against me." He urged that we be faithful and fruitful.

37. The Nominating Committee presented officers for the following year at this time. (They appear elsewhere. The Association approved.

38. A presentation of the Baptist Program was given by Dr. R. K. Redwine. He stressed the love of liberty we cherish so much and how

we worship the freedom we possess. "To reach the highest goal in life there are some absolutes; some things necessary," he said. "There are no substitutes for goodness, sincerity and love."

A. Three essentials:

- a. we must be born again.
- b. He must increase, I must decrease.
- c. We must work the works of him that sent us for the night comes when no man can work.

Dr. Redwine said this enables one to promote God's Kingdom to the best of his ability, spiritually, and also by giving. Some twenty departments are supported by N. C. Baptists, he said. He urged that a financial plan be presented in each church so that each member may have a part in this cooperative program. He stressed the importance of the program.

39. Rev. Bob Franklin led the group in a hymn, "Send the Light."

40. A roll call of churches noted four not represented.

41. The W. M. U. Leadership Conference at Oakwoods church was stressed.

42. The Associational Officers were recognized.

43. A report of the Woman's Missionary Union, in the absence of Mrs. W. R. Wagoner, was brought by Dr. Wagoner. Rev. Bob Franklin seconded a move by Dr. Wagoner that the report be accepted. The report follows:

Concerning the work of the Women's Missionary Societies of the Association, the following report is made:

1. A worthy representation from the Association was present at the various state gatherings throughout the year, including the state WMU Convention in Asheville in March, the Executive Council Meeting in Raleigh in June, and the Leadership Institutes at Fruitland in September.

2. A Brushy Mountain Leadership Conference was conducted at First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro in October, 1954 for the purpose of training newly elected officers of the local organizations. The Annual Associational Meeting was held at the Wilkesboro Baptist Church in April. The Executive Committee of the Association has a program of quarterly meetings for planning work and transacting business.

3. By way of numbers, there are a total of 15 Woman's Missionary Societies in the Association. Four of these are new organizations: Beaver Creek, Edgewood, Little Rock, and Stony Hill. With a total of 37 churches in the Association, the number of women's organizations leaves much to be desired.

4. Contributions for the special missions offerings for the year were: Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions, \$945.23; the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, \$534.92; the Heck-Jones Memorial Offering \$239.99.

We wish to express gratitude to Mrs. Grover McNeil for her fine leadership as Superintendent during the period March 1954

through March 1955, and to our co-workers who make up the Executive Committee of the Associational Woman's Missionary Union: Mrs. George Johnson, associate Superintendent; Mrs. Glenn Deal, Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. E. J. Jenkins, Youth Leader, Miss Nora Laws, Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. O. M. Profitt, Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. Addie Howell Jones, Community Missions Chairman, Mrs. Leroy Thomas, Literature Chairman, and Mrs. Fred Blevins, Margaret Fund-Carver School Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. W. R. Wagoner,
Superintendent WMU

44. The W. M. U. Young People's Report was brought by Mrs. E. J. Jenkins. The report was accepted by the association.

W. M. U. YOUNG PEOPLE'S REPORT

The young people's work has been most gratifying this past year. There are 37 churches in our Association. We have Missionary Young People's work in 13 of these.

The newest of these organizations are: Edgewood G. A.'s, Fishing Creek Y. W. A.'s, Liberty Grove R. A.'s, Oakwoods Intermediate G. A.'s and Pleasant Home Sunbeams, Intermediate G. A.'s, Jr. G. A.'s, and Sunbeam, and Y. W. A.

The needs of our young people's spiritual welfare calls for more than just Sunday School on Sunday morning, and Training Union on Sunday Night. We should enlist and teach them missions through more Bible Study, Mission Study, Prayer, and Giving. Many of the foreign missionaries on the field today tells us that their first urge or calling came while in a Sunbeam meeting or a Girl's Auxiliary or a Royal Ambassador.

We had a most encouraging Associational One Day Sunbeam Camp this summer. Miss Opal Miller is the Associational Sunbeam Leader and she did an excellent job in planning this camp. We are most grateful for all the other counselors and leaders, and especially our Associational Young Peoples leaders which are: Miss Opal Miller Sunbeam Leader; Mrs. Robert Schreckenburg, Girl's Auxiliary Leader; Rev. Charlie Poole, Royal Ambassador Counselor; and Miss Mary Tate Anderson, Young Woman's Auxiliary leader.

We had a large group of our G. A.'s and R. A.'s to attend the special Junior camp at Caswell this summer.

We now have 21 G. A.'s, 10 R. A.'s, 7 Sunbeams, 8 Y. W. A.'s.

Mrs. E. J. Jenkins
Association Young People's Leader

45. Rev. Glenn Huffman, in his report on Evangelism, paid his respect to the Minister's School and to the older members. He said the Seminar School was one of the finest things in the Brushy Mt. Assn., and Ministers were encouraged to attend. Rev. Huffman said a school of this kind had been in progress for some twenty years in

Wilkes County. Last year in study the Old Testament under Rev. Bob Franklin and Dr. W. R. Wagoner four persons were ordained, he said. Many good experiences have come from the school.

46. Rev. E. J. Jenkins thanked the Association for its fine cooperation and the fine work being done.

48. "Oh Zion, Haste," was sung by the group, and led by Rev. Franklin.

49. The Missionary sermon was brought by Rev. LeRoy Thomas using as his subject, "The Holy Spirit In Missions;" reading from St. John and Acts. The meaning of missions was stressed. He said the Holy Spirit should be in us and not with us, and that we need the power of the Spirit today, for guidance in our activities. He stated, that the great commission was not intended for ministers and missionaries, but for the churches as well.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Vice Moderator, Charles Proffit called the Association to order.

Rev. Bob Franklin led the group in the hymn; "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues."

Worship was in charge of Rev. Lemuel Ramsey; reading from Phillippians chapter, verses 4-14 using as his topic, "Building Together With Christ." The value of prayer was stressed. For effective prayer he said three things were necessary:

- a. we are to be followers of Christ.
- b. that we are to be cooperative.
- c. that we must have a mind to work for our Lord.

50. The history of Cub Creek Church was brought by Historian J. F. Jordan. John Idol seconded a move by J. F. Jordan that the report be accepted. It follows:

HISTORY OF CUB CREEK CHURCH

A historian is a victim of circumstances. He must write according to the available material at hand. This handicap will become more and more evident as this paper is presented. It has been a rather difficult task to write this sketch. The memories of the older members of this community are not now accurate in recalling events and much that has been handed down by word of mouth is too conflicting to be of much scientific value. Under these limitations any historian has a difficult time piecing together the history of a church.

The minutes for the first thirty years of this church have been lost or destroyed. As a result of this misfortune, we have no church minutes from 1862 to 1892. The first minutes undoubtedly contained information regarding the land, building, preamble of belief, organization, pastor, officers, and growth during the first thirty years. For this information we have had to interview some of the oldest members of the church and find them differing in opinion.

It has generally been believed that Cub Creek church was organized in 1862. Services were first held in the school house which was lo-

cated just across from the residence of Effner Duncan. Some think the school was known as Edgewood school and the church as Cub Creek. The charter members were Susan Pennell, H. Curtis, Celia Curtis, Julia A. Curtis and Martha Curtis.

The next year Samuel Hampton, Danie E. Leach, Margaret Leach, and Enos Leach, united. In 1866, Pheby Crysel, Cornelia Ellis, L. W. Hall, Martha Jones, Louisa Leach, Hariett McLain, Thomas Parlier, Franklin Perkins and Louise Perkins, joined. During the period from 1867 to 1874 the following names were added: Amelia Canter, Elizabeth Duncan, Laura Lowe, Sam Hall, Mary Hall, Lytle Harris, Barbara Harris, Sarah Laws, C. A. Duncan, John Ellis, Millery Smithey and Mary Duncan. The church continued to grow in membership and has held many revivals from year to year until it has increased in membership from five to one hundred and sixty-one. It joined the Brushy Mountain association when it was organized in 1872.

The constitution of this church is very strict in it by-laws. It shall consist of such persons as have been regularly baptized upon a profession of their faith in Jesus Christ. The condition of a continuance of a membership in this church shall be that of a strict obedience to all the precepts of the Gospel and examples of Jesus Christ. The officers shall consist of a moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. The moderator shall preside at all meetings and keep good order. The church shall withdraw fellowship from any member who violates the second article of this constitution, or make, buy, sell, or use spiritous liquors as a beverage other than for medicine. If any member shall fail to attend conference meeting as many as three times in succession they shall be required to come to church and render an excuse. The rules of Decorum are strict in giving attention as to the proceedings and the transaction of church business, and only one person may speak at a time and must always address the moderator first. Then if the moderator does not recognize him, keep silent until he is recognized by the moderator. All members must keep quiet and orderly and give attention when church services or business sessions are being carried on.

In 1888, it was moved to its present location. The first building was erected shortly after it moved. It was built out of wood and one story high and about 50 or 60 feet long and thirty feet wide with the pulpit in the south end of it and a double door in the North end and windows on each side and back of the pulpit. This building was used to hold Sunday School and preaching services in until the present building was erected. The land on which the church is standing was deeded to it by J. M. Lankford and wife, Vick, March 27, 1954, and the deed is recorded in the Register of Deeds office of Wilkes County in Book 287 at page 29, and being 1.6 acres more or less.

On the 4th Sunday in November, 1944, the church in conference voted to build a new building. The following were appointed as committee to raise funds; J. M. Lankford, W. L. Anderson, Mrs. Grace Phillips, Mrs. James Lowe and Rev. L. T. Younger. At the November meeting in 1945, a building committee was appointed as follows: Dave

Hall, Herman Johnson, Will Anderson, Carl Reavis, Don Beech and Dean Brewer with Rev. L. T. Younger as chairman. At the August meeting in 1947, Dave Hall, Carl Reavis, J. M. Lankford and W. S. Anderson, resigned, and at the September meeting in 1947, Edd Smithey, Layton Joines and Woodrow Key were appointed in their place. This committee with the cooperation of the other members of the church and the pastor kept working. With donations of material and much free labor, the present building was completed. It is estimated that the present building cost about \$17,000.00. The building is equipped with an excellent heating plant, fine pews at a cost of \$1,800.00, and other furniture that is necessary for the equipment of the building and Sunday School rooms. The bell was donated to the church by Vaughn Pendergrass, who purchased the old Lewis School house on Hunting Creek and converted it into a dwelling house.

The following men have served as pastors; Rev. Jimmie McNeill, 1877-1878; G. W. Green, 1878-1889; L. P. Gwaltney, 1889-1902; D. W. Poole, 1902-1904; A. T. Pardue, 1904-1905; D. W. Poole, 1905-1911; W. T. Comer, 1911-1915; E. V. Bumgarner, 1915-1916; R. N. Garner, 1916-1926; C. C. Holland, 1926-1928; N. C. Teague, 1928-1929; C. C. Holland, 1929-1931; N. T. Jarvis, 1931-1940; L. T. Younger, 1940-1948; Gilbert Osborne, 1948-1950; and Clate Brown, who was elected in 1950 and is still serving the church.

During this time the church has had clerks as follows; R. A. Spainhour, 1877-1880; J. L. Hemphill, 1880-1885; J. L. Ellis, 1885-1890; W. A. Foster, 1890-1894; Z. T. Ferguson, 1894-1904; B. M. Pardue, 1904-1906; W. T. Anderson, 1906-1907; W. E. Smithey, 1907-1908; T. B. Duncan, 1908-1911; W. E. Smithey, 1911-1913; None reported for 1914 and 1915; W. E. Smithey, 1916-1920; J. B. Hall, 1920-1922; James Lankford, 1922-1942; Will Anderson, 1942-1943; James M. Lankford, 1943-1947; Woodrow Key, 1947-1950; Hilda Combs, 1950-1951; and Robert Pegram, who was elected in 1951 and is still serving as clerk.

The church has made great progress in Sunday School work, R. A. Spainhour, was elected in 1885 and 35 were reported in Sunday School with six officers and teachers, making a total of 41. A number of years went by without any report being made to the Association. Superintendents to the present are as follows; J. M. Lankford was elected in 1905 and served till 1910; J. B. Hall, 1910-1921; J. M. Lankford, 1921-1925; George Anderson, 1925-1926; Jasper J. Anderson, 1926-1932; C. C. Lowe, 1932-1936; J. J. Anderson, 1936-1938; J. M. Lankford, 1939-1939; J. L. Hemphill, 1939-1943; Will Anderson, 1943-1945; Herman Johnson, 1945-1948; Woodrow Key, 1948-1949; Don Riddle, 1949-1950; Woodrow Key, 1950-1951; Halford Baker, 1951-1952; R. C. Pegram, 1952-1955; and William Johnson, who was elected in 1955. The Sunday School has made great progress in its field of work and teaching the word of God. It has grown from 41 to 185 in attendance during the eighty-three years that it has existed.

This church has ordained two ministers and sent them forth as labors into the field of harvest. The 4th Sunday night in January, 1949,

H. I. Johnson, was ordained as a minister and the Presbytery was composed of the following ministers: Rev. Gilbert Osborne, Troy Blevins, and L. T. Younger. After the ordination Rev. Troy Blevins, delivered the charge. At the March meeting, 1953, Jack Phillips, was licensed to preach.

The church has an excellent Training Union with sixty members enrolled and has taken the attendance banner a number of times in the Training Union meetings of the Association. A Vacation Bible School was conducted last Summer in this church with an average attendance of one hundred and three.

This church has never adopted the budget system, but pays its pastor by donations and collections, she has always contributed to State and Home Missions and the Baptist orphanage freely.

The Cub Creek church has been rather strict in discipling its members. In the early years when a member missed three meetings he had to come in and show good excuse or the church dealt with him.

It has also taken great interest in singing. In 1940 the church purchased a piano and has built up a good singing choir with Charlie Cain as choir leader.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. Jordan, Historian.

51. Rev. Bob Franklin led the Association in singing the hymn, "The Solid Rock".

52. The report on, Home For The Aged, was given by Mrs. G. T. Mitchell. John V. Idol seconded a move by Mrs. Mitchell that the report be accepted. The report is herein recorded.

SUGGESTED REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR AGING

Associational Year 1955

The North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging began their fifth year of operation March 16, 1955. This has been a year of encouraging progress. Both Homes—Resthaven and Albemarle— have had a continuing waiting list of applicants. As soon as a vacancy occurs there are far more applicants for admission than can be accepted.

This year will be remembered as one of notable enlargement of facilities. Construction of the Administration and Residential Building, costing \$300,000, will get under way, and it should be completed by this time next year. The new building will provide office facilities, dining room, kitchen, chapel, infirmary, recreational and handicraft space, and rooms for forty additional residents, thus raising the total capacity of the Homes to 95 residents.

Two-thirds of the cost of the new building is now in hand, counting the value of real estate turned over to the Homes. Personal and corporation gifts are being received which will further add to the amount on hand.

Memorial gifts may be made in the following ways: A gift of \$300

will furnish a room; \$1,000 will endow—furnish and maintain—a room; \$3,000 will pay cost of building a room. In either case, a memorial plaque—bearing the name of the donor and the name of the person memorialized, or honored—will be placed on the door of a room.

Miss Nettie Pearl Willis gave her homeplace at Vale, N. C., as a memorial to her mother, Mrs. Laura Elliott Goode Willis. The property will be sold and proceeds be used to erect a cottage on the permanent site of our Homes. In addition, Miss Willis made her will in favor of the Homes.

Increasing support on the part of our churches and denominational program gives great encouragement. So far this year, our Special Day Offering has reached almost \$70,000. Since many of the churches put the Homes in the budget instead of taking a special offering, and some of the churches wait until the end of the calendar year to send their gifts, a complete report for the year cannot be made at this time. But it is likely that our goal of \$100,000 for the special offering will be nearly reached. In addition, the Homes will receive \$39,850 as their share of the Nine Year Program, according to the estimated budget.

With increasing aid from denominational sources, the Homes are helping a larger number who do not have sufficient funds with which to pay the cost of keep as residents. In fact, about ninety per cent of all the residents are being helped by the Homes—some with about two-thirds of the cost of keep, and others with about one-third. Less than ten per cent of the residents in the Homes have turned over enough assets to pay their cost of keep on the life plan. Regardless of financial condition, and applicant is received into the Homes on the basis of need and room available.

All connected with the Homes—staff and residents—are most grateful for the prayers and support of our friends. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped." Surely all North Carolina Baptists should be grateful for the progress made thus far. Let us all rally to the challenge to render a greater ministry to the increasing number of aging friends who need the services of our Homes.

(The Association is requested to elect a representative for the Homes at this session.)

Mrs. G. T. Mitchell's report continue as follows:

Brushy Mountain

Contributions to the North Carolina Baptist Homes during 1955 to September 1. Boiling Springs, \$6.00; Beaver Creek, \$13.09; Cub Creek, \$43.00; Davis Memorial, \$8.00; Edgewood, \$18.46; Fishing Creek, \$63.42; Harmony, \$25.00; Hinshaw Street, \$50.00; Lewis Fork, \$17.00; Moravian Falls, \$50.00; Mount Zion, \$21.08; Mount Pleasant, \$28.60; New Hope, \$24.58; North Wilkesboro, First, \$564.74; North Wilkesboro, Second, \$7.62; Oakwoods, \$10.29; Pilgrim Church S. S., \$21.24; Pleasant Home, \$56.92; Purlear, \$16.00; Roaring River, \$58.00; Walnut Grove,

\$25.00; Welcome Home, \$25.00; Wilkesboro, First, \$149.14; Zion Hill, \$31.47 — TOTAL of \$1,333.65.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. G. T. Mitchell

53. Rev. Zeb Caudill of Winston Salem, representative for the home for the aged was recognized. He expressed appreciation to the many people who give to support the homes, and said the new home in Winston Salem is now filled to capacity. He stated that more and more money is needed to support these needy ones who have a fear of being left alone. Rev. Caudill said God wants and expects us to meet the needs of the needy.

54. Miscellaneous Business and moves

A. The following motion was given by T. E. Story; That the Association go on record as supporting a sustained effort to raise as much money as possible through the churches toward the purchase price of the Associational Missionary's Home; that we have until the first day of December 1955 to do this, and that we make a suggested goal of \$1.00 per resident church member. D. E. Elledge seconded the move. The Association adopted the motion. It was suggested this money be kept separate from the other offerings.

55. Mr. Thomas W. Earp, proposed by the nominating committee for clerk for the ensuing year, was moved by T. E. Story and seconded by John Idol. The Association accepted the report of the committee.

56. Mr. D. E. Elledge moved that the committee on investigation of new churches be made a standing committee until the next annual associational meeting. Rev. E. J. Jenkins seconded the move. The Association accepted.

57. Order of procedure

Rev. E. J. Jenkins settled a question regarding voting on amendment of the constitution the second day, which was delayed from the first day. Missionary Jenkins stated such as constitutional that a vote may be taken either day. The question had to do with a change in the constitution of the Association.

58. Moves

"I move you sir, that the nominating committee be instructed and authorized to bring before the association, nominations for three trustees to serve as legal representatives in dealing with the business world relative particularly to the Associational Parsonage. J. F. Jordan seconded this move made by Missionary Jenkins, accepted by association. They appear elsewhere.

59. "I move you sir, that a finance committee be appointed to work out payments for the parsonage, and to solicit those throughout our association who band together to sign guarantees amounting together in the amount of \$3,000.00" T. E. Story seconded the move made by Rev. E. J. Jenkins. They appear elsewhere.

60. "I move you sir, that a map be made of our Association showing the location of each Missionary Baptist Church of the Brushy Mt.

Association to be included in this years minutes." Rev. Bob Franklin seconded this move made by E. J. Jenkins. Accepted by the Assn.

61. "I move you sir, that the Clerk and Moderator write Rev. Bob Franklin a letter of appreciation for his work in the Kingdom while living in our midst." This move was made by Missionary Jenkins and seconded by Rev. Clete Simmons. Was accepted by the Assn.

62. "I move you sir, that an Associational Missions Committee vested with authority be set up to work with the local Missionary; the Committee to be composed of the a. Assn. S. S. Superintendent, b. W. M. U. Director, c. Training Union Director, d. Brotherhood director, and three others to be appointed by the Moderator," (which appears elsewhere.) Dr. W. R. Wagoner moved the Association. Rev. Clete Simmons seconded the move. The Assn. accepted.

63. Resolutions

Miss Minnie McNeil, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee offered for the good of the Association the following:

I. That we express our sincere thanks to Mr. Cecil Kilby and Mr. Arson Phillips for their kindness and consideration shown the Association during the purchasing of the Associational Parsonage.

II. That we express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the membership of Welcome Home Baptist Church, and Cub Creek Baptist Church for the wonderful hospitality shown the messengers and representatives of our work, and our expressed thanks to the women who prepared the abundant and delicious dinners for us.

III. That we recommend an Associational Missions Committee composed of heads of departments and three members at large; who shall be this year, Rev. Dahl Eller, Rev. Charlie Pool, and Rev. Glenn Huffman. The committee will be active through the coming year.

By vote of the eighty-fourth annual meeting of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Assn. was adjourned.

IN MEMORIAM

of our beloved dead - year ending Sept. 30, 1955

"I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in Me though he were dead, yet shall he live." —John II:25.

DAVIS MEMORIAL—Mr. Tom Laws (deacon), Dr. James W. Davis (Honorary member)

EDGEWOOD—Mr. Carl Canter, Mrs. Cora Miller Canter

FISHING CREEK—Mr. Thomas Call, Mr. Turner Laws (deacon)

CALVERY (GOSPEL) BAPTIST—Miss Mary Parsons

HARMONY BAPTIST—Mrs. Laura Welsh, Mrs. R. L. Lankford

LEWIS FORK—Mr. Judson Yates, Mr. Decatur Whittington, Mr. Levi Blackburn, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Thomas Foster

LIBERTY GROVE—Mrs. Louella Warren

LITTLE ROCK BAPTIST—Mr. W. F. Jarvis, (deacon) Mr. Roby Ferguson

MORAVIAN FALLS—Mr. J. M. Lankford, (deacon) Mrs. F. G. Brewer, Mrs. C. T. Critcher, Mrs. W. A. Laxton

MOUNT CARMEL—Miss Nora Parsons

NORTH WILKESBORO FIRST—Rev. W. A. Eichelberger, Mr. R. T. McNeil, (deacon) Mr. C. O. McNeil, Mr. M. P. Wingler, Mr. C. E. Ruffin, Mr. J. S. Caudill Mrs. Max Foster, Mrs. E. F. Stafford, Mrs. R. E. Walters, Mrs. C. M. Tevepaugh

OAKWOODS—Mr. Rueben Minton, Mr. James Canter

PLEASANT GROVE—Mr. James A. Bumgarner, Mrs. Callie Culler, Mrs. Mary Parsons

PLEASANT HOME—Mrs. Elbert McGlammery, Mr. Otto McGlammery, Mr. Wiley Caudill, Mrs. Billy Rose Marsh

SHADY GROVE—Mr. Jim Jarvis

STONY HILL—Mrs. Mary Jane Hamby

WALNUT GROVE—Mrs. Venia Tedder, Mr. C. A. Lowe (deacon), Mrs. C. A. Lowe

WELCOME HOME—Mr. Richard Parsons, Mr. Shafter Phillips

WILKESBORO—Mrs. M. G. Edwards, Mr. Willard Dancy, Mr. Wilson Warner

V. B. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCH	PRINCIPAL	Enr.	Av. Att.	1-Day	Not Att. S. S.	Professions	Cost	Co. Program
Beaver Creek.....	Rev. R. Schreckenburg..	71	58	2	0	3	14.00	22.23
Big Ivey.....	Rev. E. J. J.....	24	20	0	0	0	6.22	3.00
Boiling Springs.....	Mrs. E. J. J.....	37	32	0	1	0	12.52	6.51
Cub Creek.....	Rev. Clate Brown.....	108	104	6	5	0	32.08	25.00
Davis Memorial.....	Rev. E. J. J.....	45	31	1	0	3	8.56	6.00
Edgewood.....	Mrs. Clyde Church.....	62	54	4	0	0	15.00	12.25
Elk.....	Rev. R. Schreckenburg..	76	43	0	1	0	20.31	10.99
Fishing Creek.....	Rev. E. J. J.....	216	180	10	0	9	30.35	31.59
Gordon.....	Rev. E. J. J.....	63	51	0	1	0	8.30	6.02
Goshen.....	Mrs. E. J. J.....	43	36	5	9	0	5.69	6.78
Gospel Bapt.....	Rev. E. J. J.....	89	58	11	0	0	9.00	7.49
Harmony.....	Rev. E. J. J.....	62	46	8	0	0	5.00	16.00
Lewis Fork.....	Mrs. W. Eller.....	114	102	4	9	0	15.01	20.08
Liberty Grove.....	Mrs. Paul Bryant.....	69	63	3	4	0	10.30	7.65
Little Rock.....	Miss R. Livingston.....	85	70	3	0	0	14.00	6.50
Moravian Falls.....	Rev. C. Pool.....	85	77	0	7	0	39.00	12.40
Mount Carmel.....	Rev. E. J. J.....	92	70	12	0	0	6.50	9.22
Mount Pleasant.....	Mrs. E. Church.....	78	74	1	7	2	46.50	25.82
Mount Zion.....	Rev. E. J. J.....	41	34	0	7	0	15.11	10.00
New Hope.....	Rev. G. Huffman.....	67	54	1	0	0	20.00	7.34
N. W., First.....	A. B. Cook, Jr.....	257	195	0	0	0	51.41	55.00
N. W., Second.....	Rev. E. J. J.....	62	53	4	4	0	33.94	12.53
N. W., Hinshaw.....	Rev. E. J. J.....	188	179	8	1	11	74.20	31.16
Oak Grove.....	Rev. E. J. J.....	71	50	8	7	0	7.00	7.06
Oakwoods.....	Mrs. H. Hawkins.....	109	92	1	2	0	14.34	15.43
Pilgrim.....	Rev. E. J. J.....	75	59	2	9	6	8.18	9.36
Pleasant Grove.....	Rev. E. J. J.....	72	62	0	2	0	7.35	13.00
Pleasant Home.....	Mrs. R. Bishop.....	76	74	3	0	0	16.00	20.00
Purlear.....	Rev. H. Church.....	87	75	1	3	0	36.00	11.36
Roaring River.....	Mrs. O. M. Proffit.....	74	61	2	7	0	12.09	7.14
Shady Grove.....	Rev. E. J. J.....	38	25	0	0	0	4.25	8.12
Sharon Walker.....	Rev. E. J. J.....	36	29	1	1	0	5.50	6.45
Stony Hill.....	Mrs. C. Church.....	34	30	3	0	0	20.00	4.00
Walnut Grove.....	Rev. C. Pool.....	87	77	2	0	0	37.48	13.60
Welcome Home.....	Mrs. G. T. Michael.....	128	107	5	7	0	20.00	18.00
Wilkesboro.....	Mrs. R. L. Foster.....	137	122	3	2	1	81.69	30.14
Zion Hill.....	Mrs. E. J. J.....	79	66	3	11	4	13.45	15.00
Beaver Crk., (Col.).....	Rev. R. Schreckenburg..	18	15	0	0	0	5.60	4.00
N. W. 1st. Mission.....	A. B. Cook, Jr.....	91	60	0	0	0	13.00	8.66
TOTAL.....		3246	2688	117	107	39	\$794.85	\$540.50

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES		Gains—Losses			TOTAL					Special Information			
				Baptism	Letters and Other Adns	Loss by Death, Transf., etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-res. Members	Grand Total	Pres. Members	Revival Meetings	No. Titlers	Every Member	State Paper in Canvass	Budget	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)	
Beaver Creek.....	R	1779	ALL	Robert C. Schreckenburg, Boomer.	3	2	6	98	66	144	1	2	1,200.00				
Big Ivy.....	R	1883	1	W. H. Carroll, Purlear.	5	1	1	70	61	131	1	1	12.00				
Boiling Springs.....	R	1932	2, 3	Lemuel J. Ramsey, N. W. R. 4.	10	3	2	84	66	150	2	2	253.06				
Calvary (Gospel).....	R	1946	2, 4, 5	Clate Brown, Wilkesboro, R. 2	8	2	4	166	21	187	2	1	420.00				
Cub Creek.....	R	1862	2, 4	Albert C. Pruitt, N. W.....	2	2	2	72	11	83	1	1	961.73				
Davis Memorial.....	R	1944	1, 3, 3, 1	Clyde Church, Millers Creek	2	3	3	104	61	165	2	3	631.76				
Edgewood.....	R	1893	1, 3	R. C. Cook, Lenoir, N. C. Rt. 8	44	13	14	364	62	426	2	2	600.00				
Fik.....	R	1905	1, 3	George Walters, Elkin, N. C.	10	1	8	196	39	235	2	2	2,175.33				
Fishing Creek.....	R	1822	2, 4	Iredell Osborne, Cricgett, N. C.	10	3	2	84	66	150	2	2	600.00				
Gordon.....	V	1918	1, 2, 3, 4	Albert Pruitt, N. Wilkesboro	10	3	2	84	66	150	2	2	420.00				
Goshen.....	R	1914	2, 4	M. L. Blevins, Hays, N. C.	4	9	6	53	60	113	2	2	495.00				
Harmony.....	R	1900	1, 3	A. W. Eller, Purlear, N. C.	4	1	19	246	44	290	2	4	1,200.00				
Lewis Fork.....	R	1792	1, 3	LeRoy Thomas, Roaring River	8	3	3	185	45	230	2	11	1,240.00				
Liberty Grove.....	R	1886	1	A. W. Eller, Purlear, N. C.	10	3	6	168	58	226	2	2	900.00				
Little Rock.....	R	1866	2, 4	Charles Poole, Wilkesboro, R. 2	5	2	12	143	41	184	2	5	1,443.93				
Moravian Falls.....	V	1886	2, 4	J. G. Cardwell, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4	6	8	9	90	25	115	2	4	300.00				
Mt. Carmel.....	R	1880	1, 3	J. C. McQueen, Wilkesboro, R. 1	10	2	6	115	37	152	2	18	1,200.00				
Mt. Pleasant.....	R	1875	2, 4	Raymond Hendrix, Boone, N. C.	10	4	5	201	30	231	2	2	714.51				
Mount Zion.....	R	1849	3, 3	Glenn Huffman, Wilbur, N. C.	10	4	5	213	148	361	1	170	1,440.00				
New Hope.....	R	1830	2, 4	W. R. Wagoner, N. Wilkesboro.	50	32	35	713	148	861	1	170	6,000.00				
N. Wilkesboro, First.....	C	1892	ALL	Wade Miller, Wilkesboro.	2	5	5	89	52	141	3	YES	235.17				
N. Wilkesboro, Second.....	C	1907	2, 4	Clete Simmons, Jonesville, N. C.	26	10	8	307	100	407	2	2	2,985.40				
Hinshaw.....	R	1927	ALL	Finley Miller, West Jefferson	7	2	2	44	35	79	4	4	106.10				
Oak Grove.....	R	1945	3	Frank Walker, N. Wilkesboro	17	6	5	214	35	249	2	23	600.00				
Oakwoods.....	V	1907	1, 3	J. Roby McNeil, N. Wilkesboro.	3	103	51	154	1	154	1	1	189.50				
Pilgrim.....	R	1859	3	Richard Byrd, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1	11	6	3	190	46	236	2	12	351.46				
Pleasant Grove.....	R	1884	1, 3	Clate Brown, Wilkesboro, R. 2	14	11	9	284	46	330	2	2	2,102.37				
Pleasant Home.....	R	1880	1, 3	Hunter Church, N. Wilkesboro.	17	6	1	157	23	180	2	YES	900.00				
Purlear.....	R	1932	1, 3	LeRoy Thomas, Roaring River	15	16	5	65	35	100	2	2	1,200.00				
Roaring River.....	R	1908	2, 4	J. G. Cardwell, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4	4	1	37	15	52	1	1	230.00					
Shady Grove.....	R	1880	2, 4	Fred A. Blevins, Wilkesboro.	6	3	2	71	11	82	2	2	469.63				
Sharon-Walker.....	R	1947	1, 2	Clyde Church, Millers Creek	3	3	2	78	68	146	2	2	481.16				
Stony Hill.....	R	1845	1, 4	C. J. Poole, Wilkesboro, R. 2	12	2	10	282	86	368	2	2	1,200.00				
Walnut Grove.....	R	1845	1, 3	Harvey White, Wilkesboro, R. 1	10	7	7	235	25	260	1	20	1,560.00				
Welcome Home.....	R	1936	1, 3	Robert L. Franklin, Wilkesboro.	13	13	16	365	65	430	2	48	4,200.00				
Wilkesboro.....	C	1880	ALL	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1	3	3	184	65	249	2	2	1,735.84				
Zion Hill.....	R	1814	2, 4														

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Dept.	Class & Depts. Counted	Mission Sunday	School Enrollment	Grand Total S. S.	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible Sch. Enrollment	Average V. B. S. Atten-	January Bible Study	No. Training Sch.
Beaver Creek	L. Z. Walsh, Boomer, R. 1		6	8	8	27	15	15	37		2			110	49	71	58		
Big Ivy	Julia Summerlin, Purlear		6	5	5	5	6	6	6		1			18	10	24	20		
Boiling Springs	Turner Huffman, Purlear, N. C.		15	12	18	18	12	19	30		9			112	57	37	32	YES	
Calvary (Gospel)	Howard Bumgarner, North Wilkesboro		14	18	10	23	26	36	36					127	87	58	58		
Cub Creek	William M. Johnson, Moravian Falls		26	15	22	20	17	89	104					189	116	108	104	YES	
Davis Memorial	Earl Fairchild, North Wilkesboro	3	8	13	8	8	19	32	32					91	55	45	31		1
Edgewood	C. H. Glass, Sr., Wilkesboro, R. 2		13	18	26	15	22	44	44					138	50	62	54	YES	
Elk	J. H. Edminston, Ferguson		9	8	8	10	18	18	18					45	45	45	45		
Fishing Creek	C. B. Mayberry, N. Wilkesboro, R. 3	19	10	45	46	90	66	69	84	18	12			459	269	216	180		
Gordon	Frank Rhodes, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4	13	14	11	15	21	21	27	27		9			120	120	63	51		
Goshen	Clay Crisp, Boomer, R. 1	6	11	19	14	10	9	39	39		2			110	78	43	36		1
Harmony	W. H. Minton, Wilkesboro, R. 1		18	15	20	25	47	47	47					125	102	62	46		
Liberty Fork	Vernon Dyer, Purlear	33	34	29	15	15	110	110	110					236	140	114	102	YES	
Little Rock	Tam Hutchinson, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4	12	19	23	23	28	28	43	43					176	116	85	70	YES	1
Moravian Falls	L. G. Critcher, Moravian Falls	12	16	11	16	14	14	78	78					147	92	85	77		1
Mt. Carmel	Arnold Wilson, Boomer, R. 1	18	18	26	26	23	56	56	56					167	100	92	70	YES	1
Mt. Pleasant	Harry H. Foster, Ferguson, R. 1	13	15	15	16	29	69	69	69					157	109	78	74	YES	
Mount Zion	W. O. Barnett, Ferguson, R. 1	8	5	5	20	48	48	48	48					81	57	41	34		
New Hope	Wayne Vannoy, Purlear	24	26	24	49	23	118	118	118					264	166	67	54		
N. Wilkesboro, First	D. E. Elledge, N. Wilkesboro	19	59	40	77	58	62	68	441	30	5	115	974	974	426	348	255	YES	1
N. Wilkesboro, Second	Roscoe Porter, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2	4	16	16	11	12	25	25	25					48	62	53	53		
Hinshaw	Harold Pardue, N. Wilkesboro	20	29	28	20	18	95	95	95		22			232	198	188	179	YES	
Oak Grove	W. E. Smith, Millers Creek	14	9	12	12	30	30	30	30					65	50	71	50		1
Oakwoods	Archie Elms, Wilkesboro, R. 2	22	34	29	18	11	45	45	45					159	91	109	92	YES	
Pilgrim	Charlie Shumaker, Wilkesboro, R. 1	36	17	20	22	28	28	28	28		7			130	55	75	59		
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Parsons, Wilkesboro, R. 1	17	17	11	25	16	39	39	39		7			115	108	72	62		1
Pleasant Home	Gwyn F. Vannoy, Millers Creek	17	24	32	36	67	130	130	130		13			336	206	76	74	YES	
Purlear	D. F. Beshears, Purlear	20	15	20	30	19	48	38	38		5			190	95	87	75	YES	
Roaring River	O. M. Proffit, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2	3	10	12	11	10	17	47	47					115	67	74	61		
Shady Grove	Mrs. Willard Eller, Wilkesboro, R. 1	1	3	2	5	10	25	25	25					46	30	38	25		
Sharon-Walker	Edd Marley, Boomer	6	10	10	8	8	10	15	15					67	50	36	29		
Stony Hill	G. S. McNeil, Purlear	7	14	13	14	18	18	18	18		7			80	45	34	30		
Walnut Grove	Mack Brock, Moravian Falls	7	14	22	17	24	36	62	62		4			186	107	87	77	YES	
Welcome Home	Chalmer Dyer, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4	21	27	56	32	40	97	97	97		11			284	162	128	107		
Wilkesboro	J. E. Switzer, Wilkesboro	9	17	19	55	39	30	128	128		3			368	180	137	122	YES	1
Zion Hill	W. J. Earp, Boomer	16	12	26	19	33	35	29	65	7				242	112	79	66		
Totals		63,200	663,634	844,762	824,241	123	111	115	115	115	3,940	322,826	2,688						8

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Av. Attendance									
		Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Gen. Ovc. Enl ¹	Grand Total Enl ¹	Av. Attendance
Cub Creek.....	Miss Fay Davis, Wilkesboro, R. 2.....	12	8	4	14	9	20	2	69	50	
Edgewood.....	Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baity, Wilkesboro, R. 2.....	12	9	17	8	5	10	1	53	22	
Gordon.....	Mrs. Minnie Wyatt, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4.....	10	10	11	40	6	17	1	83	44	
Harmony.....	O. L. Phillips, Millers Creek, R. 1.....	6	13	12	10	8	28	4	64	40	
Lewis Fork.....	Mrs. Raymond Goforth, Ferguson.....	7	13	12	22	8	10	8	44	34	
Liberty Grove.....	Mrs. Tam Hutchinson, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4.....	7	10	10	17	8	17	2	83	50	
Little Rock.....	Miss Sue Ferguson, Boomer.....	2	5	6	9	16	14	2	54	30	
Moravian Falls.....	Mrs. Hal Hawkins, Moravian Falls.....	5	24	20	20	19	4	2	92	70	
Mt. Carmel.....	Odell Watts, Boomer.....	5	5	12	30	8	28	8	83	59	
New Hope.....	Miss Anna Laura Canter, Purlear.....	4	3	8	23	2	16	6	62	55	
N. Wilkesboro, First.....	Rev. A. B. Cook, Jr., N. Wilkesboro.....	5	12	6	8	17	8	17	48	40	
N. Wilkesboro, Second.....	Mrs. Dossie Berrong, N. Wilkesboro.....	6	6	8	12	18	26	3	79	35	
Hinshaw.....	Charlie Lenderman, N. Wilkesboro.....	16	12	13	12	4	12	2	71	43	
Oakwoods.....	Miss Nora Laws, Wilkesboro, R. 2.....	1	6	6	12	4	8	3	34	25	
Pleasant Grove.....	Bruce Crane, Wilkesboro, R. 1.....	5	12	13	13	13	13	4	47	25	
Pleasant Home.....	James Foster, Millers Creek.....	11	15	17	17	26	11	80	45	80	
Purlear.....	Gwyn Nicholls, Purlear.....	6	8	20	20	25	5	84	38	25	
Roaring River.....	Miss Zell Harris, Roaring River.....	4	4	6	10	6	6	8	38	25	
Stony Hill.....	Mrs. C. O. Parsons, Purlear.....	6	6	14	26	12	30	3	97	44	
Walnut Grove.....	Lee Bentley, Moravian Falls.....	6	6	14	26	12	30	3	97	44	
Welcome Home.....	Paul Snider, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4.....	5	6	40	12	10	18	2	93	40	
Wilkesboro.....	Mrs. Robert Foster, Wilkesboro.....	7	99	146	289	359	116	388	84	1488	
Totals.....		199	146	289	359	116	388	84	1488	947	

TABLE F and G TOTAL GIFTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES—

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary)	Maintenance, Insurance, and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses & Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Exp. (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total
Beaver Creek	J. P. Hayes, Boomer	2739.51		74.18	271.00	50.00	162.50		502.39	1164.59	950.00	2114.59
Big Ivy	Mrs. Julia Summerlin, Purlear	26.38		15.00	54.80	13.00	82.00		6.00	238.51	253.06	18.00
Boiling Springs	Turner Huffman, Purlear	1435.72			87.36	60.36	120.97	325.00	73.71	1684.10	833.00	491.57
Calvary (Gospel)	T. F. Shumate, N. Wks. R. 4	2496.37	150.00	700.00	265.68	249.96	319.29	1090.00	240.41	3088.62	961.73	2937.10
Cub Creek	Mrs. Earl Weilborn, Mo. Falls	4755.94	75.00	534.56	62.27		79.80		102.84	524.94	631.76	1156.70
Davis Memorial	E. M. Huffman, Wksb. R. 1	1399.87	10.00	57.25	62.27	34.55	205.00		15.12	444.58	600.00	1044.58
Edgewood	Clifford Moore, N. Wksb., R. 3	4016.02		47.72	86.10		182.40	1217.27	37.21	1623.15	310.33	1933.45
Elk	Mrs. W. T. McNeil, Ferguson	1359.30		100.17						1828.40	2175.33	20459.37
Fishing Creek	David Miller, Wilkesboro, R. 2	11417.04	284.28	900.79	327.72	117.82	250.64	180.00	429.12	16284.04	600.00	2290.41
Goshen	R. C. Parsons, N. Wksb. R. 4	2427.23	300.00	87.96	103.00		122.17		130.01	1876.35	335.00	2211.35
Gordon	Mrs. Arnold Bumgarner, Boomer	2422.43	84.86	40.86	104.09		180.00	600.00	454.16	1690.41	600.00	2290.41
Harmony	L. A. Minton, Wksb. R. 1	3171.17	134.92	192.84	115.76	133.41	93.00			2575.17	495.00	3070.17
Liberty Grove	Mrs. W. P. Davis, Purlear	3366.22	180.00	783.17	243.42	164.25	300.00			2390.77	1100.00	3490.77
Little Rock	Mrs. Ena Taylor, N. Wksb., R. 2	13130.92	342.00	387.65	150.14	18.77	200.00		719.93	8531.65	1609.50	10141.15
Moravian Falls	Mrs. John Anderson, Boomer	2915.72	190.00	149.79	158.65	99.22	222.60		325.02	1327.47	900.00	2227.47
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Perry Lowe, Wksb. R. 2	1319.46		55.20	93.56	276.65	97.00		117.35	1681.22	1443.93	3125.15
Mount Zion	Mrs. Bruce Phillips, Mo. Falls	2722.04	300.00	170.61	123.14	100.86	368.01	1500.00	216.84	2018.95	199.37	3218.32
New Hope	A. G. Church, Ferguson, R. 2	3048.66	36.00	1742.41	39.99	36.79	142.30		485.42	2780.87	1200.00	3980.87
N. Wks. 1st	D. M. Triplett, Ferguson	5458.03	131.25	369.79	156.41	26.76	228.27		14.24	2011.73	714.51	2726.24
N. Wks. 2nd	J. T. Vannoy, N. Wilkesboro	47807.13	7944.83	1711.57	2306.50	200.00	390.00		6526.31	19079.21	6000.00	4329.31
Hinshaw	Leonard Porter, N. Wilkesboro	724.26	45.00		49.60		91.23			185.83	235.17	421.00
Oak Grove	Charlie Linderman, N. Wksb.	7807.13	435.00	458.17	453.23	108.34	220.00	1473.77	244.98	3593.40	2985.40	6578.89
Oakwoods	W. C. Smith, Millers Creek	2872.43		105.31	172.87	128.42	12.46	623.64	7.00	1197.72	545.00	1742.72
Pilgrim	Archie Anderson, Wilkesboro	1571.95	180.00	102.25	169.00	244.19	115.00		8.18	883.62	189.50	1073.12
Pleasant Grove	Bruce Crane, Wilkesboro, R. 1	3775.35			44.49	20.00	4.50		216.35	3423.89	351.46	3775.35
Pleasant Home	Minnie McNeil, Millers Creek	6533.65	332.50	93.26	261.34	119.00	145.00	1260.00	1308.45	3614.28	2102.37	5716.65
Purlear	Wayne Yates, Purlear	3486.52	240.00	527.25	790.08	97.90	291.91			2367.54	900.00	3267.54
Roaring River	Mrs. J. P. Pardue, N. Wks., R. 2	3191.99	96.00	89.11	177.71	39.76	155.00		182.71	1529.29	1231.50	2760.79
Shady Grove	Mrs. Guy Eller, Wilkesboro	317.60		31.60	24.00					55.60	230.00	285.60
Sharon-Walker	Junie Walker, Boomer	808.66			33.88	103.95	167.44		36.27	341.54	469.63	811.17
Stony Hill	W. P. J. B. Baker, Purlear, R. 1	1650.00	56.91	95.96	707.39	120.71	230.42		20.00	1096.31	481.16	1577.47
Walnut Grove	W. P. Hendren, Moravian Falls	3813.43	150.00	546.45	225.04	150.19	132.47		323.27	2920.02	1200.00	4120.02
Welcome Home	Ray Lankford, N. Wksb., R. 4	5597.74	124.00	29.96	2633.90	154.49	206.27		93.44	3554.66	1569.00	5114.66
Wilkesboro	J. R. Priestler, Wilkesboro	20389.07	916.92	918.29	1871.86	281.02	359.00		2212.46	7810.56	4120.00	11930.56
Zion Hill	Atwell German, Boomer	3715.33		228.97	600.00	60.00	324.00		127.08	1483.09	1735.84	3218.93
Totals		187512.83	12739.48	10670.73	40723.50	9091.64	3249.03	6276.80	16608.12	116944.98	41227.62	150219.60

TABLE H and I MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES—

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuitiy, Other Obj.	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total
Beaver Creek	Warner J. Horton, Jr., Ferguson.	22.23	78.50	43.00				78.50	72.75	13.09	308.07	2422.56
Big Ivy	Odell Beshears, Purlear	3.00	2.50						3.38		8.38	26.38
Boiling Springs	Turner Huffman, Purlear	12.96	36.00	5.16	2.50	2.50		19.00	12.25	18.00	108.37	599.94
Calvary (Gospel)	Eugene Faw, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4	31.49	15.00						15.00	10.00	71.49	2608.59
Cub Creek	Robert Pegram, Wilkesboro, R. 2	25.00	60.00	37.54	32.61			402.14	43.56	43.00	643.85	4694.20
David Memorial	Mrs. Willard Johnson, Ferguson	33.80	24.00					10.00	10.00	77.80	155.60	1920.30
Edgewood	Della Bumgarner, Wilkesboro, R. 2	32.25	36.00			11.37		42.70	29.10		151.42	1496.90
Elk	Mrs. Howard Van Proffit, Ferguson	10.99	33.00	11.51				98.67			154.17	2087.52
Fishing Creek	G. Warner Miller, N. Wilkesboro, R. 3	23.55	60.00	80.99	66.45	75.67	63.42	160.00	133.50		875.54	21334.91
Gordon	Walter R. Burgess, N. Wilksb., R. 4	6.02	2.00					55.28	52.28	37.26	152.84	2443.15
Goshen	Jessie Walsh, Wilkesboro, R. 1	5.00	24.00					27.32	29.00		85.32	2296.57
Harmony	L. A. Minton, Wilkesboro, R. 1	41.00	5.00					35.00	25.00		106.30	3176.17
Lewis Fork	Ben S. Johnson, N. Wilksb., R. 2	8.15	32.00					56.20	57.00	17.00	170.35	3661.12
Liberty Grove	Ray Parsons, Boomer	137.87	52.00	23.27	32.00	52.00		94.00	60.00	64.80	445.39	10587.14
Little Rock	Mrs. Bernice P. Greer, Moravian Falls	60.00	60.00	14.25	40.00	40.00		277.00	50.00	50.00	556.00	3681.15
Moravian Falls	Mrs. Bernice Phillips, Moravian Falls	35.00	24.00					15.00	21.92		51.14	1269.46
Mt. Carmel	Bruce Miles, Ferguson, R. 1	9.22	5.00					64.80	52.00	28.60	297.17	4278.94
Mt. Pleasant	W. O. Barnett, Ferguson	10.00	5.00	13.84				119.29	28.38		122.02	2848.26
Mount Zion	James Lovette, Purlear	57.34	60.00	39.69	10.00	32.19		96.91	41.00		359.51	4688.32
New Hope	J. E. Caudill, N. Wilkesboro	4478.02	1500.00	164.41	229.42	508.82		930.51	1060.61	1098.45	9970.24	35049.45
N. Wilkesboro, First	Mrs. Fanny Benton, N. Wilkesboro	15.54	5.00	7.35				277.00	46.49		171.29	592.49
N. Wilkesboro, Second	Minter Cleary, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1	100.00	48.00			21.00	86.50	47.34	68.35	373.20	744.39	7323.28
Oak Grove	Mrs. Polly Nelson, Millers Creek	7.06	5.00					67.79	46.67	10.29	151.24	280.24
Pilgrim	J. H. Stroud, Wilkesboro	45.43	24.27	30.00	10.00	18.17		9.17	12.25		252.62	1995.34
Pleasant Grove	Sloan Deal, Millers Creek	31.74	12.50		16.54				27.63		97.58	1170.70
Pleasant Home	Bruce Crane, Wilkesboro, R. 1	13.00	5.00					260.00	125.00	50.00	18.00	3793.35
Purlear	Minnie McNeil, Millers Creek, R. 1	125.00	60.00	75.00	50.00	72.00		42.00	24.00	24.00	817.90	6533.65
Roaring River	Wayne Yates, Purlear	11.36	60.00	30.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	100.00	96.00	64.80	263.36	3550.90
Shady Grove	James W. Welborn, Wilkesboro, R. 1	42.10	6.00	58.00	9.20	41.00					417.10	3177.39
Sharon-Walker	George Walker, Boomer, R. 1	8.12	32.00					16.00	10.00		40.12	325.72
Stony Hill	Mrs. John W. Craven, Purlear, R. 1	6.45	25.00					20.00	25.00		57.45	868.62
Walnut Grove	Madge Jennings, Moravian Falls	13.80	60.00	70.00	25.00	17.00		20.00	50.00	25.00	81.00	1658.47
Welcome Home	Gwyn J. Eller, N. Wilkesboro, R. 4	244.08	40.00		10.00	35.00	15.00	75.00	79.00	25.00	588.80	4678.32
Wilkesboro	Charles C. McNeil, Wilkesboro	1310.14	600.00	119.55	256.29	144.58		649.07	103.65	189.35	3872.53	15303.19
Zion Hill	Earle German, Boomer	15.00	15.00			85.00		314.59	35.34	31.47	496.40	3715.33

Totals..... 7273.49 3230.77 879.07 975.84 1239.64 188.92 4548.33 2596.11 2226.11 223103.78 173323.38

