

MINUTES
OF THE
Third Annual Session
OF THE
SURRY
Baptist Association

HELD WITH
Mount View Church
August 17, 18, 19, and 20
1905

Moderator, J. G. BURRUS, Rockford, N. C.
Clerk, W. R. BEACH, Elkin, N. C.

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third Lord's Day in August, 1906. A. J.
Williams to preach the
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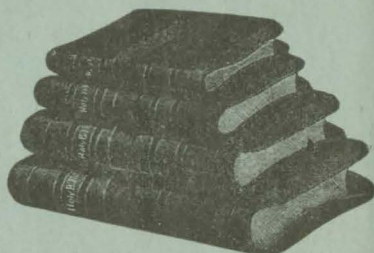
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AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY

MINUTES.

MT. VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, Low Gap, N. C.

Thursday, August 17, 1905.

The third annual session of the Surry Baptist Association met with Mt. View Baptist Church, Low Gap, Surry Co., N. C., August 17, 1905. Introductory sermon by Bro. C. F. Fields, text Neh. 6:3.

After an intermission of one hour delegates reassembled in the house. Devotional services by Bro. W. H. Beamer.

Association called to order by Moderator of last year. Letters read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Cross Roads--T. F. Bryant, G. M. Booker, and J. F. Haymore.

Corinth--W. P. McCarter, and Jno. Evans.

Copeland--W. R. Doss, J. T. Poindexter.

Dobson--J. A. Adams, R. A. Freeman, J. H. Booker, and Guy Carter.

Elkin--W. R. Beach.

Gum Orchard--J. V. Melton, and E. W. Haynes.

Hill's Grove--T. W. Marsh and S. H. Hill.

Holly Springs--J. K. Richardson and M. C. Sechrest.

Mt. View--Taylor Lowe, J. B. Armfield and L. A. Martin.

Mt. Carmel--C. C. Brown.

Macedonia--J. I. Dimmette, S. M. Burchette, and J. F. Fields.

New Hope--W. E. Wright, Eli Hodges, C. H. Stone and F. T. Lewellyn.

Oak Grove—J. M. Snow and Britton Haymore.

Piney Grove—J. A. Blue and J. S. Smith.

Ronda—By letter.

Rocky Ford—J. C. Kapp and P. B. Cockerham.

Richmond—J. C. Bass, L. S. White.

Rockford—J. G. Burrus, L. W. Burrus.

Salem—J. B. Snow.

Siloam—F. A. Snow.

Union Cross—C. S. Dobbins.

Permanent organization effected by electing Brethren J. G. Burrus, W. R. Beach, and W. L. Reece, Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, respectively.

On motion the doors are opened for newly organized churches.

Hill's Grove came forward, made application and is received. Also Hollow Springs Church from Pilot Mountain joined by letter.

Visiting brethren are invited and the following accept seats and are welcomed: J. Aden of Pilot Mountain Association, S. F. Thompson of the General Association of Kentucky, W. L. Brannock, — Shular of New River Association,

The following are appointed committee of arrangements: J. R. Lewellyn, W. H. Beamer, J. F. Haymore, with Moderator and Clerk; Devotion, Pastor and delegates of Mt. View Church.

Finance—J. A. Adams, Taylor Lowe, J. Abner Snow.

Queries—W. E. Woodruff, J. I. Dimmette, T. F. Bryant.

On Time, Place, and Preacher—C. H. Stone, L. W. Burrus, J. I. Dimmette.

Resolutions—Joseph Aden, J. F. Fields.

To Nominate Executive Committee—J. H. Booker, Jno. B. Snow, C. C. Brown, J. M. Evans, K. Thompson and W. H. Beamer.

On motion State Missions is made special order for Saturday 11 A. M., and Education to follow.

On motion meet at 9 A. M. adjourn at 12 M., meet at 1 P. M. and adjourn at will.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Bro. C. H. Stone. Benediction by Bro. E. W. Woodruff.

SECOND DAY

Devotional services conducted by Moderator, Prayer by Bro. J. Abner Snow. Committee of Arrangements report.

Minutes of preceding day read, corrected and approved.

Constitution and By-laws read by Clerk.

Committee on Church and Pastoral relation report: We consider the relation of a pastor to a church an exceedingly responsible one. The Word of God refers to him as the overseer, Acts 20:28. He is the under shepherd who is to feed the flock of God. He is to preach the word and minister in spiritual things. The relation of Church to pastor is no less responsible. They should honor him for his works sake and be careful of his reputation, I Tim. 5:19. They should minister to his temporal needs. W. R. BEACH, Chmn. Com.

Report discussed by Brethren W. R. Beach, S. F. Thompson, J. I. Dimmette, L. W. Butrus, W. E. Woodruff, J. C. Bass, J. R. Lewellyn, C. H. Stone, and adopted.

Temperance report is read by Bro. Guy Carter:

We find that the manufacture of liquor within the bounds of this association has increased, owing to the fact that this is a border county and the laws of Virginia prohibit the manufacture of liquor, consequently the distilleries are located just across the line, while in reality a portion of the product is consumed in Virginia and the further fact that the laws remain unenforced.

We believe to some extent the drinking of liquor is on the decrease or at least is not growing worse.

While the conditions are bad and far from ideal we find a strong temperance sentiment in the churches of this association generally.

We recommend greater effort on the part of pastors, churches and Sunday School and the admonition and exclusion of church members who persistently drink whether to the extent of intoxication or not.

GUY CARTER, Chmn, Com.

Discussion by Brethren Guy Carter, A. J. Williams, C. F. Fields, J. R. Lewellyn, J. C. Bass, J. I. Dimmette, W. L. Reece, and adopted.

Adjourned. Prayer by Bro. W. E. Woodruff.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Met as per adjournment. Devotional services by Bro. Shular. Prayer by Bro. A. J. Williams. Report on Minister's Relief, read by Bro. J. I. Dimmette:

Twenty-four families are helped by the Board. Other applicants await the action of the Board. We have about five thousand as permanent interest bearing fund. The interest is used each year but it is not sufficient for the needs. We earnestly ask all the churches to take one or two collections each year for this cause, and help those who have given their lives for their Master's service.

J. I. DIMMETTE,
J. T. KIRK,
Committee.

On motion, pending adoption of report remarks, were made by Brethren J. I. Dimmette, F. T. Lewellyn, C. H. Stone, and passed.

Report on obituaries read by Bro. F. T. Lewellyn:

We report the death of Bro. J. F. Harris, on Sep. 29, 1904 in 73rd year of his life. He served his church as deacon for a number of years and was a great Sunday School worker. Also Bro. W. M. Norman departed this life in the 72nd year of his life. He was a member of the Rockford church for a number of years up to his death.

Report of committee to nominate executive committee: W. L. Reece, Dobson, N. C., G. M. Booker, Edwardsville, N. C., J. I. Dimmette, Dimmette, N. C., F. A. Snow, Siloam, N. C., J. B. Armfield, Low Gap, N. C.

Report on Time and Place—Time: Thursday before third Lord's Day in August, 1906. Place: White Plains Church, four miles south of Mt. Airy, N. C. Preacher of annual sermon, Bro. A. J. Williams.

Committee on Condition of Churches report: We find by referring to the letters that there has been a gain of 86 by experience and baptism and 33 by letter, making a total of 119. The spiritual condition of the churches seems good. We earnestly recommend to heads of families to take up family worship.

W. R. DOSS,
L. A. MARTIN,
Committee.

At this point letter came in from Mt. Hermon, is read and delegates enrolled as follows: F. C. Sprinkle,

J. W. Starling. Devotional Committee report Bro. S. F. Thompson to preach at night. On motion adjourned. Prayer by Bro. J. F. Kirk.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional services by Bro. F. T. Lewellyn. Minutes of Friday read and approved. Treasurer reports as follows: Received the following amounts for all objects during the past year:

State Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$40.37
Home Missions,	-	-	-	-	8.10
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	7.98
Orphanage,	-	-	-	-	27 92
Minister's Relief,	-	-	-	-	4.95
Minute Fund,	-	-	-	-	17.10
For Hills Grove,	-	-	-	-	12.42
				Total,	<u>\$118.84</u>

Paid out as follows:

C. F. Fields,	-	-	-	-	\$24.54
W. R. Beach, Clerk,	-	-	-	-	17.10
J. S. Farmer,	-	-	-	-	47.95
For Hill's Grove,	-	-	-	-	25.00
State Board,	-	-	-	-	1.00
Total,	-	-	-	-	<u>115.59</u>
Balance on hand,					3.25

Report adopted.

Standing committees appointed as follows:

State Missions—W. L. Reece, J. F. Haymore, J. F. Fields.
 Foreign Missions—W. R. Beach, W. R. Doss, L. A. Martin.
 Home Missions—T. F. Bryant, L. W. Burrus, J. A. Blue.
 Sunday Schools—A. J. Williams, R. W. Boyles, Jas. Bennet.
 Education—R. A. Freeman, J. I. Dimmette, S. M. Burchette.
 Periodicals—C. F. Fields, J. B. Armfield and Taylor Lowe.
 Temperance—Guy Carter, I. L. Shugart, J. H. Booker.
 Condition of Churches—J. C. Bass, J. W. Bowles, I. W. Reece.
 Orphanage—J. R. Lewellyn, C. H. Stone, J. Abner Snow.

On motion Bro. J. G. Burrus is appointed member of State Mission Board. W. R. Beach delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, T. F. Bryant, alternate, C. F. Fields, J. C. Bass, J. Abner Snow, A. J. Williams delegates to Baptist State Convention.

On motion any brother visiting any of the associations with which we correspond is correspondent.

Brethren L. Johnson, corresponding Sec. of Baptist State Convention, J. S. Farmer of Biblical Recorder and J. E. Barker of Pilot Mountain accept seats.

Report on Periodicals read by Bro. W. E. Woodruff.

We, the committee on Periodicals submit the following report: It is a basic principle of the Baptist that the training of the mind should go hand in hand with the heart. We regard it exceedingly important that every Baptist should be thoroughly familiar with the main features of his denominational work. To this end we recommend that as near as possible every Baptist family subscribe to one or more of its denominational papers. We recommend the Biblical Recorder, the official organ of the Baptist of N. C., as being one of the most progressive and instructive papers in the State. Also we highly recommend the North Carolina Baptist, Chariy and Children, Foreign Mission Journal as worthy of our hearty support.

K. THOMPSON, Chmn.

Discussion by Brethren K. Thompson, J. S. Farmer, J. I. Dimmette, W. R. Beach, W. E. Woodruff, J. V. Melton, W. L. Reece, and passed.

Special order arrives and reports are read on Home, Foreign, and State Missions, Executive Committee and Missiobaries.

Report on Home and Foreign Missions:

All missionary work begins at home. The Home Mission field includes the territory covered by the Southern Baptist Convention and the work in Cuba. Never before was the work more prosperous. The rapidly developing west appeals to us strongly and yet with more than 184,000 Baptists in N. C., we have given less than \$5,000 to this object so far this year.

Just before the Master ascended to heaven, He said: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

We the Baptists of N. C., have given less than \$12,000 so far this year to Foreign Missions. Let us give more to this object that the condemnation of the heathen be not on us. Let us work and pray expecting great things from God.

Report on State Missions:

The State Mission Board has been at work for seventy-five years. During this time half the churches that now exist in the state were organized by the Missionaries of the board. More than two-thirds of the contributions for carrying on the Lord's work comes from churches that have been aided by the board. There is yet much destitution, many counties in the state have but few churches. New towns are springing up and old ones growing call for enlargement of our work. We have 140 Missionaries scattered all over the state and must raise for their support \$30,000.

The board could use twice that amount to great advantage if it were placed in their hands.

J. C. BASS,
W. L. REECE,
Committee.

Report Executive Committee:

The committee employed C. F. Fields for one half his time, C. H. Stone and S. E. Gentry for one fourth of their time. We were to pay Bro. Fields \$240.00, the State Board agreeing to pay one half the amount. We have paid \$63 18. We were to give cash of the others as the state gave provided they collect it themselves.

These brethren have labored faithfully, one church has been organized and a number of conversions and baptisms.

We recommend that a man be placed at Hill's Grove, Jorrell's School House and near Ash Hill for once a month. Many other places need regular preaching.

J. C. BASS, Chmn.

Report of C. F. Fields:

Protracted meetings, 5; sermons, 96; conversions, 27; Baptisms, 23; religious visits, 75; churches organized, 1. Amount received \$73.18.

Report of C. H. Stone:

Miles traveled, 204; sermons, 24; visits, 12. Received \$7.36.

S. E. Gentry made no report.

Statements are made by Brethren C. F. Fields, J. C. Bass, C. H. Stone. Speech by Bro. L. Johnson. On motion adjourned.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional services by moderator. Prayer by Bro. W. R. Beach.

Letters came in from White Plains and Antioch and were read and delegates enrolled as follows: White Plains, J. D. Creed, T. W. Atkins, S. C. Franklin; Antioch, T. A. York, P. R. Beamer, I. W. Reece, J. T. Johnson. Missions further discussed by Bro. S. F. Thompson, and passed.

Pledges were taken for Missions to be paid at or before next association: Antioch, \$15.00, Copeland, \$10.00, Dobson, \$5.00, Elkin, \$15.00, Gum Orchard, \$5.00, Macedonia, \$15.00, Mt. View, \$5.00, Piney Grove, \$2.00, Richmond, \$10.00, Rockford, \$5.00, Rocky Ford, \$5.00, Salem, \$5.00, Siloam, \$2.50, White Plains, \$5.00, Holly Springs, \$5.00. A number of the delegates had gone home therefore no pledges could be made.

Report on Education is read by Bro. W. R. Beach:

The time is upon us that we must educate our sons and daughters. The sort of education they receive will largely mold the trend of their future lives, and shape their characters.

We commend most cordially our own preparatory schools, Wake Forest College and the Baptist University for Women. We must support our own schools, give the rising generation good education under religious influence. We commend cordially to our people these schools. W. R. Beach, Com.

Report discussed by Brethren W. R. Beach, J. S. Farmer, W. E. Woodruff, W. L. Reece, J. G. Burrus, and adopted.

Report on Orphanage read by clerk:

There are now 310 children at our orphanage at Thomasville, being fed, educated and trained for usefulness.

We should rally to the support of this institution and the contributions from the churches should be largely increased to meet the growing demands.

The epidemic of last year, the loss of barn and mules by fire, the destruction of three fourths of the crop by storm have increased the expenses which must be met.

A system of waterworks has been installed which cost a considerable amount, and meets a felt need. Let's care for these helpless children in a manner worthy of the great denomination we are.

J. B. Armfield, Com.

Discussion deferred until Sunday 10 A. M.

On motion Sunday School is made special order for 9 A. M. Sunday.

Report on Finance read by Bro. J. Abner Snow :

Minute fund, \$22.94, State Missions, \$24.43, Orphanage, \$9.70 Foreign Missions, \$5.58, Minister's Relief, \$7.49, Home Missions, \$1.31, Total \$71.45.

Ordered that Clerk have 400 copies of the minutes printed and have \$10.00 for his services.

Report on resolutions read and adopted. Resolved that we tender our sincere thanks to the people of this community for their hospitality in entertaining this association.

Resolved that the association deems good for the churches to lay hands heartily on no man who may seek to enter the ministry. Resolved that we ask the brethren to lay aside on the First day of the week as the Lord has prepared them to build up the churches, care for the poor and advance the missionary work until the wilderness and solitary places be glad for the people of God.

Joseph Aden,
J. F. Fields,
Committee.

On motion adjourn to 9 A. M. Sunday. Benediction by Bro. Joseph Aden.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Devotional services. Report on Sunday Schools read by Bro. J. R. Lewellyn:

We point with pride to the great work accomplished by the Sunday School for Christ. We believe it is the best possible way to reach the children and bring them to the Kingdom of our Master.

We believe that the number and efficiency of Sunday Schools is on the increase, but regret that some of our churches have no Sunday Schools. We think that any kind of S. S. is better than none, but we think it the duty of all Baptists to work to the end that a good Baptist S. S. shall be established in every community. And we further insist that in order to accomplish this that we put ourselves in close touch with the Baptist Sunday School Board and our efficient secretary.

J. R. Lewellyn, Com.

Discussion by Brethren J. R. Lewellyn, W. R. Beach, W. E. Woodruff, report adopted.

Orphanage report discussed by Brethren L. Johnson, W. R. Beach, S. F. Thompson, W. L. Reece, J. S. Farmer, and passed. Collection taken for Orphanage amounted to \$8.00.

On motion adjourned to time and place of next meeting. Pray by Bro. L. Johnson. Song, "God be With You Till we Meet Again."

At 11 A. M. sermon by Bro. L. Johnson, text Jno. 20:21, 15:9, Luke 22:29.

At the same hour Bro. W. R. Beach, preached at the stand, text Dan. 1:8.

Thus ended a most excellent session of the Surry Association.

J. G. Burrus, Mod.

W. R. Beach, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

N. H. Adams,	-	-	-	Rusk, N. C.
T. G. Marion,	-	-	-	Crutchfield, N. C.
C. F. Fields,	-	-	-	Elkin, N. C.
W. R. Beach,	-	-	-	" "
C. H. Stone,	-	-	-	Round Peak, N. C.
K. Thompson,	-	-	-	Kapp's Mills, N. C.
W. H. Beamer,	-	-	-	Mt Airy, N. C.
C. C. Brown,	-	-	-	" " " "
A. J. Williams,	-	-	-	Zephyr, N. C.
S. J. Beeker,	-	-	-	Crozier Seminary, Pa.
J. Abner Snow,	-	-	-	Dobson, N. C.
S. E. Gentry,	-	-	-	State Road, N. C.
W. E. Woodruff,	-	-	-	Chicago, Ill.
Jas. Bennet,	-	-	-	Pilot Mountain, N. C.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICE.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dis'd. by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	No. males.	No. females.	Time of preaching.
Antioch	W. H. Beamer	Mt. Airy	I. W. Reece	Mt. Airy				2	7		29	46	4
Corinth	T. G. Marion	Crutchfield	Freelin Riddle	Mt. Airy	3			1	1		23	44	1
Cross Roads	J. T. Kirk	Richmond Hill	J. F. Haymore	Edwardsville				2		1	23	37	4
Copeland	C. F. Fields	Elkin	J. T. Poindexter	Stoney Knoll	5	2			1		21	28	2
Dobson	W. R. Beach	Elkin	W. L. Reece	Dobson	1			2			20	25	4
Elkin	W. R. Beach	Elkin	J. W. Bowles	Elkin	15	13		9	3		60	80	1 & 3
Gum Orchard	S. E. Gentry	State Road	J. M. Williams	Zephyr							28	46	3
Hill's Grove	Jas. Bennette	Pilot Mountain	S. H. Hill	Siloam	5	5					6	4	1
Holly Springs	C. C. Arrington	Mt. Airy	W. S. Redman	Arrarat							41	82	4
Macedonia	J. J. Beach	Boonville	J. T. Edwards	Ronda	21	3		18		1	47	69	3
Mt. Hermon	C. H. Stone	Round Peak	F. C. Sprinkle	Rusk	3				2		27	33	3
Mt. Carmel	N. J. Mathis.	Arrarat	B. D. Reece	Hazel	8		1				20	31	2
Mountain View	J. T. Kirk	Richmond Hill	L. A. Martin	Ladonia					1	1	27	34	3
New Hope	S. E. Gentry	State Road	F. T. Lewellyn	Round Peak							26	40	2
Oak Grove	C. H. Stone	Round Peak	C. W. Boyles	" "	1			1			11	11	1
Piney Grove	T. G. Marion	Crutchfield	J. A. Blue	White Plains	15						10	19	2
Richmond	C. F. Fields	Elkin	J. C. Bass	Rusk		1		2	2	1	31	38	2
Rockford	W. H. Beamer	Mt. Airy	L. W. Burrus	Rockford		3		2	1	2	44	66	1
Rocky Ford	A. J. Williams	Zephyr	P. M. Isaacs	Kapp's Mills						1	14	41	1
Ronda	J. J. Beach	Boonville	N. W. Fowler	Ronda			5				17	23	3
Salem	C. H. Stone.	Round Peak	John B. Snow	Dobson	6			1	1	1	23	25	2
Siloam	C. F. Fields	Elkin	D. J. Scott	Siloam							7	9	1
Union Cross	S. E. Gentry	State Road	C. C. Williams	Rusk							20	32	1
White Plains	W. H. Beamer	Mt. Airy	S. C. Franklin	Mt. Airy	9	1		1	1	2	24	59	2

FINANCIAL TABLE.

	Pastor's Salary	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Minister's Relief	Building and repairs	Other objects	Minutes
Antioch	60.00	5.70		2.70	2.60				75
Corinth	15.00	1.00							90
Cross Roads	50.00	1.05		.85			2.00		1.45
Copeland		14.75							75
Dobson	50.00	5.00			6.10				1.35
Elkin	300.00		15.47	6.14	35.00	5.00	484.00	210.00	2.35
Gum Orchard		3.00		2.00				6.00	50
Hill's Grove	10.00								50
Holly Springs	40.00						75.00		60
Macedonia	80.00	10.00	7.16	4.20	13.00	1.63			1.20
Mt. Hermon	20.00	3.30							80
Mt. Carmel	50.00				1.84		8.00		50
Mountain View	50.00			1.76	2.15			5.00	50
New Hope	24.00	6.87					50.00	1.50	1.00
Oak Grove		8.51			1.77				65
Piney Grove			2.00						80
Richmond	35.15	5.97		1.02	1.30	2.00		14.05	1.34
Rockford	75.00	1.96		3.16	7.35		30.00	12.00	80
Rocky Ford	20.00	1.00	2.50		1.00			2.25	50
Ronda	67.00	4.05	5.27	2.25	14.31	1.88			60
Salem									60
Siloam		12.50			2.86				1.00
Union Cross					.50	.50		.50	50
White' Plains	40.00	1.31	1.31		1.32			11.00	75
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