

Baptists Of North State To Gather At Gastonia

Hundreds Will Attend Ninety-third Annual Session Of Baptist Convention Which Meets With First Church At Gastonia Beginning Tuesday Of This Week

Gastonia, Dec. 10.—The ninety-third annual session of the North Carolina Baptist Convention will be held at the First Baptist Church at Gastonia, beginning Tuesday of this week. The convention will meet Monday night and Tuesday morning.

The approaching session will be filled with interest. Many questions of vital concern to the denomination will come up for settlement at this convention. Occupying the center of the stage, perhaps, will be the matter of closing the 75-million campaign the last of next November, and of setting to work the machinery for launching the next campaign.

If North Carolina Baptists raise their quota of the big campaign fund it will be necessary for them to raise by next December 1 approximately \$2,000,000. But what is that amount for 340,000 Baptists to raise? A little less than \$6 apiece, 50 cents a month.

True, up to this time they have only averaged a little more than \$1,000,000 a year. But with the momentum of a signal victory through the past four years and with the added momentum of the imperative needs before them, it is confidently believed that the denomination will go "over the top" next fall in a glorious triumph. The cheeriest optimism prevails among those leading the campaign. They realize it is a man's job, but it can be done.

In point of achievements, the past year has been one of the very best in the history of the denomination. There have been 17,787 additions to the churches by baptism this year. During the past four years there have been 74,894 additions by baptism. According to the best available statistics \$2,400,915.48 has been expended on local church needs the past year. In the great forward movement launched four years ago the churches caught a vision of their own needs as well as that of the rest of the world. So hundreds of churches have been building new churches or adding to their equipment. In many instances, doubtless, this has diverted money from the outside benevolent objects. Hence the shortage this year in campaign funds. Many of these churches, it is thought, will recover from their church building projects sufficiently to come in on the home-stretch next fall.

Every department of the work of the board of missions has gone forward this year in a great way. Secretary E. L. Middleton has had one of the best years in the history of the Sunday school department. He reports this year 2,159 Sunday schools in the 2,263 Baptist churches in the State, having a Sunday school membership of 274,524, which is an increase over last year of 9,928. In the young people's societies and in the Woman's Missionary Societies there has been similar growth.

The growth in resources, equipment and student body of the five Baptist colleges and 11 Baptist high schools in the State is one of the most heartening features of the year's work. Wake Forest, which has 127 more students than last year has added to her endowment the past year \$1,682,538.96. This breaks all former records. Meredith College has 17 more students this year, and has added \$53,933.69. All the other institutions have made marked gains.

The following is the convention program:

- Tuesday Afternoon**
 2:30—Worship, W. W. Weeks, Durham.
 2:45—Enrollment and organization.
 3:15—Presentation of reports.
 4:00—Appointment of committees on reports.
 4:15—Keynote address, Charles L. Greaves, Raleigh.
 4:45—Miscellaneous.
- Tuesday Evening**
 7:15—Worship, Russell C. White, Clayton.
 7:30—Presentation new pastors.
 7:45—Convention sermon: L. R. Pruette, Charlotte; alternate, J. W. Kinchloe, Rocky Mount.
 8:45—School of applied stewardship, Walter N. Johnson.
- Wednesday Morning**
 9:00—Worship, J. B. Elder, Statesville.
 9:15—Miscellaneous.
 9:45—Biblical Recorder.
 10:15—State missions.
 12:00—"In Lonely Covenant With Jehovah," S. J. Porter, Durham.
- Wednesday Afternoon**
 2:00—Worship, M. C. Lunsford, Saldus.
 2:15—Miscellaneous.
 2:30—Report on Sunday schools.
 3:15—Sunday school board.
 3:45—Ministerial relief and annuity.
 4:15—Baptist foundation.

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Caswell County Named For Governor Richard Caswell, General in Revolutionary War

Raleigh, Dec. 10.—Caswell County, according to the history of North Carolina counties compiled by Col. Fred V. Olds, was created out of the northern portion of Orange County when the General Assembly deemed that the great area of the latter made it too great a public burden on the citizens of the northern section of Orange to do public duties because of their remoteness from the county seat of government.

"In April, 1777," according to Col. Olds, "the General Assembly meeting at New Bern at the 'Palace' created Caswell County; it having been known as Caswell township of Orange for some years. John Butler, John Lee and James Saunders were appointed to run the dividing line between the old and new counties.

The county seat was named Caswell Court House and the county was assigned to the Superior Court district of Hillsboro. A poll tax of two shillings was levied on each poll for two years to pay for the court house and jail.

"The county was named in honor of Richard Caswell, then governor, who was also a general in the Revolutionary Army. He wrote from the capital, New Bern, May 13, 1777 to Thomas Burke that three new counties had been established; Caswell, Burke and Camden. July 20, Nathaniel Rochester wrote to Governor Caswell from Hillsboro that David Shelton had been appointed sheriff of Caswell and Alexander Mebane, sheriff of Orange. William Moore was clerk of Caswell court.

"Early in 1778 the State was busy in Caswell securing men for the army, sons for them, and deserters from one of the Continental regiments were reported. Colonel John Williams of the Ninth Regiment was very active there while David Miller was lieutenant of a cavalry force raised in the county in 1778. The wardens of the poor were directed to provide a house for the latter, to be paid for by a special tax. A tax also

was levied to pay a bounty for the scalps of wolves, wildcats, panthers, bears, crows, and squirrels.

"The General Assembly in 1778 enacted that 'whereas 100 acres of land adjacent to and whereon Caswell court house now stands hath been laid off into a town of square streets and 62 lots by William Lea and Nicholas Delone who were the proprietors and who already have sold the lots to persons who have erected buildings and are desirous that the said town shall be established by legislative authority, be it enacted that the said is established in a town by the name of Leasburg (in honor of William Lea), and Nicholas Delone, William Lea, Lloyd Vanhook, Thomas Neely, Gabriel Lea, Samuel Johnston, and John McFarlin be appointed trustees of the said town.

"In March, 1779, Governor Caswell called on Caswell for a captain and 43 privates for the defense of the State as part of a force of 1,500 men. Six wagons with four horses each were furnished for the use of the army to be loaded with oats or corn and sent to Guilford Court House. A grain tax for the army was levied in Wake, Chatham, Caswell, Granville and Warren. In 1779 Jeremiah Williams was appointed captain by the Governor and David Mitchell and John Rhodes lieutenants for a troop of cavalry for active service out of the Caswell militia. John Atkinson was directed in 1781 to buy or borrow tobacco for export and if necessary to seize it for the public use. July 18 all the riflemen in Caswell were

- 1:45—Miscellaneous.
Wednesday Evening
 7:15—Worship, I. L. Yearby, Tarboro.
 7:30—Home missions.
 8:30—Meredith College.
- Thursday Morning**
 9:00—Worship, Hugh Ellis, Henderson.
 9:15—Miscellaneous.
 9:45—Orphanage.
 10:30—W. M. U.
 11:00—Report on 75 million campaign.
 12:00—"The Ministry of Intercessory Prayer," S. J. Porter, Durham.
- Thursday Afternoon**
 2:00—Worship, S. H. Templeman, Elizabeth City.
 2:15—Miscellaneous.
 2:30—Theological schools.
 3:30—B. Y. P. U.
 4:15—Hospitals.
- Thursday Evening**
 7:15—Worship, T. W. O'Kelly, Raleigh.
 7:30—Foreign missions.
 8:45—Education.
- Friday Evening**
 9:00—Worship, E. E. White, Greensboro.
 9:15—Miscellaneous.
 9:30—Education.
 10:45—Social service.
 11:15—Memorials.
 11:45—Miscellaneous.
 12:00—"Lilies and Harpstring," S. J. Porter.
- Baptist Pastors' Conference, Monday**
 7:15—"The Church's One Foundation," Q. C. Davis, Albemarle.
- Tuesday**
 9:00—Worship, E. I. Olive, Mount Airy; Books that have helped—open conference: "Lay Evangelism," J. S. Snyder, Fayetteville; "The Minister's Use of the Poets," Lee McE. White, Kinston; "The Minister's Use of Psychology," B. W. Spilman, Kinston; "The Pastor's Opportunity As a Layman Sees It," J. T. Henderson, Knoxville, Tenn. Address: J. R. Owens, Mars Hill.

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marched to Dan river to meet the British cavalry marching from Virginia.

"In 1786 a census of North Carolina was taken by State authority and the returns showed that Halifax had the largest population, 327; Caswell next with 9,839; while Edgecombe came third with 8,480. The overflow from Virginia in to the counties along the northern border appears to have maintained that section as the most populous part of the State.

"Person County was formed in 1791 out of the eastern part of Caswell and the next year the court house of the latter was established at Yanceyville and named for Bartlett Yancey.

"The U. S. census of 1790 does not contain Caswell, Granville or Orange, their returns having been lost or burned, but a roll of taxpayers is in the State records for 1790.

showing the districts in the county— The county has furnished many Richmond, St. Lawrence, Nash, St. area in public ones in the State and James, St. Luke's, Guilford, St. Paul, has also had the right of election in the year, and Caswell.

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