

MINUTES
OF THE
115th Annual Session
OF THE
**Fishers River Primitive
Baptist Association**

HELD WITH

The Church At Boyles Chapel

Stokes

~~SURRY~~ COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY
JULY 11, 12 and 13, 1947



OFFICERS

ELD. F. P. STONE - - Moderator
R. F. D. NO. 2, DOBSON, N. C.

G. J. KEY - - - Clerk
ARARAT, N. C.

FRANK R. STONE - Assistant Clerk

Proceedings

FRIDAY, JULY 11TH, 1947

1st. Service was opened by song and prayer by Eld. J. A. Fagg and introductory sermon preached by Eld. J. W. Creed. Text used, Preach the Word.

2nd. After intermission the Association met in the house and after song and prayer by Eld. Watt Tuttle proceeded as follows:

3rd. Appointed Elders Eddie Martin, Walter Mabe and D. E. Wood to preach at the stand.

4th. Read letters from all the churches except Deep Creek and messengers seated.

5th. Elected by acclamation, Eld. F. P. Stone, moderator, G. J. Key, clerk and Frank R Stone, assistant clerk to serve another year.

6th. Called for petitionary letter. There was none.

7th. Called for correspondents from sister associations with response as follows:

Abbotts Creek, Eld. D. P. Broadway and Deacon C. B. Owen, correspondents.

Mountain—Minutes.

Roaring River—Eld C. D. Hall, W. C. Hall, correspondents.

Senter—Minutes.

St. Claire's Bottom—Minutes.

Upper Mayo—Elds. Watt Tuttle, Carl T. Mabe, L. J. Martin, Deacon A. A. Jefferson, correspondents, Elds. R. L. Rogers, J A Fagg and Brother T J Thore and other visitors.

New River—Elds. G. S. Williams, W. L. Gardner, J S Harris, G S Webb, correspondents, Eld Geo Noonkester, Brethren C Ford Martin and other visitors. Eld. J. M. Edwards, visitor on Saturday.

Primitive Baptist Church of Eastern North Carolina

Kehookee—not represented.

Ketocton—Minutes.

Saint's Delight Church, Ind.—C. S. Shields, L. V. Smith, R. G. Boyes, visitors.

All correspondents and visitors seated.

8th. Appointed the moderator to make all appointments.

9th. Appointed Eld. Geo Denny, Eld J W Creed and Eld. J R Crews to serve with moderator and clerk as committee on arrangements.

10th. A. A. Johnson, W. R. Morefield committee on finance

L. L. Love, J. C. Simmons to distribute minutes.

T. M. Simpson, Jasper Costen, Coley Venable to serve with messengers of Boyles Chapel Church committee on preaching.

11th. Agreed to meet at 9.30 tomorrow for association work and at 10 o'clock for preaching.

12th. This minute read and approved and then adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 12TH.

1st. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. R. L. Rogers.

2nd. Letter from Deep Creek read and messengers seated.

3rd. Called roll of messengers and visitors from sister associations, reports read and messengers and visitors seated.

4th. Called for the work of committee on arrangements. They recommended as follows viz.

1st. That circular letter by Geo. Denny be printed in this minute.

2nd. That G. J. Key write the next circular letter.

3rd. That we have 1200 minutes printed and distributed as usual.

4th. That articles of faith and rules of Decorum be printed in this minute.

5th. That Elder J. R. Crews write an obituary of Eld. G. W. Harris and have ready for our next association.

6th. That clerk pay T. M. Simpson \$10.00 for expenses involved in sale of Rock Spring Church property.

7th. Our next association be held with the church at Sandy Ridge, 12 miles northwest of Mt. Airy and 2 miles west of highway 52, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1948.

8th. That we give the moderator \$15.00, clerk \$20.00 and assistant clerk \$10.00.

9th. That we place \$100.00 in the hands of committee on preaching to be distributed among visiting Elders as they see fit.

10th. Called for report of messengers appointed to visit sister associations. Their reports received and messengers discharged.

11th. Appointed correspondents to sister associations as follows:

To Abbotts Creek—Eld Geo Denny, Eld F P. Stone.

To Mountain—Eld Geo. Denny, Eld. J. W. Crews.

To Upper Mayo—F. R. Stone, J. F. Anderson, R. L. Nelson

To New River—Elds. J R. Crews, F. P. Stone.

To Roaring River—Eld. Geo. Denny, G. F. Riddle, A. A. Johnson and H E Johnson, Eld F P Stone.

To Senter—A. A. Johnson, H. E. Johnson.

12th Called for report of finance committee. They reported received from churches \$218.00. Their report received and committee discharged.

13th. Passed resolutions of thanks to brethren, sisters and friends for caring for this association.

14th. This minute read and received.

15th. Closed the work of the association by song and prayer by Eld. D. P. Broadway.

F P. Stone, Moderator
G. J. Key, Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from churches\$212.00
Balance in clerk's hands96.20

\$308.20

Gave T. M. Simpson \$10.00
Gave Moderator 15.00
Gave Clerk 20.00
Gave assistant clerk 10.00
Paid for printing minutes 47.50
Gave visiting Elders 100.00
Balance in clerk's hands 105.70

\$308.20

ORDER OF PREACHING—FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1st. Eld. S. E. Martin—Text: St. John 1-1
2nd. Eld. Carl T. Mabe—Text: The Acts 11th chapter, 7 verse
3rd. Eld. D. E. Wood—No text used.

SATURDAY MORNING

1st. Eld. J. S. Harris—Text: 1st chapter 23 verse.
2nd. Eld. Matt Edwards—Text: 121 Psalms
3rd. Eld. C. D. Hall—Text: St Matthew, 7 chapter, 21 verse

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1st. Eld. G. W. Wood—Text: St. John, 3 chapter, 1 verse
2nd. Eld. J. H. Fagg—Text: Isaiah 55-1
3rd. Eld. D. P. Broadway—Text: St. John 1 chapter, 27-30

SUNDAY MORNING

1st. Eld. W. L. Gardner—Text: Be not afraid, it is I
2nd. Eld. Carl T. Mabe—No text used
3rd. Eld G. S. Williams—Clerk failed to get text

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Eld. A. L. Presnell—Text: Isaiah 57-5
Eld. W. J. Brown—Text: St John 18-36
Eld J. W. Tuttle—Clerk failed to get text

SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN THE HOUSE

Eld. F. R. Moore—Text: Ezek. 14 chapter, 16 verse
Eld. Weldon Tuttle—Text: Let those that have eyes, see.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article I. Of God and the Holy Trinity.

We believe in only the one true and living God, who rules all things after His own will; and that He, who created all things, is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge and goodness, eternal immor-

tal, invisible and unchangeable; and that this God has revealed Himself in His word under the character of Father, and that these three are one; and that there are three that bear witness in earth—the water, the spirit and the blood, and that these three agree in one.

Article II. Of Holy Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God, and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for reproof, for correction, and for instruction; in righteousness; and that they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women.

Article III. Of the Atonement.

We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever does now, or ever will believe on His name, and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

Article IV. Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination.

We believe that (all) of whom God did foreknow He did also predestinate to conform to the image of His Son; that God elected according to His foreknowledge, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved, to an inheritance incorruptable and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for all true Saints; and that none come to Christ only those whom He loved with an everlasting love and in due time calls to everlasting Glory.

Article V. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article VI. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

Article VII. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Article VIII. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Article IX. We believe the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Article X. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only proper subject of the ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

Article XI. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

Article XII. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

Article XIII. We believe that no minister has the right to ad-

minister the ordinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

I. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

II. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

III. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator.

IV. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator, until he is done speaking.

V. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter, as near as he can, so as to convey his idea.

VI. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without leave from it.

VII. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

VIII. No members of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor of whispering in time of a public speech.

IX. No members of the Association shall address another in any appellation other than that of Brother.

X. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech nor prohibit him from speaking 'till he gives light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

XI. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as the Association thinks proper.

XII. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled.

XIII. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprovon by the Association as it may think proper.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Being appointed to write the circular letter to be attached to the minutes of our next association, it is with a keen sense of my weakness that I now proceed to conform to the arrangement. And I don't think of a more fitting subject than the admonition of John the Apostle to the seven churches. We understand that he was on the Isle of Patmos away from his native land for the word of

God, we could hardly imagine a more lonely condition, however he says I was in the spirit on the Lords day, and heard, what we feel was wonderful things, saying write to the seven churches in Asia, and we notice that he seems to address them in a way very tender, however he was frank to call their attention to some things that he did not approve of and advised them in a beautiful manner to repent in order that the candle stick would not have to be removed.

I remember that the subject of order has been discussed a great deal among our churches and some difference in really what was discipline and gospel order. But we feel glad that our churches so far as I know are agreed and satisfied with our articles of faith constitution and rules of decorum, and we hope that our ministers and churches will continue to labor and strive in that spirit of love and tenderness for the general welfare and peace of our association together with our correspondence. It is our aim to show every courtesy possible to our correspondents and visitors when they come among us. We notice that the apostle first wrote to the church at Ephesus and referred to their labor and patients but what he was not pleased with, they had left their first love so we would encourage the churches to attend and show their devotion and interest to the grand cause for which we stand.

Written by ELDER GEORGE DENNY this June 14, 1947

LIST OF ELDERS AND POST OFFICE

George Denny	Route 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
George Berger	Route 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
R. H. Riggan	Route 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Coy Hawks	Winston-Salem, N. C.
J. G. Fulk	Route 4, Mt. Airy, N. C.
G. L. Flippin	Route 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. R. Crews	Route 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.
F. P. Stone	Route 2, Dobson, N. C.
J. W. Creed	Route 1, Ararat, N. C.
D. E. Wood	Route 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.

LICENTIATES

James Hill	Route 1, King, N. C.
Jasper Easter	Route 2, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. S. Key	Carthage, N. C.

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Abbots Creek Union: T R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	15
Ebenezer: Elder J. B. Jenkins, Luray, Va.	20
Kehookee: R B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.	35
Ketoc-ton: Elder R. L. Byrd, Manassas, Va.	25
Mountain: J. M. Rector, Sparta, N. C.	20
New River: Elder J. S. Harris, Willis, Va.	35
Roaring River: Fosco Pruitt, Laurel Springs, N. C.	10
Sender: G. E. Kilby, Crumpler, N. C.	15
The Primitive Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina	
Elder F. E. Getsinger, Jonesville, N. C.	30
Upper Mayo: J. W. Moorefield, 618 W. 28th St.,	
Winston-Salem, N. C.	25
St. Clair's Bottom: Eld. C. R. Dancy, RFD, Marion, Va,	10
Total	240

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	P. O.	NO. MIN.
Ararat (Cedar Hill)				
Geo. Denny and Carl T. Mabe, J. E. Simmons, R. 1, Pilot Mtn.				45
Boyles Chapel:				
Edd Priddy, W. A. Palmer, 1041 Polo Rd. W.-Salem				55
Chestnut Grove:				
J. R. Crews and Preston Crawford, G. P. Lyons, Lambsburg				70
Deep Creek: No regular pastor, J. H. Spencer, East Bend N. C.				20
Hogans Creek: F. P. Stone, Katie Eads, Route 1, Siloam, N. C.				15
Little Vine:				
R. H. Riggan, J. G. Fulk, G. L. Flippin, S. R. Gillispie, Dobson				60
Liberty: J. W. Creed, R. H. Riggan, Stacy Pilson, R. 2, Dobson				15
Mulberry: F. P. Stone, O. B. Key, RFD, Elkin				25
Mitchells River:				
R. H. Riggan, G. L. Flippin, D. E. Wood, Fannie Southard,				
Route 1, Dobson				30
Pilot Mtn.: Geo. Denny, Fletcher Beasley, J. H. Sheets, Pilot Mtn.				40
Pleasant Grove: C. D. Hall, H. E. Johnson, RFD, East Bend				35
Rock House:				
W. J. Brown, M. H. Vaden, Fletcher Beasley, W. R. Coins,				
RFD, Westfield				50
Stony Creek: F. P. Stone, E. F. Simmons, RFD, Mt. Airy				60
Stewarts Creek:				
W. J. Harris, J. G. Fulk, R. W. Mosley, Route 1 Mt. Airy, N. C.				75
Sandy Ridge: J. R. Crews, P. P. Crawford, A. M. Hawks,				
Route 5, Mt. Airy				60
Toms Creek: F. P. Stone, R. L. Rogers, L. L. Love, R 2, Pilot Mtn.				100
Union: F. P. Stone, J. W. Creed, G. J. Key, Ararat				100
Volunteer: W. J. Brown, R. L. Nelson, Pilot Mountain				75
Zion Hill: G. L. Flippin, D. E. Wood, W. R. Johnson,				
Route 3, Mt. Airy,				30

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Last Assn held	Com month	Sunday of meeting	Ordained Min	Licentiate	Rec'd by Exd	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No in Fellowship	Contribution
Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny Olie Rogers J E Simmons	1929	May	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	35	7.50
Boyles Chapel	C. C. Boyles W S Denny W R. Moorefield	1947	May	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	1	46	20.00
Chestnut Grove	Isa Edwards Garnet Lyons Robert Faulkner	1946	Aug	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	64	8.00
Dean Creek	G. K. Murphv M. M Flvn J. H. Spencer	1943		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	12	3.00
Hogans Creek	Sister Katie Eads	1933									1	13	1.00	
Little Vine	J. D. White S. R. Gillispie G. W White	1940	Sept	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	56	25.00
Liberty	Willie Hutchens Sisters Lillie Hutchens Stacy Pilson	1928	Sept	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1.00
Mulberry	O. B. Key Sister Lucy Williams	1938	Aug	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	9.00
Mitchells River	R. H. Riggan	1937	July	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	22	
Pilot Mtn	S. J. Frye W. C Venable Jesse Collins	1935	Aug	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	12.00
Pleasant Grove	A. A. Johnson H. E. Johnson	1941	June	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	26	10.00
Rock House	W. R. Corns E. E. Cox C. L. Slawter	1942	Sept.	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	44	8.50
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons J. M. Hunter W. C Hiatt	1931	July	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	11.00
Stewart Creek	Eder J R Crews J F Anderson R W. Moslev	1936	Sept	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	63	24.00
Sandy Ridge	Eldridge Hawks P. L. Hawks Gene Hawks		Aug.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	51	7.00
Toms Creek	L. L. Love Y. W. Simmons Arthur Gordon	1944	June	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	78	18.50
Union	G. J. Kev T M Simpson G T Jones	1939	May	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	75	25.00
Volunteer	W L Fulk R L Nelson Raymond Smith	1930	June	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	66	12.50
Zion Hill	W. P. Johnson D. E. Wood W E Thomas	1945	July	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	23	9.00