

MINUTES
—OF THE—
Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association.

—CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT—
State Road, Surry County, N. C. April 22nd, 1887.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. D. Draughn from St. John 14th chapter and part of 16th verse. "I am the way the truth and the life."

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in order. Praise and prayer by Elder C. Blackburn.

Letters were then received, read, and their messengers names enrolled as follows:

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND NAMES OF MEMBERS:

Ararat—A. M. Denny, G. Denny.
Cody's Creek—Nathan Alberty, Azariah Marion.
Fisher's River—Wm. T. Lewis.
Deep Creek—J. M. Jones, E. Carter.
Elk Spur—A. Gardner, A. Hawks.
Flower Gap—C. Blackburn, F. M. McCraw, O. Hawks.
Hogan's Creek—M. G. Harbour, J. M. Vaughn.
State Road—T. P. Nixon, H. Haines, P. H. Cockerham.
Stewart's Creek—J. D. Draughn, H. C. Booker.
Franklin—C. W. York.
Rock Spring—M. Wilbourn, A. York.
Fisher's Gap—A. Galyen, W. Gentry.
White Oak Spring—Not represented.
Round Peak—Represented only by letter.
Volunteer—Not represented.
Tom's Creek—Not represented.

Fisher's Gap Church returned with letter and messengers and was received, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to their messengers.

Then called for correspondents and visiting brethren when brother C. Gentry, visitor from the Mountain Association, came forward and was seated in council.

Then chose Elder M. G. Harbour Moderator and A. M. Denny Clerk. Then appointed Elders G. Denny, A. Gardner and brother F. M. McCraw, with the moderator and clerk, a committee of arrangements.

Then appointed Elders Nathan Alberty, M. G. Harbour and A. Gardner to preach on Saturday and Elders G. Denny, A. M. Denny and J. D. Draughn to preach on Sunday, worship to commence at the stand each day at 10 o'clock, and that we meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Then adjourned.

April 23rd. Assembled pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder N. Alberty. Then called for the bill of arrangements which was received and committee discharged. The business was then disposed of as follows: 1st, called the roll of messengers and read the rules of decorum. 2nd, We instruct our clerk to notify Tom's Creek, White Oak Spring and Volunteer churches to come to our next association and show cause why they failed to be represented at this Association. 3rd, We agree to allow Mr. J. W. Goslen, editor of *Union Republican* \$2 additional for his services for printing our minutes for 1886. 4th, That we allow our clerk \$2 more, making his fee \$7, and that he still shall pay all postage, cost of stationery, &c., out of the Association fund. 5th, Appointed a committee to-wit: Elders M. G. Harbour, A. M. Denny, J. D. Draughn, C. Blackburn and brethren A. Galyen, F. M. McCraw, to visit Mountain Association at their next term at Cross Roads Church in Grayson county, Va., and we empower said committee to ascertain whether or not anything exists in bar of general correspondence between us and them, and if so, that they are hereby fully empowered in behalf of this Association to investigate, adjust and remove such impediment, and then, if no such thing shall exist that they shall be authorized to offer themselves, and if accepted, seat with them as correspondents, and that our clerk

furnish our committee with a letter addressed to said association certifying the same. 6th. We give the name and postoffice address of each of our ministers and that it shall appear each year in our minutes. Then adjourned. Praise and prayer by Elder A. C. Woodruff.

A. M. DENNY, Clerk.

M. G. HARBOUR, Moderator.

PREACHING.—Saturday 1st, Eld. A. Gardner, text, Romans 1st chap. 16th v. 2nd, Eld. M. G. Harbour, text, 1st Peter 2nd chap. 9th verse. 3rd, Eld. Nath. Alberty, text, 1st Timothy, 1st chap. 15th v. Sunday 1st, Eld. G. Denny, text, Isaiah 52nd chap. 1st v. 2nd, Eld. J. D. Draughn, text, Hebrews 9th chap. 22v. 3rd, A. M. Denny, text, Ephesians 2nd chap. 19th and 20th verses.

Table showing the name and Postoffice address of each minister in this Association.

NAME.	POSTOFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
M. G. Harbour,	Copeland.	Surry.	N. C.
Nathan Alberty,	Rusk.	"	"
T. J. Lawson,	Edwardsville.	"	"
J. D. Draughn,	White Platos.	"	"
Gabriel Denny,	Pilot Mountain.	"	"
C. B. Denny,	"	"	"
A. M. Denny,	Stony Ridge.	"	"
Robert Wilbourn,	Rusk.	"	"
A. C. Woodruff,	Boonville.	Yadkin	"
Henry Shore,*	Charity.	Surry.	"
Henderson Cain,	Westfield.	"	"
John Moran,	Big Creek.	Stokes.	"
Alexander Moran,	Danbury.	"	"
Calvin Blackburn,	Aaron.	Carrol.	Va.
Abner Gardner,	Fancy Gap.	"	"

Licentiate marked thus.*

Minutes of the Same Association Convened with the church at Hogan's Creek, Surry County, N. C., October 21st, 1887.

The introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. J. Taylor, of the Center Association, from Matthew, (chapter and verse not known.)

Then after an intermission of 30 minutes the messengers assembled in order and after praise and prayer by Elder D. S. Webb, of the New River Association, letters from the different churches were received and read and their messengers names enrolled as follows:

Names of Churches.	Names of Messengers.	Received by letter.	Received by presence.	Restored.	Excluded.	No. in Church.	Contributions.
Volunteer.	F. M. Venable, Geo. Jones.						1.25
State Road.	H. Hanes, B. F. Absher.					36	1.00
Deep Creek.	Wm. D. Spencer, F. M. Lakey.				1	29	2.00
Round Peak.	Daniel Barker.			1		15	.75
Elk Spur.	J. J. Ayers.		14			30	.75
Fisher's River.	Wm. T. Lewis.					20	.50
Ararat.	A. M. Denny, F. R. Stone.			1		37	1.50
White Oak Spring.	C. C. Midkiff, W. Jones, J. C. Jones.		2			16	.60
Cody's Creek.	Nathan Alberty, A. Marion.						.50
Flower Gap.	F. Mc Craw, H. Hawks, J. C. Moran.		6		1	55	1.65
Stuarts Creek.	J. D. Draughn, H. C. Booker, F. Jones.		5		1	47	1.00
Franklin.	T. J. Lawson, C. W. York, A. C. Woodruff.					50	.2
Tom's Creek.	A. Moran, H. Cain.		12		0	58	1.80
Rock Spring.	Marion Wilbourn.					15	1.2
Hogan's Creek.	M. G. Harbour, J. A. Wall, F. Reed.	1	4			37	2.15
Fisher's Gap.	W. Gentry, A. Galyen.						1.00

Then called for correspondents and visiting brethren when from Abbott's Creek Elder R. W. Snider and brethren N. B. Orrell, W. W. Pickard, P. W. Wiliard and C. T. Phillips. From New River Elder D. S. Webb. From the Mountain, Elder Eli Cain and brethren L. B. Alberty, Calvin Gentry, all reported as correspondents.

Then brother J. W. Flippin from Mayo, Elder Wm. Lundy and brother H. S. Edwards from the Mountain and Elder J. M. Wyatt, from Silver Creek and Elder A. J. Taylor, from the Center, Elder Wm. Hall and brother T. M. Jones, from the Roaring River, all reported as visitors and were seated in council with us. Elder A. J. Taylor of the Center and Elder Hall, of the Roaring River Association, presented letters asking correspondence. Their letters were received and read and they requested to go before the committee of arrangements.

We correspond with Little River and Kehukee Association by minutes.

Then appointed Elder M. G. Harbour Moderator and Elder A. M. Denny, Clerk. Then appointed Elders T. J. Lawson, J. D. Draughn and A. Moran with the moderator and clerk a committee of arrangements. Then appointed Elders Lundy, Hall and Blancett to preach on Saturday, and Elders Taylor, Wyatt and Webb to preach on Sunday. Then agreed to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock and that preaching commence each day at the stand at 10 o'clock. Then adjourned.

While the Association was organizing and in business Elder R. W. Snider and brother N. B. Orrell preached as follows: 1st, R. W. Snider, text Eph. 2nd chap. v. 10; 2nd, N. B. Orrell, text, Acts 27 chap. v. 25.

October 22.—Met pursuant to adjournment and after praise and prayer by Elder A. J. Taylor called for the bill of arrangements which was read and received and the committee discharged. The business of the Association was then disposed of as follows:

1st. Called the roll of messengers and correspondents and visiting brethren.

2nd. Appointed brethren F. M. Lakey and Marion Wilbourn a committee of finance.

3rd. Read the constitution and rules of decorum.

4th. Called upon the committee appointed to the Mountain to report who reported that they attended and found nothing to hinder and seated with them as correspondents and therefore we open a direct line of correspondence with them.

5th. Called upon Tom's Creek, Volunteer and White Oak Spring churches to show cause why they failed to represent themselves in our last association. Tom's Creek and White Oak Sprink was excused and we appoint a committee to-wit: J. D. Draughn, A. Moran and H. Cain, to visit Volunteer and look into the standing of that church and report to next association.

6th. We answer the following query from Hogan's Creek Church: "What ought churches do with colored members who desire letters of dismission from us to join colored churches of our faith and order." Answer: We advise our churches to grant them such letters.

7th. Appointed presbyters of Elders, to-wit: To Elk Spur, M. G. Harbour, A. M. Denny, J. D. Draughn. To Tom's Creek, H. Cain, A. Moran, M. G. Harbour, A. M. Denny. To Rock Spring, N. Alberty, M. G. Harbour and A. C. Woodruff. A. M. Denny for the purpose of ordaining deacons.

8th. Deep Creek asks for the recinding of the amendment of the 1st article of the preamble of the constitution which provides that each church shall only be entitled to three messengers in the association which the association refused to do.

9th. We agree to open a direct line of correspondence with the Center and Roaring River Associations.

10th Called upon correspondents appointed to sister associations to report who reported that some of them attended and those who did not were excused.

11th. Appointed correspondents to sister associations: To New River, Elders M. G. Harbour, A. M. Denny, J. D. Draughn, A. C. Woodruff and brethren F. M. McCraw, H. C. Bookes, Francis Jones, J. J. Ayers, H. Cain and Henry Hawks. To Smith's River, Elders M. G. Harbour, brethren H. C. Booker and Wm. T. Lewis. To Mayo, Elders J. D. Draughn, A. C. Woodruff, A. Moran, A. M. Denny, G. Denny. To Abbott's Creek, Elders J. D. Draughn, A. Moran, A. C. Woodruff, A. Gardner, H. Cain. To the Mountain, Elders H. Cain, J. D. Draughn, A. M. Denny, A. C. Woodruff, N. Alberty, and brethren F. M. Lakey, Henry Hawks, H. Haines, A. Galyen, Wiley Gentry, and B. F. Absher. To Roaring River, Elder J. D. Draughn, A. C. Woodruff, and brethren C. W. York, H. Haines, and B. F. Absher. To Center, Elder J. J. Draughn, H. C. Booker.

12th. Called upon the committee of finance to report, who reported that they received from the churches at this time \$18.06. In the hands of the clerk, \$5.45. Total, \$23.51.

13th. Agreed to hold our next association with the church at Rock Spring, 2 miles west of Rusk, or Little Richmond, Surry county, N. C., to commence on Friday, before the 4th Sunday in April, 1888, and that our next fall association be held with the church at Stewart's Creek 1 mile west of Mt. Airy to commence on Friday, before the 4th Sunday in October, 1888. Agreed that henceforth the pastor and deacons of the church where the association is to be held shall make choice of one to preach the introductory sermon at their respective associations.

14th. Agreed that the clerk have 600 copies of these minutes printed and send a file to each of the associations with whom we correspond and distribute the remainder as usual.

15th, Appointed Elder A. M. Denny to write a circular letter by our next fall association to be annexed to our minutes if approved. Then adjourned. Praise and prayer by Elder J. M. Wyatt.

A. M. DENNY, Clerk.

M. G. HARBOUR, Moderator.

PREACHING.—Saturday, 1st, Elder Wm. Hall, text, Acts 8th chap. 30th v. 2nd, Elder Wm. Lundy, text St. John 19th chap. 27th v. 3rd, Elder J. M. Blancett, text, 2nd Timothy 1st chap. 9th v. Sunday, 1st, Elder A. J. Taylor, text, Mat. 1st chap. 21st v. 2nd, Elder J. M. Wyatt, text, Luke 24th chap. 49th v. 3rd, D. S. Webb, text Jeremiah 31st chap. latter part of 33rd verse.

The brethren who preached were most wonderfully favored in expounding the glorious mystery of salvation and we hope their labors will prove a blessing to the large and orderly congregation that was in attendance.

A. M. D,

Price of printing 600 copies of these minutes \$6.00. Clerk's fee, \$7.00.

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