

MINUTES OF THE
NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
FISHERS RIVER
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION



Held With the Church at

BOYLES CHAPEL

Stokes County, North Carolina

Friday, Saturday and 2nd Sunday August 7, 8, 9, 1925

PROCEEDINGS

1. Services were introduced by song and prayer by Elder J. M. Crouse from Roaring River Association. Then the introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. G. Morton from Salem Association. Subject: Jeremiah 23rd chapter, 5 and 6th verses.

2. After intermission the messengers assembled in the house and after prayer by Elder G. O. Key the letters from all the churches were read, received and the messengers seated.

3. Elders Herbert Easter, Robert Riggins and W. R. Beasley were appointed to preach at the stand this afternoon.

4. Then elected Elder W. H. Atkinson, moderator and Elder F. P. Stone, clerk and Bro. G. J. Key Assistant Clerk.

5. Then called for correspondents from our sister Associations:

Mayo—Elders J. A. Fagg, J. W. Tuttle and Brother J. E. Hutchens; correspondents, Elders Walt Priddy, W. J. Brown and Waller Mabe and Brethren G. R. Campbell, S. J. Craddock, J. R. Beasley, J. W. Tilley, W. I. Fagg, Grover Shelton, A. A. Jefferson, Joe Carn, and Elders S. H. Reid, W. R. Beasley, visitors and minutes.

Mountain—Minutes.

Roaring River—Elder J. M. Crouse, correspondent and minutes.

Salem—Elder A. G. Morton, E. J. Clinard, J. T. Hicks, W. L. Teague, Elis Tate, Wesley Mabe, Charley Willard and C. A. Sprinkle, visitors and minutes.

Zion—Elders John R. Crews, Garland Allen and Bro. H. T. Branscome, correspondents Elders Herbert Easter, J. D. Easter and Brethren L. H. Easter and V. T. Easter, visitors and minutes.

Abbott's Creek—H. W. Johnson, L. R. Taylor, L. J. Hicks, H. S. Williams, Joseph P. Nelson, correspondents and a file of minutes.

Smith's River—Minutes only.

Upper Country Line—Jas. R. Jones, J. M. Dennis, correspondents and R. L. Sneed, visitor.

Lower Country Line—Minutes.

Black Creek—Elder C. F. Denny, visitor and minutes.

New River—Elder R. P. Vass and Brethren Chas. Horton and Joe Banks, correspondents and a file of minutes from Ketocton, Contentnea, Kehukee, Senter, White Oak, Little River, Ebenezer, Staunton River, Pig River, and Silver Creek.

6. Then called for petitionary letters, none presented.

7. The Moderator and Messengers of this church with the Association Clerk was appointed as a committee on preaching and they appointed for Saturday Elders J. M. Crouse from Roaring River first, J. D. Easter and Garland Allen from Zion to preach in the forenoon.

H. S. Williams from Abbott's Creek and Elder D. G. Staples from Mayo to preach in the house in the afternoon and Watt Priddy, W. J. Brown, J. Watt Tuttle from Mayo to preach at the stand in the afternoon.

For Sunday in the house, Elder C. W. Brook, J. M. Royal, C. F. Denny at the stand; Elders R. P. Vass, first, from New River, J. A. Fagg, from Mayo, second; Samuel McMillan from Abbott's' Creek third; P. J. Washburn from Pig River, fourth; F. P. Stone.

8. Then it was agreed that the moderator and clerk make all other appointments.

9. Elders G. O. Key, J. M. Royal and Jas. Creed were appointed to act with the Moderator and Clerk as a committee on arrangements.

10. Brethren J. M. Eldridge and J. Coy Smith were appointed a committee on finance.

11. Appointed Elder J. W. Beasley and Brother J. F. Nunn a committee on distributing corresponding minutes.

12. Then adjourned till 9 A. M. Saturday. Agreed that preaching begin at 10 A. M. each day.

9 A. M. Saturday, August 8, 1925

1. The business session was opened by prayer by Elder J. M. Royal.

2. Called the roll of Messengers.

3. The report of the committee on arrangements was received and committee discharged.

4. Called for the report of correspondents and the report of those who attended was received and those who did not were excused.

5. Appointed correspondents as follows.

Mayo—Elder G. O. Key, D. Collins, J. W. Beasley.
New River—S. J. Booker, R. F. Cox, R. W. Mosely, and Elder J. S. Morrison.

Salem—Elders W. H. Atkinson, F. P. Stone and Brethren J. D. Key and W. A. Palmer.

Mountain—Elders J. M. Royal, D. Collins and A. B. Key.

Zion—Elders J. W. Beasley, W. C. Brooks and Bro. J. T. Payne.

Roaring River—Elders J. W. Creek, J. M. Royal and W. C. Brooks.

6. The circular letter was read, received and ordered printed with our minutes.

7. The clerk was appointed to write the next circular letter.

8. It was agreed to hold our next session of our Association with the church at Hollingsworth Grove nine miles east of Mt. Airy on the Mt. Airy and Stuart Highway to begin at the usual time Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in August, 1926.

9. The Clerk is authorized to have 1200 of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

10. It is agreed that we give our Clerk \$15.00 with all necessary expenses for his services.

11. It was agreed that we give our Moderator \$10.00.

12. Called for the report of the Finance Committee and they reported.

Received from the churches -----	\$60.85
Remainder in Clerk's Hands -----	5.00
Gave Moderator -----	\$10.00
Gave Clerk -----	15.00
Paid for Printing and Postage -----	25.00
Paid for Stationery -----	.40

\$65.85 \$50.40

13. Then agreed that we offer a resolution of thanks to the good brethren, sisters and friends for so kindly caring for and entertaining this Association and to the public for their good behavior on the grounds.

14. Then adjourned to time and place appointed.

W. H. ATKINSON, Mod.

F. P. STONE, Clerk.

G. J. KEY, Asst. Clerk.

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CIRCULAR LETTER

Brethren: We have met in this, the ninety-third annual session of the Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association with our beloved brethren with whom we correspond. To mingle our voices together in prayer singing and praise to God who dwells in heaven and in times past was manifest in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in to glory, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father and ever liveth to make intercession for His people. And God has promised to bless His people when they obey Him, and the Lord's blessings cause obedience, and every child of God feels to thank the Lord that he has been enabled to obey the sweet commands of Jesus and thanks the Lord that he has been given the spirit of obedience, and he does not say I went in paths of righteousness, but, He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. The disobedient child of God will feel that he is altogether to blame for his evil walk and conduct and that his punishment is just. His going away was all of and by himself, but his coming back was all of and by the Lord who is merciful and long suffering. So in the spirit we are one, baptized by one spirit into one body our desires are the same. But what a wonderful work this is endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. Because we differ from each other so greatly in the flesh. What long-suffering is necessary, what self denial, what forbearance. But love tells us what to do. Forbear one another in love. Love saves the fellowship. Love insists that we wait till the Lord works meekness and tenderness of conscience in our disorderly brother. The bond of love and union grows stronger as we meet with the bitter struggle of our own nature and see more need for the exercise in our own souls of the fruits of the spirit and by this we learn how good, helpful and serviceable it is for brethren to dwell together in with. How important it is that every one of this the dear family of God should carefully guard the unity of the spirit so far as it can be by human effort. It is over himself particularly that each one is to watch. His own words and acts and emotions, that

each one to guard. It is his own self that each one is to prove. And when we are thus laboring with our selves there will be found but little need for laboring with any other member of the dear family. While all are in this state of mind this sacred unity is without conscious effort kept in the bonds of peace. This is dwelling together in unity.

F. P. STONE.

Order of Preaching—Friday

1. Introductory, Elder A. G. Morton. Text, Jeremiah 23rd chapter, 5 and 6th verses.
2. Herbert Easter. Text, 2nd Timothy, 2 chapter 15th verse.
3. Robert Riggins, no special text.
4. W. R. Beasley, no special text.

Saturday at the Stand

1. Elder J. M. Crouse. Text 10 chapter John, 16th verse.
2. Elder J. D. Easter, no special text.
3. Elder G. P. Allen, no special text.
4. Elder Watt Priddy, Gen. 24th chapter, 27th verse.
5. Elder W. J. Brown Isaiah 7th chapter, 14th verse.
6. J. Watt Tuttle, Isaiah 40th chapter, 2nd verse

Saturday in the House

1. H. S. Williams Clerk failed to get text.
2. D. G. Staples.

Sunday in the house

1. Elder W. C. Brooks, failed to get text.
2. Elder J. M. Royal, text Heb. 1 chapter, 12th verse.
3. Elder C. F. Denny, clerk failed to get text.

Sunday at the Stand

1. Elder R. P. Vass, text Heb. 1st chapter 1st verse.
2. Elder J. A. Fagg, text John, 5th chapter 25th verse.
3. Elder Sam McMillan, text Jeremiah 12th chapter, 10, 11 verses.
4. Elder P. J. Washburn, text Romans 4th chapter, 2, 3 verses.
5. Elder F. P. Stone, text Galatians 5th chapter, 25th verse.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches	Clerk	P. O.	No. Minutes
Albion, E. D. Slate, Brim, N. C., R. 1			25
Ararat, Elder Geo. Denny, Pinnacle, N. C., R 3			45
Conner's Grove, T. J. Gates, Mt. Airy, N. C., R. 2			35
Boyles Chapel, W. A. Palmer, King, N. C., R. 1			25
Deep Creek, J. D. Spencer, East Bend, N. C.			25
Fisher's River, Wilson Creed, White Plains, N. C.			25
Fisher's Gap, A. R. Simmons, Low Gap, N. C.			35
Franklin, E. M. Goings, Round Peak, N. C.			50
Hogans Creek, S. D. Key, Siloam, N. C.			35
Hollingsworth Grove, S. L. Arrington, Mt. Airy, N. C. R 1			25
Laurel Springs, C. T. Hall, Round Peak, N. C.			25
Liberty, R. S. Poindexter, Crutchfield, N. C.			25
Little Vine, Jacob Mitchel, Dobson, N. C.			35
Mulberry, J. M. Eldridge, State Road, N. C. R. 1			35
Pilot Mountain, J. H. Sheats, Pilot Mountain, N. C.			75
Rock House, R. F. Cox, Westfield, N. C. R. 1			60
State Road, W. F. Nixon, State Road, N. C. R. 2			35
Stoney Creek, E. F. Simmons, Mt. Airy, N. C. R 1			50
Stewart's Creek, R. W. Mosley, Mt. Airy, N. C., R 3			65
Tom's Creek, J. F. Nunn, Westfield, N. C., R. 1			75
Union, G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C.			75
Volunteer, Mrs. Bettie Gordon, Pinnacle, N. C. R 1			25
Abbott's Creek, A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C., R. 3			20
Black Creek, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.			23
Contentnea, H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.			20
Ebenezer, W. L. Carpenter, Brightwood, N. C.			20
Kehukee, B. S. Cowen, Williamston, N. C.			25
Little River, R. F. Smith, Benson, N. C.			20
Lower Country Line, L. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.			16
Mountain, J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.			18
Mayo, S. G. Dobbins, Claudville, Va.			30
New River, Eld. R. P. Vass, Fancy Gap, Va.			20
Pig River, Elder E. L. Blankenship, Boon Mill, Va.			25
Roaring River, J. D. Hall, Hall's Mill, N. C.			12
Silver Creek, T. H. Bently, Stanley, N. C.			10
Staunton River, R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, Va.			20
Senter, J. F. Hartszog, Idelwild, N. C.			14
Smith's River, Eld. J. D. Cockran, Stuart, Va.			20
Upper Country, Line, Eld. J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.			18
Zion, H. T. Branscome, Fancy Gap, Va.			15
White Oak, Eld. Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.			18

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTER

Cabriel Denny	Route 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
G. O. Key	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson	Route 1, Round Peak, N. C.
H. D. Mickey	Route 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
J. M. Royal	Thurman, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle	Spray, N. C.
F. P. Stone	Route 1, Francisco, N. C.
Geo. Denny	Route 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
James Creed	Route 1, Ararat, N. C.
D. Collins	Route 1, Pinnacle, N. C.
R. H. Riggins	Round Peak, N. C.
J. W. Feasley	Route 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. S. Morrison	Route 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.
G. W. Harris	Mt. Airy, N. C.
W. C. Brooks	Dobson, N. C.
C. W. Stone	Rockford, N. C.
A. B. Key	Rusk, N. C.

Licentiates

W. J. Key	Ararat, N. C.
J. Key	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Charley Adams	Route 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.

CHURCHES AND MODERATORS

Albion	Elder F. P. Stone
Ararat	Geo. Denny
Boyles Chapel	Elder S. H. Reid
Conner's Grove	Elders J. W. Beasley, G. W. Harris
Deep Creek	Elders G. O. Key, Geo Denny
Fisher's River	Elder J. W. Beasley
Fisher's Gap	Elders J. F. Fulk and W. C. Brooks
Franklin	Elder W. H. Atkinson
Hogan's Creek	Elders J. W. Creek and C. W. Stone
Hollingsworth Grove	F. P. Stone
Laurel Springs	Elder J. C. Dunbar
Liberty	Elders C. W. Stone and J. W. Creed
Little Vine	Elder W. C. Brooks
Mulberry	Elders J. W. Creed and J. C. Dunbar
Pilot Mountain	Elder G. O. Key and Geo. Denny
Rock House	Elder D. Collins
State Road	Elders J. M. Royal and W. C. Brooks
Stoney Creek	Elder F. P. Stone
Tom's Creek	Elders G. O. Key and F. P. Stone
Stuart's Creek	Elders G. O. Key and J. E. Dunbar
Union	Elder J. C. Dunbar
Volunteer	Elder S. H. Reid

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAME OF MESSENGERS	Meeting Days	Ord. Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Rec'd. by Exp.	Rec'd. by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Albion -----	Elder F P. Stone, Elder Slate -----	4	1					1		1	25	\$2.00
Ararat -----	Peyton Burg, Eld. Geo. Denny and J. M. Ashburn -	2	2	1				1				2.00
Boyles Chapel -----	W. A. Palmer, J. P. Slawter, J. C. Cadman -----	2			10	4					23	2.50
Conner's Grove -----	J. W. Beasley, J. T. Payne, Eld. G. W. Harris -----		2	1	1						34	1.50
Deep Creek -----	J. B. Hinshaw, J. R. Hall, J. H. Spencer -----									2	29	1.85
Fisher's River -----	Geo. Wilson, Wesley Branch -----				2						16	1.75
Fisher's Gap -----	Malon Low, A. R. Simmons, Samtrie Low -----				4						24	2.50
Franklin -----	James Branch, Grover Branch, E. M. Gains -----		2								46	5.00
Hagan's Creek -----	S. D. Key, Joe Key, Silas Perry, J. W. Wall -----										38	1.50
Hollingworth's Grove -----	S. L. Arrington, J. L. Love, Ceiphus Childres -----	1									12	2.50
Laurel Springs -----	C. T. Hall, L. B. Dunbar, J. B. Creed -----										19	1.50
Liberty -----	R. S. Poindexter, Herbert Ashburn, J. W. Pilsey --				3	1					26	1.00
Little Vine -----	Jacob Mitchell, W. C. Brooks, Martin Payne -----										54	1.50
Mulberry -----	J. M. Eldridge, A. B. Key, O. B. Key -----		1	1	1						1	1.50
Pilot Mountain -----	Eld. G. O. Key, L. G. Tucker, J. W. Booth -----		1						2		46	6.55
Rock House -----	Eld. D. Collins, R. F. Cox, E. E. Cox and G. L. Joyce	2			1			2		4	53	1.50
State Road -----	Harden Stonestreet, Tire Snow, Eld. J. M. Royal -----				4						43	2.00
Stoney Creek -----	E. F. Simmons, J. F. Joyce, J. M. Hunter -----				3						39	5.00
Tom's Creek -----	A. Hunter, J. F. Nunn, C. G. Arrington -----	4		1	1		1				93	4.75
Stuart's Creek -----	S. J. Booker, R. M. Stoneman, R. W. Mosley -----				2	1			1		74	4.25
Union -----	Eld. J. W. Creed, J. C. Dunbar, H. R. Key -----		3	1	4			1	1			6.30
Volunteer -----	Eld. H. D. Mickey, D. R. Bennett -----		1		3						29	1.80