

MINUTES OF THE
FISHERS RIVER PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



THE NINETIETH ANNUAL SESSION
Held With the Church at
FISHER'S RIVER
Surry County, North Carolina
Friday, Saturday and Second Sunday
AUGUST 11, 12, 13, 1922



ELD. W. H. ATKINSON, Moderator
R. 1, Round Peak, N. C.
ELD. F. P. STONE, Clerk
R. 1, Francisco, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

1. Services were introduced by Elder D. Collins, then the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Crouse. Text, 2nd Tim. 4:1-2. "I charge thee before God, etc."

2. After intermission the messengers assembled in the house. After prayer by Elder F. F. Eggleton of Pig River, the letters were received from all the churches except Deep Creek, Tom's Creek and Hogan's Creek. Those received were read and messengers seated. (Saturday the other letters came in and were received and messengers seated.)

3. Appointed Elder F. F. Eggleton of Pig River and Brother J. H. Smith to go to the stand and preach.

4. It was agreed that our moderator and clerk be elected by private ballot and Elder W. H. Atkinson was elected Moderator and Elder F. P. Stone Clerk and the elections were confirmed by acclamation.

5. Called for correspondents and visitors and the following brethren were present:

From Zion, Elders J. P. Gardner, Wesley Brindle and Bro. H. F. Branscome, correspondents; Elder J. F. Fulk and Brethren H. P. Stoneman and R. S. Creed.

From Mayo, Elders W. R. Beasley and H. F. Hutchens, and Brethren Jesse Beasley, J. E. Hutchens, C. T. Flippin, Jim Jefferson, Tom Collins and R. L. Anderson, visitors.

Salem, Elders J. G. Southern, Ellis Tate, J. A. Thomas, Charlie Shields and C. A. Sprinkle, correspondents.

Roaring River, Elders J. M. Crouse, S. A. Lyons and J. W. Lyon, correspondents.

Upper Country Line, Elders W. F. Pruitt and J. R. Jones, correspondents.

Black Creek, Elders J. C. Hooks and S. B. Denny, visitors.
Smiths River, D. F. Quisenbury, visitor.

Pig River, F. F. Eggleton, visitor.

Mountain, Elder J. M. Crouse, correspondent, and T. A. Fender visitor, and a file of minutes from Mayo, Salem, Abbotts Creek, Lower Country Line, Silver Creek, Roaring River, Senter, Kehukee, Zion, Ebenezer, Little River, Pig River, Upper Country Line.

6. Called for Petitionary Letters; none received.

7. Appointed the messengers of this church and the Association Moderator and Clerk a Committee on Preaching, and they appointed: For Saturday 1st, Elder Wesley Brindle; 2nd, Elder W. R. Beasley; 3rd, Elder J. P. Gardner; 4th Elder W. F. Pruitt.

FOR SUNDAY

1st. Elder D. Collins; 2nd, H. F. Hutchens; 3rd S. B. Denny; 4th J. C. Hooks. After appointment it was agreed to and Bro. Robert T. Anderson, the little invalid, preached on Saturday and Elder O. J. Denny was added to the list for Sunday.

8. Elder G. O. Key, B. P. Smith and John Nichols were appointed to serve with the Moderator and Clerk as a Committee on Arrangements.

9. Appointed G. J. Key and J. S. Morrison a committee on finance.

10. J. H. Sheats and Y. W. Simmons were appointed a committee to distribute corresponding minutes.

11. By request of Elder George Denny the Obituary of Eld. A. M. Denny and the Circular Letter were read. Each were approved and ordered attached to our minutes.

12. Then adjourned until Saturday 9:00 A. M.

SATURDAY, AUG. 12, 1922

1. The deliberations were opened by prayer by Elder R. H. Riggins.

2. Called the roll and marked out names of absentees.

3. Letters from Hogan's Creek, Deep Creek and Tom's Creek were received, read and messengers seated.

4. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was received and the committee discharged.

5. The obituary of Deacon John W. Jones was read and received and ordered attached to our minutes.

6. The request of New River Association for a committee to help settle a difficulty between them and Zion was discussed by us and the brethren from Zion and it was agreed that we keep hands off for the time being.

7. We received a file of minutes and a request that we open up correspondence with Silver Creek Association and it was unanimously agreed that we do so and Elders J. M. Royal and W. H. Atkinson accepted the appointment as correspondent.

8. The church at Mulberry reported the ordination of Bro. A. B. Key as Elder.

9. Union church also reported the ordination of Bro. C. W. Stone as Elder, each were ordained in the usual way by prayer and the laying on of hands.

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

11. Appointed correspondents as follows:

To Mayo Elders F. P. Stone, G. O. Key, J. W. Beasley, J. S.

Morrison, G. W. Harris and Bro. H. M. Southern.
To Salem, Elders G. O. Key, George Denny and C. W. Stone.
To the Mountain, Elders G. O. Key, A. B. Key and W. C. Brooks.

To Abbotts Creek Elder J. S. Morrison.
To Zion, Elders G. O. Key, W. H. Atkinson, W. C. Brooks and C. W. Stone.

To Silver Creek, Elders W. H. Atkinson and J. M. Royal.
To Roaring River, Elders J. M. Royal and A. B. Key.
To Senter Elder G. O. Key.

12. Elder F. P. Branscome (now deceased) through a mistake stated that he failed to charge a sufficient sum last year for expense and labor in printing of our minutes, so it was unanimously agreed that we give his widow, Sister Branscome \$5.00 and order the clerk to send her same out of the Association funds.

13. Agreed that we hold our next session of this Association with the Deep Creek church in Yadkin county, N. C., three miles south of Siloam to commence on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1923, and continue three days.

14. It was ordered that the Clerk have 1200 of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

15. Agreed that we give our Clerk the usual fee of \$15.00 and expenses for his services.

16. It was carried unanimously that we give our Moderator \$10.00 for his faithful service.

17. The committee on finance reported received from the Churches ----- \$58.97
Balance in Clerk's hands above expenses ----- 21.00
Gave to the Moderator ----- \$10.00
Gave to Sister F. P. Branscome ----- 5.00
Gave to our Clerk ----- 15.00
Paid for printing and postage ----- 49.79

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18. Offered a resolution of thanks to God for his abundant mercy and spirit of peace made manifest during this session, and to the Committee for their hospitality during the same.

19. Then adjourned until time and place appointed.

Eld. F. P. STONE, Clerk Eld. W. H. ATKINSON, Mod.

SERVICES

Friday Afternoon—1st. F. F. Eggleton; 2nd J. H. Smith.
Clerk failed to get text.

Saturday—1st Wesley Brindle, subject 1st John 1:1.; 2nd

W. R. Beasley, subject, Ephesians 2:8; 3rd J. P. Gardner, subject Gal. 3:8; 4th W. F. Pruitt, subject Ephesians 5th chap.; 5th Robert T. Anderson (invited) no special subject.

Sunday—1st. S. B. Denny, subject Hebrews 12:1; 2nd J. C. Hooks, subject Hebrews 1:1-2; 3rd D. Collins, Matthew 11:4-5; 4th H. F. Hutchens, Genesis 24:5-8; 5th O. J. Denny, no special subject.

The preaching was harmonious and showed that God was with us for he is love and may it be our happy lot to see this love, union and fellowship continue in our midst so to our corresponding brethren will say: Brethren come again. Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Being appointed to write a circular letter to be attached to the minutes of our next Association, I will refer to Heb. 10:25, Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.

Dear Brethren: Church attendance seems to be falling off most everywhere and more especially our Saturday meetings. Now let us consider for a moment how disappointing it is for the pastor not to attend. In our feeble judgment we believe when Paul admonished the Hebrews not to forsake the assembling of themselves together, that he had under consideration the church of Christ, and would include each son and daughter. We may feel our unworthiness even so keen but that doesn't excuse us. Each church meeting should be considered a special occasion, and I can't think of a more beautiful tribute of honor to those whom we love than to have our lamps trimmed and burning, proving our faith by our works. The writer has had some very sad experience along this line when we have failed to meet the church assembled, but how soul cheering it is to find the brethren and sisters and to hear them singing some good old hymn to the praise of our God. So brethren I feel to encourage church attendance among our people everywhere, and I also feel that we should encourage our children to go with us. While we don't claim that we can teach carnality spiritual things, but we feel that there is no safer place for the youth and tenderling of our country on church days than along with the fathers and mothers where the gospel is preached and God is worshipped, where the church, the light of the world, a city set on a hill that can't be hid is assembling together.

ELDER GEO. DENNY.

OBITUARY OF ELDER A. M. DENNY

With a deep sense of inability and unworthiness I attempt to comply with the request of the Association, and try to write an obituary of as pure and clean an Elder as ever belonged to our Association. Elder A. M. Denny was born in Surry County, N. C., April 19, 1847; died Decem-

ber 4, 1920, making his life 73 years, 7 months and 15 days. He by faithful study and industry obtained a common school education, was a bright and cheerful boy of extra good morals. He professed a hope in Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist church in his early manhood, and soon began preaching with more than ordinary ability, was soon ordained to the full functions of the gospel ministry, to which calling he was faithful to the end, serving more than fifty years, he was three times married, first to Miss Louise Ashburn, to them were born one daughter, second to Eloise Spencer and to them were born two children, a son and daughter, third to Miss Eliza Williard, who is still living. These were all good and faithful, living in peace and happiness. His children preceded him to the grave. He left six grandchildren besides a good and faithful wife and a broad circle of brethren and sisters to mourn their loss. He was kind to all, meek and humble, but an able man of God and preacher of the gospel, was held in high esteem by all who knew him, especially Baptists. He served the Association as clerk for a number of years and was then elected Moderator, serving nine years with ability. We feel that we have lost a good and loving minister and friend, but let us try to be resigned to the Lord's will. We feel to express our most profound sympathy for his bereaved widow and orphan grandchildren, and all who are realizing the loss of so good a man, yet his name and influence still lives, and will be long remembered.

Written by your humble servant in hope of eternal life.

GEO. DENNY.

OBITUARY

Deacon John W. Jones was born November 12, 1851; died February 18, 1921, his pilgrimage on earth being sixty nine years, three months and six days. He was married to Miss Nannie J. Denny, August 18, 1874, and to this union was born ten children, three of which died in infancy. The date he joined the church is not known to the writer, but find that he and his wife were members in 1888 at which time the church at Union was constituted, they being Charter members. He was ordained deacon on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in February, 1893, and served the church in that capacity the remainder of his life. God in His wisdom saw fit to take from him his loving wife many years ago, leaving him with small children, thus deprived of the sweet companionship, and with the double duty thrown upon him he never faltered. He succeeded in raising his children in honor, never losing sight of his church or church duties. His life was orderly and above reproach. We feel that in his going his children lost a good father, the church a good member and officer, the county a good citizen. He fought a good fight and his reward was laid up for him in heaven. Blessed are they that die in the Lord.

Written by G. J. Key, by order of the Association.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches	Clerks	Post Office	No. Min.
Albion	Eld. Slate	R. 1 Brim, N. C.	40
Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny	R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.	40
Conner's Grove	T. J. Gates	R. 2, Box 13, Mt. Airy, N. C.	40
Deep Creek	J. R. Hall	Siloam, N. C.	25
Fisher's River	Wilson Creed	White Plains, N. C.	25
Fisher's Gap	Mahton Low	Low Gap, N. C.	35
Franklin	E. M. Goings	Round Peak, N. C.	40
Hogan's Creek	S. D. Key	Siloam, N. C.	40
Laurel Springs	H. M. Southern	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.	25
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter	Crutchfield, N. C.	25
Little Vine	Jacob Mitchell	Dobson, N. C.	45
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge	R. 1, State Road, N. C.	40
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheats	Pilot Mountain, N. C.	55
Rock House	R. F. Cox	R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.	50
State Road	W. F. Nixon	State Road, N. C.	25
Stoney Creek	E. F. Simmons	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.	40
Stuart's Creek	R. W. Mosley	R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.	55
Tom's Creek	S. L. Arrington	R. 2, Mt. Airy, N. C.	70
Union	G. J. Key	Ararat, N. C.	80
Volunteer	Mrs. Bettie Gordon	R. 1, Pinnacle, N. C.	20

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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES AMONG THE ASSOCIATIONS

Association	Clerks	P. O. Address	No. Min.
Abbott's Creek	A. L. Owen	R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.	16
Contentnea	J. P. Tingle	Rantsboro, N. C.	20
Ebenezer	W. L. Carpenter	Brightwood, Va.	20
Kehukee	B. S. Cowin	Williamston, N. C.	37
Little River	R. F. Smith	Benson, N. C.	22
Mountain	J. M. Rector	Baywood, Va.	20
Mayo	S. G. Dobyns	Claudville, Va.	30
New River	Eld. P. G. Lester	Floyd C. H., Va.	20
Pig River	Eld. E. L. Elankenship	Boons Mill, Va.	25
Roaring River	J. D. Hall	Halls' Mills, N. C.	11
Salem	W. L. Teague	Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
Silver Creek	T. H. Bentley	Stanley, N. C.	10
Staunton River	R. L. Dodson	Riggold, Va.	20
Senter	J. F. Hartzog	Idlewild, N. C.	13
Smith's River	Eld. J. D. Cockran	Stuart, Va.	20
Upper Country Line	Eld. J. W. Gilliam	Altamahaw, N. C.	18
Zion	H. F. Branscome	Fancy Gap, Va.	11

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CHURCHES	Sunday Meetings	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Albion	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	3.75
Ararat	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.00
Conner's Grove	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.50
Deep Creek	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.50
Fisher's River	3	0	0	2	2	5	0	0	0	13	1.50
Fisher's Gap	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.10
Franklin	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	38	2.75
Hogan's Creek	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	1.50
Laurel Springs	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	1.50
Liberty	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	1.00
Little Vine	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	53	2.15
Mulberry	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	1.35
Pilot Mountain	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5.00
Rock House	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	3.00
State Road	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	30	1.85
Stoney Creek	3	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	37	5.37
Stuart's Creek	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	5.25
Tom's Creek	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	5.00
Union	4	3	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	86	10.00
Volunteer	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	1.00

NAMES OF MESSENGERS

Eld. Slate, B. P. Smith and J. M. Hooker
Eld. Geo. Denny, L. D. Denny and J. M. Ashburn
Elders J. W. Beasley, G. W. Harris and T. J. Gates
J. B. Hinshaw, J. R. Hall, B. L. Hall
Wilson Creed, J. M. Nichols and G. W. Wilson
Sammie Low, Mahton Low and A. R. Simmons
Eld. R. H. Riggins and Brothers E. M. Gains, H. H. Brindle
S. D. Key, Joe Key, and J. W. Wall
C. T. Hall, H. M. Southern and A. J. Key
R. S. Poindexter, J. F. Cole, W. D. Holderfield
Martin Payne, W. C. Brooks and Jacob Mitchel
A. B. Key, J. M. Eldridge, R. Draughn
Eld. G. O. Key, S. J. Foy, L. G. Tucker
J. P. Slaughter, R. F. Cox, Y. L. Cole, T. R. Low
Eld. J. M. Royal, W. F. Nixon, and Ira Snow
E. F. Simmons, J. L. Tilley, J. H. Barnes
T. A. Jones, J. E. Jones, R. W. Mosley
J. W. Simmons, Sandy Inman, S. L. Arrington
G. J. Key, H. R. Key, C. W. Stone
Frank Chandler, A. D. Owens

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

ELDERS

Gabriel Denny ----- R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
Henderson Cain ----- R. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
G. O. Key ----- Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson ----- R. 1, Round Peak, N. C.
H. D. Mickey ----- R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
J. M. Royal ----- Thurman, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle ----- Spray, N. C.
F. P. Stone ----- R. 1, Francisco, N. C.
George Denny ----- R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
James Creed ----- R. 1, Ararat, N. C.
D. Collins ----- R. 1, Pinnacle, N. C.
R. H. Riggins ----- Round Peak, N. C.
J. W. Beasley ----- R. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Jessie Dunbar ----- Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. S. Morrison ----- R. 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.
Charlie Adams ----- R. 2, Pilot Mtn., N. C.