

*R. H. ... Jr*

**MINUTES**

—OF THE—

**Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association.**

—CONVENED WITH—

**The Church at Stuart's Creek,  
SURRY COUNTY, N. C. April, 22nd, 1898.**

—ALSO—

**MINUTES**

—OF THE—

**Sixty Sixth Annual Session**

—OF THE—

**Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association**

—CONVENED WITH—

**The Church at Martin,  
CARROLL COUNTY, Va., Oct, 21st, 1898.**

## Spring Session.

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The introductory sermon was preached by Elder P. D. Gold, from 1st. Timothy, 2nd. chapter: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd verses.

The messengers then assembled in order and after prayer by Elder J. A. Burch, letters were received from the churches and their messenger's names enrolled as follows:

Liberty—R. T. Pilson, J. W. Jones.  
Round Peak—A. Vaughn, W. D. Vaughn.  
Franklin—C. W. York, R. H. Riggan.  
Ararat—A. M. Denny, C. B. Denny, L. J. Hicks.  
Volunteer—Wm. M. Stone, H. D. Mickey, F. M. Venable.  
Stuart's Creek—T. A. Jones, S. J. Booker, H. C. Booker.  
Tom's Creek—J. Moran, C. L. Arrington.  
Fisher's River—Wiley Riggs, James Haynes.  
Mulberry—S. B. Jones, R. Draughn.  
Union—W. H. Atkinson, K. D. Key, R. Creed.  
Fisher's Gap—A. Galyen, E. Low.  
Rock House—J. A. Ashburn.  
Zion Hill—Wm. Golding, G. W. Carver, C. M. Calaway.  
Deep Creek—T. H. Poindexter.  
Flower Gap—J. C. McCraw, J. H. McCraw, O. Hawks.  
Rock Spring—A. C. Woodruff, M. Wilbourn.  
Dover—W. M. Jones, J. D. Draughn, W. A. Nicholas.  
Elk Spur—A. Gardner, J. J. Ayers, J. W. Strickland.  
Mountain View—James Portis, C. S. Gates.  
Hogan's Creek—J. C. Flippin, J. W. Flippin, W. F. Whitaker.  
Martin—R. W. Radford, C. A. Martin.  
Pilot Mountain—G. O. Key, F. R. Stone.  
State Road—J. M. Wyatt.

Then called for correspondents and visiting Elders, when J. W. Hutchens, J. W. Moorefield and J. D. Young reported from Mayo D. E. Stockner and Calvin Gentry from the Mountain.

Elder F. P. Branscomb, visitor from New River, Elder J. D. Vass, from the Mountain; Elder James A. Burch, from Country Line, and Elder P. D. Gold from Black Creek, were all seated in council.

Then elected Elder M. G. Harbour, Moderator, and Elder A. M. Denny Clerk.

Then Elected Elders J. D. Vass, J. M. Wyatt and J. A. Ashburn to preach on Saturday, and Elders P. D. Gold, J. M. Burch and F. P. Branscomb to preach on Sunday, worship to commence each day at 10 o'clock.

Then elected Elders G. O. Key, J. M. Wyatt and Brother Wm. Golding with the Moderator and Clerk a Committee of arrangements.

Then adjourned 'till 9 o'clock to-morrow.

Saturday, April 23rd, met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder J. D. Vass.

On motion the committee reported as follows and was discharged: We find no business claiming the attention of the Association, more than to read the Covenant, Constitution, Articles of Faith and rules of Decorum.

Thanks to the good people of this vicinity for their kindness during this Association.

M. G. HARBOUR, Moderator,  
A. M. DENNY, Clerk.

PREACHING.

Saturday, 1st,	Elder J. D. Vass.	Text: Romans 5:1.
" 2nd,	" J. A. Ashburn.	" Rev. 19:6.
" 3rd,	" J. M. Wyatt.	" Isa. 9:6.
Sunday, 1st,	" F. P. Branscomb.	" Heb. 8:10, 11, 12.
" 2nd,	" P. D. Gold.	" Romans. 14:17.
" 3rd,	" J. A. Burch, by general Exhortation.	

MINUTES OF THE 66th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE  
FISHER'S RIVER PRIMITATIVE BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION.

Convened with the Church at Martin, Carrol county, Va., October 21st, 1898.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. Cain, from Romans 8:2.

The churches then reported by letter per Statistical Table: Brethren J. G. Southern, from the Mayo; J. Henry Crews, and Elder F. P. Branscomb, from New River; Elder J. D. Vass and brother W. E. Breeham, from the Mountain; brethren Anderson Webb, G. B. Gunter and E. P. Barnard, from Smith's River reported as correspondents, and Elder Isaac Jones visitor from White Oak were all seated in council.

Then Elder John D. Riffe and brother H. S. Carter from Mates Creek Association of Pike county, Ky., come forward with a letter asking for correspondence. They were received and seated, and we agree to correspond with them by minutes.

Then elected M. G. Harbour Moderator and Elder A. M. Denny Clerk.

Then appointed brethren S. B. Jones and C. A. Martin, a committee on finance.

Then elected Elder Wm. M. Stone, J. D. Vass and H. Cain to preach on Saturday.

Then elected Elders Wm. M. Stone, Wm. A. Atkinson and H. Cain, with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee of arrangements.

Then called for the circular letter, prepared by Elder A. M. Denny, it being read and received was ordered to be annexed to our minutes.

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.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder J. M. Wyatt.

The Committee reported as follows and was discharged.

1st. Called the roll of messengers and correspondents.

2nd. Read the Covenant, Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

3rd. Appointed Brethren W. H. Atkinson, Jackson Norman and Wm. Golding to select correspondents to sister Associations.

4th. Appointed Elder M. G. Harbour to prepare an obituary of Brother R. T. Pilson.

5th. Called upon those appointed to correspond with sister Associations to report some of whom attended and those who did not were excused.

6th. Appointed correspondents as follows: To Mayo, Elder W. M. Stone, J. A. Ashburn and D. Collins; Smith River, Elder J. D. Draughn, H. Cain and G. O. Key; New River, Elder A. Gardner, C. B. Denny and M. G. Harbour; Mountain, Elder T. J. Lawson, W. H. Atkinson and Wm. Golding; Center, Elder J. M. Royal and Brethren S. B. Jones and A. B. Key; Mate's Creek, Elder J. M. Wyatt by his request.

7th. The Committee on finance reported received at this time \$22.48. The Clerk reports in his hands from last year \$3.30.

8th. Agreed that our next Spring Association be held with the church in the town of Pilot Mountain, Surry county, N. C., to convene on Friday before the 4th. Sunday in April 1899, and that our next annual session be held with the church at Mulberry, 7 miles south west of Dobson and near Burches station on the Wilkesboro R. R. in Surry county, N. C., to convene on Friday before the 4th, Sunday in October 1899.

9th. Elected Elders Jones, Branscomb and Riffe to preach to-morrow.

10th. Ordered that the Clerk have 1000 copies of these minutes printed and distribute them as usual.

11th. Offered thanks to the community for their kindness.

Then adjourned. Prayer by Elder Riffe.

M. G. HARBOUR, Moderator.  
A. M. DENNY, Clerk.

PREACHING.

On Saturday Elders Stone and Vass preached, but the Clerk failed to get the text. Elder Isaac Jones preached in the evening from Matthew 6:33.

Sunday 1st, Elder Branscomb. Text, Cor. 1:30.

" 2nd, Elder Riffe " Eph. 1:22.

" 3rd, Elder Jones " Rev. 20:6.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Rec'd by Ex. and Bap.	Rec'd by Let.	Restored.	Dis. by Let.	Excluded.	No. in Fel'p.	Contribution.
Stuart's Creek	Wm. Dunbar, Linsey Tickle, T. A. Jones,						1	20
Liberty.	L. B. Alberty, Jackson Norman,						1	00
Rock Spring.	By letter only,						9	50
Round Peak.	A. Vaughn,					1	14	40
Franklin.	R. H. Riggan, Sr., T. Davis, R. H. Riggan, Jr.	3					60	15
Ararat.	A. M. Denny, C. B. Denny,					1	46	85
Volunteer.	Wm. M. Stone E. S. Chandler,						3	25
State Road.	J. M. Wyatt, J. M. Royal,					1	46	25
Tom's Creek.	H. Cain, T. L. Arrington,						1	80
Fisher's Gap.	By letter only,						46	75
Mulberry.	S. B. Jones, A. B. Key,	1		1			22	00
Union.	W. H. Atkinson,						47	55
Fisher's River.	By letter only.	4	1	1			14	55
Hogan's Creek.	By letter only,	1					49	80
Zion Hill.	Wm. Golding, Philip Center,						30	00
Rock House.	D. Collins,					1	41	00
Deep Creek.	By letter only,						32	55
Flower Gap.	J. C. McCraw, O. Hawks, J. H. McCraw,	1					99	80
Elk Spur.	A. Hawks, G. Allen, A. Gardner,					1	40	55
Dover.	J. D. Draughn,	1					21	75
Mt'n' View.	Not represented,						1	00
Martin.	C. A. Martin, H. F. Vass, E. Mc Grady,		2				16	00
Pilot Mt'n	G. O. Key,		1				14	00

STATE.	POSTOFFICE.	NAME OF CLERK.	CHURCH MEETING.	CHURCH.
North Carolina	Cody	L. B. Alberty	1st Sunday	Liberty
North Carolina	Round Peak	A. Vaughn	4th	Round Peak
North Carolina	Mosley	M. Wilbourn	4th	Rock Spring
North Carolina	Edwardsville	R. H. Riggan	3rd	Franklin
North Carolina	Pilot Mountain	John Denny	2nd	Ararat
North Carolina	Pilot Mountain	P. W. Lawrence	2nd	Volunteer
North Carolina	Mt. Airy	S. J. Booker	3rd	Stuart's Creek
North Carolina	Capps Mills	T. P. Nixon	2nd	State Road
North Carolina	Mt. Airy	J. W. Love	4th	Tom's Creek
North Carolina	Low Gap	J. Dicken	2nd	Fisher's Gap
North Carolina	Rusk	S. B. Jones	1st	Mulberry
North Carolina	Ash Hill	Jacob Key	4th	Union
North Carolina	Dobson	James Haynes	2nd	Fisher's River
North Carolina	Copeland	J. A. Wall	3rd	Hogan's Creek
North Carolina	Round Peak	Wm. Golding	2nd	Zion Hill
North Carolina	Brown Mountain	J. E. Tilly	2nd	Rock House
North Carolina	East Bend	W. D. Spencer	1st	Deep Creek
North Carolina	Aaron	J. C. McCraw	1st	Flower Gap
Virginia	Elk Spur	J. J. Ayers	2nd	Elk Spur
Virginia	White Plains	Wm. A. Nicholas	4th	Dover.
North Carolina	Ararat	T. J. Gates	4th	Mountain View
Virginia	Gladestboro	C. H. Martin	3rd	Martin
North Carolina	Pilot Mountain	O. J. Denny.	1st	Pilot Mountain

## NAMES OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

M G Harbour	Copeland	Surry county	N	Carolina
T J Lawson	Edwardsville	Surry county	N	Carolina
J D Draughn	White Plains	Surry county	N	Carolina
G Denny	Pilot M't'n.	Surry county	N	Carolina
C B Denny	Deron	Surry county	N	Carolina
A M Denny	Dale	Surry county	N	Carolina
Henry Shore*	Charity	Surry county	N	Carolina
H Cain	Westfield	Surry county	N	Carolina
C J Draughn*	White Plains	Surry county	N	Carolina
W H Atkinson	Ash Hill	Surry county	N	Carolina
J M Wyatt	Roaring Gap	Surry county	N	Carolina
Wm. M Stone	Pilot M't'n.	Surry county	N	Carolina
G O Key	Pilot M't'n.	Surry county	N	Carolina
J A Ashburn	Pilot M't'n.	Surry county	N	Carolina
H D Mickey	Pilot M't'n	Surry county	N	Carolina
J M Royal	State Road	Surry county	N	Carolina
L D Pyrtle*	Pilot M't'n.	Surry county	N	Carolina
J Moran	Big Creek	Stokes county	N	Carolina
A Moran	Danbury	Stokes county	N	Carolina
A Gardner	Fancy Gap	Carrol county		Virginia
A Z Phillips	Elk Spur	Carrol county		Virginia
A C Woodruff	Boonville	Yadkin county	N	Carolina

Licentiates marked thus\*

### CIRCULAR LETTER.

Ye are the light of the world: Matthew, 5:14. These are the words of Jesus and were addressed to his disciples, and now applies to the church.

Can you realize now in your hearts, O, ye saints of the most high God that you are filling the highest office that was ever entrusted to any mortal man in all this world. Even the monarchal king on his throne in all his royal dignity might look down with an envious eye upon those whom God has ordained to be the light of the world.

And now brethren how careful we ought to live in honor to our high calling of God. How careful we ought to be to let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our father which is in heaven.

The Saviour knows our weakness and that we are liable to live so as to change the light that is in us, into darkness, so he says to us in Luke, 11:35. "Take heed that the light which is in thee be not darkness." And again in Matthew, 6:23 he says: "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness?" And now one may ask how can we change the light that is in us into darkness? Why, in many ways [So pardon me for refering to one instance.]

Our Association generally meets on Saturday at 9 o'clock and is opened by singing praise to God and by prayer, and did any of you ever be a little late in getting in and have need to walk through from the door to the pulpit while the messengers were engaged in singing the opening song and smell the whole house scented with the breath of liquor? Did you ever sit near a preacher in the pulpit and smell liquor in his breath? The breath of a person who drinks liquor in the morning, is by nine o'clock, but little better than that of a cow after eating wild onions, and is very disgusting to those who are sober, and Paul says in Thes. 1:4,7. "That God has not called us unto uncleanness but unto holiness." And moreover I ask you, brethren, is a man in a fit condition to bow down to God in prayer while his breath is hot with liquor? I answer no.

And now brethren, the adversary seldom closes his eyes to an opportunity to reproach the church, and the world can smell as well as anybody for the Saviour says in Luke, 16:8 "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." And when they realize these things in you my brethren instead of being constrained by your good works to glorify God, they are constrained to ridicule, and herein is the light that is in you, to them that made darkness. The Prophet says of Israel, "Ye have sold yourselves for naught." Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage, and the drinking man has sold his influence in the church for a draught of liquor. Paul says in Tim. 1:5,14, "Give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachingly," and in Titus 3:8 he says, "and these things I will that

thou affirm constantly that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works, these things are good and profitable unto men." And ought to be observed by every saint of God.

So now brethren let us send the eye of our mind on an errand back to the time when we were lying very low in sin; when we were crushed down by the weighty influence of a broken law. Let us remember the rugged nails that fastened our Saviour to the tree. Let us remember the sinless blood that stained the awful cross, and let us remember that it was our sins that pierced him, and O, let us remember the kind, the loving, the strong arm of his power, that reached down through the church of mercy and raised us from that awful ordeal of death, to scepters and a crown, and has promoted us to the high honors of the glorious city set on a hill that cannot be hid.

And now, O, brethren, let us exert our utmost capacity in letting the light that is in us shine to the glory of God, who hath called us out of darkness, into this marvelous light. Let us abhor the unfruitful works of darkness, and do the bidding and the commandments of God, that we may come boldly unto the throne of his grace. That we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

By order of the Association.

A. M. DENNY.

Price of printing these minutes,  
Clerk's fee,

\$10.00  
\$10.00