

MINUTES
OF THE
Ninety-Eighth Annual Session
OF THE
Fisher's River
Primitive Baptist
Association

HELD WITH
The Church at Volunteer
Stokes County, North Carolina
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
JULY 11, 12 and 13, 1930



OFFICERS

ELD. F. P. STONE.....Moderator
R. F. D. No. 1, Francisco, N. C.

G. J. KEY.....Clerk
Ararat, N. C.

ELD. GEO. DENNY.....Assistant Clerk
Pilot Mountain, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

G. O. Key	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson.....	R. 1, Round Peak, N. C.
J. M. Royal.....	Thurmond, N. C.
J. S. Purtle.....	Kernersville, N. C.
F. P. Stone	R. 1, Francisco, N. C.
Geo. Denny	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. W. Creed.....	R. 1, Ararat, N. C.
D. Collins	R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
R. H. Riggans.....	Dobson, N. C.
J. C. Dunbar.....	R. 4, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. W. Beasley.....	R. 2, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. S. Morrison.....	R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.
G. W. Harris	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.
C. W. Stone.....	R. 1, Rockford, N. C.
W. C. Brooks	R. 1, Dobson, N. C.
A. B. Key	R. 1, Rusk, N. C.
Charley Adams.....	R. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. R. Wilbourn	State Road, N. C.

LICENTIATES

J. D. Key.....	408 Cleveland Ave., Winston-Salem, N. C.
J. S. Key	Cumberland, Va.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY

1. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. W. H. Atkinson, and introductory sermon preached by Eld. A. L. Holloway of Lower Country Line Association. Text, Gen. 9: 14.

2. After intermission the Association assembled in the house and was opened by prayer by Eld. J. A. Fagg of Mayo Association.

3. Elders DeHart and L. I. Anderson of Smith River Association and J. A. Fagg of Mayo Association were sent to the stand to preach in the afternoon.

4. Letters from the churches received and messengers seated.

5. The Association was organized by electing Eld. F. P. Stone Moderator, G. J. Key, Clerk and Eld. Geo. Denny, Asst. Clerk.

6. Called for correspondents as follows:

Roaring River—Not represented.

Mayo—Eld. J. A. Fagg, G. R. Campbell, A. A. Jefferson, correspondents, Eld. Watt Priddy and others, visitors.

Mountain—Not represented.

Abbotts Creek—H. W. Johnson correspondent, H. L. Miller and others, visitors.

Salem—Ed Tate, B. X. Linville and others, visitors.

Bear Creek—Not represented.

Upper Country Line—Eld. B. F. McKinney and J. R. Jones visitors.

Lower Country Line—Eld. C. M. Adams, Eld. A. L. Holloway, D. B. Adams, Dillard Bumpass, W. J. Whitley and others, visitors.

Black Creek—Not represented.

Smith River—Eld. L. I. Gilbert and Eld. Leander DeHart correspondents.

7. By request of New River Association that we continue correspondence with them, it was moved and carried that we do so.

8. Called for petitionary letters; none received.

9. Appointed Moderator and Clerk to appoint all committees.

10. Appointed as follows, viz.—G. O. Key, Robert Cox and J. P. Slawter to serve with the clerk and messengers of this church as committee on preaching.

11. R. L. Jones and W. A. Palmer committee on finance.

12. R. W. Mosley and W. F. Nixon to distribute minutes.

13. Appointed J. H. Sheets, Frank R. Stone and C. T. Hall to serve with the Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements.

14. Received files of minutes from Abbotts Creek, Black Creek, Bear Creek, Contentnea, Kehukee, Kectocon, Mountain, Mayo, Roaring River, Senter, Smiths River, Staunton River, Salem and White Oak.

15. Committee on preaching appointed Elders G. S. Williams, A. L. Holloway, Watt Priddy and R. P. Vass to preach Saturday.

16. This Minute read and approved.

17. Adjourned to meet at nine o'clock Saturday morning, preaching service to begin at ten o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING

1. The business of the Association was opened by song and prayer by Eld. R. P. Vass of New River Association.
2. Called roll of messengers.
3. Called for report of committee on arrangements. Report read, received and committee discharged.
4. Read Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.
5. Called for report of correspondents. Those who attended reported and those who did not were excused except those appointed to associations that have not convened since our last association, they were continued, also appointees who attended associations holding two sessions per year, continued. For list of correspondents see 1929 Minute.
6. Appointed correspondents as follows, viz.—New River, Eld. J. C. Dunbar, Eld. F. P. Stone; Mountain, Eld. W. H. Atkinson, Eld. D. Collins, Eld. A. B. Key.
7. The Circular Letter was read, received and ordered attached to this Minute.
8. Appointed G. J. Key and Eld. Geo. Denny to write our next Circular Letter.
9. Agreed that our next session of the Association be held with the church at Stony Creek (on Highway 66 about midway between Pilot Mountain and Mt. Airy), Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in July, 1931.
10. Agreed to have 1200 Minutes printed and distributed as usual.
11. Agreed to give the Moderator \$10.00 and the Clerk \$15.00 for their services.
12. Called for report of finance committee who reported as follows, viz.:

Received from churches.....	\$54.60
Balance in Clerk's hands.....	14.12
Total finances.....	\$68.72
Gave Clerk	\$15.00
Gave Moderator	10.00
Paid for printing Minutes.....	32.50
Total.....	\$57.50
Balance in Clerk's hands	\$11.22

 Report received and committee discharged.
13. The Association voted unanimously to unite in giving thanks to God for preserving us to meet again, and to thank the brethren, sisters and friends for their kind and generous hospitality in caring for the Association.
14. This Minute read and approved.
15. Adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

ELD. F. P. STONE, Moderator, R. 1, Francisco, N. C.
 G. J. KEY, Clerk, Ararat, N. C.
 ELD. GEO. DENNY, Assistant Clerk, Pilot Mtn., N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

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| FRIDAY | Leander DeHart.
L. I. Gilbert.
J. A. Fagg. | Clerk failed to get text.
Clerk failed to get text.
Clerk failed to get text. |
| SATURDAY | A. L. Holloway.
John Williams.
C. M. Adams.
Watt Priddy.
Eld. Nance. | Clerk failed to get texts Saturday. |
| SUNDAY | Geo. Hill. Text, Rev. 19 : 6—"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude," etc.
B. F. McKinney. Text, Ps. 34 : 19—"Many are the afflictions of the righteous," etc.
J. A. Adams. Text, Deut. 32 : 10—"He found him in a desert land," etc. | |

Circular Letter

TO THE BRETHREN WHO MAY COMPOSE THIS THE NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE FISHERS RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

I undertake to write this, our annual letter, feeling my weakness and imperfections, realizing the fact that all who worship God must worship in spirit and in truth, and without him we can do nothing. Our Heavenly Father must give his children the spirit of worship, and when clothed in like manner we are enabled then to forget the natural things, stripped of our false ideas and enables us to set together as one body of God-fearing and God-honoring children, where every burden is removed and our sorrow turned to joy, and makes us glad that we are blessed again to meet together in an associated capacity to rejoice one with the other. Oh, that these seasons would continue, but God knows best, the autumn winds must blow, the flowers fade, for this is only a journey through the wilderness, but his people shall be a willing people in the day of his power, yes willing to plead with God for mercy, to part with worldly pleasures, to suffer afflictions with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

Paul gave advice to the churches of Asia and instructed his son Timothy in the gospel as to his conduct in the ministry, but denied that any of this wisdom came from his education obtained at the feet of Gamaliel, (but now if you instruct a younger brother in the ministry, some think you are trying to teach him how to preach). We are living today in the most enlightened age of all time from a literary standpoint, but in religious matters darkness covers the earth. Christ is dishonored, his virgin birth de-

nied, but the God that formed the earth, created man, delivered the Children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage, is still delivering and will deliver the last one of his elect family, and we are admonished not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together and it is our duty to meet together not only to hear preaching, but to talk together of his mercy and loving kindness in the forgiveness of our sins. This is strength and food and in relating our experiences to each other we become witnesses to each other that we have received the same blessings and are traveling the highway of holiness together, the way known only to the people of God, wherein is peace, joy and everlasting life. This is the highway that none but the redeemed of the Lord can walk therein, and they come to Zion with songs of everlasting joy and obtain gladness, and sorrow and sighing will pass away. Brethren, have you experienced this? If so, we are the people who are seeking that city which hath foundation, whose builder and maker is God.

F. P. STONE.

CHURCHES AND MODERATORS

Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny
Boyles Chapel.....	Eld. S. H. Reid
Connors Grove.....	Eld. J. W. Beasley
Deep Creek.....	Eld. R. H. Riggans
Dover	
Fishers River.....	Elds. J. W. Beasley, R. H. Riggans
Fishers Gap	Eld. W. C. Brooks
Franklin	Eld. W. H. Atkinson
Hagans Creek.....	Eld. R. H. Riggans
Hollingsworth Grove.....	Eld. R. L. Anderson
Laurel Springs	Elds. J. C. Dunbar, Jas. W. Creed
Liberty.....	Eld. Jas. W. Creed
Little Vine	Elds. W. C. Brooks, W. H. Atkinson
Mulberry	Eld. C. W. Stone
Mitchells River	Eld. R. H. Riggans
Pilot Mountain.....	Elds. G. O. Key, Geo. Denny
Rock House.....	Elds. W. H. Atkinson, D. Collins
State Road.....	Elds. J. M. Royal, W. C. Brooks
Stony Creek	Eld. F. P. Stone
Stewarts Creek.....	Elds. G. O. Key, J. C. Dunbar
Toms Creek.....	Eld. F. P. Stone
Union....	Elds. Jas. W. Creed, C. W. Stone, J. C. Dunbar
Volunteer.....	Eld. C. W. Stone

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Association	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Abbotts Creek	A. L. Owens.....	R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.....	18
Black Creek	Eld. E. L. Cobb.....	Wilson, N. C.....	24
Bear Creek.....	J. W. Jones.....	Peachland, N. C.....	22
Contentnea.....	H. L. Blake	Rocky Mount, N. C.....	24
Ebenezer.....	W. L. Carpenter.....	Brightwood, Va.....	14
Kehukee	B. S. Cowin.....	Williamston, N. C.....	30
Ketocton.....	Eld. C. W. Miller, Bx 1267,	Washington, D. C.....	21
Lower Country Line.....	J. H. Gooch.....	Stem, N. C.....	19
Mountain	J. M. Rector.....	Baywood, Va.....	17
Mayo	Eld. S. A. Thompson.....	Stuart, Va.....	30
New River.....	Eld. J. M. Dickerson.....	Floyd, Va.....	30
Pig River.....	Eld. E. L. Blankenship.....	Boone Mill, Va.....	27
Roaring River	Eld. M. P. Spencer.....	N. Wilkesboro, N. C.....	12
Silver Creek.....	T. H. Bentley.....	Stanley, N. C.....	10
Salem.....	J. H. McKaughan.....	Kernersville, N. C.....	11
Senter	J. F. Hartzog	Idlewild, N. C.....	15
Staunton River	Eld. W. R. Dodd	Whitmell, Va.....	18
Smiths River	Eld. J. D. Cockram	Stuart, Va.....	21
Upper Country Line	Eld. J. W. Gilliam	Altamahaw, N. C.....	19
White Oak	Eld. Isaac Jones.....	Maple Hill, N. C.....	16

Distribution of Minutes to the Churches

Church	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Ararat.....	Eld. Geo. Denny.....	Pilot Mountain, N. C.....	30
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer.....	R. 1, King, ..	35
Connors Grove.....	T. J. Gates.....	R. 2, Bx 20, Mt. Airy, ..	50
Deep Creek	J. D. Spencer.....	East Bend, ..	25
Dover	J. M. Creed.....	White Plains, ..	10
Fishers River.....	G. W. Wilson.....	White Plains, ..	10
Fishers Gap	S. S. Lowe	Low Gap, ..	30
Franklin.....	E. M. Goings	Bottom, ..	50
Hagans Creek	Joe Key	R. 1, Siloam, ..	35
Hollingsworth Grove.....	S. L. Arrington.....	R. 2, Mt. Airy, ..	23
Laurel Springs.....	C. T. Hall.....	Round Peak, ..	18
Liberty.....	R. S. Poindexter.....	Crutchfield, ..	20
Little Vine.....	A. J. Beamer	Dobson, ..	52
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge	State Road, ..	30
Mitchells River	J. A. Coleman.....	Dobson, ..	16
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets.....	Pilot Mountain, ..	40
Rock House.....	R. F. Cox.....	R. 1, Pilot Mountain, ..	45
State Road	W. F. Nixon.....	R. 2, State Road, ..	35
Stony Creek.....	E. F. Simmons.....	R. 1, Mt. Airy, ..	40
Stewarts Creek	R. W. Mosley.....	R. 3, Mt. Airy, ..	75
Toms Creek	Frank R. Stone.....	R. 1, Francisco, ..	88
Union.....	G. J. Key.....	Ararat, ..	86
Volunteer	L. G. Tucker	King, ..	20

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Communion (mo)	Church Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismiss'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Ararat.....	L. D. Denny, S. H. Fulk, C. W. Key.....	Aug.	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	\$2.25
Boyles Chapel	R. D. Marshall, J. P. Slawter, W. A. Palmer	May	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	6.00
Connors Grove.....	R. L. Jones, T. J. Gates, Eld. J. W. Beasley	May-Oct.	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	32	1.50
Deep Creek.....	J. H. Spencer, J. R. Hall, M. M. Flynn	Sep.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	2.00
Dover	Not Represented.....												
Fishers River	Not Represented.....												
Fishers Gap	Not Represented.....												
Franklin.....	E. M. Goings, S. T. Atkinson, John Gillispie	Aug.	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	51	2.35
Hagans Creek	Joe Key, Silas Pender.....	July	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	36	1.50
Hollingsworth Grove.....	C. Childress, S. L. Arrington, J. M. Hooker	July	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	1.50
Laurel Springs	L. B. Dunbar, C. T. Hall.....	Aug.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	2.00
Liberty	J. W. Pilson, Herbert Ashburn.....	Aug.	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	20	1.00
Little Vine.....	J. E. Freeman, J. D. Freeman, J. D. White	Aug.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	2.00
Mulberry	A. B. Key, O. B. Key, W. L. Wood.....	Aug.	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	33	1.20
Mitchells River	J. A. Coleman, P. H. Snow	July	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	16	1.70
Pilot Mountain.....	J. H. Sheets, S. J. Frye, J. T. Helper	Aug.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	44	4.00
Rock House	R. F. Cox, W. C. King, Eld. D. Collins.....	Aug.	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	48	2.70
State Road	Eld. J. M. Royal, W. F. Nixon, J. H. Stonestreet	July	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	36	2.00
Stony Creek.....	E. F. Simmons, J. M. Hunter, R. F. Joyce	July	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	41	4.50
Stewarts Creek	R. W. Mosley, S. J. Booker, G. W. Harris.....	Aug.	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	78	3.00
Toms Creek	A. Q. Hunter, Frank R. Stone, Y. W. Simmons	Sep.	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	101	6.10
Union	S. J. Badgett, G. F. Riddle, S. J. Jones.....	July	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	94	5.55
Volunteer	D. I. Bennett, A. D. Owens.....	Aug.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	1.35