

Minutes
OF THE
**One Hundred Twenty-Ninth
Annual Session**
OF THE
**Fisher's River
Primitive Baptist Association**

HELD WITH

Rock House Church
STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY,
JULY 7, 8, 9,

— [1961] —

Next session convenes with Tom's Creek Church, located near Westfield, N. C. just off Highway 89 in Surry County, Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1962.

— OFFICERS —

ELDER JAMES F. HILL - Moderator King, N. C.
CURTIS HARBOUR - Clerk Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C.
ELDER ELBERT L. HUNTER Assistant Clerk
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Proceedings

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OF THE FISHER'S RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT ROCK HOUSE IN
STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, JULY 7, 8, AND 9, 1961.

Services were introduced with song and prayer by Elder Teddy Ball of Mates Creek Association.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder James F. Hill, Moderator of Fisher's River Association; text Eph. 1:1-10. After intermission gathered in the church house for Association work, and after song and prayer by Elder Edd Douglas, Moderator of Mountain Association, proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for Association letters from the different churches. The letters were read and messengers seated by move, second and vote.
2. By move, second and vote to elect the same moderator, clerk and assistant clerk.
3. Called for petitionary letters. Received none.
4. Called for correspondents from sister associations and they came forward as follows:
 - (a) Senter: Elder Edd Davis, Tom Severt, Millard Davis, and June Walters.
 - (b) Roaring River: Elder C. D. Hall, John Choate and Deacon W. C. Hall.
 - (c) St. Clair's Bottom: Deacon Vernie Heath.
 - (d) Washington: Elders M. M. Edwards, Henry Vires, Otis Fields, M. K. Cook, and Hadley Edwards.
 - (e) Mountain: Elders Edd Douglass, Walter Evans, and Deacon Raymond Nichols.
 - (f) Mates Creek: Elder Fonso Justice.
 - (g) United Primitive Baptist Asso. of Va.: Elder Allen Easter, and Deacon Posey Marshall.
 - (h) Piney Grove: Elders Bell Tucker, Harry Bowman, Deacons Roy Hall and S. O. Shelton.
 - (i) Mt. Zion: None.
5. Called for visitors from sister associations and they came forward as follows:

- (a) Senter: Eddie Lyle.
 - (b) Roaring River: None.
 - (c) St. Clair's Bottom: A. J. Arrington.
 - (d) Washington: Elders A. R. Singleton and M. C. Miller.
 - (e) Mountain: Elder Coy Roberts, Lon M. Reeves and G. L. Duncan and wife.
 - (f) Mates Creek: Elders J. H. Blackburn, Teddy Ball and Glenn Vipperman.
 - (g) United Primitive Baptist Asso. of Va.: Deacon E. C. Thompson and wife, Sister Mary Branscomb, Lic. R. L. Bond, Joe Banks and wife.
 - (h) Piney Grove: James Sturgill and wife, Elders Joel Simmons, M. H. Vaden, and Sister Bell Tucker.
 - (i) Mt. Zion: Harry Sturgill, E. J. Sturgill and wife.
 - (j) New Liberty: Elder Allen C. Smith and wife.
6. By move, second and vote that we welcome and seat our correspondents and visitors.
7. By move, second and vote that the Moderator make all temporary committee appointments and they were appointed as follows:
- (a) Committee on Arrangements: Elder Coy Sikes, Elder D. E. Wood, Deacon O. W. Sisk, Deacon Lem Holder and Deacon Coy Flippin.
 - (b) Committee of Finance: Deacon E. H. Taylor, Deacon T. M. Simpson.
 - (c) Committee to appoint correspondents to sister associations: Deacon J. M. Hunter, Deacon H. E. Johnson and Deacon Brady Pilson.
 - (d) Committee of Preaching: Elder H. B. Thomas, Elder J. M. Edwards, and messengers from Rock House Church.
8. On motion that the minutes of the day be read. The minute was read by the Clerk, and received by move, second and vote.
9. On motion to adjourn to meet Saturday morning at nine-thirty o'clock for Association work, and ten o'clock for the preaching service.

SATURDAY MORNING, July 8, 1961

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday, and after song and prayer by Elder Henry Vires from Washington Association, proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called the roll of messengers, and marked those that were absent.
2. Called for correspondents and visitors that were not heard on Friday and added their names to Friday's list.
3. Called for report of Committee on Arrangements and they reported as follows:
 - (a) We recommend that our Moderator and Clerk receive \$30.00 each, and Assistant Clerk receive \$20.00.
 - (b) We recommend that the Circular Letter written by Elder James F. Hill be printed in our minute.
 - (c) We recommend that the Clerk have the usual amount (1,200) copies of our minute printed and distributed as usual.
 - (d) We recommend that the next Circular Letter be written by Curtis Harbour.
 - (e) We recommend that the next session of the Association be held with the Church at Tom's Creek.
 - (f) We recommend that the obituary of Elder J. G. Fulk be printed in our minute.
 - (g) We recommend that the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, Constitution, and Covenant be printed in our minutes.
 - (h) We recommend a resolution of thanks to God for His wonderful blessings to usward, and to the dear brethren and sisters and kind friends for their loyal support and kindness in taking care of the Association.
 - (i) We recommend that we receive members by relations.
4. By move, second and vote that we receive work of the committee and discharge them.
5. Called for report of the correspondents to sister associations. Report was received by move, second and vote and excused the brethren that did not attend.
6. Called for report from committee to appoint correspondents to sister associations. They reported as follows:

(a) Senter: Deacon J. M. Hunter, Elders E. L. Hunter and Coy Hawks.

(b) St. Clair's Bottom: Elder Jesse Collins, Deacons Raymond Smith and J. H. Keaton.

(c) Washington: Elder J. M. Edwards, J. L. Williams and Edward Lawson.

(d) Mates Creek: Elder J. M. Edwards, D. E. Wood and James F. Hill.

(e) Roaring River: Brothers J. A. Marion, Curtis Harbour and Deacon O. W. Sisk.

(f) Mountain: Elder Coy Sikes, Deacons Glen Hunter and Jesse Key.

(g) Piney Grove: Deacons H. E. Johnson, W. H. Johnson and Brady Pilson.

(h) United Primitive Baptist Asso. of Va.: Elder H. B. Thomas, Deacons J. H. Keaton and W. R. Coins.

(i) Mt. Zion: Elder J. L. Williams, Deacons Coy Flippin and George White.

7. By move, second and vote that we receive the work of the committee and discharge them.

8. By move, second and vote that the Committee on Preaching be automatically discharged when they complete their work.

9. Called for report of the committee appointed to go to Abbot's Creek Association. They reported Abbott's Creek did not hold an association last year. The report was received and committee excused by move, second and vote.

10. Called for report of Finance Committee and they reported \$295.75 received from the churches. By move, second and vote that we receive the report and discharge them.

11. On motion to read the minute of the day. The minute was read and received by move, second and vote; thus becoming the work of the body. Signed by Moderator and Clerk.

ELDER JAMES F. HILL, Moderator
King, N. C.

CURTIS HARBOUR, Clerk
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12. Called on Elder Edd Davis, Moderator of Senter Association, to close the Association work with song and prayer.

13. Resolution to thanks to Cox and Needham Funeral Homes for their assistance in our Association.

14. Order of Preaching:

Friday Morning: Elder James F. Hill, Moderator of Fisher's River Association; text, Eph. 1:1-10.

Friday Afternoon: Elder Edd Priddy of Piney Grove Association; failed to get text. Elder R. L. Rogers of Piney Grove Association; failed to get text.

Saturday Morning: Elder M. K. Cook of Washington Association opened services at the stand. Elder Fonso Justice of Mates Creek Association; no special text. Elder Edd Douglas, Moderator of Mountain Association; text, Acts 10.

Saturday Afternoon: Elder Allen C. Smith, Moderator of New Liberty Association; text, Rom. 8. Elder M. M. Edwards of Washington Association, text, Isa. 5:3-7. Elder C. D. Hall, Moderator of Roaring River Association, text Prov. 14:12. Elder A. R. Singleton, Moderator of Washington Association, no special text. Services were closed with song and prayer by Elder Joel Simmons, Moderator of Piney Grove Association.

Sunday Morning: Elder M. H. Vaden of Piney Grove Association opened services with song and prayer. Elder Hadley Edwards of Washington Association; text, "What think ye of Christ?" Elder Heny Vires of Washington Association; text, John 1:1. Elder Otis Fields of Washington Association, no special text.

Sunday Afternoon: Elder Edd Davis, Moderator of Senter Association; text, Exodus 3:7-10. Elder S. S. Walker of United Primitive Baptist Association of Va., no special text. The Association was closed with song and prayer by Elder Velt Pyrtle of Piney Grove Association.

15. Financial Report:

Balance in Clerk's hands from last year	-----	\$177.97
Balance tied up in histories	-----	221.00
Collected from the church	-----	295.75
Sold one History Book	-----	2.00
		\$696.72

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Gave our Moderator -----	\$ 30.00
Gave our Clerk -----	30.00
Gave our Assistant Clerk -----	20.00
Gave visiting Elders -----	63.00
Advance in price of printing 1960 Minutes ---	33.00
Paid for printing and mailing minutes -----	65.00
Tied up in Histories -----	221.00
Balance in Clerk's hands -----	234.72 \$696.72

16. CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Fisher's River Association: As I was appointed to write the Circular Letter, I desire to write something that will take our minds from the world of sorrow and contempt, to a world of peace and love. The world that the Lord promised to His people, especially the ones that walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh. This promise is to all of the household of faith, so then, if we claim to have this faith which was once delivered to the saints, then let us prove it by speaking truth—every man to his neighbor, and by watching over one another for good and not for trouble. We should love one another even as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us. When men brought false charges against Him (Jesus) He did not answer them a word, but went humbly to His death. This Man (Jesus) suffered many things for us; then we should forgive each other by putting the past behind us and pressing on toward the mark of the high calling of God, holding fast to the truth and keeping the peace which He left with us.

We have passed through many dark clouds. Our forefathers stood shoulder to shoulder up on the primitive foundation that was laid before them, forgetting the opinions of men, looking to the only true and wise God for all of their wisdom and help in the time of need. Proverbs 14:12, "There is a way which seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Salvation is not of the carnal works of men, but is of the Lord. Jesus is our salvation and if we have Christ in us, which is the only hope of glory.

Brethren, my hearts desire is that the old or Primitive Baptists watch over one another for good and not for trouble. There

are many things I would like to say, but there is not room for a long letter. I think that my day is getting close to sundown, where I hope to meet the children of God in the land where we shall never grow old. May God and His love and peace be with the Fisher's River Association to the end.

A brother in the hope,

James F. Hill

17. OBITUARY
ELDER JASPER GRAY FULK

Elder Jasper Gray Fulk was born near Winston-Salem in Forsyth County, N. C. March 20, 1896, the son of John William and Maria Sapp Fulk and departed this life on Feb. 5, 1961, at the age of 64 years, 10 months and 16 days.

His funeral was conducted at Stoney Creek Primitive Baptist Church on Feb. 7, 1961, by Elders Robert Rodgers, Elbert Hunter and Rev. Delmar Hodges. His body was laid to rest in the church cemetery to await the second coming of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, to call for the jewels of His mercy.

In early manhood he moved to Mt. Airy, N. C. and on Jan. 29, 1917 he was happily united in marriage to Miss Emma Slate who survives him, along with two sons: Robert Fulk, Walkertown, N. C., Jasper Fulk, Mt. Airy, North Carolina, a daughter Cleo of Winston-Salem, N. C. Two sons, Theodore Paul and Joseph Albert died in infancy. He also left a brother and three half sisters, S. M. Fulk, Mrs. Cephus Ingram, Mrs. John Ogburn and Mrs. Ernest Flynt, all of or near Winston-Salem, N. C.

Elder Fulk united with the church at Stewart Creek (Old Hollow) at the age of 21 and was baptized by Elder G. O. Key in August, 3rd Sunday, 1917, where he remained a faithful member until Aug., 1953, when he moved by letter to Stoney Creek Church.

After carrying for many years a heavy burden to preach the gospel, on September 16, 1933 he asked for and was granted liberty to exercise his calling; and on June 1, 1935 he was ordained to the full function of the gospel ministry. A ministry which he fulfilled by God's divine grace with a great zeal unto the end. God greatly blessed him in His divine Word and enabled him to set forth the doctrine of His electing grace very ably to the comfort of his hearers. And he was not only a believer of the word but also a doer of the same and often admonished God's children and Old Baptists in particular to walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.

He was called to serve as Moderator at several churches, among them being Stewarts Creek, Little Vine, Abbots Creek, Union, Boyles Chapel and Stoney Creek, where he had served since Nov., 1935. Due to declining health this was the only church he served at the time of his death. In 1957 he was chosen Assistant Moderator of Fisher's River Association, where he served ably until death.

His wonderful God given gift in preaching and singing the songs of Zion will be greatly missed in our church, our and sister associations and by his many friends of other denominations as well as those who

did not belong to any church, for he always had a hearty handshake and a kind word of welcome to all that came to his churches, regardless of their affiliation and he was much loved and respected by all who knew him.

And now as death has preyed upon his mortal body and his sweet voice is forever still in this world, we the Church at Stoney Creek bow in humble submission to God's holy will, feeling that our loss is his eternal gain and we say to Sister Fulk and her children, may God's sweet grace be upon them, filling the void left in their hearts and may we all abide in the blessed hope that we shall meet Brother Fulk again the clouds of glory on that blessed morning of the Resurrection.

Written by Elder Elbert L. Hunter by the order of Stoney Creek Church in conference this the 17th day of June, 1961.

Elders E. L. Hunter and G. W. Noonkester, Moderators
J. M. Hunter, Clerk

18. **ORDAINED MINISTERS**

- James F. Hill, Rt. 1, King, N. C.
- J. I. Cruise, Toast, N. C.
- Elbert L. Hunter, Rt. 1, Box 183, Mt. Airy, N. C.
- Jesse Collins, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
- D. E. Wood, Rt. 1, Low Gap, N. C.
- H. B. Thomas, 125 East View St., Galax, Va.
- Coy Hawks, 3959 South Dale St., Winston-Salem, N. C.
- J. M. Edwards, Rt. 1, Dobson, N. C.
- Coy Sikes, Rt. 1, Low Gap, N. C.
- J. L. Williams, 975 Pacific Dr., Winston-Salem, N. C.
- Claude Hutchens, Rt. 1, Elkin, N. C.
- Edward Lawson, Rt. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.
- G. W. Noonkester, Ararat, Va.

19. **LICENTIATES**

- Clifton Tucker, King, N. C.
- Issac Gibbons, Rt. 3, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- W. E. Thomas, Galax, Va.

20. **CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS**

- Ararat (C. H.): Elder James F. Hill
- Boyles Chapel—Elder J. F. Hill
- Chestnut Grove—Elder H. B. Thomas, J. I. Cruise
- Deep Creek—Jesse Collins
- Hogan's Creek—Elder Jesse Collins.
- Liberty: Elder H. B. Thomas
- Little Vine—Elders J. M. Edwards, Edward Lawson
- Mitchell's River—Elders D. E. Wood, Coy Sikes
- Mulberry: Elders J. M. Edwards and W. C. Hawks
- Pilot Mountain—Elder Jesse Collins, Edward Lawson
- Pleasant Grove—Elder C. D. Hall
- Rock House: Elder Fletcher Beasley
- Sandy Ridge: Elders Coy Sikes, J. I. Cruise
- Stoney Creek—Elders E. L. Hunter, G. W. Noonkester

- Tom's Creek: Elder R. L. Rodgers
- Union: Elders R. L. Rodgers and E. L. Hunter
- Volunteer: Elder Sam Adkins
- Zion Hill—Elders D. E. Wood, H. B. Thomas
- Mountain View: Elders G. W. Noonkester, E. L. Hunter

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Ararat (C. H.)—J. E. Simmons, Rt. 1, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	35
Boyles Chapel—E. H. Taylor, Rt. 2, Germantown, N. C.	60
Chestnut Grove—G. P. Lyons, 903 Banner St. Mt. Airy, N. C. ..	80
Deep Creek—Mrs. Eunice Key, Siloam, N. C.	40
Liberty: Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C.	30
Little Vine—S. R. Gillespie, Dobson, N. C.	100
Mitchel's River—Mrs. Elizabeth Southard, Rt. 1, Dobson, N. C. ..	30
Mulberry—George White, Rt. 1, Elkin, N. C.	30
Pilot Mountain—Walter P. Griffin, Box 177, Pilot Mtn., N. C.	30
Pleasant Grove—H. E. Johnson, Box 65, East Bend, N. C.	35
Rock House: W. R. Coins, Westfield, N. C.	50
Sandy Ridge—A. M. Hawks, Rt. 5, Box 277, Mt. Airy, N. C. ..	55
Stoney Creek—J. M. Hunter, Rt. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.	70
Tom's Creek: L. L. Love, Rt. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	85
Union—Carroll F. Gardner, Box 267, Dobson, N. C.	85
Volunteer: O. W. Sisk, King, N. C.	75
Zion Hill—Vestal Jones, Rt. 5, Box 368, Mt. Airy, N. C.	35
Mountain View: Nannie Bell Eaton, Ararat, Virginia	20
Hogan's Creek: Carlton Fulk, Rt. 1, Siloam, N. C.	25

ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

Mountain: Lon M. M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C.	25
Mates Creek—Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.	30
Roaring River: John D. Hall, 278 South St., Elkin, N. C.	15
St. Clair's Bottom: Quentin P. Dancy, Chilhowie, Va.	15
Senter: Earl W. Severt, West Jefferson, N. C.	15
Washington: Elder L. S. Street, Grundy, Va.	30
United P. B. Association of Va. Elder E. S. Salmons, Floyd, Va. ..	15
Abbott's Creek: Reid L. Blevins, Rt. 7, Box 547, Salisbury, N. C. 15	
Indian Creek: J. R. Lilly, Bx 136, Hinton, W. Va.	15
Piney Grove: S. O. Shelton, Francisco, N. C.	15
Curtis Harbour, Association Clerk	35

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article I—Of God and the Holy Trinity.

We believe in one only true and living God, who rules all things after his own will; and that he, who created all things, is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge and goodness; eternal, immortal, invisible, and unchangeable; and that this God has revealed himself in his word under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three bear witness in earth: the water, the spirit and the blood, and that these three agree in one.

Article II—Of the Holy Scriptures.

We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written word of God, and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness; and that they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women.

Article III—Of the Atonement.

We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, does now, or ever will believe on His name; and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

Article IV—Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination.

We believe that (all) whom God did foreknow he did also predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son; that God elected according to his foreknowledge, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that none come to Christ only those whom he loved with an everlasting love, and due time calls to everlasting glory.

V—We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

VI—We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

VII—We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

VIII—We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

IX—We believe the saints persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

X—We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

XI—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

XII—We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

XIII—We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his

seat and address the moderator.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections; but shall fairly state the case and matter, as nearly as he can, so as to convey his ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the association, without leave obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the association.

8. No member of the association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor of whispering in time of a public speech.

9. No member of the association shall address another in any other appellation than that of brother.

10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech, nor prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he breaks the rules of this decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as often as the association thinks proper.

12. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled.

13. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the association as it may think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and sent to represent them in the association, who shall be members best qualified for that purpose; and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats; but no church shall have more than three representatives in the association.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since the last association.

3. The members thus chosen and received shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they use any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the churches in the union.

4. The association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, and who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

COVENANT

We do now in the presence of Almighty God, and in the faith of the gospel, and by the help of divine grace, unreservedly and unitedly give up ourselves to God the Father, and His Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, to be for Him and no other; freely submitting ourselves to him, to be at his disposal for his glory, taking him as our

true guide and only portion, promising by the help of divine grace to watch against sin, temptation, and corruption; and to hold a continual warfare with the same, looking to Christ who is the author and finisher of our faith, and the only hope and surety of his people. Under his covenant of grace, we do now freely and joyfully give ourselves to one another by the will of God, freely covenanting and engaging to and with each other to bear one another's burdens in the gospel, and so fulfill the law of Christ unto obedience, promising to watch over one another in love and to hold communion together in the ordinances of the gospel, submitting ourselves in this, which we trust is a part of his mystical body, according as we shall be directed by his Spirit in his word; and by the help of divine grace to still pray for more light from the Lord, believing that he will further and more gloriously open to us his word and the mysteries of his kingdom,—and to our Lord Jesus Christ, and our only Savior, to whom be glory forever and forever. Amen.

6. New churches may be admitted into this association, who shall petition by letter and messengers; and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the association, and manifested by the moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the association.

8. Every query presented by any member in the association, shall be received and answered according to the Scriptures.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the association, except it be withdrawn by him who made it.

10. There shall be an association book kept, wherein the proceedings of the association shall be recorded, by the clerk appointed by the association.

11. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

12. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time when the association may think proper.

13. We hold no fellowship with any secret order.

14. The association shall have power, (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To enquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves in the association; (5) To appoint any member or members, by and with his or their consent, to transact any business which it sees necessary; (6) To withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; (7) To admit any of our distant brethren into the association, as assistants, who may be present at the time of its sitting. If it shall think necessary; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and convenient to the churches in this union.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES		MESSENGERS	Communion Mo.	Sun. of Meeting	Ordained Mins.	Lic. Ministers	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution	
Tom's Creek	1944	L. L. Love, Y. W. Simmons, Elmer Hunter	June	2			1						65	\$34.00	
Zion Hill	1945	Bros. H. J. Hill, Benny Snow, Eld. D. E. Wood	July	3	2	1							21	16.25	
Chestnut Grove ..	1946	Eld. H. B. Thomas, Alex Edward, G. P. Lyons	Aug.	4			1						54	7.50	
Boyles Chapel	1947	Lem Holder, E. H. Taylor, Reid Moorefield	May	1	1		1		1		1		57	15.25	
Sandy Ridge	1948	P. L. Hawks, Cleaver Hawks, Garnett Easter	Aug.	3								1	59	18.00	
Ararat	1949	J. E. Simmons, Otis Rogers, W. F. Rogers	May	2								2	23	10.00	
Liberty	1950	Brady Pilson, J. A. Marion, J. E. Poindexter	Sept.	1									1	24	15.50
Volunteer	1951	O. W. Sisk, Issac Gibbons, Ausburn Joyce	June	4		2	2						1	63	22.50
Stoney Creek	1952	W. C. Hiatt, Eld. E. L. Hunter, J. M. Hunter	June	3	2								3	51	25.00
Hogan's Creek	1953	Sis. Elah Fulk, Carlton Fulk, Willie McKinney	Aug.	3									1	9	10.00
Pilot Mountain ..	1954	Bros. Dee Sams, Elis Gordon, M. W. Pruitt	Aug.	1	1		1							26	10.00
Mitchell's River ..	1955	Eld. Coy Sikes, Sisters Elizabeth & Fannie Southard ..	July	4			2							13	8.00
Mulberry	1956	Eld. Coy Hawks, G. W. White, Elbert Slauter	Aug.	1	1							3	22	11.00	
Union	1957	Carroll Gardner, Tyre Simpson, M. C. Gardner	July	4			1						3	60	22.00
Little Vine	1958	Eld. J. M. Edwards, Walter Nichols, Willie Branch ..	Aug.	2	5		2							107	13.75
Pleasant Grove ..	1959	H. E. Johnson, J. W. Spencer, W. H. Johnson	June	3			2						4	23	25.00
Mountain View ..		Eld. G. W. Noonkester, Sisters N. Eaton, L. Boye ..	Sept.	4	1		1							30	9.00
Deep Creek	1960	Coy Flippin, Roby Murphy, Jesse Key	June	2									1	20	10.00
Rock House	1961	W. R. Coins, J. H. Keaton, Edgar Lawson	Sept.	2					1				1	37	13.00
Totals					13	3	14		2		2	23	764	295.75	