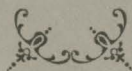


MINUTES
of the
111th Annual Session
of the
Fishers River Primitive Baptist Church

held with

The Church at Deep Creek
Yadkin County, North Carolina
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
JULY 9, 10, 11, 1943



OFFICERS

F. P. STONE : : Moderator
R. F. D. No. 2 Dobson
G. K. KEY : : Clerk
Ararat, North Carolina

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, July 9, 1943

1. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Elder G. W. Harris and introductory sermon preached by Elder Geo. Denny, text, Rev. 14:6-7.
2. After intermission had song and prayer by Elder Ed Davis, from Senter Association and proceeded as follows:
3. Appointed Elders Ed Priddy and Millard Vaden of Upper Mayo Association and R. H. Riggans to preach at the stand.
4. Read letters from the different churches and seated messengers.
5. Elected Elder F. P. Stone, Moderator and G. J. Key, Clerk to serve another year.
6. Petitionary letter from Zion Hill Church read and the church was received as a member of the Fishers River Association.
7. Called for correspondents from sister associations and the response was as follows:
 - Abbotts Creek: Elder D. P. Broadway and Brother C. B. Owens, correspondents and Deacon J. W. Williams, P. H. Young and Brother E. F. Yarborough visitors.
 - Kehukee: Minutes.
 - Mountain: Minutes.
 - New River: Elder G. W. Noonkester, correspondent and Elder R. I. Stockner and Brother Frank Martin visitors.
 - Roaring River: Elder C. D. Hall and Deacon W. I. Brown, correspondent and Sister C. D. Hall, visitor.
 - Senter: Elders Ed Davis and G. D. Roten, correspondents.
 - Primitive Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina: Elder S. B. Denny and wife and Sister Nona Brown, visitors.
 - St. Clairs Bottom: Minutes.
 - Saints Delight Church, Ind.: Brother Charlie Shields and wife and others as visitors. (Calling this church was overlooked by Moderator, but the visitors were present, so we supplement the minutes to include them).
 - Washington Ass'n: Elder A. R. Singleton, visitor.
 - Upper Mayo: Elders J. Watt Tuttle and Carl Mabe, correspondents; Elders W. J. Brown, Ed Priddy, M. H. Vaden, Deacon I. F. Bullington and Brother W. L. Pruitt, visitors.
8. All correspondents and visitors seated.
9. Circular letter read and ordered attached to minutes.
10. Ordered list of Moderators and Clerks of Fishers River Association as prepared by Elder F. P. Stone, printed in these minutes.
11. Appointed the Moderator to make all committee appointments.
12. Appointed as follows: Elder Geo. Denny and Brethren G. T. Jones and Monroe Hunter, to serve with the Moderator and clerk as committee on arrangements.
 - Brethren H. E. Johnson, C. L. Slawter and E. F. Simmons, with Moderator and Messengers of Deep Creek church as a committee on preaching.
 - Brethren T. M. Simpson and J. F. Anderson, committee on finance.
 - Brethren A. A. Johnson and W. S. Denny to distribute minutes.
13. These minutes were read and approved.
14. Adjourned to meet at 10:00 A.M. for Association work and at 10:30 for preaching service, war saving time.

Saturday Morning, July 10

1. The Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder D. P. Broadway.
2. Called roll of Messengers.
3. Called for report of committee on arrangements, their report read and committee discharged.
4. Read letter from Liberty church and seated Messengers.
5. Appointed Elder F. P. Stone to write an obituary of Deacon C. L. Arrington and same to be printed in these minutes.
6. Appointed Elder G. W. Harris to write our next circular letter.
7. Agreed to have 1,200 copies of minutes printed and distributed as usual.
8. Agreed to give the Moderator and Clerk the usual amount for their services.
9. Agreed to hold our next session of this Association with the church at Toms Creek, one-half mile from West Field, N. C., near Highway 89 and twelve miles from Mt. Airy, N. C., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1944.
10. Ordered Articles of Faith and Decorum printed in these minutes.
11. Called for report of correspondents appointed to visit sister associations, their report read and were discharged.
12. Appointed correspondents to visit sister associations as follows: To Abbotts Creek—Elders Geo. Denny, F. P. Stone, Deacon Earnest Simmons, and Brother G. T. Jones; Mountain—Elders Geo. Denny, F. P. Stone and Brother Earnest Simmons; Haw River—Elders F. P. Stone and Brother G. T. Jones; Senter—Brethren A. A. Johnson, H. E. Johnson and R. E. Nelson; Saint Clairs Bottom—Brethren A. A. Johnson and H. E. Johnson; Upper Mayo—Elders G. W. Harris, Geo. Denny, F. P. Stone, Brethren G. T. Jones, L. L. Love and Y. W. Simmons; Roaring River—Elder J. W. Creed and Brother G. F. Riddle.
13. Called for report of committee appointed at 1942 session to conduct dissolution proceedings of Hollingsworth Grove church, they reported meeting at Toms Creek church on Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 1942, and completing the work as requested.
14. Called for report of finance committee; they reported, received from churches, \$101.95, after which all committees were discharged.

Gave Moderator	\$ 10.00
Gave Clerk	15.00
Printing Minutes	35.00
Gave balance to visiting ministers	41.95
	\$101.95
15. Agreed that all surplus money be given to visiting ministers.
16. Passed a resolution of thanks to brethren, sisters and friends for caring for this association.
17. These minutes read and approved.
18. Session closed by prayer by Elder S. B. Denny.

F. P. STONE, Moderator
R. 2, Dobson, N. C.
G. J. KEY, Clerk
Ararat, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY P. M.

Elder Ed Priddy, of Upper Mayo Association; text, Rev. 13th.
Elder Millard Vaden, of Upper Mayo Association; text, Mark 5-27.

SATURDAY A. M.

Geo. Noonkester, of New River Association; text, John 14-12.
R. L. Stockner, of New River Association; text, John 6-45.
Elder Roten, of Senter Association; Clerk failed to get text.

SATURDAY P. M.

C. D. Hall, of Roaring River Association; text, The hour is coming, etc.
W. J. Brown, of Upper Mayo Association; text, Zech. 13-1.
D. P. Broadway, of Abbotts Creek Union; text, The Lord God called unto Adam.
F. R. Moore, Upper Mayo Association; text, Take heed unto thyself.

SUNDAY A. M.

L. G. Cashion; clerk failed to get text.
Carl Mabe, Upper Mayo Association; clerk failed to get text.
S. B. Denny, Primitive Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina; text, Henceforth let no man trouble thee, etc.

SUNDAY P. M.

A. R. Singleton, Washington Association; text, I will take away the hard and stony heart.
Ed Davis, Senter Association; text, John 10-26.

OBITUARY

Consie Tine Lafayette Arrington was born in Surry County, N. C., January 30, 1857, and departed this life May 7, 1943, age 86 years, 3 months and 7 days. In earlier manhood he was married to Miss Martha Collins. To this union was born four sons and one daughter; Sam of Asheboro, N. C., Frank of Julian, N. C., and Joe and John of Mt. Airy, and Mrs. Luther Haymore, also of Mt. Airy, N. C.

Brother Arrington joined the church at Toms Creek and was ordained deacon in 1888. He was a farmer and provided well for his family. He enjoyed entertaining his friends and especially his brethren. He was a good and loyal husband and father and those who learned to know him were his friends and during his last sickness he was visited by them from far and near. He was a true and faithful member, filling the office of deacon until his death. He leaves his sons and daughter, 30 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, one great, great-grandchild with his last wife, Mrs. Ida Cook Arrington and many other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer and he was laid to rest beside his first wife, in the old family cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

Written by his pastor.

F. P. STONE.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Having been appointed to write a circular letter and feeling it my duty to address this epistle to the Brethren composing the next session

of our association and these abroad who may chance to read it:
Dear Brethren:

We have heard of it being circulated that the Primitive Baptist preached little infants to torment and we bitterly deny this charge: for when Jesus was asked who is he greatest in the kingdom of heaven, He called a little child unto Him and set it in the midst of them and said, "Verily, I say unto you except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven." Mat. 18:1: Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child he shall not enter therein. Luke 10-14, 15.

Now, brethren, I believe that every one that has or ever will die in infancy is saved and I also believe that every King that has or ever will be saved, are saved just like the little child. I believe that Presidents, Governors or all other high or low, rich or poor, who has ever leard the welcome applause of, Come ye blessed of my Father and enter the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: must first become as a little child and we are the only people that contend that salvation is by grace and not by works, lest any man should boast.

J. W. CREED.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

ARTICLE I. *Of God and the Holy Trinity.* We believe in only one 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, and that these three are one; and that there are three that bear witness in earth—the water, the spirit and the blood, and that these three agree in one.

ARTICLE II. *Of Holy Scriptures.* We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God, and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and dare profitable 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 do 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 fore know he did also predestinate to conform 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 incorruptable and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for all true Saints; and that none come to Christ only those whom he loved with an everlasting love and in due time calls to everlasting Glory.

ARTICLE V. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 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

I. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

II. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

III. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator.

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

V. 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, failing or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter, as near as he can, so as to convey his idea.

VI. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without leave from it.

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

VIII. No members of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor of whispering in time of a public speech.

IX. No members of the Association shall address another in any appellation other than that of Brother.

X. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

XI. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as the Association thinks proper.

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

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

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Abbotts Creek Union: T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	15
Ebenezer: Elder J. B. Jenkins, Luray, Va., R.F.D. 3	20
Kehookee: B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.	40
Ketocton: C. W. Miller, Box 86, Rosslyn, Station, Va.	25
Mountain: J. M. Rector, Galax, Va.	25
New River: Elder J. S. Harris, Willis, Va.	40
Roaring River: J. A. Miller, Laurel Springs, N. C.	12
Senter: G. E. Kilby, Crumpler, N. C.	20
The Primitive Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina Elder P. E. Getsinger, Jonesville, N. C.	10
St. Clairs Bottom, Elder C. N. Tilsen, Chilhowie, Va.	10
Upper Mayo: J. W. Moorefield, Walnut Cove, N. C.	23
Total	240

MODERATORS AND CLERKS OF THE FISHERS RIVER ASSOCIATION

From 1832 to 1943

MODERATORS

Elder Joshua Carter, 1832 to 1847; Elder John Jones, 1848 to 1872; Elder Hugh Jones, 1873; Elder John Jones, 1874 to 1875; Elder M. G. Harbor, 1876 to 1903; Elder A. M. Denny, 1904 to 1913; Elder W. H. Atkinson, 1914 to 1928; Elder F. P. Stone, 1929 to present date.

CLERKS

Silas Jones, 1832 to 1847; Jas. J. Spear, 1848; Henry Steel, 1849 to 1850; James J. Spear, 1851 to 1852; L. H. Southern, 1853; Samuel L. Fulk, 1854 to 1857; Moses Pilson, 1858 to 1863; Drewey Hodge, 1864; Moses Pilson, 1865 to 1876; Elder A. M. Denny, 1877 to 1901; C. F. Denny, 1902; Elder A. M. Denny, 1903; Elder J. A. Ashburn, 1904 to 1910; Elder F. P. Stone, 1911 to 1926; G. J. Key, 1929 to 1933; Elder Geo. Denny, 1934; G. J. Key, 1935; W. A. Palmer, 1936 to 1937; G. J. Key, 1938 to present date.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Ararat (Cedar Hill): Geo. Denny, Pinnacle, N. C., R 2	50
Boyles Chapel: W. A. Palmer, Winston-Salem, N. C., R 1	50
Deep Creek: J. H. Spencer, East Bend, N. C.	30
Hogans Creek: Mrs. Katie Eads, Siloam, N. C., R 1	20
Liberty, J. W. Pilson, Dobson, N. C., R 2	40
Little Vine: S. R. Gillespie, Dobson, N. C.	75
Mulberry, O. B. Key, Elkin, N. C., R.F.D.	35
Mitchell's River: G. W. Creed, Mt. Airy, N. C., R 3	45
Pilot Mountain: J. H. Sheets, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	50
Pleasant Grove: H. E. Johnson, East Bend, N. C., R 2	45
Rock House: C. L. Slawter, Pinnacle, N. C., R 1	65
Stony Creek, E. F. Simmons, Mt. Airy, N. C., R 1	65
Stewarts Creek: R. W. Mosley, Mt. Airy, N. C., R 1	70

Toms Creek: L. L. Love, Pilot Mountain, N. C., R 1	10
Union: G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C.	110
Volunteer: L. G. Tucker, Pinnacle, N. C., R 1	75
Zion Hill: W. P. Johnson, Mt. Airy, N. C., R 3	25
Total	960

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

Geo. Denny	R 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle	Mayodan, N. C.
G. W. Harris	R 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. & Fulk	R 4, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. W. Creed	R 1, Ararat, N. C.
F. P. Stone	R 2, Dobson, N. C.
k. H. Riggan	R 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. L. Flippen	P.O. not known to Clerk

LICENTIATES

J. S. Key	Carthage, N. C.
Coy Hawks	R.F.D., Winston-Salem, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Last Association	Communion Mo.	Sun. of Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec. by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Ararat (Cedar Hill)	Geo. Denny, Earnest Simmons, Walter Rogers	1929	May	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	38	\$ 5.00
Boyles Chapel	W. R. Morefield, W. S. Denny, L. F. Holder	1925	May	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	39	6.00
Hogans Creek	Katie Eads, Vicie Fulk	1933		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	1.35
Deep Creek	M. M. Flynn, G. K. Murphy, J. H. Spencer	1943	Sept.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	2.75
Liberty	J. W. Pilson, Willie Hutchens	1928	Sept.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	1.00
Little Vine	J. D. White, S. R. Gillespie, G. W. White	1940	Aug.	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	57	6.00
Mulberry	O. B. Key, Sisters Bettie Southard, Lela Key	1938	Aug.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	5.00
Mitchells River	R. H. Riggan, D. C. Wood, President Snow	1937	July	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	3.25
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets, Sam Frye	1936	Aug.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	6.00
Pleasant Grove	H. E. Johnson, A. A. Johnson, John Johnson	1941	June	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	8.00
Rock House	Raymon Carns, E. E. Cox, C. L. Slawter	1942	Sept.	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	47	6.45
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons, W. C. Hiatt, J. M. Hunter	1931	July	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	9.00
Stewarts Creek	J. F. Anderson, J. E. Jones, R. W. Mosley	1936	Sept.	1	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	53	9.00
Toms Creek	L. L. Love, Y. W. Simmons, A. M. Gordon	1924	June	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	81	12.85
Union	G. J. Key, F. M. Simpson, S. C. Mosley	1939	July	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	80	11.80
Volunteer	Lester Nelson, W. A. Joyce, W. L. Fulk	1930	June	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	60	6.50
Zion Hill	W. P. Johnson												16	2.00
Totals													655	\$101.95