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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION

— of the —

Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association

— Held with —

THE CHURCH AT HOGAN'S CREEK
Surry County, North Carolina,
Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
July 10, 11, and 12,

1953

1954 session appointed to be held with Pilot Mountain
Church on Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in July,
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— Officers —

ELDER F. P. STONE - Moderator, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C.
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Proceedings

OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL
SESSION OF THE FISHER'S RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH HOGAN'S CREEK CHURCH,
Surry County, North Carolina, July 10, 11, and 12, 1953.

FRIDAY MORNING.

1. Services were introduced by song and prayer by Elder Walter Evans, and the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. G. Fulk, text used, Isaiah 40:1: Comfort ye, comort ye my people, saith your God.
2. After intermission assembled in the house, and the work of the Association was introduced by song and prayer by Elder George Berrier.
3. Appointed Elders to the stand as follows: Coy Roberts, E. R. Severt and Robert Rogers.
4. Called for Letters from the different churches. Letters were read and received by motion, second and unanimous vote. All the churches were represented and Messengers seated.
5. Elected Elder F. P. Stone, Moderator, O. W. Sisk, Clerk.
6. Elected Brother L. L. Love, Assistant Clerk.
7. List of Resolutions read, motion made and seconded that we receive them, vote taken, and unanimously carried that we adopt them, and that they be printed in this Minute.
8. Called for coriespondents from sister Associations with response as follows:
 - (a) Senter: Elders Ed Davis, G. D. Roten. Visitors: Brother Felix Bare, and Elder Blair Kilby.
 - (b) Roaring River: Brothers W. C. Hall, J. F. Coffey and Troy Miller.
 - (c) St. Clair's Bottom: Elder C. R. Dancy. Visitors: Elder H. M. Blevins, Brother Delmer Heath, Sister Heath, and Sister Dancy.
 - (d) Indian Creek: Visitor: Elder I. W. Kilby.
 - (e) Washington: Elders Hadley Edwards, Harmon Kiser, Raleigh Compton. Visitor: L. E. Whitt.
 - (f) Mountain: Elders C. B. Kilby, C. C. Sawyers, Brother L. E. Carrico. Visitors: Elders Ed. Douglas, Walter Evans, and Sister Kilby.
 - (g) Abbott's Creek: Elders W. C. McMillan, Brother Clint Willard and wife. Visitors: Deacon Gilmer Willard and wife.
 - (h) Oak Ridge Church, Indiana: Visitor: Elder Jack Martin.
 - (i) Mountain View Church, Indiana: Visitor: Elder G. W. Noonkester.
 - (j) Locust Grove Church, Indiana: Visitor: Brother H. M. Bowman.
9. Authorized the Moderator to make all appointments of different Committees as follows:
 - (a) Committee on Arrangements: Elders J. G. Fulk, James Hill, H. B. Thomas.

- (b) Committee on Finance: Brothers T. M. Simpson, R. L. Nelson.
- (c) Committee for distributing Minutes: Brothers Glenn Hunter, Jule Marion.
- (d) Committee on Preaching: Brothers Coy Flippin, J. E. Simmons to serve with the messengers and Moderator of this church.
- 10. This Minute read and received by motion, second and vote.
- 11. Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9:30 a. m., for Association work, and at 10:00 for preaching service.

SATURDAY MORNING, July 11, 1953.

1. Met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday. Services were introduced by song and prayer by Elder C. R. Dancy from St. Clair's Bottom Association.
2. Called roll of messengers, and all the churches were represented again, as they were on Friday.
3. Called for correspondents and visitors, who were not present yesterday, and their names were added to Friday's list.
4. Called for work of Committee on Arrangements. Their recommendations read and approved as follows, by move, second and vote.
 - (a) That our Circular Letter be printed in this Minute.
 - (b) That the Covenant, Constitution, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum be attached to our Minute.
 - (c) Motion made to receive the manuscript of a complete History of Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association, written by our Moderator, Elder F. P. Stone. This was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote. The History will be printed as soon as possible.
 - (d) That the Obituary of Elder R. H. Riggins be printed in this Minute.
 - (e) Appointed our Clerk to write the next Circular Letter.
 - (f) That we give our Moderator \$25.00, and the Clerk, \$25.00, the assistant Clerk, \$10.00.
 - (g) That the Clerk have 1200 copies of the Minute printed and distributed as usual.
5. Called for report of correspondents, who were appointed to visit sister Associations. Their report heard, and received, and those who failed to go were excused.
6. Called for correspondents to visit sister Associations, and they responded as follows:
 - Mountain: Elders J. G. Fulk, Nelson Stewart, Brother W. R. Coins.
 - Roaring River: Elders J. G. Fulk, J. M. Edwards, George Berrier, and Brother Will Inman. To be held with the church at Woodruff, near Roaring Gap on highway 21.
 - Senter: Elders J. G. Fulk, and Nelson Stewart. To be held with Beaver Creek Church.
 - St. Clair's Bottom: Elder J. G. Fulk, and Brothers Will Inman, Sam Frye and W. R. Coins. To be held with Hopkins View Church.
 - Washington: Elders J. M. Edwards, W. C. Hawks. To be held with Duty View Church, near Council, Virginia.

7. Called for report of Finance Committee. They reported \$275.22 received from the churches. Their report was received, and they, and all others Committees discharged.

8. Recommended that our next session of this Association be held with the church at Pilot Mountain, located on highway 52, in the town of Pilot Mountain, North Carolina.

9. Passed a Resolution of Thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for their kind and loyal support and co-operation in caring for this wonderful Association, and to the congregation for their good behavior, and the the God of all grace for the manifestation of His wonderful love, goodness and mercy.

10. Motion made, seconded and a vote unanimously carried to extend our heartfelt thanks and adoration to our kind and dearly beloved Moderator for his long faithful service, his outstanding leadership, his fatherly advice, God favored ability, and loyal co-operation in our Association, and for his stand in upholding the grand old principles for which the Old Baptists have stood in the years past and gone, and may the Lord continue to lead, guide and direct him in his declining years in "The Way" that his last days here on earth might be his best days.

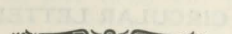
11. It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that these Minutes be received and signed by the Moderator and Clerks.

Signed by F. P. Stone, Moderator, O. W. Sisk, Clerk, L. L. Love, Assistant Clerk.

The Association was closed by song and prayer by Elder J. R. Cruise.

12. In regard to our former assistant Clerk, Brother Frank Stone, who was not able to help with the Association work on account of his health, we wish to extend to him and his good family, our heartfelt thanks for his loyal support and fine co-operation as long as he was able, and we hope he will soon be restored back to normal health.

13. For the benefit of all churches, Clerks and members, there will be printed in the Association History a number of blank forms and letters of various purposes which will be very helpful in carrying on church business. This is only a suggestion that you might have a form to go by, but not a compulsory matter.



ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder J. G. Fulk, text, Isa. 40:1.

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Coy Roberts, no special text.
Elder E. R. Severt, no special text.
Elder Robert Rogers, no special text.

Saturday Morning:

Elder Branch, failed to get text.
Elder Jim Beasley, failed to get text.
Elder H. M. Blevins, failed to get text.
Elder Fletcher Beasley, failed to get text.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder Walter Evans, text, "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth."
Elder L. E. Whitt, "He was the light of the world."
Elder G. D. Roten, Hebrews 11:1.

Sunday Morning:

Elder Hadley Edwards, Romans 8:16.
Elder Raleigh Compton, Isaiah 24:15.
Elder C. R. Dancy, Psalms 121:1.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder C. D. Hall, Hebrews 12:1.
Elder Ed Davis, failed to get text.
Elder F. P. Stone, failed to get text.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the brethren who may compose this one hundred and twenty-first annual session of our Association being appointed again to write your annual or Circular Letter, I will submit the following for your consideration:

"But if we walk in the light we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." John 1:1; 7-9. The first thing necessary is to have or be in the light. How shall we obtain this light and what is the light? There was a man sent from God whose name was John, the same came for a witness to bear witness of the light. He was not the light, but only a witness of it. Jesus was the light and John testified of the light saying, He came unto His

own (His kindred in the flesh) and His own received Him not, but as many as did receive Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name, which were born not of blood, nor of the will of man, but of God. So, only those born of God (or of the Spirit) receive the true light. Nicodemus was a ruler among the Jews (a kinsman in the flesh), and yet he was in ignorance concerning this light. Jesus told him he could not see the kingdom of God without being born again. Without the true light we cannot see the kingdom of God. We cannot love what we cannot see. We, in nature's darkness, (like Bartimaeus) are blind, having not the light, but love darkness because our deeds are evil: but with Him that is born of God, the darkness is past and the true light now shineth. He can see the kingdom of heaven and the heirs of the kingdom, because he has the light and they are in the light. He needeth not that any man teach him to see the kingdom or the heirs of the kingdom, or the beauties of the church, because the Spirit (light) teaches him, his spirit beareth witness with our spirit. When one is born of the Spirit, he can see the church and loves it, and has a desire to be recognized by the church and this creates a love and fellowship for each other. If we have not this witness, we have no fellowship and when we cry for peace, where there is no peace and fellowship, we are trying to deceive ourselves and God will punish us for it. Eve being deceived, sinned. Adam being persuaded, sinned and they destroyed true obedience. If we receive a member into the church, because we know no harm, or because we feel he is a gentleman or lady; if they show no sign of this light or if a member refuses to attend his church or to partake of its ordinances and our sympathy bears with them, yet they are walking in darkness, this is unfaithfulness in the church, and if we have evidence to believe that a member is not faithful to their trust and not willing to acknowledge to the same and sowing to the flesh rather than the Spirit, and rather than hurt someone's feeling, and the church ignores it, are we faithful servants? Are we working out our own salvation with fear and trembling? A tree is known by the fruit it bears. Let us remember the fig tree that bore only leaves, was good for nothing but to look upon its foliage. It bore no fruit. Faithfulness becomes the house of the Lord. The Savior in speaking of our duties toward God, says, If ye know these things, happy are ye, if ye do them. Why are we happy? Because we have fellowship with Christ and the brethren. We all love those who perform their duty, who let their light shine, or who abide in the light. There is no pen nor tongue that can describe the joy of true Christian fellowship. That oneness with God with His Son Jesus, when love flows from heart to heart, blending together in that hope of eternal happiness where no more to be parted by war, famine, sickness or death.

Dear brethren, let us consider the sacrifice the Savior made for us and try to live in such a way as to honor and magnify His holy name.

—F. P. STONE, Moderator

OBITUARY

Elder Robert H. Riggins was born October 12, 1864 in Surry Co., N. C. He was the son of Robert and Lucy Hodge Riggins. He passed away at his son's home in Roanoke, Va., on February 14, 1953, at the age of 88 years, 4 months and 2 days. He joined the church at Old Franklin, about 1894, and was ordained as an Elder in 1907. About 1933, he withdrew from the disorder of that church because of the agitating of the doctrine of Absolute Predestination of all things, and later became a member of Mitchell's River Church, where he lived as a consistent member until his health gave way, and he was carried to his son's where he remained an invalid until death.

Elder Riggins was an humble man, but firm in regard to the doctrine of salvation by grace. He was a poor man as far as worldly goods were concerned, but rich in faith. His preaching was inspiring, and we know no better way to express our thoughts in regard to the brother than this: He was a diamond in the rough.

His body was brought back to Little Vine, a church he had served for a number of years. His funeral was conducted by Elds. J. M. Edwards, G. L. Flippin, and D. Wood, in the presence of a large concourse of people. It was then deposited in the family plot to await the morn of the resurrection.

Peace be to his ashes.

—ELDER F. P. STONE

RESOLUTIONS

As our churches that now compose this, the Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association, have proved their desire and intention to continue in the old paths our forefathers have set by passing the following resolution, to-wit: That we will not recognize that preachers' meeting held at Maple Shade Church (in the New River District Association), October 30, 1948 as being orthodox; neither will we seat or preach those who affiliate with them.

Be it resolved:

- 1st. That we, as an associated body, do hereby adopt the above resolution that it may be placed on file in our minutes.
- 2nd. That we also denounce the doctrine of non-resurrection of the body as being unsound, misleading and denying of the written word of God.
- 3rd. And do hereby resolve that we will not recognize any church or churches that are holding a member or members that were not baptised by a legally ordained elder of our faith and order at the time the ordinance was performed.
- 4th. Realizing the fact that the leaders of the Upper Mayo Association were well aware of the resolutions we had passed and several of their own churches had passed similar actions—when they seated churches in their last association at Walnut Cove that were recognizing and preaching preachers from the New River disorder, not only challenged, but virtually withdrew from us and all who stood against the disorder.

5th. We do hereby denounce the said disorder and withdraw our formal correspondence with them.

6th. That we do hereby recognize and will seat all of the Upper Mayo churches as visitors who have withdrawn from the aforesaid disorder and are standing with us for peace and order as follows: State Line, Red Bank, Dobyons, Stewart, Wilson, Clear Springs, Piney Grove, Big Creek, Flat Shoals, Cedar Grove, and Cedar Falls.

CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS

Ararat (C. H.)—James F. Hill (pro tem).
Boyles Chapel—James F. Hill
Chestnut Grove—J. R. Cruise, Geo. Berrier, H. B. Thomas
Deep Creek—L. J. Martin
Hogans Creek—L. J. Martin, F.P.Stone, Jesse Collins
LittleVine—J. M. Edwards
Liberty—S. E. Martin
Mulberry—F. P. Stone, J. M. Edwards, Coy Hawks
Mitchels River—Nelson Stewart, D. E. Wood
Pilot Mountain—Fletcher Beasley, Jesse Collins.
Pleasant Grove—C. D. Hall.
Rock House—M. H. Vaden, Fletcher Beasley
Stoney Creek—F. P. Stone, J. G. Fulk
Stewarts Creek—J. R. Cruise, J. G. Fulk, G. L. Flippin
Sandy Ridge—J. R. Cruise, Geo. Berrier, Coy Hawks
Toms Creek—F. P. Stone, R. L. Rogers
Union—J. W. Creed
Volunteer—Sam Adkins (Pro tem)
Zion Hill—G. L. Flippin, D. E. Wood

ORDAINED MINISTERS

George Berrier, Rt. 5, Mount Airy, North Carolina.
J. W. Creed, Rt. 1, Ararat, North Carolina.
J. R. Cruise, Hillsville, Virginia.
Jesse Collins, Pilot Mountain, North Carolina.
J. M. Edwards, Rt. 1, Dobson, North Carolina.
J. G. Fulk, Rt. 4, Mount Airy, North Carolina.
G. L. Flippin, Rt. 1, Mount Airy, North Carolina.
James Hill, Rt. 1, King, North Carolina.
Coy Hawks, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
F. P. Stone, Rt. 2, Dobson, North Carolina.
Nelson Stewart, Rt. 2, Thomasville, North Carolina.
H. B. Thomas, 125 East View St., Galax, Virginia.
D. E. Wood, Rt. 3, Mount Airy, North Carolina.

LICENTIATES

J. W. Hudson, Mount Airy, North Carolina.
J. S. Key, Rt. 1, Carthage, North Carolina.
Jesse Williams, Rt. 5, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
Will Inman, Pilot, North Carolina.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from churches	\$275.22	
Balance in Clerk's hands	112.05	
Total	\$387.27	\$387.27
Gave the Moderator	\$25.00	
Gave the Clerk	25.00	
Gave the Assistant Clerk	10.00	
Gave visiting Elders	75.00	
Paid for printing Minutes	55.00	
Balance in Clerk's hands	197.27	
Total	\$387.27	\$387.27

NOTE

(In regard to the History mentioned in this Minute)

It will have a good binding and smooth white paper, with a good size print, easy to read. Size will be about 5½x 8½, price \$2.00 each. This history will have to be seen and read to appreciate it, and upon receipt of the two dollars, a copy will be mailed to anyone sending their name and address to O. W. Sisk, Association Clerk, King, North Carolina, or to Elder F. P. Stone, Association Moderator, Rt. 2, Dobson, North Carolina.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Ararat (Cedar Hill): J. E. Simmons, Rt. 1, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	35
Boyles' Chapel: E. H. Taylor, Rt. 2, Germanton, N. C.	55
Chesnut Grove: J. P. Lyons, Nathalie, Va.	85
Deep Creek: Mrs. Eunice Key, Siloam, N. C.	25
Hogans Creek: Mrs. Eunice Key, Siloam, N. C.	15
Little Vine: S. R. Gillespie, Dobson, N. C.	90
Liberty: J. E. Poindexter, Rt. 2, Box 44, Dobson, N. C.	25
Mulberry: O. B. Key, Elkin, N. C.	25
Mitchell's River: Mrs. Fannie Southard, Rt. 1, Dobson, N. C.	25
Pilot Mountain: J. H. Sheets, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	30
Pleasant Grove: H. E. Johnson, Box 65, East Bend, N. C.	35
Rock House: W. R. Coins, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	50
Stoney Creek: E. F. Simmons, Rt. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.	50
Stewarts Creek: R. W. Mosley, Rt. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.	85
Sandy Ridge: A. M. Hawks, Rt. 5, Box 215, Mt. Airy, N. C.	55
Tom's Creek: L. L. Love, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	80
Union: S. J. Jones, Ararat, N. C.	85
Volunteer: R. L. Nelson, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	80
Zion Hill: W. E. Thomas, 409 Givens St., Galax, Va.	35

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Mountain: Elder C. B. Kilby, Sparta, N. C.	20
Roaring River: Elder A. T. Whittington, North Wilkesboro, N. C. ...	10
Senter: W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.	15
Saint Claire's Bottom: Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.	10
Washington: Elder Harmon Kiser, Cleveland, Va.	20
O. W. Sisk, Association Clerk, King, N. C.	120
Total:	1200

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.

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. These facts are to be expressed only in the letters to the fall 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.
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.

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 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 near 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion	Sun. of Meeting	Last Asso. Held	Ordained Mins.	Licentiates	Rec. by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution	
Ararat (C. H.)	W. F. Rogers, J. E. Simmons, Otis Rogers	May	2 1949	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	24	15.00
Boyle's Chapel	C. C. Boyles, Lem Holder, E. H. Taylor	May	1 1947	1	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	1	51	15.17
Chestnut Grove	Elder George Berrier, T. B. Thomas, Alex Edwards	Aug.	4 1946	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	77	7.50
Deep Creek	Coy Flippin, Jesse Key, Roby Murphy, alt.	Aug.	2 1943	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	16.00
Hogan's Creek	Carlton Fulk, Sid Fulk, Elak Fulk	Aug.	3 1953	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	10.00
Little Vine	S. R. Gillespie, J. D. White, Sandford Freeman	Aug.	2 1940	1	1	19	..	..	..	..	..	2	102	21.00
Liberty	Brady Pilson, John Pilson, Jule Marion	Sept.	1 1950	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	6.50
Mulberry	Elder Coy Hawks, G. W. White, O. B. Key	Aug.	1 1938	1	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	24	17.00
Mitchell's River	Elder Nelson Stewart, Fannie Southard, Obrey Coins	July	4 1937	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	17	6.00
Pilot M ^{tn} .	Sam Frye, Jesse Collins, John Sheets	Aug.	1 1935	1	..	1	1	1	18	10.00
Pleasant Grove	H. E. Johnson, John Johnson, John Hutchins	June	3 1941	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	16.00
Rock House	W.R. Coins, Marie Durham, Will Inman	Sept.	2 1942	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	6.50
Stoney Creek	E. F. Simmons, E. L. Hunter, W. C. Hiatt	June	3 1952	1	46	18.00
Stewart's Creek	Elder J. R. Cruise, J. E. Jones, R. W. Mosley	Sept.	1 1936	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	68	25.00
Sandy Ridge	P. L. Hawks, Cleaver Hawks, Eldridge Hawks	Aug.	3 1948	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	12.00
Tom's Creek	Glenn Hunter, L. L. Love, Y. W. Simmons	June	2 1944	1	..	2	1	73	20.00
Union	T. M. Simpson, S. J. Badgett, O. B. Venable	July	4 1939	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	4	74	20.30
Volunteer	O. W. Sisk, Raymond Smith, R. L. Nelson	June	4 1951	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	2	74	21.25
Zion Hill	W. E. Thomas, W. P. Johnson, R. O. Thomas	July	3 1945	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	12.00
Totals					13	4	43	3	1	5	5	17	853	275.22	