

Choir Circular Letter

MINUTES
OF THE
Ninety-Fifth Annual Session
OF THE
**FISHER'S RIVER
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH
The Church at Franklin
Friday, Saturday and Second Sunday
August 12, 13 and 14, 1927



OFFICERS

W. H. ATKINSONModerator
Round Peak, N. C.

F. P. STONE,..... Clerk
Francisco, N. C., R. 1

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

PROCEEDINGS

1. Services were introduced by Eld. J. H. Gentry from Elk Horn Association, W. Va. Then the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. H. V. Snow of some association. Text, Rev. 15 : 3. And they sang the Song of Moses the servant of God, etc. Then gave an intermission of one hour.

2. After intermission the association assembled in the house and was opened by prayer by Eld. G. W. Harris.

3. Then the letters from the churches represented read and messengers seated. Dover, Hagans Creek and Hollingsworth Grove failed to be represented. Volunteer letters were read and Bro. D. I. Bennett was seated as messenger from said church. They failed to get their letter approved by the church, on account of sickness the moderator was absent and had no conference.

4. Elders D. S. Jones of Bear Creek, Hardy Hawks of Zion and Bro. Geo. Hill of Salem were appointed to preach at the stand.

5. It was agreed that we elect our moderator and clerk by private ballot and Bro. R. F. Cox was appointed to take the vote for moderator and Bro. J. P. Slaughter to do same for clerk. Eld. W. H. Atkinson was elected moderator and Eld. F. P. Stone clerk, then Bro. G. J. Key was elected assistant clerk by acclamation.

6. Then called for correspondents and visitors from sister associations;

Roaring River—Bro. Jesse Miller correspondents and minutes.
Salem—Eld. G. M. Trent, Brethren Geo. Hill and D. F. Roberts correspondents, and Bro. Ellis Tate visitor and minutes.

Zion—Elder J. R. Cruise, M. W. Nooncaster correspondents, Eld. J. F. Fulk, H. F. Branscome, E. P. Davis, L. H. Easter and Hardy Hawks visitors and minutes.

Bear Creek—Eld. D. S. Jones and J. F. Burris cor. and minutes.
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch and wife, visitors and minutes. All were received and the right hand of fellowship extended to them by the moderator.

Elk Horn of W. Va.—Elds. W. S. England, H. V. Snow, J. H. Gentry and Bro. W. P. Goings, visitors.

Mayo—Eld. S. A. Tompson and Brethren A. A. Jefferson, J. E. Hutchens, correspondents. Eld. W. R. Beasley, Jesse Beasley, Jim Beasley, visitors and minutes.

Mountain—Eld. S. U. Atwood, visitor and minutes.

Smiths River—Eld. Leander DeHart, visitor and minutes.

A file of minutes were received from the following:

Abbotts Creek, Kehukee, Ketocton, Roaring River, Staunton River, Upper Country Line, Little River, Senter, Silver Creek, and White Oak.

7. Called for petitionary letter. None received.

8. The moderator and clerk were asked to appoint all committees and they appointed Eld. J. M. Royal, D. Collins and Bro. J. F. Nunn to act with them as a committee on arrangements.

9. Brethren L. D. Denny and R. F. Cox a committee on finance.

10. Elds. A. B. Key and J. W. Beasley to distribute corresponding minutes.

11. Brethren J. R. Hall and J. M. Hunter were appointed to serve with the moderator and messengers of this church as a committee on preaching, and they appointed:

For Saturday, Elders G. M. Trent, J. C. Dunbar, J. H. Gentry, J. S. Morrison, S. A. Tompson.

For Sunday, Elders W. R. Beasley, W. S. England, Leander DeHart, H. V. Snow and R. H. Riggins.

12. Then adjourned until 9:00 A. M. Saturday. Preaching to begin at 10:00 A. M. Saturday and Sunday.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1927, 9:00 A. M.

1. The business session of the association was opened by song by moderator and prayer by Elder W. S. England.
2. Called the roll of messengers.
3. Called for the report of the committee on arrangements; the report received and committee discharged.
4. Called for the report of correspondents; the report of those who attended were received and those that did not were excused.
5. The messengers from Hollingsworth Grove church reported; their letter was received and messengers seated.
6. Appointed correspondents as follows:
 Mayo—Elders G. O. Key, A. B. Key, J. W. Beasley, F. P. Stone and Bro. R. L. Jones; Salem—Elders F. P. Stone, G. O. Key and D. Collins; Zion—Elders D. Collins, W. H. Atkinson and A. B. Key; Mountain—Elders D. Collins, A. B. Key and Bro. Malon Lowe; Roaring River—Elder A. B. Key and Bro. J. A. Coleman; New River—Elder G. O. Key and Bro. S. J. Booker.
7. The circular letter was read, received and ordered attached to our minutes.
8. Eld. G. O. Key was appointed to write the obituary of Eld. H. D. Mickey, and Eld. Geo. Denny was appointed to write the same of Elder G. Denny, each to call to their assistance any help they may need.
9. Appointed the clerk to write our next circular letter.

10. On account of the brethren being so busy during the month of August taking care of their tobacco, it was agreed that we change the time of holding our association back to the 4th Sunday in Oct., Friday and Saturday before, of each year. So our next session will be held with Liberty church 6 miles southeast of Dobson, Surry Co., N. C., 6 miles north of Rockford, N. C., to convene on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1928.

11. It is agreed that we withhold correspondence with Little River association on account of the division in same.

12. It is ordered that the clerk have the usual number of 1200 of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

13. Agreed that we give our clerk the usual fee of \$15.00 for his services, also to give our moderator \$10.00.

14. Called for report of the finance committee and they reported:

Received from the churches	\$63.55
Balance in clerk's hands	14.75
	<u>\$78.30</u>

Paid for printing and postage.....	\$35.00
Gave clerk.....	15.00
Gave moderator.....	10.00
Stationery and postage .....	.32
Mailing out church letter blanks .....	.46
Total	<u>\$60.78</u>

Balance in clerk's hands.....\$17.52

15. Agreed to unite in offering a resolution of thanks to God for his blessing us with the privilege of meeting again in union and peace, and to the brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality in entertaining and caring for this association.

16. Then adjourned to time and place appointed.

W. H. Atkinson, Moderator, Round Peak, N. C.

F. P. Stone, Clerk, Francisco, N. C., R. 1.

G. J. Key, Asst. Clerk, Ararat, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

- FRIDAY —1. Elder D. S. Jones. No special text.
 2. Elder Hardy Hawks. No special text.
 3. Brother Geo. Hill. Text, II Cor. 3 : 17.
- SATURDAY—1. Elder G. M. Trent. Text, Isaiah 9 : 6.
 2. Elder J. C. Dunbar. No special text.
 3. Elder J. H. Gentry. No special text.
 4. Elder J. S. Morrison. No special text.
 5. Elder S. A. Thompson. Text, II Tim. 4 : 2.
- SUNDAY —1. Elder W. R. Beasley. Text, Jonah 2 : 9.
 2. Elder W. S. England. No special text.
 3. Elder Leander DeHart. Text, I Cor. 2 : 1.
 4. Elder H. V. Snow. No special text.
 5. Elder R. H. Riggans. No special text.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Being appointed again to write the Circular Letter for this, the ninty-fifth annual session of the Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association, I will take for my subject—"I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord"—Psalms 122 : 1. It matters not what our occupation is, as we proceed with our daily vocation in the field, store or office or the necessary rest is being taken, the mind is considering the exceeding sinfulness of our nature and the necessity of sin being punished because God is holy and just, yet we feel continually a hungering and thirsting after righteousness and while we are trying to do our natural duty as citizens, within our souls the cry is still going on, God be merciful to me a sinner.

The soul that sinneth it shall die; no hope for a sinner. How shall a man be just with God? No way in which he can enter into the house of the Lord or ever dwell in the favor of God. How those we are associated with, whom we are conversing with concerning worldly affairs would wonder if they could hear the groanings that cannot be uttered, or what thoughts there are deep down in our hearts, who hath sorrows like our sorrows but they cannot hear or know of these inward workings, these sighs and crys, they cannot hear the whirlwind in the soul by which the Lord prepared Job and prepares all his people to hear his solemn questions, and to cry out behold I am vile. Job's friends could not hear that, nor can any one until the Lord speaks to him. But in His own good time and way the Lord caused the poor soul to feel a wonderful indescribable change. Down in the depths of the soul he feels that all the elements and circumstances of sorrow are gone and in solemn and joyful surprise he breaks out in the language as that used by the Psalmist: "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord." This gladness is of a different nature from any ever felt before. When I first felt this spiritual gladness in the hope given me many years ago that I was one of those for whom Jesus died.

The natural circumstances may continue and our natural work go on, and the people with whom we mingle with in the world can see nothing of which caused this gladness, they can only see the glow upon the face caused by the sunshine in the heart. But the change to us seems absolute. All within is light, gladness reigns and every sorrow seems to be gone and we feel assured that we are done with sorrow because as it seems to us our sins which were the cause of all our sorrows are gone forever. But Oh! how much we have to learn concerning the sinfulness of our carnal nature and concerning the glorious justice and infinite mercy and grace of our God. This they who said, let us go into the house of the Lord are all who have known the way of the Lord.

Then we want to stand in the order of the gospel and desire that our feet may never be found outside of the lovely gates.

We feel such a love and union with those who love the truth, that we feel the power of the next sweet expression of this Psalm: Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together, and their desire is to keep the unity of the spirit in giving thanks unto the name of the Lord.

Those in whom this love has once been felt are born of God and shall dwell with Him in glory.

F. P. STONE.

Distribution of Minutes to Associations

Churches	Clerks	P. O.	No. Min.
Abbotts Creek	A. L. Owens	R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.	16
Black Creek	Eld. E. L. Cobb	Wilson, "	23
Bear Creek	J. W. Jones	Peachland, "	15
Contentnea	H. L. Blake	Rocky Mount, "	22
Ebenezer	W. L. Carpenter	Brightwood, "	20
Kehukee	B. S. Cowin	Williamston, "	25
Ketocotn	Eld. C. W. Miller	Bx 1267, Washington, D. C.	18
Lower Country Line	J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C.	17
Mountain	J. M. Rector	Baywood, Va.	17
Mayo	Eld. S. A. Thompson	Suart, Va.	25
New River	Eld. J. M. Dickerson	Floyd, Va.	25
Pig River	Eld. E. L. Blankenship	Boone Mill, Va.	20
Roaring River	J. D. Hall	Halls Mills, N. C.	11
Silver Creek	T. H. Bently	Stanley, "	10
Salem	J. H. McKaughan	Kernersville, "	10
Senter	J. F. Hartzog	Idlewild, "	12
Stanton River	Eld. W. R. Dodd	Whitmell, Va.	17
Smiths River	Eld. J. D. Cockram	Stuart, Va.	20
Upper Country Line	Eld. J. W. Gilliam	Altamahaw, N. C.	18
White Oak	Eld. Isaac Jones	Maple Hill, "	16
Zion	H. F. Branscome	Fancy Gap, Va.	11

Distribution of Minutes to the Churches

Churches	Clerks	P. O.	No. Min.
Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny	R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.	34
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer	R. 1, King, "	25
Comers Rock	T. J. Gates	R. 2, Box 22 Mt. Airy, "	32
Deep Creek	J. D. Spencer	East Bend, "	25
Dover	J. M. Creed	White Plains, "	10
Fishers River	Geo. Wilson	White Plains, "	14
Fishers Gap	S. S. Lowe	Low Gap, "	30
Franklin	E. M. Goings	Round Peak, "	40
Hagans Creek	Joe Key	Siloan, "	35
Hollingsworth Grove	S. L. Arrington	R. 1, Mt. Airy, "	25
Laurel Springs	C. T. Hall	Round Peak, "	18
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter	Crutchfield, "	25
Little Vine	Jacob Mitchell	Dobson, "	40
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge	State Road, "	34
Mitchells River	J. A. Coleman	Dobson, "	14
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets	Pilot Mountain, "	42
Rock House	R. F. Cox	R. 1, Westfield, "	45
State Road	W. F. Nixon	R. 2, State Road, "	35
Stoney Creek	E. F. Simmons	R. 1, Mt. Airy, "	40
Stewarts Creek	R. W. Mosley	R. 3, Mt. Airy, "	60
Toms Creek	J. F. Nunn	R. 1, Westfield, "	70
Union	G. J. Key	Ararat, "	70
Volunteer	Mrs. Bettie Gordon	Pilot M't'n, "	20

CHURCHES AND MODERATORS

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

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

G. O. Key	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson	Round Peak, "
J. M. Royal	Thurmond, "
J. S. Pyrtle	Kernersville, "
F. P. Stone	R. 1, Francisco, "
Geo. Denny	R. 3, Pinnacle, "
J. W. Creed	R. 1, Ararat, "
D. Collins	R. 2, Pinnacle, "
R. H. Riggans	Mt. Airy, "
J. C. Dunbar	R. 4, Mt. Airy, "
J. W. Beasley	R. 5, Mt. Airy, "
J. S. Morrison	R. 1, Mt. Airy, "
G. W. Harris	R. 3, Mt. Airy, "
C. W. Stone	R. 1, Rockford, "
W. C. Brooks	R. 1, Dobson, "
A. B. Key	R. 1, Rusk, "
Charley Adams	R. 2, Pilot Mountain, "

LICENTIATES

W. J. Key	Ararat, N. C.
J. D. Key	Winston-Salem, "
C. J. Draughn	White Plains, "

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Church Meeting	Ordnained Min.	Licentiates	Rec' by Exper.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dismiss. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
ARARAT	J. D. Key, L. D. Denny and J. M. Jones.....	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	30	\$2.50
BOYLES CHAPEL	W. A. Palmer, W. S. Denny and J. P. Slaughter	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	26	3.50
CONNERS GROVE	Eld. J. W. Beasley, R. L. Jones and T. J. Gates*	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	33	1.50
DEEP CREEK.....	R. L. Hall, J. H. Spencer and J. R. Hall.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	2.00
DOVER.....	.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FISHERS RIVER.....	Geo. Wilson, Wesley Branch and Fred Hodge.....	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	15	1.25
FISHERS GAP.....	Mahlon Lowe, W. S. Gentry, Burlie Lowe*.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	1	36	2.20
FRANKLIN	Eld. R. H. Riggans, John Glippsie and E. M. Goings.....	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	48	4.25
HAGANS CREEK.....	.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	36	1.50
Hollingsworth Grove.....	J. L. Lane, J. F. Anderson and Cephus Childress.....	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	29	4.00
LAUREL SPRINGS.....	C. T. Hall, J. B. Creed and L. B. Dunbar.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	1.50
LIBERTY.....	J. W. Pilson, Herbert Ashburn and R. S. Poindexter.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	1.00
LITTLE VINE.....	Eld. W. C. Brooks, A. J. Beamer* and Martin Paine.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	55	1.60
MULBERRY.....	R. Draughn*, J. M. Eldridge* and A. B. Key.....	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	1.50
MITCHELLS KIVER... ..	P. H. Snow, Hampton Stuart and J. A. Coleman.....	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	14	1.05
PILOT MOUNTAIN	Eld. G. O. Key, S. J. Fry and J. W. Simmons.....	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	45	7.00
ROCK HOUSE	Eld. D. Collins, R. F. Cox and E. E. Cox.....	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	53	2.00
STATE ROAD	Eld. J. M. Royal, W. F. Nixon, Luther Smith, T. Snow.....	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	43	2.00
STONEY CREEK	E. F. Simmons,* J. M. Hunter and C. F. Norman*	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	6.85
TOMS CREEK	J. F. Nunn, A. D. Hunter and Y. W. Simmons.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	98	4.00
STUARTS CREEK	R. W. Mosley, S. J. Booker and R. M. Stoneman.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	72	5.85
UNION	G. J. Key, G. F. Riddle and S. J. Badgett.....	4	3	1	4	0	2	1	0	4	94	5.00
VOLUNTEER	D. I. Bennett	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	27	1.50

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