

MINUTES
Of The
119th Annual Session
Of The
**FISHERS RIVER PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Held With
THE CHURCH AT VOLUNTEER
Surry County, N. C.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and SUNDAY
July 6, 7 and 8, 1951



OFFICERS:

ELDER F. P. STONE Moderator
R. F. D. No. 2, Dobson, North Carolina

G. J. KEY Clerk
Ararat, North Carolina

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FRANK P. STONE Assistant Clerk
7-A Southway Road, Greenbelt, Maryland

PROCEEDINGS



Friday, July 6th, 1951

1st. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. D. P. Broadway, and introductory sermon preached by Eld. F. P. Stone. Text used, St. Luke 23-34.

2nd. After intermission assembled in the house and the work of the association was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. W. W. Roberts of Newport church (Ind.).

3rd. Appointed Elders Watt Tuttle, C. R. Dancy, Edd Douglas and D. P. Broadway to preach at the stand.

4th. Called for and received letters from the different churches, letters received and messengers seated.

5th. Elected Eld. F. P. Stone, Moderator; G. J. Key, Clerk, and Frank R. Stone, Assistant Clerk.

6th. Circular letter by F. P. Stone read and ordered attached to this Minute.

7th. Called for petitionary letter, There was none.

8th. Called for correspondents from sister associations with response as follows, from:

Abbotts Creek, Elds. D. P. Broadway and L. G. Cashion, Cor. C. R. Helm and J. L. Coble, visitors.

Mountain, Eld. C. L. Roberts, Cor. Elds. Edd Douglas, T. C. Sawyers and Bro. Will Collins, visitors.

Roaring River, Brethren W. C. Hall, Troy Miller, C. S. Thomas and J. F. Coffey, visitors.

Upper Mayo, Elds. S. E. Mantin, M. H. Vaden and Sam Atkins, Cor. Elds. J. Watt Tuttle, Edd Priddy, Fletcher Beasley, J. R. Worrell, A. A. Jefferson, A. M. Flippin and others, visitors.

Saint Claire's Bottom, Eld. C. R. Dancy, visitor.

Senter, Eld. Lee V. Bagley, visitor.

Saint's Delight Church (Ind.), Bro. C. F. Shields and wife, visitors.

Washington, Elds. S. S. Walker, A. R. Singleton, Herman Kiser and Brother Kermit Owens, visitors.

Oak Grove Church (Ind.) Eld. L. J. Martin, visitor.

Newport Church (Ind.), Elds. W. W. Roberts, M. L. Simmons, and W. W. Quinn, visitors.

Mountain View Church (Ind.) Eld G. W. Noonkester, visitor.

Locust Grove Church (Ind.), Deacon H. M. Bowman, visitor.

9th. Authorized the Moderator to make all appointments as follows:

Finance committee, Burton Venable, Brady Pilson and J. E. Simmons.

To distribute minutes, J. A. Marion, E. E. Cox.

Committee on preaching, W. E. Thomas, Coy Flippin, with Moderator and messengers of Volunteer church.

10th. This minute read and received.

11th. Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9:30 o'clock for association work. at 10 o'clock for preaching service.

Saturday Morning, July 7th, 1951

1st. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. S. S. Walker of Washington Assn.

2nd. Called roll of messengers.

3rd. Called for correspondents and visitors who were not here yesterday. Those reporting were seated and their names added to Friday's list.

4th. The covenant of our association was read.

5th. Called for the work of the committee on arrangements. Their recommendations read and approved as follows, viz:

A. We recommend seating Eld. G. W. Noonkester and Deacon G. W. Hawks from Mountain View Church, Independent; also Deacon H. M. Bowman and Bro. W. H. Brown from Locust Grove Church, Independent.

B. That circular letter by F. P. Stone and obituaries of Deacons W. A. Palmer and J. Henry Spencer be attached to this minute.

C. That the last clause in our constitution be stricken out.

D. That \$25.00 each be given the Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

E. That the next session of the association be held with the church at Stony Creek on the Highway about midway between Mt. Airy and Pilot Mountain, beginning Friday, through Saturday and second Sunday in July, 1952.

F. That G. J. Key write the next circular letter.

G. That Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be printed in this minute.

H. That the Clerk have 1200 minutes printed and distributed as usual.

6th. Called for report of correspondents who took appointments to visit sister associations, their reports heard and they were discharged.

7th. Called for report of finance committee. They reported \$256.00 collected from the churches. Their report received and they and other committees discharged.

8th. Appointed correspondents to visit sister associations as follows, viz: Abbotts Creek, Elds. Jesse Collins, J. G. Fulk, J. M. Edwards, and Bro. W. R. Coins.

Mountain, Elds. J. G. Fulk, J. M. Edwards, and Jesse Collins.

Upper Mayo, Eld. J. M. Edwards, Deacons, Raymond Smith and R. L. Nelson.

Roaring River, Elds. J. G. Fulk, J. M. Edwards and G. L. Flippin.

Senter, Elds. J. G. Fulk and G. L. Flippin.

Saint Claire's Bottom, Eld. J. G. Fulk and Deacon R. L. Nelson and W. R. Coins.

9th. Appointed R. L. Nelson and Ollie Sisk to distribute funds to visiting Elders.

10th. Passed a resolution of thanks to Brethren, Sisters and Friends for caring for this association and to everyone for good order.

11th. Voted a resolution of appreciation to Eld F. P. Stone, Moderator, G. J. Key, Clerk and Frank R. Stone, Asst. Clerk for continous service.

12th. This minute read and received.

13th. Dismissed by song and prayer by Elder Hermon Kiser.

F. P. STONE, Moderator

FRANK R. STONE, Asst. Clerk

G. J. KEY, Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING

Eld. F. P. Stone—Text, St. Luke, 23-34

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Eld. J. Watt Tuttle—Text, First Cor. 1-30

Eld. C. R. Dancy—Clerk failed to get text.

Eld. Edd Douglas—Rev. 6-12

Eld. D. P. Broadway—Matt. 11-28

SATURDAY MORNING

Eld. Eddie Martin—No Man Transgresseth the Laws.

Eld. Coy Roberts—John 3-8

Eld. M. H. Vaden—1st. John 4-8

Eld. L. M. Simmons—No text.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Eld. C. C. Sawyer—No text used.

Eld. S. S. Walker—Psalms 23-1

Eld. A. J. McDaniel—Jer. 1-5

Eld. B. L. Tucker—No text used.

Eld. L. V. Bagley—No text used.

SUNDAY MORNING

Eld. Herman Kiser—No text used.

Eld. L. G. Cashion—St. John 17-9

Eld. K. R. Singleton—Never Man Spake Like This Man.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Eld. Grover Flippin—No text used.

Eld. W. J. Brown—Gen. 1st. Chapter. God Created the Heavens and Earth

Eld. F. P. Stone—No text used.

Financial Report

Received from churches	\$256.05
Balance in Clerk's hands	126.15
Total	\$382.20
Gave Moderator	\$25.00
Gave Clerk	25.00
Gave Assistant Clerk	25.00
Gave Visiting Elders	110.50
Paid for Printing Minutes	60.00
Balance	136.70
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CIRCULAR LETTER

As I was appointed to write the Circular Letter, for this 119th annual session of our, the Fishers River Association, I undertake to do so, trusting God to direct me, in such as it may prove beneficial to all the household of faith. I have ever endeavored to preach the truth and taken the New Testament as my guide, adhering to the teachings of Christ and his apostles, in my church work and also as administrator of the association, but as I have been misunderstood and misinterpretations circulated in regard to my belief on the resurrection, I call your attention to Article 11 of our Articles of Faith, which says, we believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement. What dies? The body only. The Apostle Paul says, even these vile bodies of ours, they shall be changed and fashioned like our Savior's glorious body. He maintains that it is sown a natural body, but raised a spiritual body, that it is sown in corruption but it —yes it is the same body. It is raised in incorruption. All this shows this identical body shall be not only raised from the dead, but shall in the process be changed from natural to spiritual. Flesh and blood in the present depraved state shall not inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, neither corruption inherit incorruption. So we would say that all the old nature, sin and corruption will be left behind. Enoch and Elija, did not leave their mortal bodies behind to decay and see corruption, but they were translated and changed in the process from natural to spiritual. The saints who shall be alive on earth at the second coming of Christ, shall not sleep, but shall be changed (not exchanged) but changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, from terestial to celestial bodies, incorruptible, glorious, immortal. Then shall death be swallowed up in victory. Adam with all his posterity fell into ruin, but under the unconditional covenant of grace ordered in all things and sure. All the heirs of promise shall certainly be saved forever. As Adam represents the whole crop of his posterity and they all die in him, so Christ represents the whole crop of His spiritual seed and they shall all be made alive in Him and in His Heavenly and perfect likeness. Now I feel that I am too weak and unworthy to be a leader of so great a people, in such a grand cause. So I beg of you to let me be at your feet and may I be blessed to look over you my dear brethren for good, and not for evil. I have preached that which I believe to be the truth, and in prospect of death it is my only hope. How great a blessing it is to have a merciful and faithful God to trust in when I come to die. My God is a God of purpose and power, and our opinions does not change His ways. He doeth all things right.

ELDER F. P. STONE

OBITUARY—Deacon J. Henry Spencer

Deacon J. Henry Spencer, son of Dallis and Permelia Philips Spencer, was born November 15th, 1885 in Yadkin County, North Carolina, near East Bend, and departed this life April 12th, 1951, making his stay on earth 66 years, 4 months, 27 days. He was raised on the farm and followed farming for his profession in his home community as long as he was able to work, and was blessed in his endeavors to provide well for his

family and his friends and brethren who visited him was well cared for. He was happily married to Sarah F. Matthews, October 13, 1907. They were blessed to rear two sons, Wayne and Ralph, both of Winston Salem, N. C., and three daughters, Mrs. W. S. Mills of Clemons, N. C., Mrs. A. J. Owens, Keysville, Va., and Mrs. O. N. Brienza, Washington, D. C. All his children with his dear companion survive him. Brother Spencer and his companion joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Deep Creek (Holly Spring M. H.) at their conference meeting October 1915, and were baptized the following day; was ordained as deacon July 10th, 1926; elected clerk November, 1933, and filled each office with efficiency till death called him away. He took a great interest in his church and was a faithful member. He was afflicted with asthma for a number of years. He spent his last days in the Baptist Hospital at Winston Salem. His suffering being severe, yet his faith was strong, and he told the doctors that he belonged to the old Baptist Church, the one that Christ set up while here on earth, and his last days were spent in praising God and contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, and said he was a man of tears, but they were all dried up now. For some time just before he died, he talked about the goodness and mercy of a gracious and loving God, and the beauties of that Celestial City which hath foundation whose builder and maker is God. So we would say to Sister Spencer and children to follow in his precepts and examples for we all feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by request of his church. ELDER F. P. STONE

OBITUARY—William A. Palmer

William A. Palmer, son of Presley and Betty Cox Palmer, was born February 14, 1889 and died January 10, 1951.

He was married to Gracie Mae Starbuck, December 27, 1908. To this union were born three children: Reid Odell Palmer of New York City, William Roy Palmer of Winston-Salem, N. C. and Mae Ilene Palmer Moore of Winston-Salem, N. C.

He joined Rock House Church, April 10, 1916. He helped build and organize Boyles Chapel Church in 1924. May 31, 1924, he together with his wife, joined Boyles Chapel Church by letter from Rock House as charter members. He was clerk of that church for 24 years. April 4, 1925 he was ordained for deacon of that church and served until his death. He was also trustee of the church property together with J. P. Slawter, deceased.

He loved his church and carried its memories through his sickness, often singing the songs of Zion and speaking of God and his Angels.

He was a good husband and a loving father. He loved his brethren, sisters and friends. He tried at all times to make them welcome at his home and at his church.

How gentle was the stroke devine,
Which bowed his head in death.
How peaceful did his soul resign
His friends, his life, his breath.

Written in compliance to his church.
MRS. W. A. PALMER

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article I. Of God and the Holy Trinity.

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 are 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 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) of whom God did foreknow 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 preserve 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 judgement.

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 open 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 presence 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 on 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 'till 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 willfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproven by the Association as it may think proper.

Ordained Ministers

George Berrier	Route 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. W. Creed	Route 1, Ararat, N. C.
J. R. Cruise	Hillsville, Va.
Jesse Collins	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. M. Edwards	526 Dillard St. Martinsville, Va.
J. G. Fulk	Route 4, Mt. Airy, N. C.
G. L. Flippin	Route 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.
James Hill	Route 1, King, N. C.
Coy Hawks	Winston-Salem, N. C.
R. H. Riggan	Roanoke, Va.
F. P. Stone	Route 2, Dobson, N. C.
Nelson Stewart	Route 2, Box 86A, Thomasville, N. C.
H. B. Thomas	125 East View St., Galax, Va.
D. E. Wood	Route 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.

LICENTIATES

L. F. Holder, Route 1, King, N. C.	J. W. Hudson, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. S. Key, Route 1, Carthage, N. C.	

CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS

Ararat (Cedar Hill)	W. J. Brown
Boyles' Chapel	J. F. Hill
Chestnut Grove	J. R. Cruise, Geo. Berrier
Deep Creek	L. J. Martin
Hogans Creek	F. P. Stone, Jesse Collins
Little Vine	R. H. Riggan, G. L. Flippin, J. M. Edwards
Liberty	L. J. Martin, J. W. Creed
Mulberry	F. P. Stone, J. M. Edwards, Coy Hawks
Mitchell's River	Nelson Stewart, D. E. Wood
Pilot Mountain	Fletcher Beasley, Jesse Collins
Pleasant Grove	C. D. Hall
Rock House	M. H. Vaden, Fletcher Beasley
Stony Creek	J. G. Fulk, F. P. Stone
Stewarts Creek	J. R. Cruise, J. G. Fulk, G. L. Flippin
Sandy Ridge	J. R. Cruise, Geo Berrier
Tom's Creek	F. P. Stone, R. L. Rogers
Union	F. P. Stone, J. W. Creed, Fletcher Beasley
Volunteer	W. J. Brown
Zion	G. L. Flippin, D. E. Wood

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Ararat (Cedar Hill): J. E. Simmons, Rt. 1, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	40
Boyles' Chapel: E. H. Taylor, Rt. 2, Germanton, N. C.	65
Chestnut Grove: G. P. Lyons, Lamsburg, Va.	90
Deep Creek Eunice Key, Siloam, N. C.	30
Hogans Creek: J. E. Simmons, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	20
Little Vine: S. R. Gillispie, Dobson, N. C.	100
Liberty: J. E. Poindexter, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C.	25
Mulberry: O. B. Key, Rt. 1 Elkin, N. C.	35
Mitchell's River: Mrs. Fannie Southard, Rt. 1, Dobson, N. C.	30
Pilot Mountain: J. H. Sheets, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	40
Pleasant Grove: H. E. Johnson, East Bend, N. C.	40
Rock House: W. R. Coins, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	50
Stony Creek: E. F. Simmons, Rt. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.	60
Stewarts Creek: R. W. Mosley, Rt. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.	100
Sandy Ridge: A. M. Hawks, Rt. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.	60
Tom's Creek: L. L. Love, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	100
Union: G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C.	100
Volunteer: R. L. Nelson, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	30
Zion: W. E. Thomas, 409 Givens St., Galax, Va.	40
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Abbotts Creek: T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	15
Mountain: Arthur Gambill, Sparta, N. C.	20
Roaring River: Eld. A. T. Whittington, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	10
Senter: W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.	15
Saint Claire's Bottom: Eld. C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.	10
Upper Mayo: J. W. Moorefield, 3405 Hanes Ave., Winston Salem, N. C. .	25
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STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Last Ass'n. Held	Com. Month	Contribution										
				Sunday of Meeting	Ordnained Min.	Licentiates	Rec'd. by Exp.	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution	
Ararat (Cedar Hill)	J. E. Simmons, W. F. Rodgers, Sherman Shelton	1949	May	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	28	15.00
Boyles Chapel	Lem Holder, E. H. Taylor, W. S. Denny	1947	May	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	3	51	16.50
Chestnut Grove	Eld. Geo Berrier, T. B. Thomas, G. P. Lyons	1946	Aug.	4	1	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	80	11.00
Deep Creek	G. K. Murphy, Coy Flippin, Jesse Key	1943	Sept.	2	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	2	24	10.00
Hogans Creek	Victoria Shore, Nancie Rachels, Eld. Jesse Collins	1933	Aug.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	8.00
Little Vine	S. R. Gillispie, J. D. White, Geo. Mitchell	1940	Aug.	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	88	27.00
Liberty	Brady Pilson, Jule Marion, J. E. Poindexter	1950	Sept.	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	20	5.30
Mulberry	O. B. Key, Sisters Lucy Key, Hannah Fulton	1938	Aug.	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	18	15.00
Mitchells River	Geo. W. Creed, Nelson Stewart, Fannie Southard	1937	July	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	18	6.00
Pilot Mountain	John Sheets, Jesse Collins, Sam Frye	1935	Aug.	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	21	10.00
Pleasant Grove	H. E. Johnson, W. H. Johnson, J. T. Johnson	1941	June	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	26	15.00
Rock House	W. R. Coias, Will Inman, C. L. Slawter	1942	Sept.	2	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	1	41	8.50
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons, J. M. Hunter, W. C. Hiatt	1931	June	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	14.00
Stewarts Creek	J. E. Jones, R. W. Mosley, Eld. G. L. Flippin	1936	Sept.	1	3	1	3	0	1	0	0	3	70	20.00
Sandy Ridge	P. L. Hawks, J. B. Easter, Cleaver Hawks	1948	Aug.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	10.00
Tom's Creek	L. L. Love, Y. W. Simmons, Glenn Hunter	1944	June	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	72	11.75
Union	T. M. Simpson, Burton Venable, Ray Mosley	1939	July	4	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	81	21.00
Volunteer	R. L. Nelson, W. L. Fulk, Raymond Smith	1951	June	4	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	70	20.00
Zion Hill	Arthur Combs, W. E. Thomas, W. P. Johnson	1945	July	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	27	12.00