

MINUTES
OF THE
106th Annual Session
OF THE
Fisher's River
Primitive Baptist
Association

HELD WITH

The Church Of Mulberry

SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY,

JULY 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH, 1938



Officers:

F. P. STONE, Moderator, Dobson Route 2, N. C.

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

FRANK R. STONE, Asst. Clerk, Francisco R. 1, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESS OF ELDERS

James W. Creed,.....Ararat Route 1, N. C.
 Geo. Denny,.....Pilot Mountain, N. C.
 J. G. Fulk,.....Mount Airy Route 4, N. C.
 J. W. Harris,.....Mt. Airy Route 5, N. C.
 J. L. Pyrtle,.....Mayodan, N. C.
 R. H. Riggan,.....Dobson, N. C.
 F. P. Stone,.....Dobson Route 2, N. C.
 Dona Wood,.....Mount Airy Route 6, N. C.

LICENTIATES

J. S. Key,.....Sanford Route 3, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND MODERATORS

Ararat.....Geo. Denny, J. W. Creed
 Boyles Chapel,.....S. H. Reid, J. R. World
 Deep Creek,.....S. H. Reid
 Hbgan's Creek,.....F. P. Stone
 Hollingsworth Grove.....G. W. Harris
 Liberty,.....Jas. W. Creed
 Little Vine,.....R. H. Riggan, J. G. Fulk
 Mulberry,.....F. P. Stone
 Mitchell's River,.....R. H. Riggan, Dona Wood
 Pilot Mountain,.....Geo. Denny
 Rock House,.....W. J. Brown
 Stony Creek,.....F. P. Stone, J. G. Fulk, Jas. W. Creed
 Stewart's Creek,.....G. W. Harris, J. G. Fulk
 Tom's Creek,.....F. P. Stone, G. W. Harris
 Union,.....Jas. W. Creed, F. P. Stone
 Volunteer,.....W. J. Brown

PROCEEDINGS FRIDAY

1st. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Elder G. W. Harris of Fish River Association, and introductory sermon preached by Elder J. A. Fagg of Upper Mayo Association. Text 1st John 1st and 3rd.

2nd. After intermission assembled in the house and after song and prayer by Elder R. H. Riggins the Moderator appointed Elders C. L. Roberts of Mountain Association, J. Watt Tuttle and W. E. Braswell of Upper Mayo Association to preach at the stand.

3rd. Letters from the churches were handed in, read, received and messengers seated.

4th. Elected by private ballot, Elder F. P. Stone, Moderator and G. J. Key, Clerk for one year.

5th. Elected Frank R. Stone, assistant clerk.

6th. Passed a resolution of thanks to brother W. A. Palmer for faithful service rendered as clerk.

7th. Passed a resolution of thanks to Elder F. P. Stone for long and faithful service.

8th. Called for correspondents from Sister Associations with response as follows, viz: Abbott's Creek, Elder D. P. Brodway, Brother C. R. Owen and Sister Owen, Upper Mayo; Elders J. A. Fagg, W. J. Brown, J. R. Worrell and Deacon J. E. Hutchens, correspondents and Elders J. Watt Tuttle, Carl Mabe, W. E. Braswell and others, visitors.

Mountain. Elder C. L. Roberts, R. F. Edwards and J. M. Rector, correspondents; J. M. Wagoner and others, visitors.

New River. Elders G. S. Williams, John R. Cruise, correspondents, and M. W. Noonkester, visitor.

St. Clair's Bottom. Elders C. N. Tilson, visitor.

9th. All correspondents and visitors seated and files of minutes accepted.

10th. Called for petitionary letters.

11th. Appointed committees as follows, viz: To distribute minutes, O. B. Key and L. L. Lowe; on finance, S. R. Gilispie and W. A. Palmer; on arrangements, Elders J. W. Creed, Geo. Denny, G. W. Harris, with Clerk and Moderator.

On preaching, Elders J. W. Creed, G. W. Harris and C. L. Slawter, J. E. Jones and messengers of Mulberry church.

12th. The Minutes for the day's proceedings read and received.

13th. Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning for business session and at 10 o'clock for preaching.

SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS

1st. The Association opened by song and prayer by Elder J. R. Cruise of New River Association.

2nd. Called roll of messengers.

3rd. Called for report of Committee on arrangements. This report read and committee discharged.

4th. Called for reading Circular Letter. The letter was read, and ordered attached to this Minute.

5th. Appointed Elder Geo. Denny to write our next Circular Letter.

6th. Appointed W. A. Palmer to write an obituary for Deacon J. P. Slawter.

7th. Agreed to have 1,000 Minutes printed and distributed as usual among churches and sister associations.

8th. Agreed to hold the next session of the association with the church at Union, ten miles south of Mount Airy, on White Plains-Siloam road, on Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in July, 1939.

9th. Agreed to give the Moderator \$10.00 and the Clerk \$15.00.

10th. Called for reports of correspondents appointed to sister associations. Reports received and correspondents dismissed.

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St. Clair's Bottom. (No appointments taken.)

12th. Ordered Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum printed in this minute.

13th. Called for report of finance committee. They reported received from churches \$54.15 and balance in clerk's hands \$1.40.

14th. Passed a resolution of thanks to Brethren, Sisters and Friends for caring for this association.

15th. This Minute read and approved.

16th. Session closed by song and prayer by Elder J. W. Creed.

17th. Adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

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Elder W. E. Braswell; Clerk failed to get text.

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CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren of the Fisher River Association:

As I was appointed again to write a circular letter to be attached to our minutes if approved by the body, I wish to call your attention to our beloved Zion, the city of our God, that house that God has built and not man, which is set on a hill and cannot be hid, and of every true member is one of the body, and every one members one of another. God has set the members every one of them in the the body as it pleased Him, so they are not strangers, and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God. But, dear brethren while we view ourselves thus and hope and believe it is true, let us not be unmindful of the wonderful station we thus occupy, and where we were when dead in trespasses and sin under the thunders of a violated law, ten thousand talents in debt. But for as much we had not to pay, surely we have great reason to be thankful to the source from whence such wonderful blessings have come, such as making us one of that favored number and bringing us into the fold of God. But God so loved the world he gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life, so he suffered in our stead and paid our entire debt. That atonement was made for all that the father gave the son. So it is all of grace to us that we receive eternal life, and each one is an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ; and each one an heir to that inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled that fadeth not away reserved in Heaven for you. So beloved brethren although the Primitive Baptists often feel so little, they are the salt of the earth: though surrounded by enemies they are like the Zion of God used to when the Lord said my beloved is to me like a speckled bird.

All the birds round about are against her and in the gospel day we are made as the offscouring of all things unto this day. So, dear brethren, if they persecute us let us remember that they persecuted our Savior, but these things should not discourage us. But let us remember some of the sweet promises of God who said of Israel that his thoughts toward her in the worst time were that of peace and not confusion, that she might come to an expected end, for saith the Lord "I will be unto her a wall of fire round about her and the glory in the midst." These are some of the sure promises of God to us.

Then let us stand as the chosen of God and strictly adhere to the admonitions of the word of God and be a separate people, for what fellowship has light with darkness or the temple of God with Belial?

F. P. STONE.

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 member 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 his 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 CHURCHES

Church	Clerk	Postoffice	No. Min.
Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny,	Pilot Mt., N. C.	50
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer,	King, N. C.	30
Deep Creek	J. H. Spencer,	East Bend, Route 1, N. C.	40
Hogans Creek	Mrs. Katie Eades,	Siloam, Route 1, N. C.	30
Hollingsworth Grove	Mrs. Emma J. Mills,	Brim, Va.	30
Liberty	J. W. Pilson,	Dobson Route 2, N. C.	30
Little Vine	Mrs. Hester Mitchell,	Dobson, N. C.	35
Mullberry	Oscar Key,	Elkin R. F. D.,	33
Mitchell's River	Nelson Stewart,	Mtn Park, N. C.	40
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets,	Pilot Mtn., N. C.	50
Rock House	C. L. Slawter,	Pinnacle, N. C.	55
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons,	Mt. Airy Route 1, N. C.	45
Stewart's Creek	R. W. Mosely,	Mt. Airy Route 3, N. C.	50
Tom's Creek	Frank R. Stone,	Francisco, N. C.	100
Union	G. J. Key,	Ararat, N. C.	90
Volunteer	L. G. Tucker,	Pinnacle, N. C.	50
			780

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association	Clerk	Postoffice	No. Min.
Abbott's Creek	T. R. Freeman,	Steeds, N. C.	20
Ebenezer	Elder J. B. Jenkins,	Luray, Va., Route 3	16
Kehukee	B. S. Cowin,	Williamston, N. C.	34
Ketocton	Elder C. W. Miller,	Box 86, Rosslyn Station, Va.,	25
Mountain	J. M. Rector,	Galax, Va., R. 1	20
New River	Elder J. M. Dickerson,	Floyd, Va.	40
Roaring River	J. H. Miller,	Laurel Springs, N. C.	10
Senter	F. T. Miller,	Wagoner, N. C.	15
Saint Clair's Bottom	Elder C. R. Dancy,	Marion, Va.	20
Upper Mayo	W. E. Braswell,	Lawsontonville, N. C.	20
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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meetings	Communion Mo.	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny, Otis Rogers J. E. Simmons	2	Aug.	1	1				1	141	\$2.80	
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer, W. S. Denny	1	May					1		238	\$4.00	
Deep Creek	J. H. Spencer, D. E. Matthews, M. M. Flynn	2	Sept.				1			120	\$2.50	
Hogans Creek	Katie Eads, Nannie Key.....	1						2		117	\$1.00	
Hollingsworth Grove	J. F. Anderson, Cephus Childress, J. Watson	3	July							21	\$1.50	
Liberty	J. W. Pilson	1	Sept.					1		17	\$1.00	
Little Vine	J. D. Freeman, S. R. Gillispie, Dillard White	2	Aug.			1	2			35	\$2.20	
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge, O. B. Key, J. S. Key.....	1	Aug.		1					21	\$2.60	
Mitchell's River ...	N. Stewart, Dora Wood, Eld. R. H. Riggans	4	July	2		1	1			22	\$2.25	
Pilot Mountain ...	Sam Frye, Jesse Collins, Jonas Simmons....	1	Aug.							132	\$4.25	
Peck House	E. E. Cox, Raymond Corns, C. L. Slawter...	2	Aug.	1		4			1	148	\$2.75	
Stoney Creek	E. F. Simmons, J. F. Joyce.....	3	July							28	\$5.25	
Stewart's Creek ...	Elder G. W. Harris, J. E. Jones, R. W. Mosley	1	Sept.	2		2				36	\$5.00	
Toms Creek	Y. W. Simmons, Frank P. Stone, L. L. Love.	2	June	1						383	\$7.75	
Union	G. J. Key, T. M. Simpson, S. J. Badgett....	4	July	1						475	\$6.30	
Volunteer	A. J. Booth, W. L. Fulk.	4	June			4	1			36	\$3.00	