

MINUTES
OF THE
113th Annual Session
OF THE
**Fishers River Primitive
Baptist Association**

HELD WITH
The Church at Zion Hill
Surry County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY
JULY 6, 7 and 8, 1945



OFFICERS

F. P. STONE **Moderator**

R. F. D. NO. 2, DOBSON, N. C.

G. J. KEY **Clerk**

ARARAT, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, JULY 6TH, 1945

1st. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. Watt Tuttle of Upper Mayo association, and Introductory sermon preached by Eld. J. R. Crews of this Association. No text used.

2nd. After intermission the Association met in the house and after song and prayer by Eld. J. S. Harris of New River Association, proceeded as follows.

3rd. Appointed Elders J. R. Beasley, W. C. Martin and M. H. Vaden, all of Upper Mayo association, to preach at the stand.

4th. Read letters from churches (except Pleasant Grove and Mulberry, not represented) and messengers seated, Chestnut Grove asked for the next association.

5th. Elected Elder F. P. Stone, Moderator, and G. J. Key, Clerk to serve another year.

6th. Called for petitionary letter. There was none.

7th. Called for Correspondents from sister associations and response was as follows, viz:

Abbotts Creek, Eld. D. P. Broadway and Brother Owens, correspondents, Brother C. R. Helm and Sister Owens, visitors.

Mountain—Eld. C. C. Sawyer, correspondent, Sister Sawyer, visitor.
Roaring River—Minutes.

Senter—Minutes.

Primitive Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina—Not represented.

Saint Clair's Bottom—Eld. C. N. Tilson, correspondent.

Upper Mayo—Elders Watt Tuttle, J. R. Worrell, Carl Mabe, L. J. Martin, correspondents, Brethren J. D. Anderson, Ira Bullington, C. T. Martin, J. T. Riggan, and Elder R. L. Rogers, visitors.

New River—Elder G. S. Williams, Correspondent, Elders J. S. Harris, George Noonkester, Brethren A. B. Williams, and G. L. Brinkley, visitors.

Saint's Delight Church, Ind.—Not represented.

Ketocton—Minutes.

Kehookee—Minutes.

All Correspondents and Visitors received and seated.

8. Appointed the Moderator to make all appointments.

9th. Appointed Elders George Denny, G. W. Harris, and J. R. Crews to serve with the Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements.

H. E. Johnson and Y. W. Simmons, Committee on Finance.

W. R. Morefield and Raymond Smith, committee to distribute Minutes.

S. J. Jones and C. L. Slawter to serve with the Moderator and representatives of this (Zion Hill) church as committee on preaching.

11th. Agreed to meet in association tomorrow at 10 o'clock and for preaching at 10:30 Eastern War Time.

12. This minute read and received.

13th. Adjourned to meet tomorrow at time agreed upon.

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 7TH

1st. The association was opened by song and prayer by Elder J. R. Worrell.

2nd. Messengers from Deep Creek, Pleasant Grove and Mulberry churches, were received and seated after having read letters from Pleasant Grove and Mulberry.

3rd. Called roll of Messengers.

4th. Called for correspondents and visitors from sister associations with response as follows, viz., Elder Ed Davis, Bro. F. T. Miller, Cor. from Senter; Elds. J. A. Fagg and W. J. Brown, visitors from Upper Mayo; Elder C. D. Hall and Bro. W. C. Hall, Cor. from Roaring River, Brother and Sister C. F. Shields, visitors from Saint's Delight, Elder J. M. Edwards, Brethren Arnold Combs and C. T. Edwards, visitors from New River. All messengers and visitors seated.

5th. Called for report of committee on arrangements. They recommended releasing J. T. Riggan as Trustee to property of former Rock Springs church and appointment of T. M. Simpson to succeed J. M. Eldridge, S. J. Jones to succeed J. T. Riggan, and J. M. Hunter to succeed A. B. Key, Trustees to said property. The committee's recommendation was received and adopted by the association.

6th. Appointed Eld. J. R. Crews to write next circular letter.

7th. Read circular letter and ordered same attached to this minute.

8th. Called for report of correspondents appointed to visit sister associations. They reported and were discharged.

9th. Agreed to have 1200 minutes printed and distributed as usual.

10th. Agreed to give Moderator \$15.00 and Clerk \$20.00 for their service.

11. Appointed correspondents to visit sister associations as follows, viz. to

Abbotts Creek: Elder Geo. Denny, Brethren L. D. Denny and G. T. Jones.

Mountain—Elds. George Denny, F. P. Stone and J. G. Fulk.

Senter—Brethren H. E. Johnson and A. A. Johnson.

Saint Clair's Bottom—H. E. Johnson and A. A. Johnson.

Upper Mayo—Elder Geo. Denny, Brethren R. L. Nelson, G. T. Jones and S. J. Jones.

New River—Elds. F. P. Stone, R. H. Riggan and G. W. Harris,

Roaring River—Elds. F. P. Stone, J. G. Fulk and Bro. G. T. Jones,

12th. Agreed to hold our session with the church at Chestnut

Grove, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1946, one quarter mile west of Lambsburg, Va., 12 miles northwest of Mount Airy, N. C.

13th. Called for report of finance committee. They reported \$193.20 received from churches.

14th. Agreed to give all surplus funds to visiting elders.

15th. Ordered rules of decorum and articles of faith, printed in this minute.

16th. Passed a resolution of thanks to Brethren, Sisters and Friends for caring for this association.

17th. This minute read and approved.

18th. Closed the work of the association by song and prayer by Elder G. S. Williams.

F. P. STONE, Moderator;

G. J. KEY, Clerk.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from churches	\$193.20
Gave Moderator	\$15.00
Gave Clerk	20.00
Gave visiting Elders	108.20
Paid for printing and distributing minutes	42.50
Balance in Clerk's hands	7.50
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	\$193.20

ORDER OF PREACHING—FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Eld. J. R. Beasley of Upper Mayo association. No special text used.

Eld. W. E. Martin of Upper Mayo association. Text 2nd Tim. 2-18.

Eld. M. H. Vaden of Upper Mayo association. Text 2nd 8-9.

Eld. J. W. Tuttle of Upper Mayo association. Text Heb. 10-20.

SATURDAY MORNING

Eld. G. W. Noonkester of New River Asso. Text St. John 7-46.

Eld. R. L. Martin of Upper Mayo Assn. No special text.

Eld. R. L. Rogers of Upper Mayo Assn. Text 1st John 1-4.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Eld. C. D. Hall of Roaring River Assn. Psalms of David 17-15.

Eld. J. S. Harris of New River Assn. Clerk failed to get text.

Eld. D. P. Broadway of Abbotts Creek Assn. Clerk failed to get text.

Eld. W. J. Brown of Upper Mayo. Text, And the Lord shut them in.

SUNDAY MORNING

Eld. J. R. Worrell of Upper Mayo. 1st Tim. 1-15.

Eld. C. N. Tilson of St. Clair's Bottom. Wisdom hath built her house.

Eld. Carl Mabe of Upper Mayo. Clerk failed to get text.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Eld. G. S. Williams. Comfort ye comfort ye, and etc.

Eld. J. A. Fagg of Upper Mayo. Then Peter opened his mouth.

Eld. Ed Davis of Senter Assn. The Lord is my shepherd.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article I. Of God and the Holy Trinity.

We believe in only the 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 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 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 '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 reprovved by the Association as it may think proper.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Fishers River Association and everywhere. Being appointed by the Association to write this letter I will try to write on the teachings of Christ. In instructing his people the Lord teaches them by comparison. He brings light out of darkness; life out of death; consolation out of tribulation, and comfort out of the most darkest seasons. Without the burden o:

sin we would not know the joys of salvation. The grace of God must teach these lessons or they will remain hidden. The grace of God that brings Salvation teaches us that denying ungodless and worldly lust we should live soberly and righteously in this present world. The apostle Paul told the brethren He died daily, yet He lived so when we are crucified to the world and die to its pleasure then it is the fruits of the Spirit bloom forth and ripen.

So this glorious Grace was given us, in Christ before the world began. All that will ever behold Him in His glory can say, with the Apostle who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His purpose and Grace that was given us in Him before the world began. Now as many as are borned of the Spirit are led by the Spirit, so Brethren and Sisters, let us walk after the Spirit, forgetting those things which are behind, we press on towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord may God add His blessings to all His dear, humble ones that may read these lines.

An unworthy brother in hope, J. GRAY FULK.
Mt. Airy, N. C.—Rt. 4.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

- George Denny Pinnacle, N. C., Rt. 2
- George Berrier Mount Airy, N. C.
- R. H. Riggan Mount Airy, N. C., Rt. 3
- D. E. Wood Mount Airy, N. C., Rt. 3
- J. L. Pyrtle Mayodan, N. C.
- G. W. Harris Mount Airy, N. C., Rt. 5
- J. G. Fulk Mt. Airy, N. C., Rt. 4
- G. L. Flippin Mount Airy, N. C., Rt. 1
- J. R. Cruise Mount Airy, N. C., Rt. 1
- P. P. Crawford Galax, Va.
- F. P. Stone Dobson, N. C., Rt. 2
- J. W. Creed Ararat, N. C., Rt. 1

LICENTIATES

- J. S. Key Carthage, N. C.
- Roy Hawks Winston-Salem, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

- Abbotts Creek Union: T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C. 15
- Ebenezer: Elder J. B. Jenkins, Luray, Va. 20
- Kehookee: R. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C. 35
- Ketoc-ton: Elder R. L. Byrd, Manassas, Va. 25
- Mountain: J. M. Rector, Sparta, N. C. 20

- New River: Elder J. S. Harris, Willis, Va. 35
 - Roaring River W. L. Brown, Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C. 10
 - Sender: G. E. Kilby, Crumpler, N. C. 15
 - The Primitive Baptist Asso. of Eastern North Carolina,
Elder P. E. Getsinger, Jonesville, N. C. 30
 - St. Clair's Bottom: Elder C. R. Dancy, Marion, Va. 10
 - Upper Mayo: J. W. Moorefield, Walnut Cove, N. C. 25
- TOTAL240

Churches	Pastors	Clerks	P O.	No. Min.
Ararat (Cedar Hill)				
	Geo. Denny, Carl T. Mabe, J. E. Simmons, R. 1, P. Mtn., N. C.			45
Boyles Chapel				
	S. H. Reid, Edd Priddy, W. A. Palmer, R. 7, W.-Salem, N. C.			50
Chestnut Grove				
	J. R. Cruise, Preston Crowder, G. P. Lyons, Lambsburg, Va.			70
Deep Creek				
		J. H. Spencer		25
Hogans Creek:				
	F. P. Stone	Katie Eads, R. 1, Siloam, N. C.		15
Liberty: R. H. Riggan, J. W. Creed, Stacy Pilson, Rt. 2, Dobson				
				20
Little Vine				
	R. H. Riggan, J. G. Fulk, G. L. Flippin, G. R. Gillispie, Dobson			60
Mulberry: F. P. Stone				
		O. B. Key, RFD, Elkin, N. C.		30
Mitchells River				
	R. H. Riggan, G. L. Flippin, D. E. Wood, Tom Southard, Mtn. Pk.			30
Pilot Mtn: J. R. Worrell, Geo Denny, J. H. Sheets, Pilot Mtn.,				
				40
Pleasant Grove: C. D. Hall H. E. Johnson, East Bend, N. C.				
				35
Rock House: W. J. Brown, M. H. Vaden, C. L. Slawter, Pinnacle				
				50
Stony Creek: F. P. Stone E. F. Simmons, R. 2, Pilot Mtn.				
				60
Stewarts Creek				
	G. W. Harris, J. G. Fulk, R. W. Mosley, R. 4, Mt. Airy, N. C.			75
Sandy Ridge: J. R. Crews, P. P. Crawford, A. M. Hawks, Mt. Airy				
		L. L. Law, R. 2, Pilot Mtn.		55
Toms Creek: F. P. Stone				
				100
Union: F. P. Stone, J. W. Creed G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C.				
				100
Volunteer: W. J. Brown R. L. Nelson, Pilot Mountain				
				25
Zion Hill: D. E. Wood, G. L. Flippin, W. P. Johnson, R. 3, Mt. Airy				
				25

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Last Assn. held	Communion Mo.	Sunday of meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Recd. by letter	Restored	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in fellowship	Contribution	
Ararat (Cedar Hill)	Eld. Geo. Denny, L. D. Denny, S. T. Bennett	1929	May	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	38	7.00	
Boyles Chapel	C. C. Boyles, Bill Spencer, W. S. Denny	1925	May	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	51	13.55	
Chestnut Grove	W. M. Berrier, Eld. Geo. Berrier, G. P. Lyons		Aug.	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	65	5.00	
Deep Creek	W. M. Flynn	1943	Sep.									17	3.00	
Hogans Creek		1933										14	1.00	
Liberty	Willie Hutchens, Sisters Stacy Pilson, Cora Bledsoe	1928	Sep.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	12.50	
Little Vine	J. D. White, S. R. Gillispie, G. W. White	1940	Aug.	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	54	17.00
Mulberry	O. B. Key, Sister Betty Southard	1938	Aug.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	10.50	
Mitchells River	G. W. Creed, Eld. R. H. Riggan, Sister Ida Nixon	1937	Jue.	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	5.00
Pilot Mtn.	S. J. Frye, Coley Venable, Jesse Collins	1935	Aug.	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	30	9.00
Pleasant Grove	A. A. Johnson, H. E. Johnson, John Hutchens	1941	Jue.	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	9.00
Rock House	W. R. Corns, E. E. Cox, C. L. Slawter	1942	Sep.	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	44	5.20
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons, W. C. Hiatt, J. M. Hunter	1931	Jue.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	44	15.00
Stewarts Creek	J. F. Anderson, R. W. Mosley, G. W. Harris	1936	Sep.	1	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	64	20.00
Sandy Ridge	P. L. Hawks, Eldridge Hawks, J. B. Easter		Aug.	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	52	5.25
Toms Creek	L. L. Love, Y. W. Simmons, L. T. Priddy	1944	Jue.	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	80	28.40
Union	S. J. Jones, T. M. Simpson, G. F. Riddle	1939	May	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	79	22.05
Volunteer	W. L. Fulk, Raymond Smith, R. L. Nelson	1930	Jue.	4	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	67	11.00
Zion Hill	W. P. Johnson, H. B. Thomas, Sister Alice Easter	1945	Jue.	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	5.00
TOTAL												792	195.20	