

MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
FISHERS RIVER
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

Held With the Church at
State Road, Surry County, N. C.
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 8, 9 and 10, 1913

OFFICERS:

Eld. W: H Atkinson, Mod., Round Peak, N. C.
Elder F. P. Stone, R. 1, Francisco, N. C.

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The eighty-first annual session, held with the church at State Road, Surry county, N. C., on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 8, 9, and 10, 1913.

PROCEEDINGS.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. D. Mickey, John 1:6.
2. After intermission, the messengers from the different churches assembled in the house; and, after prayer by Elder M. B. Martin, from the Mountain, proceeded to business.
3. Our moderator, Elder A. M. Denny, called for the appointment of a moderator to organize the association, and Elder W. H. Atkins was elected to fill the chair.
4. Letters from the several churches were received and read. The letters from Deep Creek church were referred to the Committee on Arrangements, and the contents of the rest were placed in the Statistical Table.
5. Called for correspondents and visitors from sister associations, and the following were received: From the Mountain, Brethren A. J. Galyen and T. C. Higgins, correspondents, and Elders M. B. Martin, J. M. Williams and S. U. Attwood and Brethren I. C. Reynolds, Thomas Fender, W. M. Richerson, T. R. Caudle and Hiram Edwards, visitors; From Zion, Elder Wesley Brindle and Brother R. S. Creed, correspondents, and Brother J. R. Creed, visitor; From Salem, Elder J. A. Ashburn, correspondent, and Bro. J. A. Thomas, visitor; From Roaring River, A. A. Johnson and A. J. Attwood, correspondents, and J. W. Lions and M. G. Lions, visitors; From Smiths River, Mayo and New River, a file of minutes; and a file of minutes were received from Mountain

Roaring River, Kehukee, Abbotts Creek, Little River, Upper Country Line, Lower Country Line, Contentnea, Salem and Abbotts Creek.

6. Agreed to elect our moderator and clerk by private ballot and Elder W. H. Atkinson was elected moderator, and Elder F. P. Stone clerk. The election was then made unanimous.

7. Agreed to elect our Committee on Arrangements by private ballot and that the moderator make all other appointments.

8. Appointed Elders L. T. Tucker and J. M. Williams to preach at the stand on Friday evening.

9. Appointed Brethren A. F. Stone, Jo Key, with the moderator and messengers of this church, to arrange the preaching for Saturday and Sunday, and Elders Wesley Brinzie, J. M. Williams, George Denny and A. M. Denny were appointed for Saturday, and Elders M. B. Martin, J. A. Ashburn and S. U. Attwood for Sunday.

10. Appointed Elder George Denny and Brother Jim Eldridge a Committee on Finance.

11. Appointed Elder W. M. Stone, and Brethren J. S. Morrison, a Committee on Correspondence.

12. Elected Elders G. O. Key, H. D. Mickey and D. Collins, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee on Arrangements.

13. Adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Preaching to begin each day at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 1913.

The association met pursuant to adjournment and, after prayer by Elder G. O. Key, proceeded to business as follows:

1. The Committee on Arrangements reported and were discharged.

2. Called the roll of messengers and correspondents.

3. Read Constitution, Covenant, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum.

4. Called on committee, sent to Deep Creek, to report. Their report was received and the committee discharged.

5. Called on Elder C. B. Denny for the obituary of Deacon Marion Welbourn. Brother Denny failing to report, the appointment stands.

6. Called on presbytery appointed to dissolve Rock Spring church and dispose of their property, and they reported and were discharged. The report is as follows:

We, the undersigned presbytery, duly appointed by the association to look after the remaining members of Rock Spring church, met at Mulbery church, August 31, 1912, and after services, it being late, we met at J. R. Welbourns' and proceeded to organize by electing Elder W. H. Atkinson Moderator, and J. T. Riggan Clerk. Finding Sister Sarah F. Welbourn and Brother Henry Shore in good standing, we gave them both letters of transfer to any church or churches of our faith and order; and finding Alice Koonts in disorder, by joining the Methodist order, we withdrew fellowship from her. This done by order of the presbytery and signed.

W. H. Atkinson, Mod.

J. M. Royal.

J. T. Riggan, Clerk.

We also found the old house and church land, but failed to find any deed or record of any kind.

J. T. Riggan, Clerk.

7. Brother J. T. Riggan was appointed to look after the deed to said property.

8. Noticed the request of Ararat church, referring to article three, item two, minute, 1912. It should have read, "was in 1911," instead of "are in 1912."

9. The letters from Deep Creek church were taken up for consideration, and we recommended that the Association recognise as the church, the members of said church who have kept their hands clean and had nothing to do with the difficulty; and that the contending parties of each faction make satisfaction with the church in a gospel way before they can be recognized with the church; and further advise that they be not seated until they comply with this advice; and we do further advise that the parties who are recognized as the church, who have affiliated with the contending parties, be excused, but recommend that they do so no more until satisfaction is made.

10 Called for the report of correspondents. Some of them reported that they had attended, and those who did not attend were excused.

11. Appointed correspondents to sister associations as follows: To Abbotts Creek, Elders H. D. Mickey, L. T. Tucker and Brother J. P. Simmons; To Mayo, Elder W. M. Stone, J. S. Morrison and R. W. Chandler; To Smiths River, Elders F. P. Stone, H. D. Mickey and Brother Albert Smith; To the Mountain, Elders W. H. Atkinson, J. M. Royal and Brother Melvin Southern; To Zion, Elder George Denny, J. T. Riggan and J. S. Morrison; To New River, Elders A. M. Denny, D. Collins and J. R. Cruise; To Salem, Elders G. Denny, G. O. Key and Brother A. F. Stone; To Roaring River, Elders James Creed, J. M. Royal and G. O. Key.

12. Appointed Elder G. O. Key to write a Circular Letter for our next association.

13. On motion the moderator appointed the following committee, to prepare a form for the several church clerks, to reduce the work of the associational clerk, to-wit: Elders G. O. Key, F. P. Stone and Brother J. T. Riggan.

14. Agreed that we hold our next association with Stew-

arts Creek church, one mile west of Mt. Airy, N. C., to be held on Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in August, 1914.

15. Agreed that we have the usual number of 1,000 minutes printed.

16. Agreed that we pay our Clerk \$10.00 for his services.

17. The Committee on Finance reported:

Received from the churches.....	\$28.70	
Balance in Clerk's hands.....	1.36	
Paid for printing and postage.....	\$16.00	
Gave to Clerk.....	10.00	
Surplus in Clerks hands.....	4.06	
Totals.....	\$30.06	\$30.06

18. We tendered a resolution of thanks to Elder A. M. Denny for his faithful services while serving this association as moderator.

19 Offered a resolution of thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for their generous hospitality and kindness in entertaining this association.

20. The foregoing proceedings were read and approved, and then adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.

ELDER W. H. ATKINSON, Mod.

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

THE PREACHING.

FRIDAY—1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. D. Mickey, from St. John 1:6; "There was a man sent from God," etc.; 2. Elder J. M. Williams (the clerk failed to get subject); 3. Elder L. T. Tucker, from St. John 14:21; "He that hath my commandments," etc.

SATURDAY—1. Elder Wesley Brindle, from Matt. 24:14; "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached," etc. 2. Elder J. M. Williams, Text: "Go and I will go with you." 3. Elder Geo. Denny, from St. John 4:32; "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." 4. Elder A. M. Denny, from 2 Tim. 2:14, 15; "Of these things put them in remembrance," etc.

SUNDAY—1. Elder M. B. Martin, from 1 Cor. 14:8; For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound," etc. 2. Elder J. A. Ashburn, from Eph. 6:11; "Put on the whole armor of God," etc. 3. Elder S. U. Atwood, no special subject.

F. P. STONE, Clerk.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS.

Associations.	Clerks.	Postoffices.	No. of Min.
Abbotts Creek	A. L. Owen,	R 2, Salisbury, N. C....	14
Contentnea	Elder J. P. Tingle,	Grantsboro, N. C.....	12
Ebenezer	Elder R. H. Pittman,	Luray, Va.....	12
Eno	G. C. Farthing,	Durham, N. C.....	14
Kehukee	Elder M. T. Lawrence,	Robersonville, N. C. .	14
Ketocton	Elder T. S. Dalton,	Front Royal, Va.....	15
Little River	Elder J. A. T. Jones,	Mc Cullers, N. C....	15
L. Conny line	J. H. Gooch,	Stem, N. C.....	12
Mayo	Elder E M Barnard,	Peters Creek, Va.....	15
Mountain	J. O. Brewer,	Bay Wood, Va.....	14
Mates Creek	H. S. Carter,	Coleman, Ky.....	12
New River	Elder P. G. Lester,	Floyd, Va.....	15
Pig River	E. L. Blankenship	Boons Mill, Va.....	12
Roaring River	W. V. Adams,	N. Wilksboro, N. C..	8
Staunton River	R. L. Dodson,	Ringold, Va.....	10
U. Country line	S. J. Hall,	Cedar Grove, N. C....	12
Zion	C. L. Woltz,	Galax, Va.....	10
Senter	J. M. Dickson,	Crumpler, N. C.....	15
Smiths River	Elder Q. D. Weeks,	Willis, Va.....	15
Salem	W. L. Teague,	Winston Salem, N. C..	15



DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES.

Churches.	Clerks.	Postoffices.	No. of Min
Albion	Ed. Slate,	Route 1, Francisco, N. C.	45
Ararat	Elder Geo. Denny,	Route 3, Pinnacle, N. C..	50
Deep Creek	Wm. D. Spencer,	Route 1, Siloam, N. C....	45
Fishers River	M. L. Gorden,	White Plains, N. C.....	15
Fishers Gap	C. H. Goodson,	Low Gap, N. C.....	44
Franklin	R. H. Riggan,	Dobson, N. C.....	35
Hogans Creek	S. D. Key,	Siloam, N. C.....	38
Laurel Springs	B. E. Chandler,	Route 3, Mt. Airy, N. C..	25
Liberty	L. B. Alberty,	Crutchfield, N. C.....	25
Littlevine	Jacob Mitchel,	Dobson, N. C.....	35
Mulberry	S. B. Jones,	Rusk, N. C.....	32
Pilot Mountain	S. A. Taylor,	Route 1, Mt. Airy, N. C..	45
Rock House	John E. Tilley,	R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C....	44
State Road	W. F. Nixon,	State Road, N. C.....	25
Stoney Creek	J. S. Morrison,	R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.....	34
Stuarts Creek	R. W. Mosley,	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.....	44
Toms Creek,	A. Q. Hunter,	R. 1, Pilot Mountain, N.C.	68
Union	C. W. Stone,	R. 1, Rockford, N. C....	55
Volunteer	P. W. Lawrence,	Route 2, Pinnacle, N. C..	35

FORM FOR CHURCH LETTER.

To the Ministers and Messengers composing the next session of the Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association: We the church at..... sendeth greetings;

Dear Brethren, we have chosen our esteemed brethren to-wit..... to represent us. Hope you will seat them in council with you.

Our statistics are as follows :

Church Meeting days.....	.....
Received by Experience.....	.....
Received by Letter.....	.....
Restored.....	.....
Dismissed by Letter.....	.....
Excluded.....	.....
Deceased.....	.....
Ordained Ministers.....	.....
Licentiates.....	.....
Total number in Fellowship.....	.....
Contribution.....	.....

Read, approved and signed by

..... Moderator.
 Clerk.

P. O.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

G. Denny,.....Route 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
A. M. Denny,Route 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
C. B. Denny,Route 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
H. Cain,.....Route 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. H. Moran,.....Route 1, Brim, N. C.
G. O. Key,Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson,.....Route 1, Round Peak, N. C.
H. D. Mickey,.....Route 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
W. M. Stone,.....Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. M. Royal,.....Roaring Gap, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle,.....Route 1, Westfield, N. C.
F. P. Stone,.....Route 1, Francisco, N. C.
George Denny,.....Route 3. Pinnacle, N. C.
James Creed,.....Route 1, Ararat, N. C.
D. Collins,.....Route 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
R. H. Riggans,.....Route 2, Dobson, N. C.
L. T. Tucker,.....Route 2, Pinnacle, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

Charlie Stone,.....Route 1, Rockford, N. C.
W. J. Key,.....Ararat, N. C.
J. Key,.....Route 3, Kernersvill, N. C.



CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Church Meetings	Ordained Min.	*Licensed Min.	Received by: Ex	Restored.	Dismissed by: Let	- Excluded.	Deceased.	No. In Fellowship	Contributions.
Albion	Elder F. P. Stone, Albert Smith and Ed Slate	4	2	7	2	1			1	38	2.70
Ararat	Elder A. M. Denny, A. Z. M. Denny and Sidney Fulk	2	4	1	1		1			49	1.75
Deep Creek	Not seated		0				0				2.15
Fishers River	Not represented.		0				0				
Fishers Gap	A. Galyen, A. Hodge and Samuel Low	2	0	1				2		62	1.30
Franklin	Elder W. H. Atkinson and J. T. Riggan	3	2				3			46	1.00
Hogans Creek	S. D. Key, Joe Key and W. F. Whitker	3	0				0			44	1.25
Laurel Springs	W. A. Dunbar and Z. E. Chandler	4	0	2	5		0			20	1.25
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter, Charls Parker and W. D. Holderfield	2	0	1			0	2		30	1.00
Littlevine	Jacob Mitchel J. W. Marion	4	0	4	5		0		1	41	1.40
Mulberry	A. B. Key, J. M. Eldridge and T. M. Woods	1	0			3	0		1	27	1.00
Pilot Mountain	Elders G. O. Key, L. T. Tucker and William Simons	1	2	1	3		0		1	43	2.00
Rock House	Elder D. Collins, W. C. King and W. V. Pyrtle	2	2	1			0		1	50	1.40
State Road	Elder J. M. Royal, W. F. Nixon and P. H. Cockerham	3	1	1	2		0		1	29	1.10
Stoney Creek	J. S. Morrison, J. F. Joyce and A. F. Stone	3	0	4			0			22	2.00
Stuarts Creek	H. M. Southern, R. W. Mosley and T. W. Watson	3	1	5			0			52	1.75
Toms Creek	A. Q. Hunter and S. W. Adams	2	1	1	5		0	1		85	2.50
Union	K. D. Key, Jessie Dunbar and Elisha Mosley	4	1	2			1	1		58	2.00
Volunteer	Elders H. D. Mickey, W. M. Stone and R. W. Chandler	3	2				0			37	1.15
Totals		18	4	33	17	4	5	1	11	733	\$28.70