

FISHER'S RIVER
PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION.

1897

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association.

—CONVENED WITH—

The Church at Hogan's Creek,
Surry County, N. C., April 23rd, 1897.

—ALSO—

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Sixty Fifth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association,

—CONVENED WITH—

The Church at State Road,
Surry County, N. C., Oct. 22nd, 1897.

SPRING SESSION.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder P. D. Gold from Rev. 20:6.

The association then convened in order.

Prayer by Elder E. E. Lundy.

Letters were then received from the churches which were represented as follows:

Liberty—R. T. Pilson, K. H. Bray, J. W. Jones.

Round Peak—Not represented.

Rock Spring—A. C. Woodruff.

Franklin—T. J. Lawson, R. H. Riggan, Jr.

Ararat—C. B. Denny, G. Denny, J. D. Key.

Volunteer—H. D. Mickey, F. M. Venable.

Stuart's Creek—H. C. Booker, T. A. Jones.

State Road—B. F. Absher, J. M. Royal.

Tom's Creek—H. Cain, H. M. Shelton.

Fisher's Gap—A. Galyean.

Mulberry—Russell Draughn, S. B. Jones, J. M. Eldrige.

Union—A. J. Taylor, J. W. Jones, R. W. Badget.

Fisher's River.—Wiley Riggs, G. W. Jones.

Hogan's Creek—C. C. Atkins, J. C. Flippin, W. F. Whitaker.

Rock House—J. A. Ashburn, D. Collins.

Zion Hill—Wm. Golding, G. W. Carver, Phillip Center.

Deep Creek—J. W. Angel, D. M. Fletcher, T. H. Poindexter.

Flower Gap—J. H. McCraw, O. Hanks, M. W. Noon-
cester.

Elk Spur—J. W. Strickland, A. Hawks.

Dover—J. D. Draughn, W. A. Nichols.

Mountain View—Not represented.

Martin—Not represented.

Pilot Mountain—G. O. Key, H. W. Gorden.

Then called upon the presbytery appointed to the arm of Ararat church, at Pilot Mountain to report, who reported that they attended and upon examination found them orthodox and orderly, and constituted them into a church, and messengers being present from said church with a letter asking for admission into this association.

They were received—the Moderator extending to them the right-hand of fellowship, whose names are enrolled table of churches.

Then called for correspondents and visiting elders when Elder J. A. Burch, correspondent from Country Line, and Elder E. E. Lundy visitor from the Mountain were seated in council.

Then organized by electing Elder M. G. Harbour Moderator, and A. M. Denny, Clerk.

Then elected Elders C. B. Denny and G. O. Key and brother Wm. Golding with the Moderator and Clerk a Committee of Arrangements.

Then elected Elders T. J. Lawson, J. M. Royal and W. H. Atkinson to preach on Saturday and Elder P. D. Gold, J. A. Burch and E. E. Lundy, to preach on Sunday.

Then agreed to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock and that preaching commence each day at 10.

Then adjourned.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder J. A. Burch.

On motion the committee reported the following business and was discharged.

1st. Called the roll of messengers and correspondents.

2nd. Read the Covenant, Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

3rd. Called upon the Presbytery appointed to Elk Spur who reported that they attended and found Bro. A. Z. Phillips sound in faith and set him apart to the work of the gospel ministry.

4th. Appointed Elder A. M. Denny to prepare an obituary of Brother F. M. McCraw and Elder J. D. Draughn to prepare one for Brother J. M. Gorden.

5th. We prefer the following complaint against the Roaring River church in the Roaring River Association. We the Fishers River Association, now in session at Hogan's Creek, Surry county, N. C., April 24th, 1897, do say to our sister, the Roaring River Association

that we humbly ask your honorable body to notice the disorder of Roaring River church and deal with them properly for disregarding the testimony of some of our brethren and sisters, to-wit: Elders C. B. Denny, A. C. Woodruff and J. M. Wyatt and brethren S. B. Jones, Russell Draughn, Marion Wilbourn, T. P. Nixon, and B. F. Absher, and sisters Nancy E. Phillips, S. E. Beamer and S. A. Cockerham and sustaining Elder W. R. Welbourn in the face of their testimony, and we appoint Elders M. G. Harbour, Gabriel Denny and Brother Wm. Golding to go with our regular appointed correspondents, to-wit: Elders G. O. Key, C. B. Denny and J. D. Draughn to the next session of the said Roaring River Association and labor to perpetuate peace and fellowship with them and us and that those brethren whose testimony was disregarded go and be with them.

6th. Offered thanks to the people of this vicinity for their kindness during this association.

Then adjourned.

M. G. HARBOUR, Moderator.
A. M. DENNY, Clerk.

PREACHING.

Each of the brethren filled their appointment and preached the word faithfully, in demonstration of the spirit and power of God and we hope it will prove a blessing to the large congregation in attendance.

MINUTES OF THE 65TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE FISHER'S RIVER PRIMITIVE BAP- TIST ASSOCIATION.

Convened with the church at State Road, Surry County N. C., October 22, 1897.

After prayer by Elder W. C. Jones, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. J. Taylor from Matthew 5:19.

The messengers then assembled in the house and after prayer by Elder Z. T. Turner, letters were received from the different churches and their account

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2nd. Read the covenant and Rules of Decorum.

3rd. Received the obituaries of Elder Nathan Alberty, R. R. Key and Brethren R. P. Phillips, F. McCraw and J. M. Jordan and ordered that they be annexed to our minutes.

4th. Called upon those appointed as correspondents to sister associations to report, some of whom attended and those who did not were excused.

5th. Called upon the committee appointed to visit the Roaring River Association who reported that they attended with our correspondents and that they were seated in that association, but that their testimony was disregarded and our letter not satisfactory answered. We therefore in answer to the letter from that Association say: In consideration of the testimony of these brethren who were appointed to visit you at your last association, we sustain our brethren and believe their testimony and we believe they have been treated in a very unchristian manner by Elder W. R. Welbourn and also by the Roaring River church and we therefore declare non fellowship with Elder Welbourn and also with Roaring River church for holding him and disregarding the testimony of our brethren and we agree also to withhold the appointing of further correspondents with your body until you exonerate our brethren from all things in which they are wrongfully accused. We also agree that this 5th item of these minutes be published in the Alleghany Star and in Zion's Landmark with a request that the Gospel Messenger will please copy.

6th. Appointed correspondents as follows: To Mayo, J. M. Wyatt, M. G. Harbour, G. O. Key; to Smith's River, J. M. Wyatt, M. G. Harbour, A. M. Denny; to New River, J. D. Draughn, C. B. Denny, A. C. Woodruff; to Mountain, A. C. Woodruff, J. D. Draughn, G. O. Key; Center, J. M. Royal, G. O. Key, J. D. Draughn. Agreed that we send minutes to Country Line Little River, Keehukee, Abbot's Creek, White Oak, Mill Branch, Pig River, Staunton River, Ebenezer and Keeterton association.

7th. Called upon the Committee of Finance to report

who received from the churches at this time \$24:12.

8th. We advise the churches of this association not to receive nor hold members of immoral character.

9th. Agreed that the assistance to ministers should be given under the nature of benevolence and not as a debt.

10th. Appointed Elder A. M. Denny to write a circular letter for our next year's minutes.

11th. Agreed that the clerk have 1000 copies of these minutes printed and distribute them as usual.

12th. Agreed that the next session of this association be held with the church at Stuarts Creek, 1 mile west of Mt. Airy, Surry county, N. C., to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in April, 1898, and that our next annual session be held with the church at Martin, 1 mile N. W. of Willis Gap, in Carroll county, Va., to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in Oct. 1898.

13th. Offered a resolution of thanks to those of this community who have shown kindness to us during this association.

Then adjourned.

M. G. HARBOUR, Moderator.
A. M. DENNY, Clerk.

Address, Dale, N. C.

PREACHING.

Each of the brethren filled their appointment in the stand and were well favored with spirit of the gospel and we hope it will be sanctified to the good of the many souls that were present.

CLERK.

Paid for printing and postage	\$12.00
Clerks fee	\$10.00

NAME OF CHURCH.	CHURCH MEETING.	NAME OF CLERK.	POSTOFFICE.	STATE.
Liberty	1st Sunday	L B Alberty	Cody	North Carolina
Round Peak	4th "	A Vaughn	Round Peak	North Carolina
Rock Spring	4th "	Marion Welborn	Mosely	North Carolina
Franklin	3rd "	R H Riggan	Edwardsville	North Carolina
Ararat	2nd "	John Denny	Pilot Mountain	North Carolina
Volunteer	3rd "	P W Lawrence	Pilot Mountain	North Carolina
Stuart's Creek	3rd "	S J Booker	Mt Airy	North Carolina
State Road	2nd "	T P Nixon	Kapp's Mills	North Carolina
Tom's Creek	4th "	J W Love	Mt Airy	North Carolina
Fisher's Gap	2nd "	J Dicken	Low Gap	North Carolina
Mulberry	1st "	S B Jones,	Rusk	North Carolina
Union	4th "	A J Taylor	Ash Hill	North Carolina
Fisher's River	2nd "	James Haynes	Dobson	North Carolina
Hogan's Creek	3rd "	J A Wall	Copeland	North Carolina
Zion Hill	2nd "	Wm Golding	Round Peak	North Carolina
Rock House	2nd "	J E Tilley	Brown Mountain	North Carolina
Deep Creek	1st "	W D Spencer	East Bend	North Carolina
Flower Gap	1st "	J C McCraw	Aaron	Virginia
Elk Spur	2nd "	J J Ayers	Elk Spur	Virginia
Dover	4th "	C J Draughn	White Plains	North Carolina
Mt'n View	4th "	T J Gates	Ararat	Virginia
Martin		C H Martin	Gladesboro	Virginia
Pilot M't'n	1st "	O J Denny	Pilot Mountain	North Carolina

*The letter from Deep Creek was handed in to the clerk after the Association.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Rec'd by Ex. and Bap.	Restored.	Dis. by Let. Excluded.	Deceased.	No. in Fel'p.	Contribution
Round Peak	A Vaughn, W. D. Vaughn	1	1	2	9	36	40
Rock Spring	A C Woodruff, M. Welbourn,	2	1	2	2	36	36
Franklin	T J Lawson, C W York, R H Riggan,	2	1	2	2	31	00
Ararat	C B Denny, Aaron Fulk,	1	2	9	1	75	50
Volunteer	S wain Chandler, P W Lawrence, W M Stone,	1	1	1	1	23	31
Stuart's Creek	T A Jones, Wm Teague,	1	1	3	2	92	00
State Road	J M Wyatt, J M Royal, T P Nixon,					46	11
Tom's Creek	Calvin Hollingsworth,	2	1	1	1	56	15
Fisher's Gap	Charlie Goodson,	2	1	1	1	46	05
Mulberry	S B Jones, J M Eldridge, Russel Draughn,	4	4	1	1	22	00
Union	W H Atkinson, W J Key, K D Key,	4	4	1	1	48	16
Fisher's River	Wiley Riggs,	4	4	1	1	13	50
Hogan's Creek	W F Whitaker; J C Flippin,	5	1	5	1	50	60
Zion Hill	W Golding, C M Calloway,	1	1	3	3	30	00
Rock House	D Collins, L F Joyce,	1	1	3	3	14	21
Deep Creek	Not represented *	4	1	1	1	23	21
Flower Gap	J H McCraw, O Hawks,	1	1	1	1	16	52
Elk Spur	A Z Phillips, J J Ayers, J H Baldwin,	1	1	1	1	20	75
Dover	J D Draughn,	1	1	1	1	16	45
Mt'n View	T J Gates, R A Gunnel,	2	2	1	1	19	10
Martin	C A Martin, S B Bowman,	2	2	1	1	19	10
Pilot M't'n	G O Key, O J Denny,	1	1	1	1	15	00
Liberty	J W Jones,	1	1	1	1	29	10

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF MINISTERS BELONGING TO THIS ASSOCIATION AND AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

M G Harbour,	Copeland,	Surry county, N Carolina
T J Lawson,	Edwardsville	Surry county, N Carolina
J D Draughn,	White Plains,	Surry county, N Carolina
G Denny.	Pilot M't'n,	Surry county, N Carolina
C B Denny,	Deron,	Surry county, N Carolina
A M Denny,	Dale,	Surry county, N Carolina
Henry Shore*	Charity.	Surry county, N Carolina
H Cain,	Westfied,	Surry county, N Carolina
A C Woodruff,	Boonville,	Yadkin county N Carolina
J Moran,	Big Creek,	Stokes county, N Carolina
A Moran,	Danbury.	Stokes county, N Carolina
A Gardner,	Fancy Gap,	Carrol county, Virginia
C J Draughn*	White Plains,	Surry county, N Carolina
W H Atkinson,	Ash Hill,	Surry county, N Carolina
J M Wyatt,	Roaring Gap,	Surry county, N Carolina
Wm M Stone,	Pilot M't'n,	Surry county, N Carolina
G O Key,	Pilot M't'n,	Surry county, N Carolina
J A Ashburn,	Pilot M't'n,	Surry county, N Carolina
H D Mickey,	Pilot M't'n,	Surry county, N Carolina
J M Royal,	State Road,	Surry county, N Carolina
A Z Phillips,	Elk Spur,	Carrol county, Virginia
C C Adkins*	Copeland,	Surry county, N Carolina

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OBITUARIES.

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May God bless all that mourn on account of the doings of death.

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loss is not to be compared with his everlasting gain and as we feel our own great loss, we also extend our sympathy to the widow, relatives and friends in their great bereavement.

C. B. Denny

Russel Rutherford Key was born June 18th, 1846 and was married to Rosanah Boaz Denny March 3rd, 1868. He joined the Primitive Baptist church at Union 3rd Sunday in December 1887. He was licensed to speak in public August 12, 1888, and was ordained to all the functions of the gospel, August 5th, 1891. Previous to the time of his ordination he lived in honor to the cause he professed and after he was ordained he discharged the duties of a minister faithfully until it pleased the Lord to afflict him with fatal disease. He died July 13th, 1896, leaving a wife and twelve children and many other relatives and friends to mourn his loss, yet we believe our loss is his eternal gain and while we feel our own loss we also extend our sympathy to the widow and children and others in their bereavement.

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Brother James M. Gorden was born August 3rd, 1825, and deceased November 24th, 1896, leaves a wife and two children with a number of grand-children and friends to mourn their loss having three children to pass in to death before him.

He served as justice of the peace about 23 years and give general satisfaction.

He joined the Primitive Baptist church at Fisher's River Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in March, 1892, and was ordained to the office of Deacon on Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 1893, and filled said office with honor to his death.

He was granted a letter from said church August 12th 1893, and joined at Dover, 16th of same month, was a faithful member much esteemed by the church: we miss him much but since it is God's will to remove him from earth we bow in submission but not without hope. He was a good citizen, a kind husband, a good father and neighbor, in short a true man to every trust.

James D. Draughan.