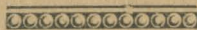


**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**Ninety-Ninth Annual Session**  
OF THE  
**Fisher's River**  
**Primitive Baptist**  
**Association**

HELD WITH  
**The Church at Stony Creek**  
Surry County, North Carolina  
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
July 9, 10 and 11, 1931



**OFFICERS**

ELD. F. P. STONE, ..... Moderator  
R. F. D. No. 1, Francisco, North Carolina  
G. J. KEY, ..... Clerk  
Ararat, North Carolina  
ELD. GEO. DENNY, ..... Assistant Clerk  
Pilot Mountain, North Carolina

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

G. O. Key ..... Pilot Mountain, N. C.  
W. H. Atkinson ..... R. 1, Round Peak, N. C.  
J. M. Royal ..... Thurmond, N. C.  
J. S. Purtle ..... Kernersville, N. C.  
F. P. Stone ..... R. 1, Francisco, N. C.  
Geo. Denny ..... Pilot Mountain, N. C.  
J. W. Creed ..... R. 1, Ararat N. C.  
D. Collins ..... R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.  
R. H. Riggans ..... Dobson, N. C.  
J. C. Dunbar ..... R. 4, Mt. Airy, N. C.  
J. W. Beasley ..... R. 2, Mt. Airy, N. C.  
J. S. Morrison ..... R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.  
G. W. Harris ..... R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.  
C. W. Stone ..... R. 1, Rockford, N. C.  
A. B. Key ..... R. 1, Rusk, N. C.  
Charley Adams ..... R. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.

## LICENTIATES

J. D. Key ..... 408 Cleveland Ave., Winston-Salem, N. C.  
J. S. Key ..... Cumberland, Va.  
S. T. Atkinson ..... R. 1, Round Peak, N. C.

## PROCEEDINGS

### FRIDAY

1. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Elder G. O. Key, and introductory sermon preached by Eld. W. J. Brown of Mayo Association. Clerk failed to get text.
2. After intermission we assembled in the house and the work of the Association was opened by prayer by Elder D. Collins.
3. Elders W. S. England of Elkhorn Association and Garfield Roberts of Mountain Association were sent to the stand to preach in the afternoon.
4. Letters from the different churches received, read and messengers seated, except from Fisher's Gap, their letter referred to the committee.
5. The Association was organized by electing by acclamation, Elder F. P. Stone, Moderator, G. J. Key, Clerk, and Elder Geo. Denny, Asst. Clerk.
6. Called for correspondents as follows:  
Roaring River—Not represented.  
Mayo—Eld. W. J. Brown and J. E. Hutchens, correspondents, Eld. R. L. Anderson and A. A. Jefferson, visitors.  
Mountain—Eld. Garfield Roberts, J. M. Williams and Sam Pender, visitors.  
Abbotts Creek—J. T. Flinchum and L. R. Taylor, visitors.  
Salem—Roll of minutes.  
Bear Creek—Roll of minutes.  
Upper Country Line—J. R. Jones and Eld. F. W. Keene, visitors.  
Lower Country Line—File of minutes.  
Little River—Elder E. F. Pierce.  
Black Creek—File of minutes.  
Smith River—File of minutes.  
Elk Horn—Elders H. V. Snow and W. S. England, visitors.  
New River—G. S. Williams, R. L. Stockner, correspondents, Elds. J. P. Goad, R. P. Vass and D. S. Webb, visitors.  
Files of minutes received from Little River, Senter, Contentnea, Pig River and Kehukee Associations.
7. Moved and seconded that correspondents and visitors from sister associations be seated. And on objection by Eld. J. S. Morrison to seating Smith River, New River and Mountain these were referred to the committee and all others seated.
8. Appointed the Moderator and Clerk to make all committee appointments.
9. Appointed Elders Geo. Denny, D. Collins and J. C. Dunbar to serve with Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements.
10. A. A. Taylor and R. F. Cox committee on finance.
11. J. H. Sheets and S. T. Atkinson to distribute minutes.
12. J. P. Slawter and A. Q. Hunter to serve with the Moderator and messengers of Stony Creek church a committee on preaching.
13. Called for Petitionary letter. A letter from Round Peak church was read requesting us to accept watch care over them, this was referred to the committee.
14. This Minute read and approved.
15. Adjourned to meet at nine o'clock Saturday for business and at ten o'clock for preaching.

### SATURDAY MORNING

1. Service was introducing by singing and prayer by Elder

J. P. Goad of New River.

2. Letters were received from Connors Grove and Volunteer and messengers seated.

3. Messengers from Fisher's Gap not seated due to their using Elder W. C. Brooks as their Moderator, after his having been excluded by his home church viz. Little Vine.

4. Called for report of committee on arrangements, report read, received and committee discharged.

5. Read articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

6. Moved, seconded and carried unanimous that messengers and visitors from New River, Mountain and Smith River Associations be seated with us.

7. Called for report of correspondents, those who attended reported and those who did not were excused.

8. Appointed correspondents as follows, viz: —Mayo, Elders J. W. Beasley, J. W. Creed, G. O. Key, J. D. Key and Brother R. L. Jones; Salem—Elder J. C. Dunbar; Roaring River—S. L. Arrington and Elder J. W. Beasley; Abbotts Creek—Elders G. O. Key, J. W. Beasley and J. D. Key; Bear Creek—Elder A. B. Key; Upper Country Line—File of minutes; Lower Country Line—File of minutes; Smiths River—Elders G. W. Harris and D. Collins; New River—Elders G. O. Key, C. W. Stone and G. W. Harris; Mountain—Elders C. W. Stone and W. H. Atkinson.

9. Circular Letter read, received and ordered attached to our minutes.

10. Appointed Elder C. W. Stone to write our next Circular Letter.

11. Appointed R. W. Mosley to write an obituary of Brother T. A. Jones. Elder J. W. Creed to write an obituary of Brother S. D. Key and Eld. Geo. Denny to write an obituary of Brother P. W. Lawrence and all to appear in our next minutes.

12. Called for copy of obituary written of Brother Jacob Mitchell, to be published in our next minutes.

13. Taking under consideration the confusion in Zion Association, and the fact that Round Peak church having been a member of Zion Association, we feel that to accept watch care of Round Peak church would not be best at this time.

14. Agreed that our next session of the Association be held with the church at Laurel Springs, Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in July in 1932.

15. Called for report of finance committee, they reported as follows, viz:

Received from churches.....	\$54.65
Balance in Clerk's hands .....	11.22
Total finances.....	\$65 87
Gave Clerk .....	\$15 00
Gave Moderator .....	10.00
Paid for printing Minutes.....	32.50
Total.....	\$57.50

Balance in Clerk's hands ..... \$ 8.37

Report received and committee discharged.

16. Agreed to have 1250 Minutes printed and distributed as usual.

17. The Association voted a resolution of thanks to God, for preserving us to meet again, and to the brethren, sisters and friends of the community for their kindness and hospitality in caring for the Association.

18. This Minute read and approved.

19. Adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

ELD. F. P. STONE, Moderator, R. 1, Francisco, N. C.

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

ELD. GEO. DENNY, Assistant Clerk, Pilot Mtn., N. C.

### ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY	W. J. Brown	Clerk failed to get text
	W. S. England	Clerk failed to get text
	Garfield Roberts	Clerk failed to get text
SATURDAY	G. C. Roberts. Text, St. John 1st. Chapter	
	G. S. Williams. Text, Cor. 2 : 5.	
	J. P. Goad. Text, Tim. 2 : 15—"Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman, etc.	
	H. V. Snow.	Clerk failed to get text.
	W. J. Brown.	No text used.
SUNDAY	R. P. Vass.	No text used.
	D. Smith Webb. Text, St. John 1st Chapter	
	E. F. Pierce. Text, Isah. 9 : 6.	
	C. M. Adams. Ps. 42 : 7.	

### CIRCULAR LETTER

Being appointed to assist in writing a circular letter to be attached to the Minutes of our next Association. I will say that I feel my weakness and inability very keenly as I assume this responsibility. However for the love and esteem I have for the cause I will try to conform to the appointment. I know no better subject to select to write about, than the virgin birth of our savior, this being one of the greatest and most outstanding event we have any account of, and portrays richly his mission here in the world.

On the side of humanity he was flesh and blood, born of the Virgin Mary, in Bethlehem of Judea, and there being no room for his mother in the Inn, he was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger without the usual wearing apparel preparatory to birth being at hand. Coming in this way he was poor enough to reach the humblest of humanity and could suffer as we suffer; shed tears and weep as we weep; was a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief.

At the time of his birth through the providence of God an angel spoke to the shepherds minding their flocks by night and they were afraid, and the angels said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord," further instructing them how they would find the young child and his mother. These shepherds were moved by the spirit of the Lord to go and search for the Holy child. Their inquiry troubled King Herod and all Jerusalem with him so much that the King called a council of the chief priests and scribes and demanded of them where Christ should be born. It appears that there were some in this council that knew

more about the prophecy written in the Scriptures than King Herod in all his glory. They said unto him, in answer to his questions, where Christ should be born. In Bethlehem of Judea, for there it is written by the great prophets. Herod asked the wise men to bring him word when they found him that he might go and worship him, also, but they returned to their country another way. At this time he was so enraged that he issued a decree that all the children two years old and under should be slain, but this wicked decree failed in its purpose and the will and purpose of God was accomplished.

So it is conclusive that in all ages and among all people there has been believers in Jesus Christ, believing that the Virgin Mary was his mother and God was his Father.

Being about thirty years old he began to teach and preach, doing the work his father gave him to do, proving to the multitudes that followed him that he possessed supernatural powers, performing many miracles and wonderful works among the people in the three years of his ministry. Officers said, "Never man spakelike this man". Others said, "What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sun obey him?" Peter said, "Thou art the son of the living God."

ELD. GEO. DENNY.

#### CHURCHES AND MODERATORS

Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny
Boyles Chapel	Eld. S. H. Reed
Conners Grove	Eld. J. W. Beasley
Deep Creek	Eld. R. H. Riggins
Dover	
Fishers River	Elds. J. W. Beasley, R. H. Riggins
Fishers Gap	Eld. W. C. Brooks
Franklin	Eld. W. H. Atkinson
Hagans Creek	Eld. R. H. Riggins
Hollingsworth Grove	Eld. R. L. Anderson
Laurel Springs	Elds. J. C. Dunbar, Jas. W. Creed
Liberty	Eld. Jas. C. Creed
Little Vine	Elds. W. C. Brooks, W. H. Atkinson
Mulberry	Eld. C. W. Stone
Mitchells River	Eld. R. H. Riggins
Pilot Mountain	Elds. G. O. Key, Geo. Denny
Rock House	Elds. W. H. Atkinson, D. Collins
Stone Road	Elds. J. M. Royal, W. C. Brooks
Stony Creek	Eld. F. P. Stone
Stewarts Creek	Elds. G. O. Key, J. C. Dunbar
Toms Creek	Eld. F. P. Stone
Union	Elds. Jas. W. Creed, C. W. Stone, J. C. Dunbar
Volunteer	Eld. C. W. Stone

#### Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Association	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Abbotts Creek	C. B. Owens	R. 2 Salisbury, N. C.	18
Black Creek	Eld. E. L. Cobb	Wilson, N. C.	24
Bear Creek	J. W. Jones	Peachland, N. C.	22
Contentnea	H. L. Blake	Rocky Mount, N. C.	24
Ebeneezer	W. L. Carpenter	Brightwood, Va.	14
Kehukee	B. S. Cowin	Williamston, N. C.	30
Ketocton	Eld. C. W. Miller, Bx 1267,	Washington, D. C.	21
Lower Country Line	J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C.	19
Mountain	J. M. Rector	Baywood, Va.	17
Mayo	S. G. Dobyns	R. F. D., Stuart, Va.	30
New River	Eld. J. M. Dickerson	Floyd, Va.	30
Pig River	Eld. E. L. Blankenship	Boone Mill, Va.	27
Roaring River	Eld. M. P. Spencer	N. Wilkesboro, N. C.	12
Silver Creek	T. H. Bentley	Stanley, N. C.	10
Salem	J. H. McKaughan	Kernersville, N. C.	11
Senter	J. F. Hartzog	Idlewild, N. C.	15
Staunton River	Eld. W. R. Dodd	Whitmell, Va.	18
Smith River	Eld. J. D. Cockram	Stuart, Va.	21
Upper Country Line	Eld. J. W. Gilliam	Altamahaw, N. C.	19
White Oak	Eld. Isaac Jones	Maple Hill, N. C.	16
Little River	L. H. Stephenson	Willow Spring, N. C.	20

#### Distribution of Minutes to the Churches

Church	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny	Pilot Mountain, N. C.	30
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer	R. 1, King,	35
Conners Grove	T. J. Gates	R. 2, Bx. 20, Mt. Airy,	30
Deep Creek	J. D. Spencer	East Bend,	25
Dover	J. M. Creed	White Plains,	10
Fishers River	G. W. Wilson	White Plains,	15
Fishers Gap	Mahlen Lowe	Low Gap,	30
Franklin	E. M. Goings	Bottom,	45
Hagans Creek	Joe Key	R. 1, Siloam,	35
Hollingsworth Grove	S. L. Arrington	R. 2, Mt. Airy,	23
Laurel Springs	C. T. Hall	Mt. Airy,	18
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter	R. 1, Crutchfield,	17
Little Vine	A. J. Beamer	Dobson,	50
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge	State Road,	30
Mitchells River	J. A. Coleman	Dobson,	15
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets	Pilot Mountain,	40
Rock House	R. F. Cox	R. 1, Pilot Mountain,	45
State Road	W. F. Nixon	R. 2, State Road,	35
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons	R. 1, Mt. Airy,	40
Stewarts Creek	R. W. Mosley	R. 3, Mt. Airy,	75
Toms Creek	Frank R. Stone	R. 1, Francisco,	90
Union	G. J. Key	Ararat,	90
Volunteer	L. G. Tucker	King,	18

# STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Communion mo.	Sun. of Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec. by Ex.-Bap	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Disin. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Ararat .....	C. W. Key, L. D. Denny, D. J. Denny .....	Aug.	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	31	2.00	
Boyles Chapel .....	W. A. Palmer, W. S. Denny, J. P. Slawter .....	May	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	5.00	
Connors Grove .....	R. L. Jones, J. W. Beasley, Ramey Belton .....	May-Oct.	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	30	1.50	
Deep Creek .....	H. P. Spencer, J. R. Hall, M. M. Flinn .....	Sep.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	27	1.75	
Dover .....	Not Represented .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Fishers River .....	Geo. Wilson, Wesley Branch, Berley Jenkins .....	Aug.	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	15	..	
Fishers Gap .....	Mahlen Lowe, Samie Lowe, Burlie Lowe .....	Aug.	2	..	4	..	..	..	1	2	32	1.20	
Franklin .....	R. H. Riggans, W. H. Atkinson, S. L. Atkinson .....	Aug.	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	2	45	3.25	
Hagans Creek .....	Joe Key, J. W. Wall, J. S. Perry .....	Jul.	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	35	1.50	
Hollingsworth Grove .....	J. S. Anderson, Cephus Childress, S. L. Arrington .....	Jul.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	2.50	
Laurel Springs .....	L. B. Dunbar, C. T. Hall, John Creed .....	Aug.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	1.50	
Liberty .....	J. W. Pilson, Herbert Ashburn, R. S. Poindexter .....	Aug.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	17	2.00	
Little Vine .....	Jesse Callahan, J. R. Freeman, J. D. Freeman .....	Aug.	0	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	55	1.50	
Mulberry .....	J. M. Eldridge, A. B. Key, Oscar Key .....	Aug.	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	33	1.30	
Mitchells River .....	P. H. Snow, J. A. Coleman, Hapton Stuart .....	Jul.	4	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	.75	
Pilot Mountain .....	G. O. Key, J. H. Sheets, J. C. Matthew .....	Aug.	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	41	2.75	
Rock House .....	R. F. Cox, D. Collins, W. C. King .....	Aug.	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	47	2.00	
State Road .....	J. M. Royal, W. F. Nixon, J. H. Stonestreet .....	Jul.	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	2	38	2.25	
Stony Creek .....	E. F. Simmons, J. H. Joyce, W. C. Hiatt .....	Jul.	3	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	39	4.50	
Stewarts Creek .....	G. W. Harris, J. E. Jones, R. W. Mosley .....	Aug.	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	77	5.00	
Toms Creek .....	A. Q. Hunter, Ed Slate, Y. W. Simmons .....	Sep.	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	101	6.50	
Union .....	A. A. Taylor, H. R. Key, T. M. Simpson .....	Jul.	4	3	..	7	..	..	..	..	101	5.40	
Volunteer .....	D. I. Bennett, A. D. Owen .....	Aug.	3	0	..	..	..	..	..	2	18	1.25	

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