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Minutes
OF THE
One Hundred and Ninety-fifth
Annual Session
OF THE
Mountain District
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH
Crab Creek Church
ENNICE, NORTH CAROLINA
BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE
FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

1993

NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH
LITTLE RIVER CHURCH
SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA
Located on Memorial Park Drive, one block east of Route 21
BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST
SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER 1994 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Proceedings

OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The association met with Crab Creek Church for its One Hundred Ninety-Fifth annual session.

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Lester Faulkner from Chestnut Grove Church the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Eddie G. Lyle - text Colossians 3:10.

After intermission of one hour during which lunch was served, the messengers assembled in the meeting house to attend to the business of the association. Were called to order with prayer by Elder Sexton Pope from Original Little River Association.

1. Called for, received and read letters from the Churches.
2. Called for petitionary letters from other churches of the same faith and order desiring admission to the Association. None came.
3. Organized by move, second and approval to elect Elder Jess B. Higgins Moderator, Lic. Terry V. Wilson Asst. Moderator, Roy Truitt Clerk, and Jerry Poe Asst. Clerk.
4. Called for visitors from Sister Associations and Sister Churches. The following came forward and were welcomed to our midst.

SENDER ASSOCIATION: Sister Myrtle Caroway, Sister Kathleen Barker, Sister Beverly Barker, Brother Paul H. Bare, Brother Ben Miller, Sister Hazel Bare, Sister Emalee Miller, Elder James McNeill

UPPER CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION: Elder Elas Randall, Jr.

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder Sexton Pope, Sister Margaret Pope

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION: Elder Larry Austin, Elder E. W. Hooven, Jr.

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION: Brother Finley Ratliff, Sister Bernice Ratliff, Elder Franklin Oresta

WALNUT COVE CHURCH: Brother Raymond J. Bibey, Brother Paul Lemons, Brother J. F. Mounce, Lic. Jimmy Haynes

MT. LEBANON CHURCH: Brother Arnold Combs, Sister Josie Combs

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH: Elder Lester Faulkner, Elder Raymond Sumner, Sister Nina Sumner

MT. OLIVE CHURCH: Sister Joyce Hodges

CHILHOWIE CHURCH: Brother Melvin Davis, Sister Sibyl Davis

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM ASSOCIATION: Elder Leonard Barton, Sister Maggie Barton, Elder Eddie Lyle, Sister Virgie Lyle

PINE GROVE CHURCH: Elder Ronald Bowman

PULASKI CHURCH: Elder Jay Harris

NORTH VIEW CHURCH: Brother Cranford Priddy

COMMUNITY CHURCH: Brother O'Bain Hylton

PUCKETT MEMORIAL CHURCH: Sister Imogene Rector

BLACK ROCK CHURCH: Sister Pauline Welden

MT. CARMEL CHURCH: Sister Elsie Evans

MARTIN CHURCH: Sister Ethel Vass

NEW FELLOWSHIP CHURCH: Elder Carbon Vass, Sister Violet Vass

NO CREEK CHURCH: Elder Eugene Bennett

PINE CHURCH: Elder Kemp Walker, Sister Edith Walker

STEWARTS CREEK CHURCH: Elder Walter Thomas

AFTON ROAD CHURCH: Elder Dan Parker

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH: Elder Harvey Carpenter

FOUR OAKS CHURCH: Lic. Tony Parker

5. Received minutes from the following Associations: Union, Ebenezer, Senter, Original Bear Creek, Original Mates Creek, Little Yadkin River, Mount Zion, Ketocton, Sandlick.

6. By move, second and approval the moderator will make all temporary committee appointments for this session.

(a) Preaching Committee: Brethren Junior Williams, James Wyatt, Jack Nichols, Blake Roberts, Thomas Farmer, Greene Ward.

(b) Finance Committee: Brethren Carl Williams, Larry Spurlin, Jim Mabe, John Nichols, Terry Wilson, Roy Truitt, Cecil Wyatt, Arvel Newberry.

(c) Committee to distribute corresponding minutes: Brethren Erick Rector, Guthrie Caudill, Page Wagoner, James Hayden, Steve Gayheart, Elder Bruce Higgins, Sister Dorothy Wyatt.

(d) Committee on arrangements: Brethren Norman Brown, Jessie Funk, Woodrow Burgess, Paris Hackler, Jerry Poe, Sisters Fairy Gambill and Marye L. Rector.

7. By move, second and approval the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. Closed with prayer by Elder Kemp Walker from Pine Church.

SATURDAY MORNING

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Larry Austin from Original Bear Creek Association:

1. Called roll of messengers and marked off those that were absent.
2. Called for visitors, those that came forward were added to Friday's list.
3. Called for committee on arrangements to report. They recommend the following:
 - (a) To have 700 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.
 - (b) Next session of the Association to convene with Little River Church, Sparta, North Carolina, located on Memorial Park Drive, one block east of Route 21.
 - (c) To have a memoriam of our deceased members printed in the minutes. Also obituaries and pictures that are requested by the churches.

(d) That each church in the Association be given the opportunity to host 5th Sunday meetings on a rotating basis. If any church does not wish to host the meeting, it will go to the next church on the host list.

5th Sunday meetings for the next year:

October 31, 1993	Galax Church
January 30, 1994	Little River
May 29, 1994	Crab Creek
July 31, 1994	Peach Bottom
October 30, 1994	Antioch

By move, second and approval the recommendations of the committee on arrangements were adopted.

4. Committee on finance gave the following report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Received from the churches	\$ 907.00
For printing of minutes	585.20
Gave to moderator	50.00
Balance in treasury from last year	1,002.42
Balance in treasury to carry over for next year	<u>\$1,274.22</u>
Received from Brethren, Sisters, and Friends	<u>\$1,050.00</u>
which was distributed to visiting Elders.	

5. Committee to distribute corresponding minutes made their report and were discharged.

6. Committee on preaching made their report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Friday afternoon: Prayer by Elder Danny Parker

Elder Elas Randall Jr. - Genesis 1:14

Elder Leonard Barton dismissed with prayer

Friday night: Prayer by Elder James McNeill

Elder Leonard Barton - Ezekiel 36:24

Elder Sexton Pope - Galatians 4:1

Elder Bruce Higgins dismissed with prayer

Saturday morning: Elder Danny Parker - Ephesians 1:11

Elder Ronald Bowman - Romans 15:4

Elder Carbin Vass dismissed with prayer

Saturday afternoon: Prayer by Elder Kemp Walker

Elder Franklin Oresta - failed to get text

Elder Harvey Carpenter - Romans 8:1

Elder Raymond Sumner dismissed with prayer

Saturday night: Prayer by Brother Jimmy Haynes

Elder E. W. Hooven - St. Matthew 11:28

Elder Jay Harris - Psalms 119:18

Elder Sexton Pope dismissed with prayer

Sunday morning: Prayer by Elder Sexton Pope

Elder Eugene Bennett - 2nd Samuel 9:1

Elder Larry Austin - 3rd John 1:1

Brother Terry Wilson dismissed with prayer

7. By move, second, and approval the clerk was appointed as treasurer and to superintend the printing of these minutes.
8. Resolve that we return thanks first to God, then to Brethren, Sisters, and Friends for their hospitality and kindness during this association.
9. These minutes were read and approved.
10. By move, second, and approval the Association adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting. Closed with prayer by Elder Harvey Carpenter from Pleasant Hill Church.

Elder Jess B. Higgins, Moderator
 Roy L. Truitt, Clerk
 Jerry M. Poe, Assistant Clerk

Thus closed the One Hundred and Ninety-Fifth session of the Mountain District Association in peace and fellowship. Each minister who filled the stand was wonderfully blessed to preach the gospel in its purity and love to a large congregation.

Roy L. Truitt, Clerk

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COMMUNION TIMES

ANTIOCH June, 4th Sunday

LITTLE RIVER June, 3rd Sunday

PEACH BOTTOM July, 2nd Sunday

CRAB CREEK July, 4th Sunday

GALAX August, 2nd Sunday

ELK CREEK August, 2nd Sunday

CROSS ROADS August, 3rd Sunday

MEMORIAM

It is with sadness and grief that we pause in the solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last association. Even though our hearts are grieved now, we rejoice in the glorious hope that there is an eternal city not made with hands beyond this life, where we will ever be with the Lord, where there will be no sadness and farewells.

LITTLE RIVER	Maude Irwin Richardson
CRAB CREEK	Barbara P. Fields
	Mary Combs
	Beatrice Moxley
ANTIOCH	Mamie Joines
CROSS ROADS	Fannie King Higgins

MRS. MAUDE IRWIN RICHARDSON



Mrs. Maude Irwin Richardson, 94, of High Country Health Care, Sparta, died Tuesday, June 15, 1993 at High Country Health Care.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Maybelline Turbiville of Sparta; one sister, Mrs. Laura Douglas of Sparta; three granddaughters, Lynn C. Bennett of Charlotte, Debbie Hamm of Griffin, Ga., and Holly Choate of Virginia Beach,

Va.; three great-grandchildren, Mitchell Queen, Randy Hamm and Michael Hamm.

A memorial graveside service was held on Thursday, June 17 at the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Dr. James Frazier and Elder Jess Higgins officiating.

Grandview Memorial Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Sister Maude was a member of Little River Primitive Baptist Church for 58 years.

FANNIE KING HIGGINS



Fannie King Higgins was born August 23, 1897, in Grayson County, Va., Baywood Community, to Andrew King and Cenie Rector King and passed this life October 19, 1992, making her stay on this earth 95 years, one month and 26 days.

Sister Fannie united with Crossroads Primitive Church about the year of 1936; and was baptized by Elder Price Vass. She loved her church and

loved to go there as long as she was able. At the age of 88 she broke her hip and from that time it was downhill with her. Her health and mind continued to decline. Fannie spent a little over four years in Waddell Nursing Home in Galax, Va.

I can truthfully thank GOD for such a loving and kind mom. She had a hard life in some ways but as I look back now I can understand that in many ways she had a good life. Through her trials and troubles God stood by her and blessed her to be able to sing "Amazing Grace" on her sick bed nearly as long as she lived.

Not long before she went into the nursing home, at a baptizing at Little River near Baywood, she told me that she was proud of me and to keep up the good work. That was her way of saying that she was thankful for me and I will always be thankful to have had a mom like her.

Her funeral service was held at Cross Roads Church near her home, conducted by Elders Tim Brooks, Jess Higgins and Bruce Higgins, with interment in the King Family Cemetery on the hill just above where she had lived her entire life.

Fannie is survived by one daughter, Betty Lou Christman; four sons, Elder Robert Bruce Higgins, William H. Higgins, Franklin R. Higgins and Elder Jess B. Higgins; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, J. Edgar Higgins, and six children.

Praise God for the wonderful memories I have of this dear lady - my mother. I have a sweet hope of seeing her again in that beautiful home where farewells will not be spoken.

May God bless her entire surviving family.

Written by request -
Elder Jess B. Higgins

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. 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, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church into the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk shall stand as a Moderator until a new Moderator can be elected.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated, but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament, as translated in 1611 into the King James Version of the Holy Bible, is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

GALAX CHURCH, Galax, Virginia: Located at the intersection of Painter and McArthur Streets.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH, Baywood, Virginia: Located seven miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Route No. 58 (five miles west of Galax) onto Route No. 636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Route No. 626, and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

LITTLE RIVER CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located on Memorial Park Drive, one block east of Route 21.

PEACH BOTTOM CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located one mile north of Independence at intersection of Route No. 21 and 654.

ANTIOCH CHURCH, Stratford, North Carolina: Located six miles southwest of Sparta, NC. Turn off Route 221 onto Route 1167 (Antioch Church Road), go two miles, turn left on Route 1163. Just .4 mile to brick church on left of road.

ELK CREEK CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located five miles west of Sparta. From Route 21 at Twin Oaks, North Carolina, take 221 south, turn right on Route No. 93, just two miles to church on right of road.

CRAB CREEK CHURCH, Ennice, North Carolina: Located on Route #18 East of Sparta, North Carolina.

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THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE **1993 - 1994**

FIRST SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICE
10:30 AM

Crab Creek	Elk Creek Galax Peach Bottom	Little River Cross Roads	Antioch Crab Creek
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AFTERNOON SERVICE
2:00 PM

Cross Roads			
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EVENING SERVICE
7:00 PM

Peach Bottom	Little River	Antioch Galax	
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FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING SCHEDULE 1993-1994

Sunday, October 31, 1993 Galax Church
 Sunday, January 30, 1994 Little River Church
 Sunday, May 29, 1994 Crab Creek Church
 Sunday, July 31, 1994 Peach Bottom Church
 Sunday, October 30, 1994 Antioch Church

All services to begin at 10:30 A.M. on 5th Sundays

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relations	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Dismissed by Request	Excluded	Deceased	Ordained Elders	Licentiate	Sunday of Meeting	Month of Communion	Total No. in Fellowship	Contributions
LITTLE RIVER Elder Eugene Bennett	Page Wagoner, Rt. 1, Box 154, Sparta, NC 28675	Page Wagoner, James Hayden, Jack Nichols, Jim Mabe, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	3rd	June	50	161.00
ELK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Cecil Wyatt, P.O. Box 325, Sparta, NC 28675	Cecil Wyatt, Dorothy Wyatt, Marye Rector, Fairy Gambill, Alt.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2nd	Aug.	20	100.00
CROSS ROADS Elder Bruce Higgins	Roy Truitt, 102 Gentry St., Galax, VA 24333	Elder Bruce Higgins, Jerry Poe, Terry Wilson, Roy Truitt, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1st & 3rd	Aug.	32	150.00
ANTIOCH Elder James McNeill	Carl Williams, Rt. #4, Box 210, Sparta, NC 28675	Erick Rector, Junior Williams, Carl Williams, Norman Brown, Alt.	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4th	June	23	181.00
PEACH BOTTOM	Dennis Hackler Independence, VA 24348	Thomas Farmer, Arvel Newberry, Paris Hackler, Greene Ward, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2nd	July	18	110.00
GALAX Elder Jess Higgins	James E. Atkins, Rt. #1, Independence, VA 24348	John Nichols, Woodrow Burgess, Steve Gayheart, Blake Roberts, Alt.	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2nd & 3rd	Aug.	46	105.00
CRAB CREEK Elder Jess Higgins	James Wyatt Ennice, NC 28623	Larry Spurlin, Guthrie Caudill, James Wyatt, Jessie Funk, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1st & 4th	July	35	100.00

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3. Organized by move, second and approval to elect Elder Jess B. Higgins, Moderator; Elder Terry V. Wilson, Assistant Moderator; Roy L. Truitt, Clerk, and W. Steve Gayheart, Assistant Clerk.
4. Called for visitors from Sister Associations and Sister Churches. The following came forward and were welcomed to our midst.

SENER ASSOCIATION: Sister Kathleen Barker, Sister Beverly Barker, Brother Ben Miller, Sister Ermalee Miller, Elder James McNeill, Lic. Bobby Absher

EBENEZER ASSOCIATION: Elder J. Toliver Utz

SANDLICK ASSOCIATION: Elder Jerold Yates, Elder Garnell Gilbert, Brother Herbert Newberry, Brother Earnest Newberry, Sister Juanita Newberry

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION: Elder L. Richard Cox, Elder Richard Kirby

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION: Elder Fielden O. Sanders

ST. CLAIR'S BOTTOM ASSOCIATION: Elder Eddie G. Lyle, Sister Virgie Lyle, Elder Leonard Barton, Sister Maggie Barton

ROARING RIVER: Elder Samuel E. Parrish, Sister Betty Fortner, Sister Margie Sexton, Brother Paul Felts, Brother Roy L. Choate

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder Sexton Pope, Sister Margaret Pope

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION: Elder Franklin Oresta, Brother Finley Ratliff, Sister Bernice Ratliff

KETOCTON ASSOCIATION: Elder Raymond Pressley

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION: Sister Barbara Boyd, Brother Glenn Cress

COMMUNITY CHURCH: Brother O'Bain Hylton

OLD HARFORD CHURCH: Brother Mark E. Caudill, Sister Violet Caudill

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH: Elder Raymond Sumner, Sister Nina Sumner

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH: Elder Johnnie L. Duggins

WALNUT COVE CHURCH: Brother Raymond J. Bibey, Brother Paul V. Lemons, Brother Jimmy Haynes

PINE GROVE CHURCH: Brother Roby McCraw, Elder Ronald G. Bowman, Sister Myrties McCraw

NO CREEK CHURCH: Elder Eugene Bennett

MT. OLIVE CHURCH: Sister Joyce V. Hodges

LOVES GROVE CHURCH: Elder John D. Belton

MT. LEBANON CHURCH: Elder Edward Bowman

NORTH VIEW CHURCH: Elder Milton Gunter, Sister Betty Gunter, Brother John Dillon, Sister Joann Dillon, Brother Cranford Priddy

PINE CHURCH: Elder Kemp Walker, Sister Edith P. Walker

MT. ZION CHURCH OF GA: Elder Elas Randall Jr.

MT. CARMEL CHURCH: Sister Elsie Evans

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH: Elder Harvey G. Carpenter

DELOACH CHURCH: Elder James M. Land Jr.

ROCK CREEK CHURCH: Elder Curtis Hash

5. Received minutes from the following Associations: Union, Ebenezer, Senter, Original Mates Creek, Little Yadkin River, Mount Zion, Ketoc-ton, St. Clair's Bottom.

6. By move, second and approval the moderator will make all temporary committee appointments for this session.

(a) Preaching Committee: Brethren Blake Roberts, Jack Nichols, Thomas Farmer, James Hayden, Carl Williams, Erick Rector, Arvel Newberry, James Wyatt, Roger Lineberry

(b) Finance Committee: Brethren John Nichols, Terry Wilson, Roy Truitt, Cecil Wyatt, Junior Williams, Dennis Hackler, Jim Mabe

(c) Committee to distribute corresponding minutes: Brethren Woodrow Burgess, Larry Spurlin, Bruce Higgins, Norman Brown and Sister Bobbie Duncan

(d) Committee on arrangements: Brethren Steve Gayheart, Jerry Poe, Jesse Funk, and Sister Marye Rector

7. By move, second and approval the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. Closed with prayer by Elder Terry Wilson from Mountain Association.

SATURDAY MORNING

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Eddie Lyles from St. Clairs Bottom Association:

1. Called roll of messengers and marked off those that were absent.
2. Called for visitors, those that came forward were added to Friday's list.
3. Called for committee on arrangements to report. They recommend the following:

(a) To have 700 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

(b) Next session of the Association to convene with Elk Creek Church located five miles west of Sparta. From Route 21 at Twin Oaks, North Carolina, take 221 South, turn right on Route 93, go two miles to church on right of road.

(c) To have a memorial of our deceased members printed in the minutes. Also obituaries and pictures that are requested by the churches.

(d) That each church in the Association be given the opportunity to host 5th Sunday meetings on a rotating basis. If any church does not wish to host the meeting, it will go to the next church on the host list.

All Fifth Sunday services to begin at 10:00 A.M.

5th Sunday Meetings 1994-1995

October 30, 1994	Antioch
January 29, 1995	Elk Creek
April 30, 1995	Cross Roads
July 30, 1995	Galax
October 29, 1995	Little River

By move, second and approval the recommendations of the committee on arrangements were adopted.

4. Committee on finance gave the following report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Received from the churches	\$ 920.00
For printing of minutes	725.23
Gave to moderator	50.00
Moderator asked that this be put in funds distributed to visiting ministers	
Balance in treasury from last year	1,274.22
Balance in treasury to carry over for next year	<u>\$1,418.99</u>
Received from Brethren, Sisters, and Friends ..	<u>\$1,110.00</u>
which was distributed to visiting Elders.	

5. Committee to distribute corresponding minutes made their report and were discharged.

6. Committee on preaching made their report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

- Friday afternoon: Elder Toliver Utz - Isaiah 22:20
Elder Kemp Walker dismissed with prayer.
- Friday night: Elder Raymond Pressley opened with prayer.
Elder Richard Kirby - Proverbs 22:28
Elder Milton Gunter - St. John 16:13
Elder Edward Bowman dismissed with prayer.
- Saturday morning: Elder Ronald Bowman opened with prayer.
Elder L. Richard Cox - Isaiah 60:1
Elder Raymond Pressley - 2nd Corinthians 4:1
Elder Elas Randall dismissed with prayer.
- Saturday afternoon: Elder Garnell Gilbert opened with prayer.
Elder Franklin Oresta - St. Luke 4:1
Elder Harvey Carpenter - Psalms 139:1
Elder Jerold Yates closed with prayer.
- Saturday night: Elder Kemp Walker opened with prayer.
Elder Sexton Pope - Isaiah 53:1
Elder Eddie Lyles - Titus 2:11
Elder Bruce Higgins dismissed with prayer.
- Sunday morning: Elder Sexton Pope opened with prayer.
Elder James Land - Proverbs 16:1

Elder Eugene Bennett - 1st Peter 3:15
Elder Terry Wilson closed with prayer.

7. By move, second, and approval the clerk was appointed as treasurer and to superintend the printing of these minutes.

8. Resolve that we return thanks first to God, then to Brethren, Sisters, and Friends for their hospitality and kindness during this association.

9. These minutes were read and approved.

10. By move, second, and approval the Association adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting. Closed with prayer by Elder Harvey Carpenter.

Elder Jess B. Higgins, Moderator
Roy L. Truitt, Clerk

Thus closed the One Hundred and Ninety-Sixth session of the Mountain District Association in peace and fellowship. Each minister who filled the stand was wonderfully blessed to preach the gospel in its purity and love to a large congregation.

Roy L. Truitt, Clerk

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COMMUNION TIMES

LITTLE RIVER	June, 3rd Sunday
ANTIOCH	June, 4th Sunday
PEACH BOTTOM	July, 2nd Sunday
CRAB CREEK	July, 4th Sunday
GALAX	August, 2nd Sunday
ELK CREEK	August, 2nd Sunday
CROSS ROADS	August, 3rd Sunday

MEMORIAM

It is with sadness and grief that we pause in the solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last association. Even though our hearts are grieved now, we rejoice in the glorious hope that there is an eternal city not made with hands beyond this life, where we will ever be with the Lord, where there will be no sadness and farewells.

LITTLE RIVER	Oscar G. Nichols Rose P. Duncan Grace A. Wagoner Kate Richardson
GALAX	Margie M. Nester Nannie C. Phipps
CRAB CREEK	James F. Moxley Alta J. Smith
PEACH BOTTOM	Robert C. Cassell

OSCAR G. NICHOLS

Born May 18, 1918, passed from this life on May 2, 1994, son of Lundy and Candace Irwin Nichols. He is survived by his wife, Lois Cleary Nichols. Unto this union was born a daughter, Glenna Blevins; son, Richard Nichols, and five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. On May 2, 1991 Lois and Oscar together as usual, received a hope in Christ and both were baptized and united with Little River Primitive Baptist Church and Oscar remained a faithful member until his death.



Written by request, Jack Nichols

*He was a friend whose heart was good,
Who walked with people and understood.
His was a voice that spoke to cheer
And fell like music in the ear.
His was a smile people loved to see,
His was a hand that asked no fee
For friendliness or kindness done;
And now that he has journeyed on
His is a name that never ends.
He leaves behind uncounted friends.*

Written by a friend, Bill Jarrett

ROSE PARDUE DUNCAN

Mrs. Rose Pardue Duncan was born July 2, 1899, entered into eternal rest Thursday, March 24, 1994, at her home in Sparta, N.C.

She was born in Alleghany County to Avery and Artha Evans Pardue. She was 94 years, eight months and 22 days old.

She was married to Glenn L. Duncan on October 30, 1913 in Anadarko, Oklahoma. To this union were born seven children - three sons, Kemp, Champ and Dale of Sparta,



N.C.; four daughters, Anna Rose Higgins of Sparta, N.C.; Glenna Osborne of Independence, Va.; Gretchen Bloodworth and Donna Hardin of Sparta, N.C.; nineteen grandchildren; thirty-three great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and daughter, Anna Rose Higgins. She and her husband joined the Little River Primitive Baptist Church in Sparta, N.C. They were baptized August 16, 1958 in a pond near their home.

The funeral service was held at 2 P.M. Saturday, March 26, 1994 at Grandview Memorial Chapel, Sparta, N.C. Elder Eugene Bennett and Rev. Fred Jennings officiated in the service. The body was laid to rest in the Duncan Family Cemetery, Sparta, N.C.

She was a faithful church member, attending church as long as she was able. When her failing health confined her to her home, she talked much about her life and how good and merciful the Lord had been to her.

She is now at rest, waiting for the day of the resurrection.

Written by daughter-in-law,
Maxine Duncan

GRACE ANDREWS WAGONER



Grace Andrews Wagoner, daughter of the late Burris and Lucy Andrews, was born June 27, 1903. She departed this life March 8, 1994 at the age of 90 years.

She was married to Charles Clayton Wagoner on March 17, 1918, who preceded her in death in 1972. Unto this union was born six children; four daughters and two sons. She received a sweet hope in Christ and united with Little River Primitive Baptist Church in 1919 where she remained a member until death.

Grace was a devoted wife and mother and a good neighbor who proved her faith by her works.

Surviving are her six children: Mrs. Clyde Edwards, Aberdeen, Md.; Mrs. Ethel Shores, Sparta, NC; Mrs. Rose Richardson, Old Fort, NC; Mrs. Elsie Joines, Sparta, NC; Mr. Bert Wagoner, Sparta, NC; and

Charles (C. J.) Wagoner, Mt. Airy, NC. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and many friends to mourn her passing.

*When a few more storms are over
A few more heart aches borne
We will meet again in another world
Where partings will come no more.*

Written by daughter
Elsie Joines

Funeral service was conducted by Elder Jess Higgins at Grandview Memorial Chapel. Burial was held in the Wagoner Family Cemetery near the homeplace.

MARGIE MELTON DOUGLAS NESTER

Sister Margie Nester was born May 20, 1916 in Carroll County to William Albert Melton and Lillie Felts Melton and passed this life on May 8, 1994 at age 77.

Sister Margie united with Galax Primitive Baptist Church with her husband Leff on second Sunday in July 1970. Margie loved her Lord, her family and her church. She and Leff went to church regularly. Leff preceded Margie in death. She later married Jesse Nester and they went to Old Baptist meetings far and near and enjoyed every minute of it. Margie was an old-time Christian and believed in her Saviour's teachings and endeavored to follow her Lord in precept and example. She desired that her family and everyone live the way that Jesus taught. It was my happy privilege to visit Margie in her declining days to hear her talk of God's goodness and his mercy toward her and her family.



Her funeral service was held May 10, 1994 at Galax Primitive Baptist Church, with a large congregation in attendance. Her body was laid to rest in New Hope Cemetery (Fancy Gap, Va.) to await the glorious second coming of the Lord. Her funeral was conducted by Elders Jess B. Higgins and Joe McGrady.

Her survivors are her husband, Jesse Nester of Dugspur, Va.; one son, L. W. Douglas; three daughters, Carolyn Douglas Rose, Peggy Martin, and Darlene Douglas; two brothers, Guy Melton and Jeff Melton; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild.

May God bless this wonderful family and her church.

Written by request
Elder Jess B. Higgins

NANNIE COX PHIPPS

8-27-1896 - 7-3-1994



Nannie Cox Phipps was born August 27, 1896, in North Carolina to Joe F. Cox and Alice Jones Cox. She married John Phipps on July 10, 1915, in Boone, N.C., and to this union were born two sons. She passed this life on July 3, 1994 making her stay on this earth 97 years, 10 months, 6 days.

Sister Nannie and John came to Galax Primitive Baptist Church by letter, from Saddle Creek Primitive Baptist Church, on February 11, 1961, where she remained a faithful member until her passing. She was totally devoted to her God, her church and her family. Often in Waddell Nursing Home, where she spent the last days of her life, she could often be heard praising her God and shouting, often declaring that when God was ready, He could come and take her to her eternal home. It was a wonderful privilege to know this precious saint. She always knew this writer when I visited her and was so pleased that I had come. We will all long miss this dear one, but I will always be thankful I had the privilege to know Nannie and John.

Her funeral service was held July 6, 1994 at Monta Vista Memory Gardens in Galax, Va. by Elder Jess B. Higgins and her body laid to rest beside her beloved husband John to await the glorious resurrection day.

She is survived by one son, J. Rex Phipps of Galax, Va.; one sister, Anna Lee Miller; two brothers, Thomas A. Cox and Clay H. Cox and

three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her beloved son Thomas Ralph Phipps.

Thank God for precious memories and the memories we have of Nannie certainly are priceless.

May God bless this entire family.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins



JAMES F. MOXLEY AND BEATRICE E. MOXLEY

JAMES FINLEY MOXLEY

1-10-1903 - 1-21-1994

James Finley Moxley was born January 10, 1903 in Grayson County, Virginia, to William Thomas Moxley and Julie Ann Johnson Moxley. Brother James passed this life January 21, 1994, making his stay on this earth 91 years and 11 days. He married Beatrice Elizabeth Brown and to this union were born three daughters and one son.

Brother James and his wife Beatrice joined Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church in April 1973 and were faithful to the church as long as their health permitted. James was completely honest, loved God, his family and neighbors. His entire life was a testimony to his faith and the teachings of God's Word. He often spoke of his Savior and the things which Jesus taught. He always asked how things were going at Crab Creek Church.

His last months of this life were spent in Blue Ridge Highlands Nursing Home in Galax. His quality of life had deteriorated to the point

that surely death was a blessing for him to pass from a life of pain to complete rest and peace in Paradise.

His funeral service was held at Crab Creek Cemetery January 23, 1994 by Jess Higgins and James Cowley. His body laid to rest beside his beloved wife to await the glorious resurrection day. His survivors are two daughters, Mary Burris of Independence, Va., and Faye Osborne of Galax, Va. Also one son, Roy J. Moxley of Galax, Va.; one sister, Ona Smith of Waddell Nursing Home, Galax; twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Brother James was preceded in death by one daughter, Dorothy Mae Moxley, at age 14.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins

BEATRICE ELIZABETH MOXLEY

12-23-1908 - 1-14-1993

Sister Beatrice Elizabeth Moxley was born December 23, 1908, in Grayson County, Va., to George and Arabelle Fortner Brown. Beatrice passed away January 14, 1993, making her stay on this earth 84 years and 22 days. She married James Finley Moxley and to this union were born three daughters and one son. Sister Beatrice joined Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church in April, 1973 and was faithful to the church as long as her health permitted. Beatrice was kind, loving and meek, showing these virtues all of her life. She supported this writer financially and was always supportive of her church, family and friends her entire life.

Her funeral service was held at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel on January 16, 1993 in Galax, Va. by James Cowley, Fred Jennings and Jess Higgins. Her body was laid to rest in Crab Creek Cemetery to await the blessed resurrection.

Her survivors are two daughters, Mary Burris, Independence, Va., and Faye Osborne of Galax, Va.; also one son, Roy J. Moxley of Galax, Va. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Dorothy Mae Moxley, who died with cancer at age 14. God bless her entire surviving family.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins

ALTA JENNINGS SMITH

4-4-1905 - 5-19-1994



Alta Jennings Smith was born April 4, 1905, in Grayson County, Va., to Alex and Artie Jennings. Sister Alta passed this life May 19, 1994 making her stay on this earth 89 years, one month and 15 days. She married Claude A. Smith May 2, 1920 and to this union were born five children: two daughters and three sons. Sister Alta united with Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church May 1, 1988. She was totally dedicated to her church, family and friends. Alta was one of

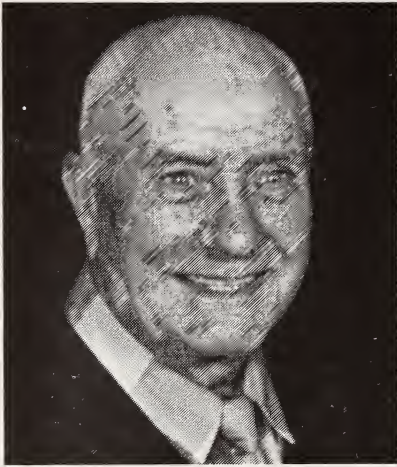
the most cheerful persons you could ever meet, wearing a beautiful smile for everyone. She was nearly deaf, but this did not hinder her joy in serving and worshiping God. Her daughter, Virginia, told me that after going to Crab Creek Church near the last time, that she went home and walked around the house singing, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be," and commented on how beautiful the flowers were. Oh, to be that happy near the end of our earthly stay would be so wonderful. Sister Alta, we at Crab Creek Church, will always miss you, along with your family; but how sweet to think of a place where we will never have to part.

Her funeral service was held May 23, 1994 at Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church at 2:00 P.M. with a large crowd in attendance. The funeral service being conducted by Jess B. Higgins and Fred Jennings, with her body being laid to rest in Crab Creek Church Cemetery, beside her beloved husband.

Survivors are two daughters, Edna Todd of Galax, Va., and Virginia Carr, also of Galax, Va.; two sons, Harold and Porter Smith, both of Galax, Va.; two sisters, Vida Lowe and Golda Cochran; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Alto was preceded in death by one son, Ralph Smith. May God bless this entire family and may we all by God's help, strive for the things that Alta strived for.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins

ROBERT C. CASSELL



Robert C. Cassell was born December 7th, 1918, in Independence, Va., to Mack Cassell and Nancy Shaffer Cassell. He passed this life December 9th, 1993, making his stay on earth 75 years.

Surviving are his wife, Kade H. Cassell; daughter, Alice Bond of Wytheville; and his brother, John May Cassell of Independence.

Brother Robert was a faithful member of Peach Bottom Primitive Baptist Church until his death. He truly showed his love for Christ

and also set a great example for all of God's children by his faithful attendance to the house of God.

Brother Robert's funeral service was held at Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home Chapel in Independence, with a large congregation showing their love for this dear man and his family. His funeral service was conducted by Elder Terry Wilson and Elder Lester Faulkner, and his body was laid to rest in the Comers Rock Cemetery to await the glorious resurrection day.

Robert was also a World War II veteran of The United States Army and military rites were performed at the graveside.

Written by request,
Elder Terry V. Wilson

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. 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, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
13. That any member who shall willfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church into the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk shall stand as a Moderator until a new Moderator can be elected.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated, but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament, as translated in 1611 into the King James Version of the Holy Bible, is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

GALAX CHURCH, Galax, Virginia: Located at the intersection of Painter and McArthur Streets.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH, Baywood, Virginia: Located seven miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Route No. 58 (five miles west of Galax) onto Route No. 636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Route No. 626, and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

LITTLE RIVER CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located on Memorial Park Drive, one block east of Route 21.

PEACH BOTTOM CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located one mile north of Independence at intersection of Route No. 21 and 654.

ANTIOCH CHURCH, Stratford, North Carolina: Located six miles southwest of Sparta, NC. Turn off Route 221 onto Route 1167 (Antioch Church Road), go two miles, turn left on Route 1163. Just .4 mile to brick church on left of road.

ELK CREEK CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located five miles west of Sparta. From Route 21 at Twin Oaks, North Carolina, take 221 south, turn right on Route No. 93, just two miles to church on right of road.

CRAB CREEK CHURCH, Ennice, North Carolina: Located on Route #18 East of Sparta, North Carolina.

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James E. Atkins, Rt. 1, Independence, VA 24348	70
Jesse Funk, Rt. 1, Box 99, Galax, VA 24333	75

THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE 1994 - 1995

FIRST SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICE

10:30 AM

Crab Creek	Elk Creek Galax Peach Bottom	Little River Cross Roads	Antioch Crab Creek
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AFTERNOON SERVICE

2:00 PM

Cross Roads			
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EVENING SERVICE

7:00 PM

Peach Bottom	Little River	Antioch Galax	
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FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING SCHEDULE 1994-1995

All Fifth Sunday Services to begin at 10:00 A.M.

October 30, 1994	.....	Antioch
January 29, 1995	.....	Elk Creek
April 30, 1995	.....	Cross Roads
July 30, 1995	.....	Galax
October 29, 1995	.....	Little River

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Ordained Elders	Licentiate	Sunday of Meeting	Month of Communion	Total No. in Fellowship	Contribution
ELK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Cecil Wyatt, P.O. Box 325, Sparta, NC 28675	Cecil Wyatt, Bobbi Duncan, Marye Rector, Dorothy Wyatt, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2nd	Aug.	19	115.00
CROSS ROADS Elder Bruce Higgins	Roy Truitt, 102 Gentry St., Galax, VA 24333	Elder Bruce Higgins, Elder Terry Wilson, Jerry Poe, Roy Truitt, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1st & 3rd	Aug.	32	150.00
ANTIOCH Elder James McNeill	Carl Williams, Rt. 4, Box 210, Sparta, NC 28675	Carl Williams, Junior Williams, Erick Rector, Norman Brown, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4th	June	23	170.00
PEACH BOTTOM Elder Terry Wilson	Dennis Hackler Independence, VA 24348	Thomas Farmer, Jr., Arvel Newberry, Dennis Hackler, Greene Ward, Alt.	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2nd	July	17	110.00
GALAX Elder Jess Higgins	James E. Atkins, Rt. 1 Independence, VA 24348	Woodrow Burgess, John Nichols, Blake Roberts, James Atkins, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	2nd & 3rd	Aug.	43	120.00
CRAB CREEK Elder Jess Higgins	James Wyatt Ennice, NC 28623	Larry Spurlin, Jessie Funk, James Wyatt, Guthrie Caudill, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1st & 4th	July	32	100.00
LITTLE RIVER Elder Eugene Bennett	Page Wagoner, Rt. 1, Box 154, Sparta, NC 28675	Roger Lineberry, Jack Nichols, Jim Mabe, James Hayden, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	3rd	June	46	155.00

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Minutes
OF THE
One Hundred and Ninety-seventh
Annual Session
OF THE
Mountain District
Primitive Baptist Association
HELD WITH
Elk Creek Church
SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA
BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE
FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

1995

NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH
CROSS ROADS CHURCH
BAYWOOD, VIRGINIA

Located seven miles west of Galax. Turn off Route 58 five miles west of Galax onto Route 636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Route 626 and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST
SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER 1996 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Proceedings

OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The association met with Elk Creek Church for its One Hundred Ninety-Seventh annual session.

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder L. Richard Cox from the Bear Creek Association the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Eddie K. Garrett. Text: Titus 3:8.

After intermission of one hour during which lunch was served, the messengers assembled in the meeting house to attend to the business of the association. Were called to order with prayer by Elder Richard Kirby from the Bear Creek Association.

1. Called for, received and read letters from the Churches.
2. Called for petitionary letters from other churches of the same faith and order desiring admission to the Association. Union Church brought letter. By move, second and vote this matter was tabled until next year's association. This will give each church in the association sufficient time to consider this matter and to then make the decision as God would direct after prayerful consideration has been given.
3. Organized by move, second and approval to elect Elder Jess B. Higgins Moderator, Elder Terry V. Wilson Assistant Moderator, Roy L. Truitt Clerk and W. Steve Gayheart Assistant Clerk.
4. Called for visitors from Sister Associations and Sister Churches. The following came forward and were welcomed to our midst.

SENDER ASSOCIATION: Lic. Bobby Absher, Elder James McNeill, Sister Grace Miller, Sister Ethel Davis, Sister Lillian Richardson, Brother Virgle Brown, Sister Lorene Brown, Sister Kathleen Barker, Sister Beverly Barker

SAINT CLAIRE'S BOTTOM ASSOCIATION: Elder Eddie Lyle, Elder Leonard Barton, Sister Beulah Lyle, Sister Ethel Lyle, Brother Vernon Lyle

ROARING RIVER ASSOCIATION: Sister Ann Pruitt, Sister Vina Murray, Sister Zanetta McGlamery, Brother Blaine Dancy, Sister Olievene Dancy, Sister Della Wyatt, Brother Roy Choate

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION OF W. VA.: Elder Franklin Oresta, Brother Finley Ratliff, Sister Bernice Ratliff

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder Sexton Pope, Elder Tony Parker

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION: Elder Fielden O. Sanders

FISHERS RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder Willie Branch, Sister JoAnn D. Branch

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION: Elder L. Richard Cox, Elder Richard Kirby

MT. OLIVE CHURCH: Elder Thomas Mann

CANA CHURCH: Elder Raymond Sumner

GRACE CHURCH: Elder Freddy Boen

HEALTHY PLAINS CHURCH: Elder Randall Saunders

NO CREEK CHURCH: Elder Eugene Bennett

OLD HARTFORD CHURCH: Brother Mack Caudill, Sister Violet Caudill

WALNUT COVE CHURCH: Brother Paul V. Lemons, Brother Stacy Sheppard, Brother Raymond J. Bibey, Brother Jimmy Haynes

NORTH VIEW CHURCH: Elder Milton Gunter, Sister Betty Gunter, Brother Cranford Priddy, Brother L. B. Hawkins

ROCK CREEK CHURCH: Elder Curtis D. Hash

PINE CHURCH: Elder Kemp H. Walker, Sister Edith P. Walker

THOMPSON MEMORIAL CHURCH: Elder Eddie K. Garrett, Brother Herb Denton, Brother William B. Setters, Sister Dorothy Setters, Brother Thomas B. Robinson

MT. LEBANON CHURCH: Elder Edward Bowman

MEADOW FORK CHURCH: Elder Samuel Whittington, Sister Janet Whittington

COMMUNITY CHURCH: Brother O'Bain Hylton

5. Received minutes from the following Associations: Union, Ebenezer, Senter, Original Mates Creek, Little Yadkin River, Mount Zion, Ketocton, St. Clair's Bottom, Fisher's River, Original Bear Creek.

6. By move, second and approval the moderator will make all temporary committee appointments for this session.

(a) Preaching Committee: Brethren Blake Roberts, Jack Nichols, Thomas Farmer, Carl Williams, Erick Rector, James Wyatt, Cecil Wyatt and Elder Terry Wilson.

(b) Finance Committee: Brethren John Nichols, Roy Truitt, Junior Williams and Sister Dorothy Wyatt.

(c) Committee to distribute corresponding minutes: Brethren Larry Spurlin, Bert Spalding, Greene Ward and Elder Bruce Higgins.

(d) Committee on arrangements: Brethren Steve Gayheart, Roger Lineberry, Page Wagoner, Sisters Marye Rector and Viola Easter.

7. By move, second and approval the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. Closed with prayer by Elder Bruce Higgins from Mountain Association.

SATURDAY MORNING

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Raymond Sumner from Cana Church:

1. Called roll of messengers and marked off those that were absent.
2. Called for visitors, those that came forward were added to Friday's list.
3. Called for committee on arrangements to report. They recommend the following:

(a) To have 675 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

(b) Next session of the Association to convene with Cross Roads Church located seven miles west of Galax. Turn off Route 58 five miles west of Galax onto Route 636 for .3 miles. Turn right on Route 626 and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

(c) To have a memoriam of our deceased members printed in the minutes. Also obituaries and pictures that are requested by the churches.

(d) That each church in the association be given the opportunity to host 5th Sunday meetings on a rotating basis. If any church does not wish to host the meeting it will go to the next church on the host list. All 5th Sunday meetings to begin at 10:00 A.M.

5th Sunday Meetings 1995-1996

October 29, 1995	Little River
December 31, 1995	Crab Creek
March 31, 1996	Peach Bottom
June 30, 1996	Antioch
September 29, 1996	Elk Creek

By move, second and approval the recommendations of the committee on arrangements were adopted.

4. Committee on finance gave the following report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Received from the churches	\$ 890.00
For printing of minutes	729.97
Gave to moderator	50.00
Balance in treasury from last year	1,418.99
Balance in treasury to carry over for next year	<u>1,529.02</u>
Received from Brethren, Sisters, and Friends	<u>1,020.00</u>
which was distributed to visiting Elders.	

5. Committee to distribute corresponding minutes made their report and were discharged.

6. Committee on preaching made their report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

- Friday afternoon: Elder Freddy Boen opened with prayer.
Elder Thomas Mann - Romans 10:9
Elder Randall Saunders dismissed with prayer.
- Friday night: Brother Bobby Absher opened with prayer.
Elder Richard Kirby - Nehemiah 8:5
Elder Tony Parker - Acts 27:31
Brother Herb Denton dismissed with prayer.
- Saturday morning: Elder Sexton Pope opened with prayer.
Elder L. Richard Cox - Isaiah 33:20
Elder Eddie K. Garrett - Acts 20:17
Elder Samuel Whittington dismissed with prayer.
- Saturday afternoon: Elder Kemp Walker opened with prayer.
Elder Franklin Oresta - Hebrews 6:1
Elder Milton Gunter - Romans 1:16
Elder Terry Wilson dismissed with prayer.
- Saturday night: Brother Bobby Absher opened with prayer.
Elder James McNeill - Revelation 22:17
Elder Edward Bowman - Subject: "Calling"
Brother Jimmy Haynes dismissed with prayer.
- Sunday morning: Elder Sexton Pope opened with prayer.
Elder Tony Parker - Romans 12:1
Elder Eugene Bennett - Matthew 20:15
Elder Sexton Pope dismissed with prayer.

7. By move, second, and approval the clerk was appointed as treasurer and to superintend the printing of these minutes.

8. Resolve that we return thanks first to God, then to Brethren, Sisters, and Friends for their hospitality and kindness during this association.

9. These minutes were read and approved.

10. By move, second, and approval the Association adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting. Closed with prayer by Elder Franklin Oresta.

Elder Jess B. Higgins, Moderator

Roy L. Truitt, Clerk

Thus closed the One Hundred and Ninety-Seventh session of the Mountain District Association in peace and fellowship. Each minister who filled the stand was wonderfully blessed to preach the gospel in its purity and love to a large congregation.

Roy L. Truitt, Clerk

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COMMUNION TIMES

LITTLE RIVER June, 3rd Sunday

ANTIOCH June, 4th Sunday

PEACH BOTTOM July, 2nd Sunday

CRAB CREEK July, 4th Sunday

GALAX August, 2nd Sunday

ELK CREEK August, 2nd Sunday

CROSS ROADS August, 3rd Sunday

MEMORIAM

It is with sadness and grief that we pause in the solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last association. Even though our hearts are grieved now; we rejoice in the glorious hope that there is an eternal city not made with hands beyond this life, where we will ever be with the Lord, where there will be no sadness and farewells.

ANTIOCH	Louise C. Williams
GALAX	Ruth W. McCloud
ELK CREEK	Betty P. Reeves
CRAB CREEK	Jesse J. Funk
CROSS ROADS	R. Chapman Rector

LOUISE C. WILLIAMS



Thelma Louise Cantler Williams was born June 27, 1933, in Whitford, Maryland. Her parents were Paul and Nellie Cantler. On March 14, 1953, she was united in marriage to Carl R. Williams, and of this union were born five daughters, Treva, Shirley, Carolyn, Barbara, and Regina, and eight grandchildren.

Louise was a loving, kind, and compassionate person. She was a hard-working wife and mother who always put the happiness and welfare of her family before her own. At the

age of 42, rheumatoid arthritis started to severely stricken Louise's health, but she always had faith. Louise joined Antioch Primitive Baptist Church on July 14, 1985, and was baptized the same day by Elder Harvey Carpenter and Elder Curtis Hash. She was a faithful member of our church until her health prevented her from attending. She loved singing the old hymns of Zion and listening to the blessed word of our Lord. Many times she would invite our pastor and visiting elders home with us for a meal.

On Saturday, April 8, 1995, the Lord called her home to be with Him where there will be no more suffering or pain or tears, but only rejoicing with the Lord forever more.

Carl

RUTH VERNA WAGONER McCLOUD

Ruth Wagoner McCloud was born in 1913, in Sparta, N.C., to Reed and Julie Wagoner. She married Shelby McCloud, who preceded her in death. To this union, no children were born.

Sister Ruth united with Galax Primitive Baptist Church, by experience on September 12, 1953, where she remained a faithful member to her death.

Ruth was unique in many ways. You did not have to wonder where Ruth stood on the many issues of life. She was steadfast unmoveable; always standing and upholding the things she believed. Her Lord was always first in her life, proving this for many years, by attending church every Sunday and living the Christian life every day. There was no doubt but what Sister Ruth loved her Lord and his Church with all of her heart. I along with her brothers and sisters in the Church family and many friends will miss this sincere and loving person for many years to come.

Her funeral service was conducted at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel, Galax, Va., on December 7, 1994, by Elder Jess B. Higgins, with interment in Crab Creek Cemetery, Alleghany County, N. C., to await the glorious resurrection day.

Ruth enjoyed her 81 years upon this earth, simply because her blessed Lord always came first.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins

BETTY POE REEVES

Betty Poe Reeves was born May 13, 1898 in Alleghany County, to Thomas and Jeannette Blevins Poe. She married Kilby Reeves September 13, 1921, in Grayson County, Virginia. Unto this was born 11 children. Four sons died in infancy. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ada C. Crater September 15, 1983, a son Talmage Bert July 17, 1971, and her husband Kilby November 5, 1980. She is survived by five children, Jesse Mc and Thomas Earl Reeves, Elsie Lineberry, Rowena Reeves, and Retha Smith.

Betty joined the Elk Creek Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized in her early life, where she remained a faithful member until her death. She loved going to church, hearing the gospel and singing pretty hymns and reading her Bible. She always praised and thanked the Lord for all of her many blessings. She had many friends, and was a good neighbor to all. She always had a smile for everyone.

Betty spent her married life being a home maker and raising her family. She was a good and loving mother and grandmother. The Lord blessed her with 22 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Betty passed from this life April 11, 1995, making her stay here on earth 96 years, 10 months, 29 days. Her funeral was held at Elk Creek Primitive Baptist Church 2 p.m. Friday, April 14, 1995, with Elder Jess B. Higgins and Elder Curtis Hash officiating. She was laid to rest beside her husband in the Reeves Family Cemetery in the Twin Oaks Community, waiting for that great glorious resurrection day.

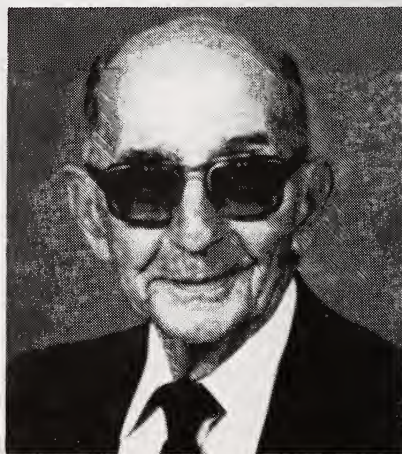
Written by a daughter, Retha Smith



Betty Poe Reeves

JESSE J. FUNK

Jesse James Funk was born August 22, 1913 in Grayson County, Virginia, and passed from this life on March 10, 1995. He married Mabel Caudell on March 2, 1985. His love for her companion and his fellow man was manifest by his actions at all times. We should all be thankful and mindful of the fine example of love he left for us to follow. He was always willing to offer a helping hand to anyone, not thinking of pay, because his pay was in knowing he



had done what was right and seeing the joy it brought to those he had helped.

Brother Jesse united with Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church and remained a faithful member until death. His helping hand will be missed by this church and all sister churches.

His funeral service was held at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel on March 12, 1995 by Elder Jess B. Higgins and Elder Terry V. Wilson. His body was laid to rest in Liberty Hill Cemetery to await the resurrection day. Military rites were performed by Hillsville VFW Post 1115.

Survivors include his wife, Mabel C. Funk, a daughter and son-in-law, Lockie and Clifton Boyles; a step-son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Linda Caudell. Also surviving at the time of death was a sister, Estelle Atkins, who has since passed from this life. Also survived by one granddaughter, four grandsons, five great-grandchildren, one step-granddaughter, two step-grandsons and several nieces and nephews. May God bless each one of his survivors.

Written by Request

R. CHAPMAN RECTOR

Robert Chapman Rector, known as Chap, was born February 14, 1900 in Alleghany County, N. C., to Guy Chapman Rector and Ellen Cox Rector and passed this life January 14, 1995, making his stay on this earth 94 years and 11 months. He married Mallie Jane Anders May 24, 1922. Three sons and one daughter were born to this union. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mallie, in 1982; two sons, Kenneth in 1953, Harold in 1977 and a son-in-law, Jim Iroler, in 1985, which he was very saddened by their deaths.



He is survived by a daughter, Evah Jean Iroler; a son and daughter-in-law, Eldean and Hope Rector; a daughter-in-law, Freeda Rector; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren, all of Galax.

Brother Chap united with Antioch Primitive Baptist Church at Stratford, N.C., on the fourth Saturday in August 1924 and was baptized the second

Sunday in September. Later years moved to Crab Creek Church due to the distance to church. Later moving his membership to Cross Roads at Baywood where he remained a faithful member until death.

I never met a person who could defend the doctrine of salvation by grace any better than Brother Chap. He read the Bible daily a good part of his life and was well established in what it taught. There was no question but that he loved the Lord with all of his heart. He looked forward to meeting his blessed Lord and the family of God when this life was over.

His funeral service was held at Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church January 16, 1995 by Elders Jess Higgins and Bruce Higgins with interment in the church cemetery.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins and
Daughter, Evah Jean Iroler

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. 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, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
13. That any member who shall willfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church into the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk shall stand as a Moderator until a new Moderator can be elected.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated, but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament, as translated in 1611 into the King James Version of the Holy Bible, is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

GALAX CHURCH, Galax, Virginia: Located at the intersection of Painter and McArthur Streets.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH, Baywood, Virginia: Located seven miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Route No. 58 (five miles west of Galax) onto Route No. 636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Route No. 626, and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

LITTLE RIVER CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located on Memorial Park Drive, one block east of Route 21.

PEACH BOTTOM CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located one mile north of Independence at intersection of Route No. 21 and 654.

ANTIOCH CHURCH, Stratford, North Carolina: Located six miles southwest of Sparta, NC. Turn off Route 221 onto Route 1167 (Antioch Church Road), go two miles, turn left on Route 1163. Just .4 mile to brick church on left of road.

ELK CREEK CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located five miles west of Sparta. From Route 21 at Twin Oaks, North Carolina, take 221 south, turn right on Route No. 93, just two miles to church on right of road.

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Green Ward, Rt. 3, Independence, VA 24348	50
Page Wagoner, Rt. 1, Box 154, Sparta, NC 28675	75
Cecil Wyatt, P.O. Box 325, Sparta, NC 28675	30
James E. Atkins, Rt. 1, Independence, VA 24348	70
James Wyatt, Rt. 1, Box 201-B, Sparta, NC 28675	75

THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

1995 - 1996

FIRST SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICE
10:30 AM

AFTERNOON SERVICE
2:00 PM

EVENING SERVICE
7:00 PM

Crab Creek	Elk Creek Galax Peach Bottom	Little River Cross Roads	Antioch Crab Creek
Cross Roads			
Peach Bottom	Little River	Antioch Galax	

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING SCHEDULE 1995-1996

All Fifth Sunday Services to begin at 10:00 A.M.

October 29, 1995 Little River
 December 31, 1995 Crab Creek
 March 31, 1996 Peach Bottom
 June 30, 1996 Antioch
 September 29, 1996 Elk Creek

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Ordained Elders	Licentiate	Sunday of Meeting	Month of Communion	Total No. in Fellowship	Contribution
CROSS ROADS Elder Bruce Higgins	Roy L. Truitt, 102 Gentry St., Galax, VA 24333	Elders Bruce Higgins and Terry Wilson, Roy Truitt and Von Wilson, Alt.	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1st & 3rd	Aug.	33	150.00
ANTIOCH Elder James McNeill	Carl Williams, Rt. #4, Box 210, Sparta, NC 28675	Erick Rector, Junior Williams, Carl Williams, Carolyn Osborne, Alt.	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	4th	June	19	155.00
PEACH BOTTOM Elder Terry Wilson	Arvel Newberry Speedwell, VA	Green Ward, Thomas Farmer, Bert Spaulding, Paris Hackler, Alt.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2nd	July	21	120.00
GALAX Elder Jess Higgins	James E. Atkins, Rt. #1 Independence, VA 24348	John Nichols, Blake Roberts, Steve Gayheart, Woodrow Burgess	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2nd & 3rd	Aug.	42	125.00
CRAB CREEK Elder Jess Higgins	James Wyatt, Rt. #1, Box 201-B, Sparta, NC 28675	Larry Spurlin, James Wyatt, Guthrie Caudill, Viola Easter, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1st & 4th	July	31	100.00
LITTLE RIVER Elder Eugene Bennett	Page Wagoner, Rt. #1, Box 154, Sparta, NC 28675	Roger Lineberry, Jack Nichols, Page Wagoner, James Hayden, Alt.	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3rd	June	50	140.00
ELK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Cecil Wyatt, P.O. Box 325, Sparta, NC 28675	Cecil Wyatt, Marye Rector, Dorothy Wyatt, Bobbi Duncan, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2nd	Aug.	18	100.00

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Minutes
OF THE
One Hundred and Ninety-eighth
Annual Session
OF THE
Mountain District
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH
Cross Roads Church
GALAX, VIRGINIA
BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE
FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

1996

NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH
ANTIOCH CHURCH
STRATFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

Located six miles southwest of Sparta, N.C. Turn off Route 221 onto Route 1167 (Antioch Church Road), go two miles, turn left on Route 1163. Just .4 mile to brick church on left of road.

BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST
SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER 1997 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Proceedings

OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The association met with Cross Roads Church for its One Hundred Ninety-Eighth annual session.

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Edward Bowman from Mt. Lebanon Church the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Cecil Darity. Text: St. Luke 1:1.

After intermission of one hour during which lunch was served, the messengers assembled in the meeting house to attend to the business of the association. Were called to order with prayer by Brother Herb Denton from Thompson Memorial Church.

1. Called for, received and read letters from the Churches.
2. Called for petitionary letters from other churches of the same faith and order desiring admission to the Association. None came.
3. Organized by move, second and approval to elect Elder Jess B. Higgins, Moderator, Elder Terry V. Wilson, Asst. Moderator, Roy Truitt, Clerk, and W. Steve Gayheart, Asst. Clerk.
4. Called for visitors from Sister Associations and Sister Churches. The following came forward and were welcomed to our midst.

OBION ASSOCIATION: Elder S. T. Tolley

ECHEECONNEE ASSOCIATION: Elder Cecil E. Darity

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION: Brother Clyde A. Griffith, Sister Peggy Griffith, Brother Perry Compton

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION: Elder Richard Kirby, Elder Richard Cox

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION: Elder Franklin Oresta, Brother Finley Ratliff, Sister Bernice Ratliff

SENER ASSOCIATION: Elder Bobby Absher, Brother Ben Miller, Sister Ermalee Miller, Sister Mary Absher

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder Tony Parker, Brother Donald Parker

ROARING RIVER ASSOCIATION: Sister Margie Sexton

POND MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION: Elder Eddie Lyle

STEWART CREEK CHURCH: Brother Robert O. Thomas, Sister Margie P. Thomas

COMMUNITY CHURCH: Brother O'Bain Hylton

NORTH VIEW CHURCH: Brother Cranford Priddy, Elder Milton Gunter

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH: Sister Mary Faulkner, Elder Lester Faulkner

WALNUT COVE CHURCH: Sister Stacy Shepard, Brother Carlo Mabe, Brother Paul V. Lemons, Brother Raymond J. Bibey

MT. LEBANON CHURCH: Elder Edward Bowman, Sister Cora Mae Bowman

THOMPSON MEMORIAL CHURCH: Elder Eddie K. Garrett, Lic. Herbert Denton, Brother William Setters, Sister Dorothy Setters, Brother Thomas B. Robinson

OLD HARTFORD CHURCH: Brother Mack E. Caudill, Sister Violet Caudill

EUHARLEE CHURCH: Sister Sally White

PINE GROVE CHURCH: Elder Ronald G. Bowman

NO CREEK CHURCH: Elder Eugene Bennett, Sister Bess Bennett, Brother Lester R. Snider, Sister Merlyn B. Snider

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH: Elder Johnnie L. Duggins

FAITH CHURCH: Elder Earl Singleton, Elder J. D. Cleek

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH: Elder Harvey G. Carpenter

WILSON CHURCH: Elder Millard Shelton

MEADOW FORK CHURCH: Elder Samuel Whittington

HEALTHY PLAINS CHURCH: Elder Randall Saunders

ABBOTT'S CREEK CHURCH: Elder Steven H. Nichols, Brother Steven Nichols, Brother Justin Nichols, Sister Sara Nichols, Sister Andrea Nichols

PULASKI CHURCH: Elder Jay Harris

5. Received minutes from the following Associations: Union, Ebenezer, Senter, Original Mates Creek, Little Yadkin River, Mount Zion, Ketocton, St. Clair's Bottom, Fisher's River, Original Bear Creek.

6. By move, second and approval the moderator will make all temporary committee appointments for this session.

(a) Preaching Committee: Brethren Carl Williams, Arvel Newberry, Thomas Farmer, Jimmy Haynes, Page Wagoner, Cecil Wyatt, Jack Nichols, Von Wilson.

(b) Finance Committee: Brethren Steve Gayheart, Junior Williams, Roger Lineberry, James Wyatt

(c) Committee to distribute corresponding minutes: Brethren Roy Truitt, Paris Hackler, Larry Spurlin, Sister Marye Rector

(d) Committee on arrangements: Elder Bruce Higgins, Sisters Lauren Wagoner, Viola Easter and Bobbi Duncan

7. By move, second and approval the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. Closed with prayer by Elder Richard Cox from Bear Creek Association.

SATURDAY MORNING

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Harvey Carpenter from Pleasant Hill Church:

1. Called roll of messengers and marked off those that were absent.
2. Called for visitors, those that came forward were added to Friday's list.
3. Called for committee on arrangements to report. They recommend the following:

(a) To have 675 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

(b) Next session of the Association to convene with Antioch Church, Stratford, North Carolina, located six miles southwest of Sparta, N.C. Turn off Route 221 onto Route 1167 (Antioch Church Road), go two miles, turn left on Route 1163. Just .4 mile to brick church on left.

(c) To have a memoriam of our deceased members printed in the minutes. Also obituaries and pictures that are requested by the churches.

(d) To accept request from Union Church to rescind last year's request for admission to the Association.

(e) To continue 5th Sunday meetings on a rotating basis. All 5th Sunday meetings to begin at 10:00 A.M.

5th Sunday Meetings 1996-1997

December 29, 1996 Cross Roads

March 30, 1997 Galax

June 29, 1997 Little River

August 31, 1997 Crab Creek

By move, second and approval the recommendations of the committee on arrangements were adopted.

4. Committee on finance gave the following report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Received from the churches	\$ 903.00
For printing of minutes	705.38
Gave to moderator	50.00
Balance in treasury from last year	1,596.46
Balance in treasury to carry over for next year	<u>1,744.08</u>
Received from Brethren, Sisters, and Friends	<u>1,260.00</u>
which was distributed to visiting Elders.	

5. Committee to distribute corresponding minutes made their report and were discharged.

6. Committee on preaching made their report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Friday afternoon: Elder Randall Saunders opened with prayer.
Elder Stephen Nichols - 2nd Timothy 1:7
Elder Milton Gunter - Job 11:7
Elder Jay Harris dismissed with prayer.

Friday night: Elder Richard Kirby opened with prayer.
Elder Franklin Oresta - Isaiah 53:1
Elder J. D. Cleek - John 3:16
Elder Richard Cox dismissed with prayer.

Saturday morning: Elder Earl Singleton opened with prayer.
Elder Richard Cox - Hosea 6:1
Elder Eddie Garrett - Colossians 4:17
Elder Eugene Bennett dismissed with prayer.

Saturday afternoon: Elder Lester Faulkner opened with prayer.
Elder Richard Kirby - Acts 2:37
Elder Johnny Duggins - Psalms 32:1
Elder Samuel Whittington dismissed with prayer.

Saturday night: Elder Bobby Absher opened with prayer.
Elder Tony Parker - St. Matthew 13:16
Elder Samuel Whittington - St. John 14:3
Elder S. T. Tolley dismissed with prayer.

Sunday morning: Elder Eugene Bennett opened with prayer.
Elder S. T. Tolley - 1st John 2:15
Elder Tony Parker dismissed with prayer.

7. By move, second, and approval the clerk was appointed as treasurer and to superintend the printing of these minutes.

8. Resolve that we return thanks first to God, then to Brethren, Sisters, and Friends for their hospitality and kindness during this association.

9. These minutes were read and approved.

10. By move, second, and approval the Association adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting. Closed with prayer by Elder Ronald Bowman.

Elder Jess B. Higgins, Moderator
Roy Truitt, Clerk

Thus closed the One Hundred and Ninety-Eighth session of the Mountain District Association in peace and fellowship. Each minister who filled the stand was wonderfully blessed to preach the gospel in its purity and love to a large congregation.

Roy Truitt, Clerk

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COMMUNION TIMES

LITTLE RIVER June, 3rd Sunday

ANTIOCH June, 4th Sunday

PEACH BOTTOM July, 2nd Sunday

CRAB CREEK July, 4th Sunday

GALAX August, 2nd Sunday

ELK CREEK August, 2nd Sunday

CROSS ROADS August, 3rd Sunday

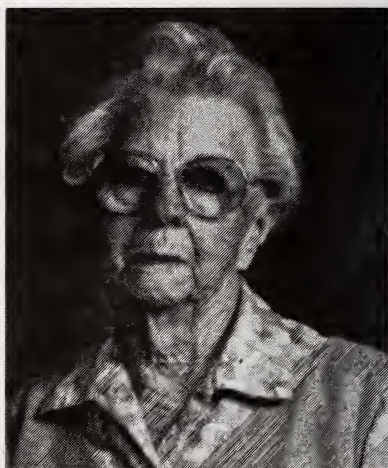
MEMORIAM

It is with sadness and grief that we pause in the solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last association. Even though our hearts are grieved now; we rejoice in the glorious hope that there is an eternal city not made with hands beyond this life, where we will ever be with the Lord, where there will be no sadness and farewells.

ELK CREEK	Laura S. Barlow
LITTLE RIVER	Mae N. Evans
CRAB CREEK	C. Guthrie Caudill
GALAX	Abbie S. Dickens
	James K. "Jim" Petty
PEACH BOTTOM	Ossie Anders
CROSS ROADS	Walter C. Byrd

LAURA MALELIA SHUMATE REEVES BARLOW

Lela was born on August 10, 1900 in Grayson County, Virginia to Finley Floyd Shumate and Mary Ellen Sexton Shumate. She married Meredith Alonzo Reeves on October 7, 1922. Their marriage was blessed with four children, Ray Stewart, Floyd Hardin, Bertha Jean and Wade Carlton. Lon preceded her in death on February 18, 1957. Lela later married Dolfus Foster Barlow on January 1, 1967. Mr. Barlow preceded her in death on October 14th, 1995.



Lela loved the Lord with all her heart. This was evidenced by the way she lived her life. In her strong, true voice she sang gloriously for the Lord, not only in church, but in her daily life as well. She led a simple life by some standards. Her faith in God and her love and the comfort found in her family were the only riches she desired. Lela was

vastly rich in these ways. Lela was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmom. Her family and friends will miss her smiling welcome and the unconditional love she genuinely gave to all. She joined Elk Creek Primitive Baptist Church October 1968 and remained a very faithful member until death.

Submitted by
Lizabeth Reeves Roupe

MAE NORMAN EVANS



Mae Norman Evans was born March 19, 1903 in Sparta, N.C., Alleghany County, to Letcher Norman and Myra Rector Norman. She passed away March 23, 1996, making her stay on this earth 93 years and four days. She married James Clark Evans May 9, 1920, who preceded her in death. Sister Mae is survived by one daughter, Jane Wagoner, and son-in-law, Ray Wagoner of Galax, Va.; one grandson, James Wagoner.

Mae united with Little River Primitive Baptist Church in Sparta, N.C. in June 1972 and was baptized by Elders: Walter Evans and Wilbur Worrell. She remained a devoted member of this church as long as she lived. Mae loved this church with all of her heart, even though not able to attend much the last year or two of her life.

It was my happy privilege to know this saint and to visit her many times in her trailer here in Galax, Va. She expressed her love for God and his dear son, always, when I was in her presence. Sister Mae told me she would like to go to bed some night and wake up in the presence of the Lord. She was blessed to do that very thing. Mae loved Jane and Ray, her daughter and son-in-law; also James her grandson was so very special to her.

Mae passed away Thursday, March 23, 1996. Her funeral service was held at Little River Church in Sparta March 25th, 1996, by Elders Jess B. Higgins and her beloved pastor, Eugene Bennett. Her body was placed in Sparta Cemetery beside her beloved husband, Clark, to await the glorious resurrection. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends but their loss is Sister Mae's gain.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins

CHARLIE GUTHRIE CAUDILL

3-3-1908 / 2-24-96



Born in Alleghany County, N.C., he was the son of the late Martin C. Caudill and Pearl May Nichols Caudill.

On June 14, 1930, he was married to the late Leota Richardson Caudill. To this union was born one daughter who died at the age of two and one-half weeks. His first wife passed away May 31, 1958. On March 31, 1962, he was married to Mrs. Pauline (Polly) Newbert Lewis Caudill. He had one brother, the late Osee M. Caudill. Living sisters are Mrs. Ruth Petty and Mrs. Margie Sexton of Galax, Va.; Mrs. Betty Fortner of

Sparta, N.C.; Mrs. Violet Caudill of Churchville, Md., and Mrs. Edna Anderson of Bel Air, Md. Another sister, Ruby Sexton, is deceased.

He retired from U.S. Civil Service, Defense Department, after thirty-five years of service. He was a veteran of World War II, The European Theater.

He was a life member of the American Legion and a Past Commander of Harford Post #39, Department of Maryland. A life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7034, Sparta, N.C., a charter member of Harford County, Md., Chapter 30, of the Disabled American Veterans and served two terms as Commander of that Chapter.

He was a strong believer in the right of the people to own and bear arms as stated in the Second Amendment of our Constitution and supported all the major organizations who are working to protect those rights and also a life member of the National Rifle Association.

He was a kind, gentle, considerate person, member of Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church. He loved his God and his church and loved singing the old hymns.

Secondly he loved his country and flag and was very patriotic.

ABBIE SEMONES DICKENS

Abbie Semones Dickens was born in Carroll County, Virginia, Friday, March 6, 1908 and passed this life on Wednesday, June 5, 1996, making her stay on this earth 88 years, two months and 30 days. Abbie married William Dickens August 4, 1926 and to this union were born four children who survive Abbie. They are, daughters: Flora Aldred, Georgie Eastridge, Freeda Rector, all of Galax, Va., and one son, J. C. Dickens, also of Galax, Va. Also surviving are two sons-in-law, Paul Aldred and Clyde Eastridge, of Galax, and one daughter-in-law, Peggy Dickens; one brother, Edgar Semones of Hillsville, Va.; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren.



Sister Abbie, along with her husband William, united with Galax Primitive Baptist Church on May 11, 1969 and were baptized on June 8, 1969, by Elders F. R. Moore and Jess Higgins. William and Abbie were faithful to attend the Primitive Baptist Churches of this area for many years until William's death. Abbie sometime later had to move into Waddell Nursing Home in Galax where she remained a resident until her death.

I was blessed of God to visit Sister Abbie and Brother William many times in their home and then to visit Sister Abbie many times in the nursing home. She was steadfast and unmovable in all the things that were precious to her, that being her God, her church and her family. Abbie prayerfully and financially supported her pastor and church in all reality as long as she lived. She was a shining light to me as her pastor; to her family and friends. Abbie will be greatly missed by her family and friends and by this writer; but we know of a surety our loss is Abbie's gain.

Her funeral service was held Friday, June 7, 1996 at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel here in Galax, conducted by Elder Jess B. Higgins and her body was laid to rest beside her beloved husband, William Dickens, in Semones Cemetery near the home where she grew up to await the glorious resurrection day.

May God bless her entire surviving family.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins

WALTER CABEL BYRD

Walter Cabel Byrd was born October 27, 1900 and passed away December 13, 1995. He was the son of John Allen Byrd and Sarah Missouri Collins of the Longview Community, Grayson County, Va. His twin brother, Bruce Hampton Byrd, preceded him in death.

On January 9, 1932 Walter was united in marriage to Mary Rose Collins of the Delhart Community. They were blessed with three children, John Collins, Sarah Frances, and Joe Thomas. His wife Rose passed away January 29, 1956.



He later married Cora Nichols Carico who preceded him in death.

Walter was employed by Firestone Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio, Navy Base in Havre de Grass, MD, Atomic Laboratory in Oak Ridge, TN before moving back to the family farm where he spent his remaining years until stricken with failing health.

At the age of 75 Walter recognized the importance of the Lord in his life. He was baptized in Little River and joined the Crossroads Primitive Baptist Church September 23, 1973. The Bible became a daily part of his experience. He eagerly shared his faith with others.

Written by his daughter,
Frances Chappell

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. 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, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
13. That any member who shall willfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church into the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk shall stand as a Moderator until a new Moderator can be elected.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated, but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament, as translated in 1611 into the King James Version of the Holy Bible, is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

GALAX CHURCH, Galax, Virginia: Located at the intersection of Painter and McArthur Streets.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH, Baywood, Virginia: Located seven miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Route No. 58 (five miles west of Galax) onto Route No. 636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Route No. 626, and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

LITTLE RIVER CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located on Memorial Park Drive, one block east of Route 21.

PEACH BOTTOM CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located one mile north of Independence at intersection of Route No. 21 and 654.

ANTIOCH CHURCH, Stratford, North Carolina: Located six miles southwest of Sparta, NC. Turn off Route 221 onto Route 1167 (Antioch Church Road), go two miles, turn left on Route 1163. Just .4 mile to brick church on left of road.

ELK CREEK CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located five miles west of Sparta. From Route 21 at Twin Oaks, North Carolina, take 221 south, turn right on Route No. 93, just two miles to church on right of road.

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THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE **1996 - 1997**

FIRST SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICE 10:30 AM	Crab Creek	Elk Creek Galax Peach Bottom	Little River Cross Roads	Antioch Crab Creek
AFTERNOON SERVICE 2:00 PM	Cross Roads			
EVENING SERVICE 7:00 PM	Peach Bottom	Little River	Antioch Galax	

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING SCHEDULE 1996-1997

All Fifth Sunday Services to begin at 10:00 A.M.

December 29, 1996	.....	Cross Roads
March 30, 1997	.....	Galax
June 29, 1997	.....	Little River
August 31, 1997	.....	Crab Creek

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Ordained Elders	Licentiate	Sunday of Meeting	Month of Communion	Total No. in Fellowship	Contribution
ANTIOCH Elder James McNeill	Carl Williams, Rt. #4, Box 210, Sparta, NC 28675	Carl Williams, Junior Williams, Lauren Wagoner, Carolyn Osborne, Alt.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4th	June	20	133.00
PEACH BOTTOM Elder Terry Wilson	Arvel Newberry Speedwell, VA	Paris Hackler, Thomas Farmer, Arvel Newberry, Greene Ward, Alt.	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2nd	July	22	120.00
GALAX Elder Jess Higgins	Jimmy Haynes Galax, VA 24333	Jimmy Haynes, Johnny Nichols, Steve Gayheart, Blake Roberts, Alt.	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2nd & 3rd	Aug.	42	150.00
CRAB CREEK Elder Jess Higgins	James Wyatt, Rt. #1, Box 201-B, Sparta, NC 28675	Larry Spurlin, Viola Easter, James Wyatt, Kitty Spurlin, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1st & 4th	July	30	100.00
LITTLE RIVER Elder Eugene Bennett	Page Wagoner, Rt. #1, Box 154, Sparta, NC 28675	Page Wagoner, Roger Lineberry, Jack Nichols, Garfield Dillard, Alt.	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3rd	June	50	150.00
ELK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Cecil Wyatt, P.O. Box 325, Sparta, NC 28675	Cecil Wyatt, Marye Rector, Bobbi Duncan, Dorothy Wyatt, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2nd	Aug.	17	100.00
CROSS ROADS Elder Bruce Higgins	Roy Truitt, 102 Gentry St., Galax, VA 24333	Elder Bruce Higgins, Elder Terry Wilson, Roy Truitt, Von Wilson, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1st & 3rd	Aug.	32	150.00

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Minutes
OF THE
One Hundred and Ninety-ninth
Annual Session
OF THE
Mountain District
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH
Antioch Church
STRATFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE
FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

1997

NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH
PEACH BOTTOM CHURCH
INDEPENDENCE, VIRGINIA
Located one mile north of Independence at intersection of
Route No. 21 and 654.
BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST
SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER 1998 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Proceedings

OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The association met with Antioch Church for its One Hundred Ninety-Ninth annual session.

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Dan Parker from Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church the introductory sermon was preached by Elder S. T. Tolley. Text: Matthew 16:13.

After intermission of one hour during which lunch was served, the messengers assembled in the meeting house to attend to the business of the association. Were called to order with prayer by Elder Arnold F. Childress from Sandlick Association.

1. Called for, received and read letters from the Churches.
2. Called for petitionary letters from other churches of the same faith and order desiring admission to the Association. None came.
3. Organized by move, second and approval to elect Elder Jess B. Higgins Moderator, Elder Terry V. Wilson Asst. Moderator, Roy Truitt Clerk, and W. Steve Gayheart Asst. Clerk.
4. Called for visitors from Sister Associations and Sister Churches. The following came forward and were welcomed to our midst.

SENDER ASSOCIATION: Elder Floyd F. South, Elder Bobby Absher, Elder James McNeill, Brother Tony Miller, Sister Beverly Barker, Sister Kathleen Barker, Sister Ethel Davis, Sister Myrtle B. Caraway, Brother Ben Miller, Sister Mary Absher, Sister Ermalee Miller, Brother Ray Roten, Sister Mary Lynn Roten

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION: Elder Franklin Oresta, Brother Finley R. Ratliff, Sister Bernice Ratliff

ROARING RIVER ASSOCIATION: Brother Roy Choate

REORGANIZED SILVER CREEK ASSOCIATION: Elder Gene F. Watson

OBION ASSOCIATION: Elder S. T. Tolley

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ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder Tony Parker

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION: Elder Larry Blevins

ST. CLAIRE'S DISTRICT ASSOCIATION: Elder Eddie Lyle

TENNESSEE AND NOLACHUCKY ASSOCIATION: Elder James Cooper

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION: Elder Roy E. Speir, Elder L. Richard Cox

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH: Elder Harvey Carpenter

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH: Elder Johnnie L. Duggins

THOMPSON MEMORIAL CHURCH: Elder Herbert Denton

NORTH VIEW CHURCH: Elder Milton Gunter, Sister Betty Gunter, Brother Cranford Priddy

AFTON ROAD CHURCH: Elder Dan Parker

BLACK ROCK CHURCH: Sister Pauline Wilder

MT. CARMEL CHURCH: Sister Elsie Evans

NO CREEK CHURCH: Elder Eugene Bennett, Sister Bess Bennett

MEADOW FORK CHURCH: Elder Samuel Whittington, Sister Janet Whittington

MT. LEBANON CHURCH: Elder Edward Bowman, Sister Cora Mae Bowman

COMMUNITY CHURCH: Brother O'Bain Hylton

WALNUT COVE CHURCH: Brother Paul V. Lemons, Brother Raymond J. Bibey, Brother Carlo Mabe

5. Received minutes from the following Association: Union, Ebenezer, Senter, Original Mates Creek, Little Yadkin River, Mount Zion, Ketocton, St. Clairs Bottom, Fisher's River, Original Bear Creek.

6. By move, second and approval the moderator will make all temporary committee appointments for this session.

(a) Preaching Committee: Brethren Blake Roberts, Carl Williams, Thomas Farmer, James Wyatt, James Hayden, Cecil Wyatt, Roy Truitt

(b) Finance Committee: Brethren Junior Williams, Arvel Newberry, Jimmy Haynes, Larry Spurlin, Jack Nichols

(c) Committee to distribute corresponding minutes: Brethren Lloyd Pope, Elder Bruce Higgins, Sisters Lucy Choate and Marye Rector

(d) Committee on arrangements: Brethren Paris Hackler, Steve Gayheart, Page Wagoner and Sister Bobbi Duncan

7. By move, second and approval the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. Closed with prayer by Elder James Cooper from Nolachucky Association.

SATURDAY MORNING

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Harvey Carpenter from Pleasant Hill Church at Statesville, N. C.

- 1. Called roll of messengers and marked off those that were absent.
- 2. Called for visitors, those that came forward were added to Friday's list.
- 3. Called for committee on arrangements to report. They recommend the following:
 - (a) To have 675 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.
 - (b) Next session of the Association to convene with Peach Bottom Church located at Independence, Virginia. Go 1 mile north on Route 21. Church building at intersection of Route #21 and 654.
 - (c) To have a memoriam of our deceased members printed in the minutes. Also obituaries and pictures that are requested by the churches.
 - (d) To continue 5th Sunday meetings on a rotating basis. All 5th Sunday meetings to begin at 10:00 A.M.

5th Sunday Meetings 1997-1998

November 30, 1997	Peach Bottom
March 29, 1998	Antioch
May 31, 1998	Elk Creek
August 30, 1998	Cross Roads
November 29, 1998	Galax

By move, second and approval the recommendations of the committee on arrangements were adopted.

4. Committee on finance gave the following report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Received from the churches	\$ 915.00
For printing of minutes	799.43
Gave to moderator	50.00
Balance in treasury from last year	1,744.08
Balance in treasury to carry over for next year	<u>1809.65</u>
Received from Brethren, Sisters, and Friends	<u>1,060.00</u>
which was distributed to visiting Elders.	

5. Committee to distribute corresponding minutes made their report and were discharged.

6. Committee on preaching made their report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Friday afternoon: Elder James Cooper opened with prayer.
Elder Milton Gunter - Hebrews 8:1
Elder Dan Parker - 2nd Samuel 9:1
Elder Franklin Oresta dismissed with prayer.

Friday night: Elder Eddie Lyle opened with prayer.
Elder L. Richard Cox - Isaiah 63:1
Elder Roy E. Speir - Ezekiel 34:1
Elder Floyd South dismissed with prayer.

Saturday morning: Elder Terry Wilson opened with prayer.
Elder Tony Parker - Isaiah 65:7
Elder S. T. Tolley dismissed with prayer.

Saturday afternoon: Elder Herbert Denton opened with prayer.
Elder Harvey Carpenter - Ruth 2:16
Elder S. T. Tolley - "Foreknowledge"
Brother Jimmy Haynes dismissed with prayer.

Saturday night: Elder James McNeill opened with prayer.
Elder Samuel Whittington - Matthew 3:8
Elder Edward Bowman - St. Mark 15:37
Elder Bruce Higgins dismissed with prayer.

Sunday morning: Elder Bobby Absher opened with prayer.
Elder S. T. Tolley - Ecclesiastes 3:14
Elder Terry Wilson - James 4:14
Brother Roy Truitt dismissed with prayer.

7. By move, second, and approval the clerk was appointed as treasurer to superintend the printing of these minutes.

8. Resolve that we return thanks first to God, then to Brethren, Sisters, and Friends for their hospitality and kindness during this association.

9. These minutes were read and approved.

10. By move, second, and approval the Association adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting. Closed with prayer by Elder Herb Denton.

Elder Jess B. Higgins, Moderator
Roy L. Truitt, Clerk

Thus closed the One Hundred and Ninety-Ninth session of the Mountain District Association in peace and fellowship. Each minister who filled the

stand was wonderfully blessed to preach the gospel in its purity and love to a large congregation.

Roy L. Truitt, Clerk

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After singing and prayer, the Moderator read letter from Rock Creek Primitive Baptist Church asking forgiveness for their leaving the Mountain Association and requesting to be re-admitted to the Association in full fellowship with all the churches of the Association. Elder Curtis Hash spoke to the Association and was questioned by the Moderator concerning his desire personally and also the desire of Rock Creek Church to be forgiven of their actions when they left the Association and to be re-admitted.

The Moderator asked messengers from each church to leave the building and decide on this request. After discussion between messengers a vote was taken. Messengers voted to restore Rock Creek Church and Elder Curtis Hash to our fellowship.

Elder Jess B. Higgins, Moderator
Roy Truitt, Clerk

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COMMUNION TIMES

LITTLE RIVER June, 3rd Sunday

ANTIOCH June, 4th Sunday

PEACH BOTTOM July, 2nd Sunday

CRAB CREEK July, 4th Sunday

ROCK CREEK August, 1st Sunday

GALAX August, 2nd Sunday

ELK CREEK August, 2nd Sunday

CROSS ROADS August, 3rd Sunday

MEMORIAM

It is with sadness and grief that we pause in the solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last association. Even though our hearts are grieved now; we rejoice in the glorious hope that there is an eternal city not made with hands beyond this life, where we will ever be with the Lord, where there will be no sadness and farewells.

CRAB CREEK	Hazel Slate
GALAX	John J. Nichols Vilas M. Wingate
CROSS ROADS	Franklin R. Higgins
LITTLE RIVER	Ida R. Choate Dorothy R. Holloway Grace C. Rector
PEACH BOTTOM	Roy P. Roberts Ossie M. Anders
ANTIOCH	Mae D. Richardson Hazel E. Estep

JOHN JAMES NICHOLS

6-18-1924 - 10-12-1996

John J. Nichols was born June 18, 1924 and passed this life October 12, 1996, making his stay on this earth 72 years, three months and 24 days. Brother John was survived by his wife, Myrtle, who has since passed away; also by four sisters, Ruby Williams, Marie Siceloff, Elsie Pugh, and Minnie Patton; also by two brothers, Posey Lee Nichols and Eugene Nichols.



John united with Galax Primitive Baptist Church many years ago and also served as deacon for many years. He was totally dedicated to his church looking after the many needs of the church building, the grounds and the people. He will be missed by many people for many years for his kindness, for his energetic way of looking after the duties of a deacon and duties in general. He loved to sing the old songs of Zion and hear the old-time gospel. John was loved far and near by all the people that knew him. There is no question in this writer's mind but that John loved the Lord Jesus with all of his heart. He went to the garden on October 12th to pull weeds and did not return. He was found in his garden deceased with weeds in his hand. He had passed suddenly as he would have wished.

His funeral service was held on Monday, October 14th, at Galax Primitive Baptist Church with a large crowd in attendance by Elders Jess B. Higgins and Curtis Hash with burial in Monta Vista Memory Gardens in Galax, Va., to await the day of resurrection.

Written by
Elder Jess B. Higgins

P.S. Myrtle Blevins Nichols, wife of John James Nichols, was born Friday, June 5, 1925 and passed away Wednesday, July 9, 1997, making her stay here 72 years. She went to church far and near with John and loved the people very much. I loved Myrtle very much and know our loss is her gain. She suffered with cancer and I know Myrtle is better off. This written in tribute to a dear friend.

Elder Jess Higgins

VILAS M. WINGATE

4-10-1905 - 1-17-1997



Vilas M. Wingate was born in Grayson County, Va. on April 10, 1905 and passed this life on January 17, 1997, making his stay here 91 years, nine months and seven days. He is survived by his wife, Jessie Wingate of the home; one step-son, Thomas Smith, and one sister, Myrtle Wagoner.

Brother Vilas loved the Primitive Baptist Church in general but had a special love for his home church, Galax Primitive Baptist Church, and a special love for his pastor. We had many conversations about current events in general and about Jesus and

His great love. He was almost always at his home church on the second Sundays of each month in Galax, Va. He supported his church financially well and loved the people greatly.

Vilas passed away suddenly on January 17 and his funeral service was held January 20 at 11 a.m. in Reins-Sturdivant Chapel in Independence with Ministers Ron Rogers, Austin Goodwin and Elder Jess Higgins officiating. His body was laid to rest in Monta Vista Mausoleum in Galax, Va. to await the resurrection day. We at Galax Church loved Brother Vilas and will miss him greatly. But we know our loss is his gain.

Written by
Elder Jess Higgins

FRANKLIN R. HIGGINS

10-27-1932 - 1-25-1997

Franklin (Frank) was born October 27, 1932 in Grayson County, Va. (Baywood, Va.), to J. Edgar Higgins and Fannie V. Higgins and passed this life January 25, 1997, making his stay here 64 years, two months, 29 days. He is survived by two brothers, Elder R. Bruce Higgins and Elder Jess B. Higgins; one sister, Betty Lou Christman. Frank grew up in the Baywood community and loved the people in this area greatly. He had a special love for his family (especially his mother) and his church. Frank was handicapped all of his life, but never complained and made the best of it.

Franklin united with Crossroads Primitive Baptist Church and remained faithful, until he became unable to attend. He had a breathing problem for several years but we did not know, until shortly before his passing, that he had lung cancer. He suffered great pain and anxiety but now I believe with all my heart he is sweetly resting patiently waiting for Jesus to resurrect his earthly body.

His funeral service was conducted by Elders Edward Bowman and Terry Wilson January 27, 1997 at Crossroads PBC at Baywood with interment in the King Family Cemetery just above the home where he lived. We will miss Frank but know he is well and happy now. Praise God.

Written by his brother, Jess

IDA CHINA RICHARDSON CHOATE

Ida China Richardson Choate was born April 21, 1897 to John and Mitalda Caudill Richardson. She passed away December 19, 1996, making her stay on earth 99 years, seven months and 28 days.

Ida was married to John T. Choate December 23, 1914. To this union was born five children. Preceding her in death were her husband John; also a daughter, Sophia, and son, Amon.

Ida is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Opal Truitt of Glade Valley, N.C., and Mrs. Zelma Kilby of Statesville, N.C.; one son, Elgin Choate of Sparta, N.C.; one brother, Densey Richardson of Sparta, N.C.; 10 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson, several nieces and nephews.

Ida united with Woodruff Primitive Baptist Church early in life, in 1933 moved her membership by letter to Little River Primitive Baptist Church where she remained a member until death.

Her funeral was conducted Sunday, December 22 at 2 P.M. at Little River Primitive Baptist Church with her pastor Elder Eugene Bennett and Elder Jess Higgins officiating. Her body was laid to rest in the Woodruff Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery to await the glorious resurrection day.



Written by request
Page Wagoner

The footprints she has left behind are worthy for the travelers who are still living in this life. Few of the youngest or oldest among us will ever see her likes again or ever know a better mother.

By Zelma

DOROTHY R. HOLLOWAY

"In Loving Memory"

Dorothy Richardson Holloway was born to the late John and Martha Richardson January 1st, 1908, and departed this life December 17, 1996 at her home.

She was married to Clifford Holloway December 22, 1926. To this union was born a son, Dale, and a daughter, Lorraine.

Preceded in death by husband August 8th, 1984. Also her son May 13, 1988.

Surviving is a daughter, Lorraine Wagoner of Sparta; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dale Holloway of Woodleaf, N.C.; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Dency Richardson, and a host of friends to mourn her passing.

She was a member of Little River Primitive Baptist Church where her funeral was held. Officiating ministers were Elder Eugene Bennett, pastor of the church, and Elder Terry Wilson, by her request.

Her body was laid to rest in the Sparta Cemetery.

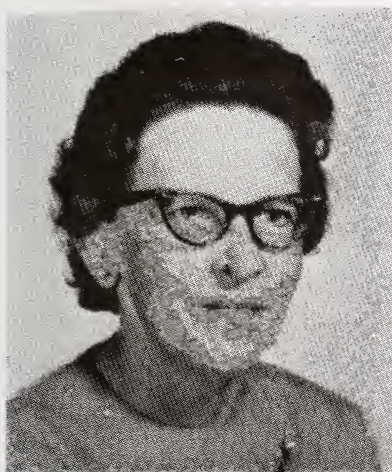
She and husband were active members of the church as long as their health permitted.



Sadly missed,
Lorraine and Family

**Tribute to
GRACE CROUSE RECTOR**

April 9, 1909 - September 18, 1996



God saw she was getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around her and whispered, "Come with Me".

Grace Crouse Rector, one of our dear co-workers in the Alleghany County School System, was called home on September 18, 1996, from the Surrey Place Nursing Home in Chesterfield, Missouri. Her later years were spent with her daughter and her family in Missouri.

Grace was a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College. In 1932, she began her teaching career

as a first grade teacher at Sparta Elementary School. She remained in this position for 39 years. Her great love for children, her patience, and her talents touched many lives. Her capabilities were unsurpassed in starting students on their journeys through school.

After her retirement in 1971, Grace was active in the Alleghany County Chapter of the Retired School Personnel. In addition to her professional work, she participated in the Blevins Crossroads Homemakers Club, the Alleghany Historical and Genealogical Society, Alleghany County Library Board of Directors, and Little River Primitive Baptist Church. Her special interests were traveling, reading and art.

The widow of Haswell Rector, she is survived by one daughter and son-in-law: Camille and Lewis Latzer; one granddaughter, Christine; one grandson, James. Also surviving are three sisters, Ethel Wilder, Sanford, N.C.; Lillian Wood, Raeford, N.C.; and Edith Nome, New Jersey, as well as several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 22, 1996, at the Little River Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Eugene Bennett and Elder Jess Higgins. Burial followed in the Zion Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Those we hold most dear never truly leave us . . .

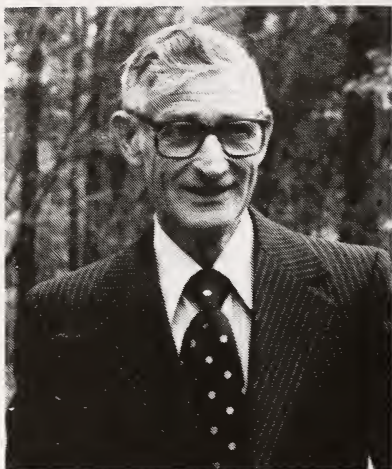
They live on the kindness they showed,

The comfort they shared, and the love they brought into our lives.

Written By:

Alleghany Retired School Personnel

ROY PAUL ROBERTS



Roy Paul Roberts was born at Ennice, NC on April 17, 1958 to Garfield and Amelia Hackler Roberts. He married Edna Bobbitt Roberts and they were blessed with one son.

Brother Roy joined Peach Bottom Primitive Baptist Church in February of 1976. He loved the Lord and was faithful to the church.

On October 21, 1996 the Lord took him home to be with Him. He is sadly missed by his family, Edna Roberts, son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Theresa Roberts, and two grandsons, Terrance and Nathan Roberts.

OSSIE MURRAY ANDERS



Sister Ossie Anders was born April 21, 1905 in Grayson County to Coy and Mattie Austin Murray. She passed away February 26, 1996 at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Blacksburg.

She was married to Abe Anders and they had two children. A daughter, Pauline Anders Edwards of Christiansburg, VA and a son Bob Anders of Independence, VA. Her husband and son preceded her in death. Abe and Ossie were also blessed with three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Ossie was a faithful member of Peach Bottom Church until her health declined and she could no longer attend.

Her funeral was held at the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Independence, VA. Elder Jess Higgins officiated.

Ossie is greatly missed by all her family and friends.

MAE DOUGLAS RICHARDSON

November 21, 1910 - February 7, 1997



Mae was married to Carl Douglas and to this union was born two sons, James Tommy Douglas of Yadkinville, N.C., and Charles Dean Douglas of Woodstock, Georgia, who preceded her in death.

She later married Glen Richardson.

Sister Mae joined Antioch Primitive Baptist Church September 26, 1926, and was baptized October 3, 1926 by Elder J. M. Williams, along with six other sisters.

She was a faithful member of the church and supported it faithfully until the Lord called her home to be with him.

Written by Carl Williams

HAZEL EVANS ESTEP

June 28, 1909 - November 17, 1996



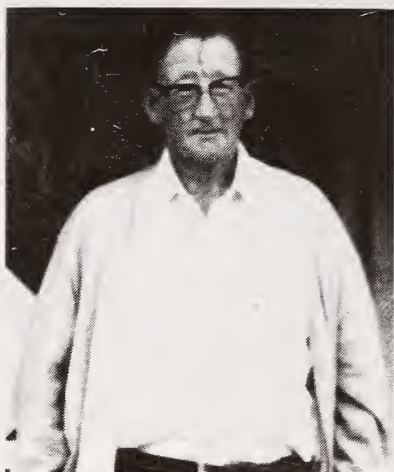
Hazel was married to Edwin Estep who preceded her in death. She is survived by one son, Bill Estep of Sparta, N.C.

She joined Antioch Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder J. M. Williams, along with five other sisters.

Sister Hazel was a dedicated and faithful member to the church. Her loyalty and presence will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Written by
Carl Williams

MR. HIRAM BAYNE CAUDILL



Mr. Hiram Bayne Caudill was born to Oscar and Hattie Edwards Caudill on January 9, 1922. He departed this life on July 18, 1995, making his stay on earth 73 years, six months and nine days.

Brother Bayne joined Union Primitive Baptist Church on November 5, 1963 and was baptized into the fellowship of the church on December 1, 1963.

He was clerk of the church from 1971 to 1990. He also cared for the lawn at the church for a number of years.

Brother Bayne was also active in the Whitehead Community Club, serving on the grounds committee for a number of years.

He lived most of his life here in Alleghany County. He loved the Lord, his church and the Lord's people, was always friendly, kind and easy to get along with. He loved to sing the old songs and knew many of them by heart. We'll miss his songs and his presence, but deep down in our hearts, we know our loss is his eternal gain.

Those surviving include one sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn C. and Garfield Truitt of Sparta; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Hubert D. and Faye Caudill of Ennice and Cary C. and Nancy Caudill of Roanoke, Va.; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Caudill, and one brother-in-law, Joe Howell, both of Sparta, as well as several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 20, 1995 at the Grandview Memorial Funeral Chapel with The Rev. Fred Jennings and Elder Earl Baker officiating. Burial was in the Union Primitive Baptist Church cemetery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. 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, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
13. That any member who shall willfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as they think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church into the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk shall stand as a Moderator until a new Moderator can be elected.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated, but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament, as translated in 1611 into the King James Version of the Holy Bible, is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

GALAX CHURCH, Galax, Virginia: Located at the intersection of Painter and McArthur Streets.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH, Baywood, Virginia: Located seven miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Route No. 58 (five miles west of Galax) onto Route No. 636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Route No. 626, and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

LITTLE RIVER CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located on Memorial Park Drive, one block east of Route 21.

PEACH BOTTOM CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located one mile north of Independence at intersection of Route No. 21 and 654.

ANTIOCH CHURCH, Stratford, North Carolina: Located six miles southwest of Sparta, NC. Turn off Route 221 onto Route 1167 (Antioch Church Road), go two miles, turn left on Route 1163. Just .4 mile to brick church on left of road.

ELK CREEK CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located five miles west of Sparta. From Route 21 at Twin Oaks, North Carolina, take 221 south, turn right on Route No. 93, just two miles to church on right of road.

CRAB CREEK CHURCH, Ennice, North Carolina: Located on Route #18 East of Sparta, North Carolina.

ROCK CREEK CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located two miles east of Independence. Turn off Route 58 onto Route 274 for one mile. Turn left onto Route 685 for one mile to church on right.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

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The Christian Baptist Library, P.O. Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220	5
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Union: Tommy Adams, Box 48, Eolia, KY 40826	10
Mates Creek: Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, KY 42544	20
Ebenezer: Aubrey E. Utz, Madison, VA 22727	10
Ketocaton: L. E. Farley, Rt. 3, Box 168, Williamsport, MD 21795	10
Little Yadkin River: W. H. Johnson Rt. #4, Box 146, East Bend, NC 27018	20
American Baptist Historical Society 1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620	3
Original Little River: c/o Elder Worth Stephenson Rt. 1, Box 385-A, Wendell, NC 27591	10
A. B. Hall, Rt. 3, Box 112, Arab, AL 35016	5
Original Bear Creek: Kenneth R. Austin Rt. 2, Box 808, Monroe, NC 28110	25
Daniel W. Patterson, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 228 Greenlaw Hall 066A, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	5
Mount Zion: Finley R. Ratliff Rt. #1, Box 202, Union, WV 24983	20

MAILING ADDRESSES FOR MINUTES

Carl Williams, Rt. 4, Box 210, Sparta, NC 28675	60
Roy L. Truitt, 102 Gentry St., Galax, VA 24333	75
Green Ward, Rt. 3, Independence, VA 24348	50
Page Wagoner, Rt. 1, Box 154, Sparta, NC 28675	75
Cecil Wyatt, P.O. Box 325, Sparta, NC 28675	30
James Wyatt, Rt. 1, Box 201-B, Sparta, NC 28675	75
Steve Gayheart, 2254 Breezy Ridge Road, Woodlawn, VA 24381	70
Elder Curtis Hash, Rt. #2, Box 746, Independence, VA 24348	20

THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE
1997 - 1998

FIRST SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICE
10:30 AM

EVENING SERVICE
7:00 PM

Crab Creek Rock Creek	Elk Creek Galax Peach Bottom	Little River Cross Roads	Antioch Crab Creek
Peach Bottom	Little River	Antioch Galax	Cross Roads

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING SCHEDULE 1997-1998

All Fifth Sunday Services to begin at 10:00 A.M.

- November 30, 1997 Peach Bottom
- March 29, 1998 Antioch
- May 31, 1998 Elk Creek
- August 30, 1998 Cross Roads
- November 29, 1998 Galax

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Ordained Elders	Licentiate	Sunday of Meeting	Month of Communion	Total No. in Fellowship	Contribution
PEACH BOTTOM Elder Terry Wilson	Arvel Newberry Speedwell, VA	Paris Hackler, Thomas Farmer, Arvel Newberry, Bert Spaulding, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2nd	July	19	120.00
GALAX Elder Jess Higgins	Jimmy Haynes Galax, VA 24333	Jimmy Haynes, Blake Roberts, Steve Gayheart, Dennis Day, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2nd & 3rd	Aug.	40	120.00
CRAB CREEK Elder Jess Higgins	James Wyatt, Rt. #1, Box 201-B, Sparta, NC 28675	Larry Spurlin, James Wyatt, Lloyd Pope, Viola Easter, Alt.	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1st & 4th	July	32	115.00
LITTLE RIVER Elder Eugene Bennett	Page Wagoner, Rt. #1, Box 154, Sparta, NC 28675	Page Wagoner, James Hayden, Jack Nichols, Garfield Dillard, Alt.	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3rd	June	48	135.00
ELK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Cecil Wyatt, P.O. Box 325, Sparta, NC 28675	Cecil Wyatt, Marye Rector, Bobbi Duncan, Dorothy Wyatt, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2nd	Aug.	17	100.00
CROSS ROADS Elder Bruce Higgins	Roy Truitt, 102 Gentry St., Galax, VA 24333	Elders Bruce Higgins and Terry Wilson, Roy Truitt, Von Wilson, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3rd & 4th	Aug.	31	150.00
ANTIOCH Elder James McNeill	Carl Williams, Rt. #4, Box 210, Sparta, NC 28675	Carl Williams, Junior Williams, Lucy Choate, Lauren Brady, Alt.	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	4th	June	20	155.00
ROCK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Wanda Hash, Rt. #2, Box 746, Independence, VA 24348	Elder Curtis Hash, Wanda Hash	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1st	Aug.	3	20.00

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Minutes
OF THE
Two Hundredth
Annual Session
OF THE
Mountain District
Primitive Baptist Association
HELD WITH
Peach Bottom Church
INDEPENDENCE, VIRGINIA
BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE
FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

1998

NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH
GALAX CHURCH
GALAX, VIRGINIA
Located at the intersection of
Painter and McArthur Streets
BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST
SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER 1999 AT 10:30 A.M.

OFFICERS

- ELDER JESS B. HIGGINS Moderator
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ROY L. TRUITT Clerk
102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 24333, Tel. 540-236-5791
W. STEVE GAYHEART Asst. Clerk
2254 Breezy Ridge Road, Woodlawn, VA 24381, Tel. 540-236-8499

Proceedings

OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The association met with Peach Bottom Church for its Two Hundredth annual session.

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Curtis Hash from Rock Creek Church the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Milton Gunter. Text: St. John 1:1.

After intermission of one hour during which lunch was served, the messengers assembled in the meeting house to attend to the business of the association. Were called to order with prayer by Elder Eddie Garrett from Thompson Memorial Church.

1. Called for, received and read letters from the Churches.
2. Called for petitionary letters from other churches of the same faith and order desiring admission to the Association. None came.
3. Organized by move, second and approval to elect Elder Jess B. Higgins Moderator, Roy Truitt Clerk, and Steve Gayheart Assistant Clerk.
4. Called for visitors from Sister Associations and Sister Churches. The following came forward and were welcomed to our midst.

SENIOR ASSOCIATION: Brother Ben Miller, Sister Ermalee Miller, Sister Myrtle B. Caraway, Brother Ray Roten, Sister Mary Lynn Roten, Elder Floyd South, Elder Bobby Absher

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION: Brother Finley Ratliff, Sister Bernice Ratliff, Brother Junior Pack, Lic. Tommy J. Pack

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder Tony Parker

ST. CLAIR ASSOCIATION: Elder Eddie Lyle

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION: Elder Richard Kirby, Sister Nora Allison

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH: Brother and Sister Ray Barnett

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH: Elder Johnnie Duggins

THOMPSON MEMORIAL CHURCH: Brother William Setters, Sister Dorothy Setters, Elder Eddie Garrett, Elder Herbert Denton

NORTH VIEW CHURCH: Brother Cranford Priddy, Elder Milton Gunter

AFTON ROAD CHURCH: Elder Dan Parker

Friday night: Elder Herb Denton opened with prayer.
 Elder Tony Parker - "God's Blessings"
 Elder Richard Kirby dismissed with prayer.

Saturday morning: Elder Eddie Garrett opened with prayer.
 Elder Kemp Walker - Job 13:15
 Elder Ronnie Bowman - Romans 1:11
 Elder Bruce Higgins dismissed with prayer.

Saturday afternoon: Elder Herb Denton opened with prayer.
 Elder Eddie Garrett - St. John 14:1
 Elder Richard Kirby - St. Luke 12:41
 Elder Eddie Lyle dismissed with prayer.

Saturday night: Elder Samuel Whittington opened with prayer.
 Elder Edward Bowman - 2nd Samuel 23:5
 Elder J. D. Cleek - "Covenants"
 Elder Terry Wilson dismissed with prayer.

Sunday morning: Elder J. D. Cleek opened with prayer.
 Elder Samuel Whittington - Isaiah 52:9
 Elder Jess B. Higgins - Deuteronomy 6:5
 Elder Terry Wilson dismissed with prayer.

7. By move, second, and approval the clerk was appointed as treasurer and to superintend the printing of these minutes.

8. Resolve that we return thanks first to God, then to Brethren, Sisters, and Friends for their hospitality and kindness during this association.

9. These minutes were read and approved.

10. By move, second, and approval the Association adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting. Closed with prayer by Lic.: Tommy J. Pack, Mt. Zion Association.

Elder Jess B. Higgins, Moderator
 Roy Truitt, Clerk

Thus closed the Two Hundredth session of the Mountain District Association in peace and fellowship. Each minister who filled the stand was wonderfully blessed to preach the gospel in its purity and love to a large congregation.

Roy L. Truitt, Clerk

2. Called for visitors, those that came forward were added to Friday's list.

3. Called for committee on arrangements to report. They recommend the following:

(a) To have 675 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

(b) Next session of the Association to convene with Galax Church located at the corner of Painter and McArthur Streets in Galax, Virginia.

(c) To have a memoriam of our deceased members printed in the minutes. Also obituaries and pictures that are requested by the churches.

(d) To continue 5th Sunday meetings on a rotating basis. These services begin at 10:00 A.M.

5th Sunday Meetings 1998-1999

November 29, 1998 Galax

January 31, 1999 Little River

May 30, 1999 Crab Creek

August 29, 1999 Peach Bottom

October 31, 1999 Antioch

By move, second and approval the recommendations of the committee on arrangements were adopted.

4. Committee on finance gave the following report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Received from the churches \$ 950.00

For printing of minutes \$ 801.52

Gave to moderator \$ 50.00

Balance in treasury from last year \$1,859.65

Balance in treasury to carry over for next year \$1,958.13

Received from Brethren, Sisters, and Friends \$ 860.00

which was distributed to visiting Elders.

5. Committee to distribute corresponding minutes made their report and were discharged.

6. Committee on preaching made their report and were discharged when their duties were completed:

Friday afternoon: Elder Herb Denton opened with prayer.

Elder Dan Parker - Psalms 91:1

Elder Eddie Garrett - St. John 15:1

Elder Johnny Duggins dismissed with prayer.

NO CREEK CHURCH: Elder Eugene Bennett, Sister Bess Bennett

PINE GROVE CHURCH: Elder Ronald G. Bowman

MEADOW FORK CHURCH: Elder Samuel Whittington, Sister Janet Whittington

MT. LEBANON CHURCH: Elder Edward Bowman, Sister Cora Mae Bowman

MT. OLIVE CHURCH: Sister Joyce Hodges, Sister Mary Lou Lawrence

CANA CHURCH: Elder Raymond Sumner, Sister Nina Sumner

PINE CHURCH: Elder Kemp Walker, Sister Edith Walker

MARTIN CHURCH: Sister Ethel A. Vass

WALNUT COVE CHURCH: Brother Carlo Mabe, Brother Jessup Haggard, Brother Raymond Bibbey, Brother Paul Lemons

CHILHOWIE CHURCH: Elder J. D. Cleek

COMMUNITY CHURCH: Brother O'Bain Hylton

5. Received minutes from the following Associations: Union, Ebenezer, Senter, Original Mates Creek, Little Yadkin River, Mount Zion, Kettocton, St. Clairs Bottom, Fisher's River, Original Bear Creek.

6. By move, second and approval the moderator will make all temporary committee appointments for this session.

(a) Preaching Committee: Brethren Blake Roberts, Jack Nichols, Cecil Wyatt, James Wyatt, Carl Williams, Paris Hackler, Leslie Nichols

(b) Finance Committee: Brethren Junior Williams, Page Wagoner

(c) Committee to distribute corresponding minutes: Brethren Bert Spalding, Roy Truitt, Elder Bruce Higgins and Sister Lauren Brady

(d) Committee on arrangements: Elder Curtis Hash, Sisters Wanda Hash and Bobbi Duncan

7. By move, second and approval the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. Closed with prayer by Elder Tony Parker from Original Little River Association.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 5, 1998

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Raymond Sumner from Cana Church

1. Called roll of messengers and marked off those that were absent.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder Tony Parker	1050 U.S. 701 South Four Oaks, N.C. 27524 919-934-8511
Elder Raymond Sumner	Robinson Drive, Woodlawn, VA 24381 540-236-4959
Elder Samuel Whittington	4173 Shepherd Drive Burlington, N.C. 27215 910-584-0934
Elder Edward Bowman	5771 Joy Ranch Road Woodlawn, VA 24381 540-728-3423
Elder J. D. Cleek	2385 Chimney Top Loop Fall Branch, TN 37656 423-348-7422
Elder Eddie G. Lyle ...	1521 Elliott Road, West Jefferson, N.C. 28694 336-384-2114
Elder Herbert Denton	969 Childress Ferry Road Blountville, TN 37617 423-323-8466
Elder Milton Gunter	1105 Branscome Young Road Danbury, N.C. 27016 336-593-8408
Elder Bobby Absher	183 Old Ridge Road Crumpler, N.C. 28617 336-982-2163
Elder Floyd South ...	278 South Avenue, West Jefferson, N.C. 28694 336-246-7456
Elder Johnnie Duggins	270 Dan Valley Road Mayodan, N.C. 27027 336-548-2774
Elder Dan Parker	3849 R & L Smith Drive Danville, VA 24540 804-724-1632
Elder Eddie K. Garrett ...	102 Lylburn Road, Middletown, OH 45044 513-422-6204

Elder Richard Kirby 2474 Winding Woods Lane
Asheboro, N.C. 27203
336-625-9185

Elder Ronald G. Bowman Rt. #1, Box 337
Austinville, VA 24312
540-728-7089

Elder Eugene Bennett 107 Nail Lane
Mocksville, N.C. 27028
336-998-4727

Elder Kemp Walker 160 Winfield Ridge Drive
Winston Salem, N.C. 27103
336-774-4584

Lic. Tommy J. Pack P.O. Box 606
Daniels, W.V. 25832
304-763-4773

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Elder Bruce Higgins 2655 Cranberry Road
Woodlawn, VA 24381
540-236-8570

Elder Jess B. Higgins 684 Blackberry Lane
Galax, VA 24333
540-236-5574

Elder Terry V. Wilson 109 King Arthur Court
Galax, VA 24333
540-236-3624

Elder Curtis D. Hash Rt. #2, Box 746
Independence, VA 24348
540-773-2975

COMMUNION TIMES

LITTLE RIVER June, 3rd Sunday

ANTIOCH June, 4th Sunday

PEACH BOTTOM July, 2nd Sunday

CRAB CREEK July, 4th Sunday

ROCK CREEK August, 1st Sunday

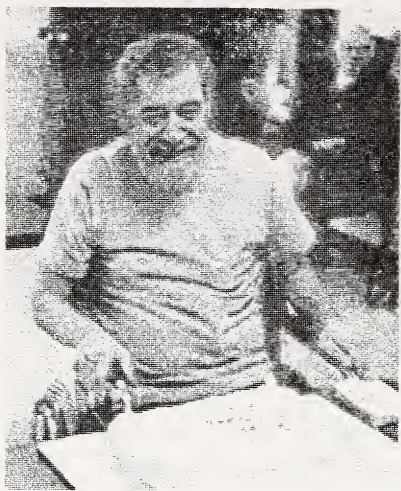
GALAX	August, 2nd Sunday
ELK CREEK	August, 2nd Sunday
CROSS ROADS	August, 3rd Sunday

MEMORIAM

It is with sadness and grief that we pause in the solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last association. Even though our hearts are grieved now; we rejoice in the glorious hope that there is an eternal city not made with hands beyond this life, where we will ever be with the Lord, where there will be no sadness and farewells.

GALAX	Larry Wayne Robertson Jane C. Ayers
CRAB CREEK	Woodrow Carr Pauline Tucker Early Smith Glenn Smith Ona M. Smith Lessie T. Hill
LITTLE RIVER	F. Garfield Dillard Marjorie F. Caudill Zola F. Brown
CROSS ROADS	Virgil E. Poe Sr. Vera G. Rector

LARRY WAYNE ROBERTSON



Brother Larry Wayne Robertson was born March 2, 1947 and passed this life May 8, 1998, making his stay on this earth 51 years, 2 months and 6 days. Larry was handicapped all of his life, having occasional seizures; but was happy most of the time. He was baptized with his mother Virginia and was very happy at that time. Larry loved his church and pastor very much. I had the happy privilege of visiting him many times during his sickness and home-going. Everyone that knew him loved him and especially the nurses

and workers at Blue Ridge Highlands Nursing Facility where he spent the last six months of his life.

Larry's funeral service was held at Vaughan-Guynn-McGrady Chapel in Hillsville, Va. on May 11, 1998. Officiating was Elder Jess Higgins and Norman Goad with burial in the Dickerson Cemetery.

Survivors are his mother, Virginia Dickerson Robertson; special friend, B. J. Griffith of Blue Ridge Highlands Nursing Home; brother: Barry Lynn Robertson; half-brother, William Kenneth Robertson; sister, Sandra Reece; half-sister, Betty Jo Monroe, and several nieces and nephews.

I loved Larry very much, but I know my loss is Larry's gain — he loved Jesus and I am sure he is home in Spirit with the Lord.

Written by Elder Jess Higgins

JANE CATHERINE AYERS

Sister Jane C. Ayers was born October 23, 1918, and passed this life April 2, 1998, making her stay on this earth 79 years, 5 months and 15 days.

Jane moved her membership to Galax P.B.C. several years ago; where she remained a faithful member until her passing. She was as devoted to her church, pastor, family and friends as anyone you could ever know. She lived from that time in the Galax area and went to church somewhere almost every Sunday. She appreciated her friends so very much that took her and her son Alva to church. Jane kept a diary for years of each time

she went to church, who introduced with prayer and who preached. I never had a dearer friend than Jane Ayers.

Her funeral service was held April 10, 1998 in Vaughan-Guynn Chapel in Galax, Va. and her body laid to rest in Gladesboro Cemetery in Carroll County, Va. Her service was held by Elder Jess Higgins.

Survivors are sons: Elwood M. Ayers, James P. Ayers, Alva L. Ayers; brother: Marvin R. Finney; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren.

If I have ever known anyone that loved Jesus it was surely Sister Jane. Our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by Elder Jess Higgins

WOODROW "WOODY" CARR

4-14-1924 - 6-16-1998

Woodrow "Woody" Carr was born April 14, 1924 in Grayson County, Va. to Samuel Houston and Betty Wysong Carr, making his stay on earth 74 years, two months and two days. He was preceded in death by one brother, S. C. Carr, Jr., and one sister, Virginia Ruth Carr, who died at birth.



He entered in the Navy April 14, 1943. After serving his country, he was honorably discharged Feb. 22, 1946 and was married to Virginia Smith on November 24, 1948. To this union was born two daughters, Vickie Delores, and a baby girl who died at birth.

He united with the Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized along with his wife August 24, 1997.

This marriage ended with his death on June 16, 1998 with 49½ years of love and dedication as a husband and father.

This poem was written in memory of Woody.

"The Broken Chain"

*We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name,
In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone,
for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide;
And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same;
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.*

Sadly missed by his wife and daughter,
Virginia and Vickie Carr

IN MEMORY OF PAULINE SHARP TUCKER
Wife of the late Clarence Anders

Clarence and Pauline were both members of Crab Creek Church, having joined that church June 26, 1948 and were baptized on June 27, 1948 by Elder Edd Douglas and Elder Charlie Kilby. He was ordained as a deacon in May of 1958.

Clarence preceded her in death in September of 1964. Also preceding her in death was one daughter. At her passing on October 8, 1997 she left three daughters, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren to mourn her death.

Funeral services were held at Crab Creek Church on October 11, 1997 by Elder Jess Higgins and Rev. Ernie Smith.



SISTER ONA MOXLEY SMITH

Sister Ona Moxley Smith was born June 23, 1899 and passed this life June 7, 1998, making her stay on this earth 98 years, 11 months and 16 days. Ona was a member of Crab Creek Church when I went there as pastor in 1968 and was faithful for many years. She became unable to attend some years ago and became a resident of Waddell Nursing Home in Galax. I visited her for many years and always enjoyed the visits with Ona. The last three to four years, she became almost totally deaf making it almost impossible to communicate with her.

Sister Ona is survived by one step-son and step-daughter-in-law, Donald and June Smith; several nieces and nephews.

Ona's funeral service was held Tuesday, June 9, 1998 at Crab Creek

Cemetery by Bill Davis, her body laid to rest in Crab Creek Cemetery to await the glorious resurrection day.

Written by Elder Jess Higgins

LESSIE TRUE HILL

Sister Lessie True Hill was born May 18, 1918 and passed this life January 13, 1998, making her stay on this earth 79 years. She united with Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church many years ago. She came to her church for many years, but became unable to attend. She was a resident of Blue Ridge Highlands Nursing Home for several years.

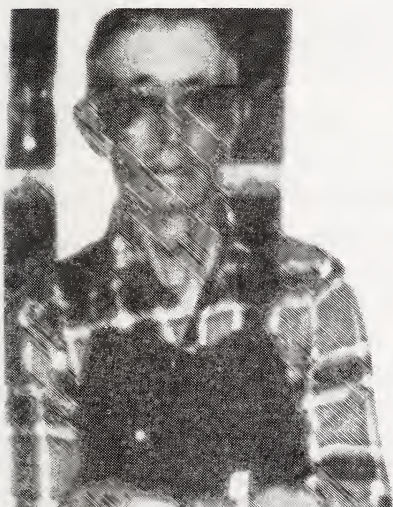
Sister Lessie was very kind and loving. She was always thrilled to see this writer and told the folks at the nursing home that I baptized her.

She is survived by one sister, Grace Lane, and one brother, Clyde Hill, several nieces and nephews.

Her funeral service was held at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel, Galax, Va., with burial in McKenzie Cemetery to await the glorious resurrection. Our loss is Lessie's gain.

Written by Elder Jess Higgins

EARLY SMITH



Brother Early Smith (93) passed from this life on January 7, 1998. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sister Ollie, and one son, O'dell.

He leaves to mourn his passing one son, Bill Smith of Ennice, N.C., and one daughter, Virginia Ruth Spurlin of Baywood, Va.; also several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He and Sister Ollie joined Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church in September 1964 and were baptized by Elder W. L. Gardner of Hillsville, Va. In May of 1966 he was ordained a deacon and served the church well and contributed much to his church and also to the church cemetery where he is laid to rest.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Don Richardson. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Viola Easter

GLENN SMITH

Brother Glenn Smith (84) of Sparta, N.C. died on September 19, 1997 at Alleghany Memorial Hospital. He was born February 9, 1913. He was preceded in death by Zenna Carr Smith and Catherine Reedy Smith (his dear wives). Rudy

Survivors are two sons: Sonny Smith of Brunswick, Ohio; James Smith of Sparta, N.C.; one brother, Dwayne Smith, and one sister, Ina Lou Rector of Sparta, N.C.; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews.

Brother Glenn was faithful to attend his church as long as he was able and had been a member for fifty years. The last several years he had been sick and was in a nursing home. We feel he is now where there is no sickness, sorrows and pain.

Funeral services were held on September 22, 1997 at Crab Creek P.B. Church by his pastor, Elder Jess Higgins of Galax, Va. Burial was in the Crab Creek Cemetery.

Written by request, Sister Viola Easter



FRANKLIN GARFIELD DILLARD

Franklin Garfield Dillard was born in Ashe County to William and Carrie Miller Dillard February 6, 1923, passed away February 21, 1998 at the age of 75 years and 15 days. Garfield was married to Maude Holman January 4, 1945.

To this union four children were born: three sons and a daughter.

Garfield was preceded in death by a son, Albert Donley; his father, William Dillard; four brothers: Carl, Johnson, Dean and an infant brother, Allen.

Surviving is his wife, Maude Dillard of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Sonny Hudson of Ennice, N.C.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Randald and Pat Dillard; Frank and Debbie Dillard, all of Sparta, N.C.; his mother, Carrie Miller Dillard; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; also four sisters survive: Edna McNeil, Sally

Ford, Ethel Miller and Agnes Johnson; also two brothers, Wade and Tommy Dillard, survive.

Brother Garfield and Sister Maude joined Little River Primitive Baptist Church in Sparta, N.C. the third Saturday in August 1969 and were baptized the following Sunday, was ordained a deacon the third Saturday in June 1972. Brother Garfield remained a faithful member of his church until death.

His funeral was held at Little River Primitive Baptist Church at 2 P.M. February 23, 1998 with Elder James McNeil officiating. His body was laid to rest in the Sparta Cemetery to await the glorious resurrection.

Written by request, Page Wagoner

MARJORIE F. CAUDILL *"In Loving Memory"*

Marjorie Fender Caudill was born to the late Everett and Maude Fender on December 7, 1915, and departed this life October 19, 1997, making her stay here 81 years, 10 months and 12 days. She was married to the late Osee Caudill on December 13, 1934. Osee departed on November 12, 1972.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Martha and Roger Lineberry of Sparta, N.C.; Maxine and Lance Moore of Sherrills Ford, N.C.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dean and Peggy Caudill of Morganton, N.C., and Paul and



Jolene Caudill of Greensboro, N.C.; nine grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; four sisters, Lois Busic, Avis Duke, Elaine Choate, all of Sparta, and Carol Felts of McGrady, N.C.; one brother, Ronald Fender of Morganton, N.C.

Sister Marjorie united with Little River Primitive Baptist Church on December 20, 1974, and baptized by the late Elder Walter Evans and Elder Jess Higgins. She was a very faithful church member. Also, she was a foster grandparent for 19 years. She greatly enjoyed her job.

Her funeral service was held at Grandview Memorial Chapel in

Sparta, N.C. The funeral was conducted by Elder Eugene Bennett, Elder Terry Wilson, Elder Jess Higgins, and Elder Earl Lee Joines. She was laid to rest beside her beloved husband and our loving father, Osee Caudill, in Zion Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Sparta, N.C.

God saw she was getting tired and a cure was not to be,

So she is in heaven, what a wonderful place it must be.

We, her family, deeply miss her.

Her loyalty and presence will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Written by her daughter, Martha Lineberry

ZOLA GAY FRANCIS BROWN

Zola Gay Francis Brown was born in Ashe County, N.C. on May 8, 1919 to Garna Oscar Francis and Lillie Lyles Francis and passed away February 25, 1998 at Alleghany Memorial Hospital.

She was married to James Norman Brown on April 4, 1934 and was a loving and devoted wife and mother. Her survivors are her husband; three sons, Clarence Brown, Raymond Brown, Clifford Brown; three daughters, Kathleen Barker, Glenna Brown, Dorothy Brown; one sister, Okla Jones, Jefferson, N.C.; five grandchildren, three step-



grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were two brothers, Carl Francis, Lacy Francis; two sisters, Ruth Francis, Ina Francis Brown, and three children in infancy: Wille Darrell Brown, Arlene Brown and Geraldine Brown and one grandson, Laurance Brown.

She united with Senter Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized in November 1941. After moving to Sparta, N.C. in 1987, she moved her membership by letter to Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, and in 1994 by letter to Little River Primitive Baptist Church for convenience. She remained a faithful church member until her death, always striving to live a godly life and remain strong in the faith and doctrine. We have lost a wonderful mother and she is sadly missed by all the family, the church and a host of friends who mourn her passing.

Funeral services were held February 28, 1998 at 11:00 A.M. at Boone Family Funeral Chapel, West Jefferson, N.C. with Elder John Draper and Elder Terry Wilson officiating and interment in the Senter Primitive Baptist Church cemetery.

Asleep in Jesus, truly at rest; In his wisdom, our Savior knows best,
Thus by him, transplanted on heaven's shore,
A lovely rose to bloom evermore.

Written by Glenna and Dorothy Brown

VIRGIL ELBERT POE, SR.

Virgil Elbert Poe, Sr. was born March 30, 1922 and passed from this life on April 2, 1998 at the age of 76. Virgil was married to Louise Martin Poe and to this union was born four daughters and two sons. Brother Virgil showed much love for his children and his dear companion, but not just them, he always had a smile for his fellow man. He showed a good example of love thy neighbor as thyself.

He was preceded in death by son, Virgil E. Poe, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Louise M. Poe; daughters, Janet Miles of Sparta, N.C.; Judy Osborne of Independence, Va.; Sarah J. Poe of Sparta, N.C.; Jill Osborne of Piney Creek, N.C.; and son, Johnny Poe of Piney Creek, N.C. Also surviving one sister, Clyde Royal, and one brother, Jessie Mack Poe; ten grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel by Fred Jennings and Raymond Martin with burial in Zion Cemetery.

Brother Virgil was a member of Cross Roads Primitive Baptist Church for many years.



VERA GARDNER RECTOR

Vera Gardner Rector was born November 5, 1908 in Carroll County, Virginia, to Lloyd Preston Gardner and Margie Nancy Hampton Gardner. She died on July 16, 1998 at Twin County Regional Hospital at the age of 89.

She had been a member of Cross Roads Primitive Baptist Church for many years but had been unable to attend for some time due to health problems.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law: Emma and Gene Phipps of Mouth of Wilson; Nancy and John Wade of Roanoke, and Mary Ellen and Bob Moncus of Winston-Salem, N.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Lloyd and Lorretta Rector of Woodlawn; a daughter-in-law, Fernande H. Rector of Moneta; two sisters: Lena Jo Gardner of Saint Joseph, Michigan, and Laura Magro of New Buffalo, Michigan; eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Vaughan-Guynn Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Woodlawn Cemetery. . Elder Jess Higgins and Gary Marshall officiated.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. 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, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
13. That any member who shall willfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as they think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church into the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk shall stand as a Moderator until a new Moderator can be elected.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated, but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament, as translated in 1611 into the King James Version of the Holy Bible, is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE 1998 - 1999

FIRST SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICE

10:30 AM

Crab Creek Rock Creek Peach Bottom	Elk Creek Galax Peach Bottom	Little River Cross Roads	Antioch Crab Creek
Peach Bottom	Little River	Antioch Galax	Cross Roads

EVENING SERVICE

7:00 PM

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING SCHEDULE 1998-1999

All Fifth Sunday Services to begin at 10:00 A.M.

November 29, 1998	..... Galax
January 31, 1999	..... Little River
May 30, 1999	..... Crab Creek
August 29, 1999	..... Peach Bottom
October 31, 1999	..... Antioch

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Sandlick District: Johnny Viers, Rt. 2, Box 648, Haysi, VA 24256 ..	20
The Christian Baptist Library, P.O. Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220	5
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Mates Creek: Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, KY 42544	20
Ebenezer: Aubrey E. Utz, Madison, VA 22727	10
Ketocton: L. E. Farley, Rt. 3, Box 168, Williamsport, MD 21795	10
Little Yadkin River: W. H. Johnson Rt. #4, Box 146, East Bend, NC 27018	20
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Original Little River: c/o Elder Worth Stephenson Rt. 1, Box 385-A, Wendell, NC 27591	10
A. B. Hall, Rt. 3, Box 112, Arab, AL 35016	5
Original Bear Creek: Kenneth R. Austin Rt. 2, Box 808, Monroe, NC 28110	25
Daniel W. Patterson, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 228 Greenlaw Hall 066A, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	5
Mount Zion: Finley R. Ratliff Rt. #1, Box 202, Union, WV 24983	20
Senter: Elder Bobby Absher 183 Old Ridge Road, Crumpler, NC 28617	20

MAILING ADDRESSES FOR MINUTES

Carl Williams, Rt. 4, Box 210, Sparta, NC 28675	60
Roy L. Truitt, 102 Gentry St., Galax, VA 24333	75
Green Ward, Rt. 3, Independence, VA 24348	50
Page Wagoner, Rt. 1, Box 154, Sparta, NC 28675	75
Cecil Wyatt, P.O. Box 325, Sparta, NC 28675	30
James Wyatt, Rt. 1, Box 201-B, Sparta, NC 28675	75
Steve Gayheart, 2254 Breezy Ridge Road, Woodlawn, VA 24381 ...	70
Elder Curtis Hash, Rt. #2, Box 746, Independence, VA 24348	20

CHURCH DIRECTORY

GALAX CHURCH, Galax, Virginia: Located at the intersection of Painter and McArthur Streets.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH, Baywood, Virginia: Located seven miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Route No. 58 (five miles west of Galax) onto Route No. 636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Route No. 626, and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

LITTLE RIVER CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located on Memorial Park Drive, one block east of Route 21.

PEACH BOTTOM CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located one mile north of Independence at intersection of Route No. 21 and 654.

ANTIOCH CHURCH, Stratford, North Carolina: Located six miles southwest of Sparta, NC. Turn off Route 221 onto Route 1167 (Antioch Church Road), go two miles, turn left on Route 1163. Just .4 mile to brick church on left of road.

ELK CREEK CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located five miles west of Sparta. From Route 21 at Twin Oaks, North Carolina, take 221 south, turn right on Route No. 93, just two miles to church on right of road.

CRAB CREEK CHURCH, Ennice, North Carolina: Located on Route #18 East of Sparta, North Carolina.

ROCK CREEK CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located two miles east of Independence. Turn off Route 58 onto Route 274 for one mile. Turn left onto Route 685 for one mile to church on right.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Ordained Elders	Licentiate	Sunday of Meeting	Month of Communion	Total No. in Fellowship	Contribution
GALAX Elder Jess Higgins	Jimmy Haynes Galax, VA 24333	Jimmy Haynes, Steve Gayheart, Blake Roberts, Dennis Day, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	2nd	Aug.	37	100.00
CRAB CREEK Elder Jess Higgins	James Wyatt, Rt. #1, Box 201-B, Sparta, NC 28675	James Wyatt, Lloyd Pope, Viola Easter	2	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	1st & 4th	July	28	100.00
LITTLE RIVER Elder Eugene Bennett	Page Wagoner, Rt. #1, Box 154, Sparta, NC 28675	Jack Nichols, Roger Lineberry, Page Wagoner, James Hayden, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3rd	June	45	150.00
ELK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Cecil Wyatt, P.O. Box 325, Sparta, NC 28675	Cecil Wyatt, Bobbi Duncan, Blanche Wyatt, Mazie Sturgill, Alt.	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2nd	Aug.	20	125.00
CROSS ROADS Elder Bruce Higgins	Roy Truitt, 102 Gentry St., Galax, VA 24333	Elder Bruce Higgins, Leslie Nichols, Roy Truitt, Tony Truitt, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	3rd	Aug.	29	150.00
ANTIOCH Elder James McNeill	Carl Williams, Rt. #4, Box 210, Sparta, NC 28675	Junior Williams, Carl Williams, Fay Williams, Lauren Brady, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4th	June	20	165.00
ROCK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Wanda Hash, Rt. #2, Box 746, Independence, VA 24348	Elder Curtis Hash Wanda Hash	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1st	Aug.	3	50.00
PEACH BOTTOM Elder Terry Wilson	Arvel Newberry Speedwell, VA	Paris Hackler, Bert Spalding, Arvel Newberry, Green Ward, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1st & 2nd	July	19	110.00

Minutes
OF THE
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OF THE
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Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH
Galax Church
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1999

NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH
CRAB CREEK CHURCH
ENNICE, NORTH CAROLINA
BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST
SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER 2000 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Proceedings

OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The association met with Galax Church for its Two Hundred and First annual session.

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Willie Branch from Fisher's River Association the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Eddie Garrett. Text: Revelation 15:1.

After intermission of one hour during which lunch was served, the messengers assembled in the meeting house to attend to the business of the association. Were called to order with prayer by Elder Tony Parker from Original Little River Association.

1. Called for, received and read letters from the Churches.
2. Called for petitionary letters from other churches of the same faith and order desiring admission to the Association. None came.
3. Organized by move, second and approval to elect Elder Jess B. Higgins Moderator, Roy Truitt Clerk, and Steve Gayheart Assistant Clerk.
4. Called for visitors from Sister Associations and Sister Churches. The following came forward and were welcomed to our midst.

SENER ASSOCIATION: Elder Bobby Absher, Brother Ray Roten, Sister Mary Lynn Roten

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder Tony Parker, Sister Gail Parker, Sister Violene Pope Stevens

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION: Elder Franklin Oresta, Elder Tom Pack, Brother Junior Pack

NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION: Brother Harley Roberts

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER ASSOCIATION: Brother L. B. Hawkins, Jr.

ST. CLAIR ASSOCIATION: Elder Eddie Lyle, Sister Virgie Lyle

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION: Elder E. W. Hooven Jr., Brother Richard McGee

FISHERS RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder Willie Branch, Sister JoAnn Branch

DOBYNS CHURCH: Sister Lucy Jane Anderson

PINE CHURCH: Elder Kemp Walker, Sister Edith Walker

NO CREEK CHURCH: Elder Eugene Bennett, Sister Bess Bennett

COMMUNITY CHURCH: Brother O'Bain Hylton

BETHEL CHURCH: Brother Garland Tolliver, Sister Helen Tolliver

WALNUT COVE CHURCH: Brother Raymond J. Bibey, Brother Paul V. Lemons

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH: Elder Johnnie Duggins

PINE GROVE CHURCH: Brother Gary McGrady

THOMPSON MEMORIAL CHURCH: Elder Eddie Garrett, Sister Sally White, Brother Bill Setters, Sister Dorothy Setters

NORTH VIEW CHURCH: Elder Milton Gunter, Sister Betty Gunter, Sister Janie Joyce, Brother Charles Joyce

MT. LEBANON CHURCH: Elder Edward Bowman, Sister Cora Mae Bowman

STONEY CREEK CHURCH: Elder Elbert Hunter

CHILHOWIE CHURCH: Brother Howard Davis, Sister Sibyl Davis, Elder J. D. Cleek, Elder Howard M. Davis, Jr.

CONNERS VIEW CHURCH: Brother Coy Vipperman

MT. OLIVE CHURCH: Elder Norvel P. Mann, Brother and Sister Larry Davis

5. Received minutes from the following Associations: Union, Senter, Original Mates Creek, Little Yadkin River, Mount Zion, Ketocton, St. Clair, Fisher's River, Original Bear Creek, Sand Lick District.

By move, second and approval the moderator will make all temporary committee appointments for this session.

(a) Preaching Committee: Brethren Jack Nichols, Blake Roberts, Carl Williams, Cecil Wyatt, James Wyatt, Green Ward, Leslie Nichols

(b) Finance Committee: Brethren Page Wagoner, Jimmy Haynes, Elder Bruce Higgins

(c) Committee on Arrangements: Brethren Roger Lineberry, Paris Hackler, Steve Gayheart, Raymond Nichols, Arvel Newberry, Elder Curtis Hash.

7. By move, second and approval the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. Closed with prayer by Elder Elbert Hunter from Stoney Creek Church.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 4, 1999

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Eugene Bennett from No Creek Church

1. Called roll of messengers and marked off those that were absent.
2. Called for visitors, those that came forward were added to Friday's list.
3. Called for committee on arrangements to report. They recommend the following:

- (a) To have 600 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.
- (b) Next session of the Association to convene with Crab Creek Church located on Route #18 east of Sparta N.C. in the Ennice community.
- (c) To have a memoriam of our deceased members printed in the minutes. Also obituaries and pictures that are requested by the churches.
- (d) To continue 5th Sunday meetings on a rotating basis. These services begin at 10:00 A.M.

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- (e) To discontinue appointing Committee to distribute corresponding minutes. Committee no longer needed.

By move, second and approval the recommendations of the committee on arrangements were adopted.

4. Committee on finance gave the following report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Received from the churches	\$ 971.00
For printing of minutes	\$ 772.52
Gave to moderator	50.00
Balance in treasury from last year	\$1,983.13
Balance in treasury to carry over for next year ...	<u>\$2,131.61</u>
Received from Brethren, Sisters, and Friends	<u>\$ 775.00</u>
which was distributed to visiting Elders.	

5. Committee on preaching made their report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Friday afternoon: Elder Franklin Oresta opened with prayer
Elder E. W. Hooven - Acts 1:1
Elder Kemp Walker dismissed with prayer

Friday night: Elder Kemp Walker opened with prayer
Elder Tony Parker - Zechariah 13:1
Elder Bobby Absher dismissed with prayer

Saturday morning: Elder Norvel Mann opened with prayer
Elder Eddie Garrett - Matthew 6:31
Elder Milton Gunter dismissed with prayer

Saturday afternoon: Elder J. D. Cleek opened with prayer
Elder Milton Gunter - Philippians 3:7
Elder Norvel Mann dismissed with prayer

Saturday night: Elder Edward Bowman opened with prayer
Elder Howard M. Davis, Jr. - St. John 9:35
Elder Eddie Lyle - "Bondsman In Egypt"
Elder Terry Wilson dismissed with prayer

Sunday morning: Elder Tom Pack opened with prayer
Elder Eugene Bennett - St. Matthew 11:1
Elder Jess Higgins - St. Matthew 13:44
Elder Howard M. Davis, Jr. dismissed with prayer

6. By move, second, and approval the clerk was appointed as treasurer and to superintend the printing of these minutes.

7. Resolve that we return thanks first to God, then to Brethren, Sisters, and Friends for their hospitality and kindness during this association.

8. These minutes were read and approved.

9. By move, second, and approval the Association adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting. Closed with prayer by Elder Howard M. Davis, Jr.

Elder Jess B. Higgins, Moderator
Roy Truitt, Clerk

Thus closed the Two Hundred and First session of the Mountain District Association in peace and fellowship. Each minister who filled the stand was wonderfully blessed to preach the gospel in its purity and love to a large congregation.

Roy L. Truitt, Clerk

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder Tony Parker	1050 U.S. 701 South Four Oaks, N.C. 27524 919-934-8511
Elder Edward Bowman	5771 Joy Ranch Road Woodlawn, VA 24381 540-728-3423
Elder J. D. Cleek	2385 Chimney Top Loop Fall Branch, TN 37656 423-348-7422
Elder Eddie G. Lyle	1521 Elliott Road West Jefferson, N.C. 28694 336-384-2114
Elder Milton Gunter	1105 Branscome Young Road Danbury, N.C. 27016 336-593-8408
Elder Bobby Absher	183 Old Ridge Road Crumpler, N.C. 28617 336-982-2163
Elder Johnnie Duggins	270 Dan Valley Road Mayodan, N.C. 27027 336-548-2774
Elder Eddie K. Garrett	102 Lylburn Road Middletown, OH 45044 513-422-6204
Elder Eugene Bennett	107 Nail Lane Mocksville, N.C. 27028 336-998-4727
Elder Kemp Walker	160 Winfield Ridge Drive Winston Salem, N.C. 27103 336-774-4584
Elder Tommy J. Pack	P.O. Box 606 Daniels, W.V. 25832 304-763-4773

Elder Franklin Oresta 338 Harry Heights Road
Bluefield, W.V. 24701
304-325-7207

Elder E. W. Hooven, Jr. 1320 Woodbrook Drive
Kernersville, N.C. 27284
336-996-2022

Elder Willie Branch 404 Apollo Drive
Mt. Airy, N.C. 27030
336-789-2603

Elder Elbert Hunter 1131 Holly Springs Road
Mt. Airy, N.C. 27030
336-786-8831

Elder Norvel P. Mann Rt. #1, Box 47
Lindside, W.V. 24951
304-832-4016

Elder Howard M. Davis, Jr. 35330 Marble Stone Drive
Glade Spring, Va. 24340
540-429-5757

HOME MINISTERS

Elder Bruce Higgins 2655 Cranberry Road
Woodlawn, VA 24381
540-236-8570

Elder Jess B. Higgins 684 Blackberry Lane
Galax, VA 24333
540-236-5574

Elder Terry V. Wilson 109 King Arthur Court
Galax, VA 24333
540-236-3624

Elder Curtis D. Hash 2495 Powerhouse Road
Independence, VA 24348
540-773-2975

COMMUNION TIMES

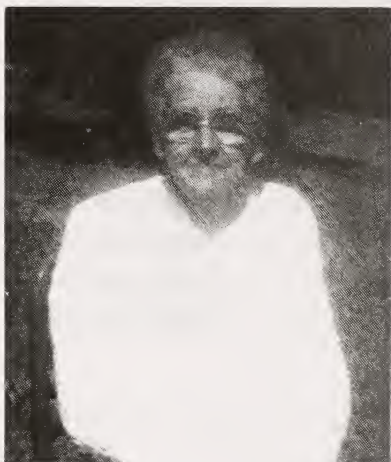
LITTLE RIVER	June, 3rd Sunday
ANTIOCH	June, 4th Sunday
PEACH BOTTOM	July, 2nd Sunday
CRAB CREEK	July, 4th Sunday
ROCK CREEK	August, 1st Sunday
GALAX	August, 2nd Sunday
ELK CREEK	August, 2nd Sunday
CROSS ROADS	August, 3rd Sunday

MEMORIAM

It is with sadness and grief that we pause in the solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last association. Even though our hearts are grieved now; we rejoice in the glorious hope that there is an eternal city not made with hands beyond this life, where we will ever be with the Lord, where there will be no sadness and farewells.

ANTIOCH	Ruth H. Williams Doris Richardson
GALAX	Vera S. Smythers Willard Cruise
LITTLE RIVER	James Norman Brown Bertha McKnight
PEACH BOTTOM	Gene McKinnon
CRAB CREEK	Mable A. Higgins

SISTER RUTH HELEN ANDREWS WILLIAMS



Sister Ruth Williams, age 87, of Laurel Springs, N.C., departed this life June 11, 1999. She was born April 28, 1912, at home in Alleghany County to the late Emmett and Lena Andrews. She married Roscoe Williams on October 14, 1928. To this union was born nine children: Kenneth, Roscoe Junior, Carl, Juanita, Edna, Carol, Dorothy, Johnny, and Raymond; also 25 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild

also survives. She had seven brothers and two sisters. Her husband, Roscoe, and her son, Kenneth, preceded her in death. She joined Antioch Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized August 28, 1937. Ruth was a faithful and dedicated member until her illness prevented her from attending. She was a very caring and loving mother and friend to all. On many occasions Mother and Dad would have Elders, family, and friends at their home for dinner and singing. Mother was battling Alzheimer's, but she gave everyone a loving smile. Her children and grandchildren were at her bedside when the Lord called her home. She will be sadly missed by all that knew her.

Written by Carl Williams

SISTER DORIS C. RICHARDSON

Sister Doris C. Richardson was born June 10, 1912 and deceased August 1, 1999.

She joined Antioch Primitive Baptist Church August 26, 1961.

She was a faithful member and worker at the church until her illness stopped her from coming. We all loved and miss her.

Carl Williams



VERA SPIVEY SMYTHERS



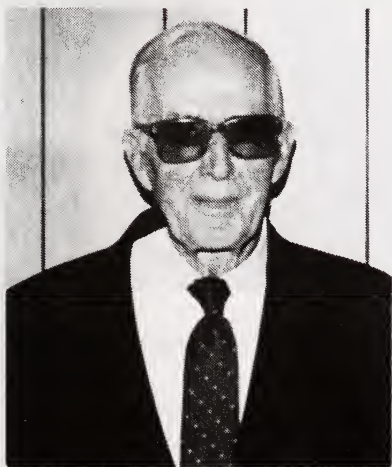
Sister Vera Spivey Smythers departed from this life on Sunday, May 23, 1999. She was born on November 10, 1915, making her stay here 83 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Smythers, in 1987. She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Harold Cox and Barbara and J. C. Newman; one sister, Pearl Quesenberry, and two grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews. Her funeral was held at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel by Elder

Jess Higgins and Elder Edward Bowman. Burial was at Pickett Cemetery. Sister Vera and Brother Marvin united with Galax Primitive Baptist Church on June 9, 1979 and were faithful until death. Though our loss is Heaven's gain she will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Written by request, Brother Jimmy Haynes

JAMES NORMAN BROWN

"In Loving Memory"



James Norman Brown was born in Ashe County, N.C. on April 15, 1905 to James Robert Brown and Tamsy Alyfair Blevins Brown and passed away February 2, 1999 at Sunrise Health Care in Sparta, N.C.

He was married to Zola Francis on April 4, 1934, who preceded him in death. He was a devoted husband and father. He was survived by three sons, Clarence Brown, Raymond Brown, Clifford Brown, and three daughters, Kathleen Barker, Glenna Brown and Dorothy Brown; also two

brothers, Carl Brown and Virgle Brown; five grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death

were a sister, Sally B. Blevins; one brother, Fieldan Brown, three children in infancy, Willie Darrell Brown, Arlene Brown and Geraldine Brown, and one grandson, Laurance Brown.

He united with Senter Primitive Baptist Church along with his wife and was baptized in November 1941. After moving to Sparta, N.C. in 1987, he moved his membership by letter to Antioch Primitive Baptist Church and in 1994 moved his membership by letter to Little River Primitive Baptist Church for convenience. He remained a faithful and devoted member as long as health permitted and strived to remain strong in the faith and doctrine. He is sadly missed by all his family, the church and a host of friends who mourn his passing.

Funeral services were held February 4, 1999 at Boone Family Funeral Home Chapel, West Jefferson, N.C. with Elder Eugene Bennett officiating with interment in Senter Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

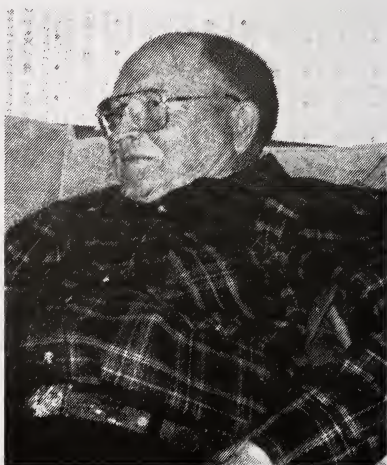
Written by his daughter,
Glenna Brown

BROTHER GENE McKINNON

Brother Gene McKinnon, 89, of Independence, Va., passed away October 10, 1998 in a hospital in Bluefield, WV. He had been living with his son, Lee, and had been in declining health for the last few years of his life.

Survivors are: two sons, Lee McKinnon, Bluefield, WV.; Jim McKinnon, Everett, WV.; one daughter, Iris Hawley, North East, Md.; a granddaughter, Joni Raysor, Burlington, NC; three brothers: Tommy McKinnon, Rushville, NB.; Vivian McKinnon, Gettysburg, Pa.; Joe McKinnon, Houston, Tx.; two sisters: Eula Catron, Front Royal, Va., and Beulah Cheeks, Bentonville, Va.

Funeral services were held on October 13, 1998, at the Reins-Sturdivant Chapel in Independence, Va., by Pastor Charles Fortner. He was laid to rest in the Saddle Creek Cemetery by his wife, Laura Rose Cassell McKinnon who preceded him in death.



He was a member of Peach Bottom Primitive Baptist Church, Independence, Va.

MABLE A. HIGGINS

Mable Andrews Higgins was born April 4th, 1919 and passed this life February 14th, 1999, making her stay on this earth 79 years, 10 months and 10 days. Sister Mable is survived by two sons, Dr. James Bolen Higgins of Raleigh, N.C., and J. D. Higgins and wife Iva Higgins of Sparta, N.C.; one granddaughter, LeAnn Nicholson, and three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Georgia Warden, Sparta, N.C., and Mary Dikey, Greensboro, N.C.; two brothers, Tommy Andrews and Jones Andrews, both of Glade Valley, N.C.



Sister Mable united with Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church, along with her husband, David, many years ago and was faithful to come as long as her health permitted. Mable was one of the humblest people you could know. She appreciated the visits of her friends and neighbors and pastor very much. I had many wonderful visits with Mable and will miss her greatly. This dear person is now at peace after a long drawn-out battle with bad health and the battles of this life.

Mable's funeral service was held at Grandview Memorial Chapel in Sparta, N.C. on Tuesday, February 16, 1999 and her burial was in Crab Creek Cemetery at Ennice, N.C. Her funeral service was conducted by Elder Jess B. Higgins her pastor. This written in tribute to one of the best friends I have ever had.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. 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, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
13. That any member who shall willfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church into the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk shall stand as a Moderator until a new Moderator can be elected.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated, but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament, as translated in 1611 into the King James Version of the Holy Bible, is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

GALAX CHURCH, Galax, Virginia: Located at the intersection of Painter and McArthur Streets.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH, Baywood, Virginia: Located seven miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Route No. 58 (five miles west of Galax) onto Route No. 636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Route No. 626, and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

LITTLE RIVER CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located on Memorial Park Drive, one block east of Route 21.

PEACH BOTTOM CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located one mile north of Independence at intersection of Route No. 21 and 654.

ANTIOCH CHURCH, Stratford, North Carolina: Located six miles southwest of Sparta, NC. Turn off Route 221 onto Route 1167 (Antioch Church Road), go two miles, turn left on Route 1163. Just .4 mile to brick church on left of road.

ELK CREEK CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located five miles west of Sparta. From Route 21 at Twin Oaks, North Carolina, take 221 south, turn right on Route No. 93, just two miles to church on right of road.

CRAB CREEK CHURCH, Ennice, North Carolina: Located on Route #18 East of Sparta, North Carolina.

ROCK CREEK CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located two miles east of Independence. Turn off Route 58 onto Route 274 for one mile. Turn left onto Route 685 for one mile to church on right.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Sandlick District: Johnny Viers, Rt. 2, Box 648, Haysi, VA 24256 . .	20
The Christian Baptist Library, P.O. Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220	5
Union: Tommy Adams, Box 48, Eolia, KY 40826	10
Mates Creek: Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, KY 42544	20
Ebenezer: Aubrey E. Utz, Madison, VA 22727	10
Ketocton: L. E. Farley, Rt. 3, Box 168, Williamsport, MD 21795	10
Little Yadkin River: W. H. Johnson Rt. #4, Box 146, East Bend, NC 27018	20
American Baptist Historical Society 1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620	3
Original Little River: c/o Elder Worth Stephenson Rt. 1, Box 385-A, Wendell, NC 27591	10
A. B. Hall, 1427 Fenton Road, Arab, AL 35016	5
Original Bear Creek: Kenneth R. Austin Rt. 2, Box 808, Monroe, NC 28110	25
Daniel W. Patterson, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 228 Greenlaw Hall 066A, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	5
Mount Zion: Finley R. Ratliff Rt. #1, Box 202, Union, WV 24983	20
Senter: Elder Bobby Absher 183 Old Ridge Road, Crumpler, NC 28617	20

MAILING ADDRESSES FOR MINUTES

Carl Williams, 55 Williams Lane, Sparta, NC 28675	40
Roy L. Truitt, 102 Gentry St., Galax, VA 24333	60
Green Ward, 1322 Graystone Rd., Independence, VA 24348	40
Page Wagoner, 375 Andrews Ridge Rd., Sparta, NC 28675	60
Cecil Wyatt, P.O. Box 325, Sparta, NC 28675	35
James Wyatt, 335 Laurel Glenn Church Rd., Sparta, NC 28675	60
Steve Gayheart, 2254 Breezy Ridge Rd., Woodlawn, VA 24381	60
Elder Curtis Hash, 2495 Powerhouse Rd., Independence, VA 24348	15

THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE **1999 - 2000**

FIRST SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY

Crab Creek Rock Creek Peach Bottom	Elk Creek Galax Peach Bottom	Little River Cross Roads	Antioch Crab Creek
Peach Bottom	Little River	Antioch Galax	Cross Roads

MORNING SERVICE
10:30 AM

EVENING SERVICE
7:00 PM

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING SCHEDULE 1999-2000

All Fifth Sunday Services to begin at 10:00 A.M.

October 31, 1999	Antioch
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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Ordained Elders	Licentiate	Sunday of Meeting	Month of Communion	Total No. in Fellowship	Contribution
CRAB CREEK Elder Jess Higgins	James Wyatt, 335 Laurel Glen Ch. Rd., Sparta, NC 28675	Jack Handy, Lloyd Pope, James Wyatt, Viola Easter, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1st & 4th	July	26	100.00
LITTLE RIVER Elder Eugene Bennett	Page Wagoner, 375 Andrews Ridge Rd., Sparta, NC 28675	Roger Lineberry, Jack Nichols, Page Wagoner, James Mabe, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3rd	June	43	135.00
ELK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Cecil Wyatt, Box 325, Sparta, NC 28675	Cecil Wyatt, Bobbi Duncan, Marie Busic, Blanche Wyatt, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2nd	Aug.	20	185.00
CROSS ROADS Elder Bruce Higgins	Roy Truitt, 102 Gentry St., Galax, VA 24333	Elder Bruce Higgins, Leslie Nichols, Roy Truitt, Raymond Nichols, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3rd	Aug.	29	150.00
ANTIOCH Elder James McNeill	Carl Williams, 55 Williams Lane, Sparta, NC 28675	Junior Williams, Paul Reeves, Carl Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4th	June	18	141.00
ROCK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Wanda Hash, 2495 Powerhouse Rd., Independence, VA 24348	Elder Curtis Hash Wanda Hash	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1st	Aug.	3	50.00
PEACH BOTTOM Elder Terry Wilson	Arvel Newberry Speedwell, VA	Green Ward, Paris Hackler, Arvel Newberry, Thomas Farmer, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1st & 2nd	July	18	110.00
GALAX Elder Jess Higgins	Jimmy Haynes, 1769 Cardinal Rd., Galax, VA 24333	Jimmy Haynes, Steve Gayheart, Blake Roberts, Clyde Eastridge, Alt.	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	2nd	Aug.	39	100.00



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