

**Bear Creek Primitive
Baptist Association**

1909

Elder J. F. Mills, Moderator
J. W. Jones, Clerk, Marshville, N. C., R. 1



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**Bear Creek Primitive
Baptist Association**

Twenty-Fifth Spring Session. Held with the Church at Jones Hill, Stanley County, N. C., commencing Saturday before the first Sunday in May, 1909.

Also of the Seventy-Eighth Annual or Fall Session, held with the church at Crooked Creek, Union County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1909.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Bear Creek Association

SPRING SESSION

Jones Hill, Stanley county, N. C.

MAY 1ST, 1909.

Assembled at the stand at 11 o'clock and the introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. E. Williams; text 2nd Tim. iv. 2.

Intermission one hour; then met in the schoolhouse; the moderator and clerk having not yet arrived on account of high water.

Praise and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis. Elder J. E. Williams was then called to act as temporary moderator and Brother Aaron Furr clerk pro tem.

1. Called for and read letters from the churches.
2. Received a petition from a newly constituted church at Concord, asking admittance in this association. The church was duly received and their messenger seated.
3. Invited messengers from sister associations to seats. Present from Abbott's Creek were, Elders C. A. Davis, and from Mill Branch, Elder Thomas Bell. Brethren Caudill and McCaskill were also present as visitors.
4. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats.
5. Appointed on Committee of Arrangements—

Brethren J. S. Little, W. H. Hinson and Elder H. M. Williams, including moderator and clerk, and that the ministers arrange preaching for tomorrow among themselves.

6. Adjourned to 9 a. m. Monday.

Preaching Saturday evening by Elders Davis and Treece.

SUNDAY, MAY 2.

Service today at the stand, first, by Elder Thomas Bell; text, Matthew xiii. 33; second, Elder W. R. Helms, no special text.

Intermission one hour, then services continued by Elder A. G. Morton, text not noted. Then Elder Henry Taylor, text, "Go over and take possession," etc., followed and closed by Elder C. A. Davis, text Proverbs xxx. 24.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 3.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder Thos. Bell.

Elder J. E. Williams, moderator pro tem, then announced the presence of Elder J. F. Mills and J. W. Jones and the association reseated them as moderator and clerk and proceeded to business.

7. Called on Committee on Arrangements to report. Report submitted and adopted.

8. Called names of messengers and read Rules of Decorum.

9. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. Those present reported.

Received minutes from Abbott's Creek and Senter.

10. Called on corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. Elder Mills attended Mill Branch and had good meeting.

11. Called on presbyteries to report. Elder J. E. Williams reported that he and Elders B. L. Treece, W. R. Helms and H. M. Williams formed a presbytery at Concord, N. C., on April 15, 1909, and constituted there a church of Primitive Baptist faith and order.

12. Returned thanks to God, this church and vicinity for kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

13. That we appoint Elder J. F. Mills and J. W. Jones a committee to prepare a suitable sketch of the late Elder S. C. Little for our minutes next fall.

14. Adjourned to time and place mentioned in last minute.

While in session in the house preaching at the stand by Elders Thos. Bell and C. A. Davis. Peace and love prevailed.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.

J. W. JONES, Clerk.

FALL SESSION

OCTOBER 2ND, 1909.

Crooked Creek, Union County, N. C.

Assembled at the stand at 11 o'clock a. m.

Service commenced with singing and prayer by Elder J. F. Mills. Introductory sermon preached by Elder Walter Edwards.

Intermission one hour, then the ministers and messengers convened in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder Thos. B. Little.

Elder Mills then called the association to order.

1. Called for and read letters from the churches.
2. Reelected Elder J. F. Mills moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters, when a letter with

messengers was presented from a newly constituted church at Brooms Grove, Union County, N. C., asking for membership in this association, which was granted, the moderator extending to said messengers the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the association.

4. Invited messengers from sister associations to seats.

5. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats.

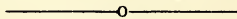
6. Appointed as a Committee on Arrangements—Brethren Aaron Furr, S. L. Mullis and J. M. Austin, with moderator and clerk.

7. Committee on Finance—Brethren Aaron Furr and D. B. Howard.

8. Elected by ballot Elders Thos. B. Little, C. A. Davis, W. T. Broadway and B. L. Treece to preach at the stand Sunday. Services to commence at 10 o'clock a. m.

9. Adjourned to half-past nine Monday morning.

Saturday evening service was conducted at the stand by Elders T. B. Little and C. A. Davis.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Service conducted at the stand, first, Elder Thos. B. Little, text, "I will go before thee and make crooked ways straight," etc. Second, Elder C. A. Davis, text, "The wages of sin is death," etc.

Intermission one hour.

Third, Elder W. T. Broadway, text, "I am the good Shepherd and know my sheep," etc. Fourth, Elder B. L. Treece, text, "By grace are ye saved," etc.

The word was preached with power and much feeling and received joyfully.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 4.

Reassembled in the house pursuant to adjournment.
Praise and prayer by Brother A. J. Taylor.

11. Called on Arrangement Committee to report.
The same submitted, adopted and committee discharged.

12. Called names of messengers, noted absentees,
and read Rules of Decorum.

13. Called on corresponding messengers from sister
associations to report. Elder W. T. Broadway reported
that he and Elder Gallemore were present as mes-
sengers from Abbott's Creek and wished to continue our
correspondence. Also Elder C. A. Davis from Abbott's
Creek was present as visitor.

From Silver Creek Brother Foster Beam was present
as messenger, with minutes, and Brother A. J. Taylor
as visitor.

Minutes from Mill Branch. And Elder T. B. Little
visitor from Arkansas.

14. Called on corresponding messengers to sister
associations to report. Some attended, others failed and
were excused.

15. Appointed correspondence with sister associa-
tions thus:

To Abbott's Creek, Elders Henry Taylor, W. R.
Helms, H. M. Williams and minutes.

To Mill Branch, Elders J. F. Mills, Henry Taylor,
Walter Edwards and Brethren S. Edwards, W. E. Wil-
liams and minutes.

To Silver Creek, Elder H. M. Williams and minutes.

To Senter, Minutes.

To Mountain District, Minutes.

16. Called on presbyteries to report. Elder Henry
Taylor reported that he and Elders J. F. Mills, H.

M. Williams and several brother deacons met at Broom's Grove, in Union county, N. C., on September 17, 1909, and formed a presbytery and constituted a church of the Primitive Baptist faith and order.

17. Treasurer reported funds on hand from last year, \$7.50.

18. Finance Committee reported sent up this year, \$30.00. Total funds, \$37.80.

Donated the sum of one dollar to each minister present (thirteen in number) as follows: Thos. B. Little, C. A. Davis, W. T. Broadway, W. R. Gallemore, A. J. Taylor, J. F. Mills, Walter Edwards, W. R. Helms, Henry Taylor, H. M. Williams, A. G. Morton, B. L. Treece and J. E. Williams; leaving a balance of \$24.80.

19. That our Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published in these minutes.

20. That the next spring session be held with the church at Concord, Cabaras county, N. C., and commence on Saturday before the first Sunday in May, 1910. That Elder Henry Taylor preach the introductory sermon; Elder J. F. Mills alternate; and that the annual or fall session be held with the church at Liberty, Union county, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1910; Elder B. L. Treece to preach the introductory sermon; Elder W. R. Helms alternate.

21. That we request Elder Gold to publish notices of above sessions in the *Landmark*.

22. That the clerk superintend the printing of 700 copies of these minutes, distribute as usual, and that we allow eight dollars (\$8.00) for clerk services.

23. Read and approved the memorial prepared on the life and death of the late Elder S. C. Little, and ordered the same appended to these minutes, and also that it be transferred to a page in the association book.

24. That we return thanks to God, this church and the people of this community for kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

25. Adjourned to time and place above written.

While the association was in session in the house preaching services were conducted at the stand by Elders Gallemore, Morton and Little.

Love, peace and good fellowship prevailed throughout this meeting. To the Lord belongeth all the praise.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.

J. W. JONES, Clerk, Marshville, N. C.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

3. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

4. We believe the doctrine of election, that God chose his church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, their federal head.

6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself

8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and from his fallen state by his own free will and ability. before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper, that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

12. We believe that no man as a minister has a right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and general judgement.

14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. A moderator, or chief speaker, and clerk may be chosen by the suffernge of the members present.

2. The chief speaker, or moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another; provided he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the association be equally divided.

3. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the chief speaker by the appellation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the association.

5. No person shall absent himself from the association without leave.

6. No member of the association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7. The chief speaker, or moderator, shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

7. The names of all the members of this association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the association may require.

Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this association shall be reprov'd by the association in any way they may think proper.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1909.

Left over from last year.....	\$ 7 50	
Sent up by the churches this year.....	30 30	
Total	\$37 80	
Donated to ministers	\$13 00	
For printing these minutes	15 00	
Allowance to clerk	8 00	
Total paid out.....	\$36 00	\$36 00
Left on hand	\$ 1 80	

ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

- Elder J. F. Mills, Marshville, N. C.
- Elder A. G. Morton, Palistine, N. C.
- Elder J. E. Williams, Bloomington, N. C.
- Elder Jesse Brown, Cagles Mill, N. C.
- Elder W. R. Helms, Mooresville, N. C.
- Elder H. M. Williams, Indian Trail, N. C.
- Elder Walter Edwards, Wingate, N. C.
- Elder Henry Taylor, Monroe, N. C.
- Elder B. L. Treece, Albermarle, N. C.

Elder S. C. Little.

Elder S. C. Little was born in Stanley county, N. C., January 5, 1823, and died in his native county November 2, 1908. He joined the Primitive Baptist church in early life and was ordained a minister of the gospel in 1868. In the death of this gifted and devoted father in Israel this association has lost an able and wise councillor and fearless defender of our faith. He was a true patriot, and well may we say that a prince in Israel has fallen. We deeply feel this loss, but our faith and confidence in his life and profession is such that we bow in submission and abide in the full assurance that our dear departed brother is now at rest. Let us remember the life and character of this dear saint an dperpetuate his memory by following his wise council when living. Who so long and faithfully presided over this our association as moderator, and who so truly guided in the path of peace and safety. We hold the name and life of Elder Singleton C. Little as a sacred legacy and con only hope to die as he died in the full triumphs of a gospel and living faith. Written for and on behalf of the association.

J. F. MILLS,
J. W. JONES,

Committee.

MESSENGERS—SPRING SESSION

Bear Creek—Elder J. E. Williams, Aaron Furr, J. A. Barbee.
Bethany—N. G. Jones,* W. A. Dry.*
Concord—William Whitley.
Crooked Creek—W. D. Benton, J. M. Austin, H. E. Rowell.
Clark's Grove—J. F. Howell, S. B. Tucker, E. Barbee.
Freedom—C. S. Medlin, A. J. Dees.
High Hill—Elder H. Taylor, W. E. Williams, Elder W. R. Helms.
Howard's Chapel—P. A. Howard, R. B. Burris, J. S. Curlee
Jerusalem—Joe Thomas,* W. A. Helms,* J. W. Godwin.
Jones' Hill—N. W. Hathcock, A. A. Morton, W. H. Howard.
Liberty—J. W. Helms,* S. W. Eason, Elder H. Taylor proxy.
Liberty Hill—Elder H. M. Williams, W. H. Hinson, C. W. Safley.
Lawyer's Spring—J. W. Jones, Thos. Tyson, S. Edwards.
Meadow Creek—H. Shoe, J. A. Barbee, D. M. Hathcock.
Mountain Creek—A. Vanhoy, J. E. Russell, Elder B. L. Treece.
Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion, J. M. Stamper,* J. S. Norris.
Pleasant Grove—Sim Thomas, J. A. Jones, T. A. Helms.
Running Creek—G. M. Tucker, W. Alman, J. H. McClure.
Union Grove—T. F. Hill, T. A. McClellan,* A. E. Little.
Watson—S. L. Mullis, E. C. Williams, Joel Mullis.
Wadesboro—Adam Green,* A. D. Maness,* W. D. Edwards.
Absentees marked thus *

STATISTICAL TABLE

	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS																			
CHURCHES			Contributions	Communion Month	Communion Sunday	In Fellowship	Deceased	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Received by Letter	Received by Exp. and Bap.									
Bear Creek.....	Aaron Furr, Bloomington N C.	W P Bowers, Aaron Furr, Daniel Furr.	2	1 Aug	1 Aug	34	2	3	3	1	3	3	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	00
Bethany.....	W A Dry, Wadesboro, N C.	W A Dry.....	5	3 Aug	3 Aug	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	3	1	1	1	1	1	75
Crooked Creek...	H E Rowell, Indian Trail, N C.	W D Benton, J M Austin, H E Rowell.	5	4 Jul	3 Jul	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	4	1	1	1	1	1	25
Broom's Grove...	S A Helms, Monroe, N C.	Eld W F Helms, T M Broom.....	5	4 Oct	4 Oct	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	25
Concord.....	William Whitley, Concord, N C.	William Whitley.....	10	1 Sep	1 Sep	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Clark's Grove...	J F Howell, Big Lick, N C.	J F Howell, E Barbee, S B Tucker.	10	1 Sep	1 Sep	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Freedom.....	C S Medlin, Bloomington, N C.	A J Dees, J A Holt, C S Medlin.	10	1 Sep	1 Sep	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
High Hill.....	S A Helms, Monroe, N C.	Eld Henry Taylor, J J Hill, S A Helms.	10	1 Sep	1 Sep	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Howard's Chapel.	P A Howard, Norwood, N C R1.	D B Howard, Alvey Howard,* Henry Carpenter*.	20	2 Sep	1 Sep	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	00
Jones Hill.....	J S Little, Big Lick, N C.	A A Morton, R T Burris, W H Howard.	50	1 Sep	1 Jul	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	4	2	1	1	1	1	50
Jerusalem.....	J W Goodwin, Marshville, N C R2.	J W Goodwin, T F Mills, W A Helms.	50	1 Jul	2 Aug	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	3	2	1	1	1	1	25
Liberty.....	S W Eason, Monroe, N C R5.	S W Eason, H Taylor proxy, W C Edwards proxy.	25	1 Aug	2 Aug	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	4	4	1	1	1	1	25
Liberty Hill.....	C W Safely, Bridgeport N C.	A G Helms, C W Safely,* Eld H M Williams.	10	1 Aug	1 Aug	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	4	4	1	1	1	1	10
Lawyer's Spring.	J W Jones, Marshville, N C.	J W Jones, H W Baucum, Thos Tyson.	40	1 Aug	1 Aug	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	40
Meadow Creek...	D M Hatcock, Locust Level N C.	J A Barbee, D M Hatcock, H Shoe.	95	1 Aug	3 Aug	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	3	1	1	1	1	1	95
Mountain Creek...	J E Russell, Albemarle, N C.	Eld B L Treece, Paul Safely, J E Russell.	100	1 Oct	1 Oct	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	4	4	1	1	1	1	100
Pleasant Hill.....	H P Cashion, Moorville, N C.	H P Cashion,* J S Norris,* Sam Rimmer.	50	1 Jun	1 Jun	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	2	1	1	1	1	1	50
Pleasant Grove...	T A Helms, Marshville, N C.	J A Jones, T A Helms, E C Griffin.	50	1 Jul	2 Jul	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	2	2	1	1	1	1	50
Running Creek...	G M Tucker, Mt Pleasant, N C.	G M Tucker, W H Hatley,* J H McClure.	25	1 Sep	1 Sep	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	2	2	1	1	1	1	25
Union Grove.....	I N Medlin, Monroe, N C.	T F Hill, T A McClellan, Joe Baucum.	50	1 Sep	2 Sep	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	2	2	1	1	1	1	50
Watson.....	S L Mullis, Sincerity, N C.	S L Mullis, Joel Mullis, E C Williams.	50	1 May	4 May	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	4	4	1	1	1	1	50
Wadesboro.....	Adam Green, Wadesboro, N C.	Adm Green, W D Edwr'ds,* A D Maness.	100	1 May	1 May	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	4	4	1	1	1	1	100
Totals			30	1 Aug	1 Aug	439	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	439	1	1	1	1	1	1	30

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