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Minutes
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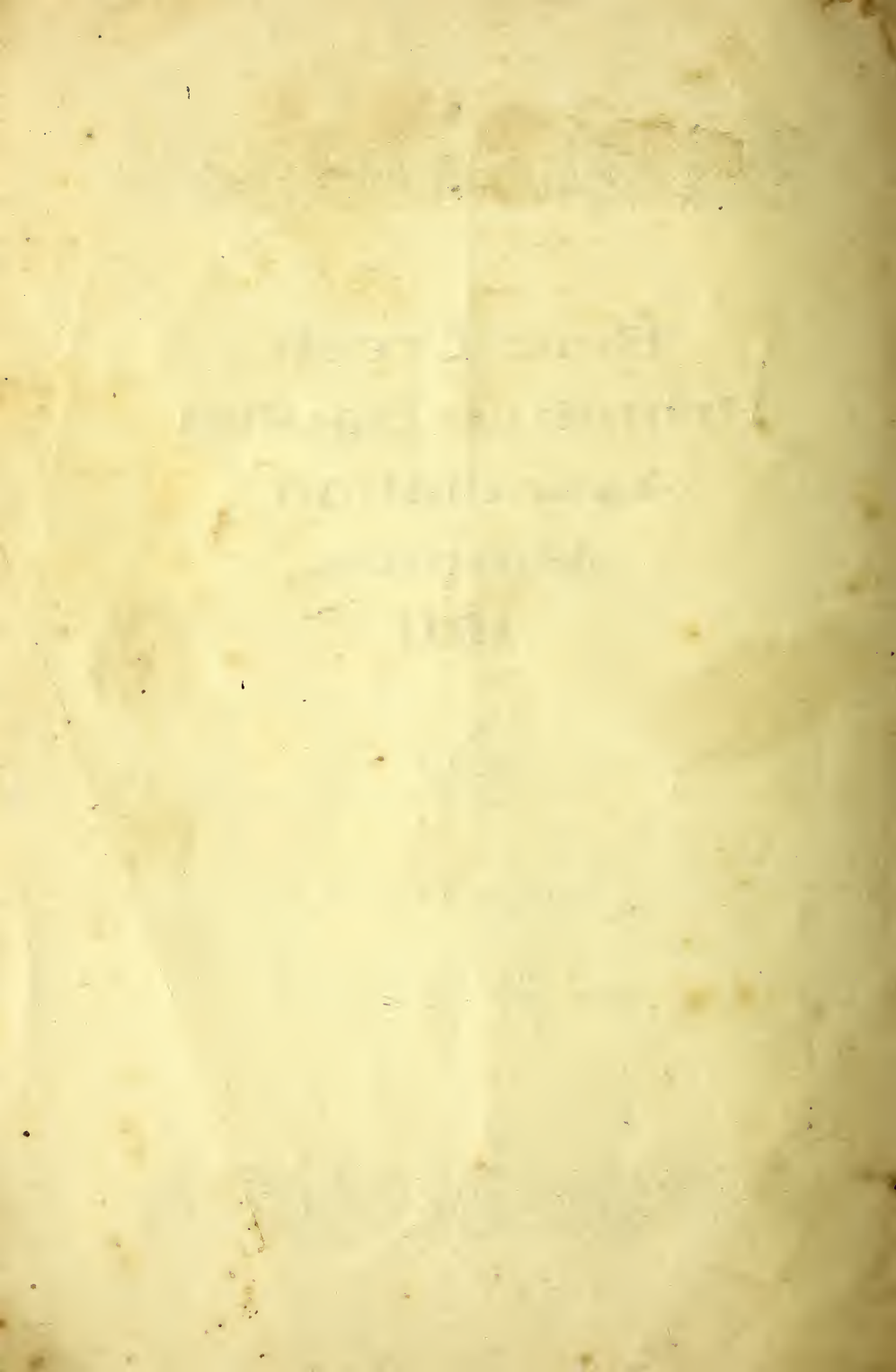


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The Bear Creek Brimtive Baptist Association
Spring and Fall Session
1911.



Twenty-Seventh Spring Session, held with the Church at Broom's Grove, Union County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in May, 1911. Also of the Eightieth Annual or Fall Session held with the church at Watson, Union County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1911.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPRING SESSION.

Broom's Grove, Union County, N. C., May 7, 1911.

Assembled at the stand at 11 o'clock, A. M. The Introductory Sermon delivered by Elder J. F. Mills from 4th verse of 4th chapter of 1st John.

Intermission one hour. Then the Association convened in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Helms, and proceeded to business, Elder Mills presiding.

1. Called for the letters from the several churches, which were handed in and read by Brother Henry Baucom. (Also received a letter from New Zion seeking admittance to membership in this association, the same being referred to the committee of arrangements for examination and to be reported upon Monday.)

2. By motion elected Elder J. F. Mills Moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.

3. Invited corresponding messengers from sister associations to seats. Elder W. T. Broadway from Abbott's Creek was present and seated.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats, and the following being present were welcomed: Elder Samuel McMillen of Tenn., Elder E. E. Lundy of Wilmington, N. C., D. A. McCaskill of Fitzgerald, Ga., Foster Beam of Silver Creek and Pink Broadway of Abbotts Creek.

5. Appointed on committee of arrangements brethren J. E. Williams, S. L. Mullis and H. M. Baucom with moderator and clerk.

6. By motion elected the following Elders to preach at the stand on to-morrow, to-wit: Samuel McMillen, W. T. Broadway, Walter Edwards and J. E. Williams. Service to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

7. Adjourned to half past nine, A. M., Monday. Benediction by the moderator.

While in session in the house preaching service was conducted at the stand first by Elder McMillen from the text, "Verily, every man at his best estate is altogether vanity," followed by Elder Broadway from first Peter, 1st. chapter and 1st verse.

Sunday Services, May 7th.

Assembled around the stand at ten o'clock, A. M., and service opened with singing and prayer by Elder Mills. Elder Walter Edwards then preached from 1st to 3rd verses of 3rd chapter of Gallations, followed by Elder Samuel Mc-Millen from 13th verse of 13th chapter of 1st Corrinthians. Intermission one hour, after which Elder J. E. Williams invited Elder E. E. Lundy, who had come in, to use his time, and Elder Lundy preached from 21st verse of 13th chapter of 1st Corrinthians, followed by Elder W. T. Broadway from 19th and 20th verses of 1st chapter of James.

Monday Morning, May 8th.

Reassembled in the house pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder Henry Taylor.

8. Called on arrangement committee to report. The report read and adopted.

9. Received into the sisterhood of churches, as a member of this association, the church at New Zion, about 4 miles from Concord, N. C., and the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the association extended by the moderator to her messengers and they seated.

10. Called names of messengers and noted absentees. (Omitted reading Rules of Decorum.)

11. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. Elder Broadway reported that the Abbotts Creek Association wished to continue our correspondence. Also received and distributed minutes from Abbotts Creek, Mill Branch and Mountain District.

12. Called on our corresponding messengers to Sister associations to report. Elder Mills reported that himself and Bro. J. W. Jones attended the Mill Branch Association, were received, and found them in peace and had good meeting.

13. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder J. E. Williams reported that himself and Deacon W. E. Williams formed a presbytery on Wednesday before 4th Sunday in November, 1910, at Broom's Grove church and ordained Bro. Thos. M. Broom as a Deacon of that church. Also Elder H. M. Williams reported that himself and Elder B. L. Treece formed a Presbytery at New Zion in Cabarrus county, N. C., on Saturday before 3rd Sunday in February, 1911, and

constituted a church of the Primitive Baptist faith and order.

14. That we return thanks to God, this church and friends of this vicinity for their kind hospitality during this meeting.

15. Adjourned to time and place mentioned in last minutes. Benediction by the moderator.

While the association was in session in the house the following Elders preached at the stand: E. E. Lundy, text Rev. 1st chapter and 6th verse, and closed by Elder Samuel McMillen from 1st Cor. 1st chapter and 18th verse.

The preaching was all sound and comforting and well received.

Messengers—Spring Session, 1911

Bear Creek—Elder J. E. Williams, Aaron Furr, Daniel Furr.
Bethany—Elder J. F. Mills, proxy.

Broom's Grove—Eld. H. M. Williams, Eld. W. R. Helms, T. M. Broom.

Crooked Creek—J. M. Austin, W. D. Benton, C. T. Mills.

Clark's Grove—E. Barbee, S. B. Tucker,* Jim Helms.*

Concord—J. D. Carricker, D. S. Blake.*

Freedom—Not represented.

High Hill—J. J. Hill, S. A. Helms, A. M. Helms.

Howard's Chapel—P. A. Howard, J. S. Curlee,* Jonah Hinson.

Jones Hill—W. H. Howard, Fulton Curlee,* A. A. Morton.*

Jerusalem—W. A. Helms, T. F. Mills, J. W. Godwin.*

Liberty—Eld. Henry Taylor, S. D. Outen, J. W. Helms.*

Liberty Hill—R. T. Burrus, C. W. Safley,* A. G. Helms.*

Lawyer's Spring—J. W. Jones, H. M. Baucom, E. C. Jones.

New Zion—William Whitley, S. M. Underwood.

Meadow Creek—D. M. Hathcock, H. Shoe, E. Hunneycutt.*

Mountain Creek—Eld. B. L. Treece,* J. C. Miller,* J. E. Russell.*

Pleasant Hill—E. J. Liles, John Lambert, J. M. Hartsell.*

Pleasant Grove—T. A. Helms, J. S. Thomas, C. E. Griffin.

Running Creek—J. H. McClure, G. M. Tucker,* W. H. Hatley.*

Union Grove—J. D. Hill, T. A. McClellan, T. F. Hill.

Watson—S. L. Mullis, E. C. Williams, Joel Mullis.

Wadesboro—W. A. Dry, W. D. Edwards,* A. D. Maness.*

Absentees marked thus *.

PROCEEDINGS—FALL SESSION.

Watson, Union County, N. C.,

September 30, 1911.

Assembled at the stand at eleven o'clock, A. M., and introductory sermon preached by Elder J. E. Williams, Text 2nd Timothy, 4th chapter and 2nd verse.

Intermission one hour.

At one o'clock the association convened in the house, and called to order by Elder J. F. Mills. Praise and prayer by brother A. J. Taylor of the Silver Creek Association.

1. Called for the letters from the several churches which were handed in, and read by Bro. H. M. Baucom.

2. Re-elected Elder J. F. Mills moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.

3. Invited visiting corresponding messengers from sister associations to seats. Brethren A. N. Surratt and Samuel Snider of Abbotts Creek, Brother Jonas Taylor and Foster Beam of Silver Creek were all present and seated and welcomed.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats. Elders Thos. Bell and B. H. Harrelson of Mill Branch, Elder W. R. Gallemore and brothers Solomon Snider and Henry Garner of Abbotts Creek, brother A. J. Taylor of Silver Creek and brother J. W. Huntley of Texas were present and welcomed.

5. Appointed on committee of arrangements the following: Elder Thos. Bell, S. A. Helms, S. L. Mullis with moderator and clerk.

6. Appointed on finance committee brethren S. A. Helms and H. M. Baucom.

7. Elected the following ministers to preach at the stand on to-morrow: Elders Thos. Bell, B. H. Harrelson, B. L. Treece and J. E. Williams. Service to commence at 10, A.M.

8. Adjourned to 9:30 Monday morning. Benediction by the moderator.

Preaching services conducted at the stand Saturday by Elders B. H. Harrelson and B. L. Treece in the afternoon.

Sunday, October 1st.

Preaching at the stand to-day as follows: 1st by Elder Thomas Bell, text 2nd Timothy 1st chapter and 8th verse.

2nd Elder B. H. Harrelson who preached from this theme, "The Kingdom of God."

Intermission one hour, after which Elder J. E. Williams preached from 3rd verse of the 17th chapter of St. John, followed and closed by Elder B. L. Treece from these words: "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be their peace." We believe the true gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ was preached to the honor and praise of God and that those who love the truth were strengthened and edified. We hope and believe the Lord was present, enabling His heralds to speak in demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit and also with the hearers, giving them the understanding. We want to thank Him for such manifestations of His love and mercy to his humble people.

Monday Morning, October 2nd.

Met in the house pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Gallemore of Abbotts Creek, and then proceeding in the following order, the moderator presiding:

10. Called on arrangement committee to report. Report read and adopted.

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

12. Called on corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. Elder J. E. Williams reported that himself and brethren Marshal Williams, D. B. Howard and Aaron Furr attended Abbotts Creek Association, was received and had good meeting. Elder Robt. Helms reported that he visited Silver Creek and also had good meeting.

13. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. Bro. Sam Snider said the Abbotts Creek Association wished to continue our correspondence. Brother Jonas Taylor reported the same for Silver Creek. Received and distributed minutes from Abbotts Creek, Salem and Silver Creek.

14. Appointed correspondence with sister associations as follows: To Abbotts Creek, Elder J. E. Williams and brethren D. B. Howard, W. E. Williams, Aaron Furr and file of minutes. To Mill Branch, Elders J. F. Mills, Walter Edwards and file of minutes. To Senter, file of minutes. To Mountain District, file of minutes. To Silver Creek, Elders

H. M. Williams, W. R. Helms and file of minutes. To Salem, Elder J. E. Williams and file of minutes.

15. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder J. E. Williams reported that himself and Deacons J. A. Barbee, G. M. Tucker and J. H. McClure formed a Presbytery on Friday before 4th Sunday in July, 1911, at Meadow Creek and ordained brother W. A. Yow to be a deacon of that church.

16. Treasurer reported on hand from last year .. \$ 4.70

17. Finance committee reported sent up this year..31.40

Total Funds \$36.10

18. That the next Spring Session be held with the church at New Zion, 5 miles South of Concord, N. C., and commence on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in May, 1912, Elder Henry Taylor to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Walter Edwards alternate, and that the Fall or Annual Session be held with the church at Meadow Creek, Stanly county, N. C., and to commence on Saturday before 1st Sunday in October, 1912, Elder J. F. Mills to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Robert Helms alternate.

19. That the clerk ask Elder Gold to publish notices of above meetings in the Landmark.

20. That the clerk have 800 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual and that he have same allowance as last year.

21. That we return thanks to God, this church and people of the Watson vicinity for kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

22. The association donated to our moderator the sum of two dollars and same amount to Elders Thomas Bell, B. H. Harrelson and W. R. Gallemore who were present as visitors from sister associations.

23. Adjourned to times and places above mentioned. Benediction by the moderator.

While the association was in session in the house preaching services were conducted at the stand by Elders W. R. Gallemore, Walter Edwards and B. H. Harrelson.

This meeting was one of peace and harmony throughout.

J. W. JONES, Clerk,

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator. Marshville, N. C., R. 1.

Communion Time of Each Church.

- Bear Creek—First Sunday in August, annually.
 Bethany—Third Sunday in August, annually.
 Broom's Grove—Fourth Sunday in September, annually.
 Crooked Creek—Third Sunday in July, annually.
 Clark's Grove—Second Sunday in July, annually.
 Concord—Third Sunday in June, annually.
 Freedom—Fourth Sunday in September, annually.
 High Hill—Meeting commences on Friday before 1st Sunday
 in September (Communion Sunday.)
 Howard's Chapel—Third Sunday in September, annually.
 Jones Hill—Third Sunday in September, annually.
 Jerusalem—Second Sunday in August, annually.
 Liberty—Fourth Sunday in August, annually.
 Liberty Hill—Fourth Sunday in July, annually.
 Lawyers Spring—First Sunday in August, annually.
 Meadow Creek—Third Sunday in August, annually.
 Mountain Creek—Saturday before 2nd Sunday in September,
 meeting commences Friday.
 Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in June, annually.
 Pleasant Grove—Second Sunday in July, annually.
 Running Creek—Second Sunday in August, annually.
 Union Grove—Second Sunday in September, annually.
 Watson—Fourth Sunday in May, annually.
 Wadesboro—Not decided on.



ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

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

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

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

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

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

Art. 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.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any 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.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 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 suffrages 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 and 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.

8. 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 the association shall be reprov'd by the association in any way they may think proper.



