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PROCEEDINGS

The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association convened with Union Grove church, Union county, North Carolina, in its one hundred and eighth session beginning Friday, September 13, 1940.

After songs of praise services continued with prayer by Elder B. A. Phillips of the Little River Association of Georgia.

Followed with introductory sermon by Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Union Grove Church from these words: Little children keep yourselves from idols.

After an intermission of one hour for noon refreshments, the Association met in the house, and after songs of praise and prayer by Elder M. A. Hall, Pulaskie Association of Georgia, Messengers and Brethren proceeded to business in regular order.

Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Union Grove Church, acted as Moderator and Brother F. Latta Baucom, Clerk of the Church, acted as Clerk and called Brother Preston Helms as Assistant Clerk and Brother Robert Horne reading clerk.

1st. Invited all orderly Baptists who are in good standing in their home churches to seats with us.

2nd. Called for letters from sister churches, which were handed in, read and their status noted.

Union Grove represented by whole church.

From Bethel: Brethren W. T. Bell, O. J. Bell and others.

From Lawyers Springs: Brethren Robert Horne, C. P. Marsh, T. M. Helms, P. A. Griffin and others.

From High Hill: Brethren C. R. Hill, M. C. Mills, H. F. Austin, N. A. Williams and others.

From Mt. Creek: Brethren Clyde Medlin, Willie Solomon, J. E. Russell, Ben Polk and others.

From Watson: Brethren Fulton Helms, J. T. Simpson, J. A. Helms, David Helms and others.

From Union: Elder S. F. Heath, Brethren Guy Johnson, W. R. Coley and others.

From Liberty Hill: Brethren T. L. Medlin, E. F. Lambert, W. J. Underwood, John Harwood and others.

From Meadow Creek: Brethren D. M. Hathcock, N. D. Hathcock, E. H. Simpson, W. H. Hatley and others.

From Pleasant Grove: Brethren A. E. Broom, Marshall Williams, Tom Perry, Brady Mills and others.

3rd. Called for petitionary letters. None handed in.

4th. The Moderator was authorized by the Association to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on Preaching: Brethren F. Latta Baucom, F. P. Deese, W. J. Underwood and Preston Helms.

Committee on Finance: Brethren Sanford Medlin, A. E. Broom, J. E. Russell, Robert Horne and S. H. Edwards.

5th. Called on Presbyteries to report.

Saturday before the first Sunday in April, 1940, by authority of Lawyer's Springs Church Elders J. R. Wilson, C. M. Mills and T. L. Webb and several Deacons from Sister Churches formed a Presbytery and ordained Brethren Cletus Pinckney Marsh and James Robert Horne to the office work of Deacons.

As previously arranged Elders C. M. Mills, O. C. Mullis and T. L. Webb with several Deacons from visiting churches formed a Presbytery at Union Grove Church, Union County, N. C., on Saturday before the second Sunday in April, 1940, and ordained Brother Sanford Medlin to the office of Deacon.

6th. Invited messengers and visitors from Sister Associations and Churches to seats with us.

From Silver Creek: Elder R. A. May, Brother C. L. McGee.

From Dan River: Elders J. R. Wilson, T. L. Wilson, J. D. Hopkins, F. F. Eggleton, W. H. Lewis, Brethren Joe Minter, Sam Walton, A. H. Dickerson and others.

From Little River, N. C.: Elders J. T. Lewis, M. M. Denning, E. L. Furgeson, J. S. Stephenson, Brethren R. F. Smith, M. N. Todd, C. C. Hill and wife and others.

From South Arkansas: File of minutes.

From Sequachie Valley: File of minutes.

From Mt. Zion: File of minutes.

From Tennessee—Nolachucky: File of minutes.

Little River of Georgia: Elders B. A. Phillips, W. E. Cagle and T. V. Mann.

Powells Valley: Elder Lee Hanks.

Greenfield of Tennessee: Elder A. B. Ross.

Pulaskie of Georgia: Elder M. A. Hall and wife.

High Point Church: Elder V. V. Willard.

Spoon Creek Church: Elder J. P. Via.

Correspondents to visit Sister Associations are as follows:

To Silver Creek: Elders T. L. Webb and C. M. Mills.

To Dan River: Elders C. M. Mills, T. L. Webb, Brethren Robert Horne and C. T. Mills.

To Little River, N. C.: Elders O. C. Mullis, T. L. Webb and Brother J. T. Simpson.

To Sequachie Valley: Elder C. M. Mills.

To Mt. Zion: File of minutes.

To Tennessee—Nolachucky: File of minutes.

To South Arkansas: File of minutes.

This Association agreed to take up correspondence with the Little River Association of Georgia and appointed Elders C. M. Mills and T. L. Webb as correspondents to their next session.

7th. Agreed to continue correspondence with all Churches and Associations with whom we now correspond.

8th. On motion Brother H. M. Baucom was appointed to write corresponding letter to be printed in minutes.

9th. On motion adjourned to Saturday morning.
Benediction by Elder J. R. Wilson.

SATURDAY A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment met in the house at 9:30 A. M. and after songs of praise and prayer by Elder J. R. Wilson of Martinsville, Va., proceeded to business as follows:

10th. Called on Finance Committee to report. Reported sent up by churches and congregations \$228.90. Report received and committee released.

11th. By motion agreed to distribute corresponding minutes as usual. Corresponding letter called for, read and adopted.

12th. On motion it is agreed that we hold the next session of this Association with Mt. Creek Church in Stanly County, N. C., beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1941, and continuing through Sunday, and that the pastor of Mt. Creek Church preach the introductory sermon.

13th. By motion it is agreed that we have 800 copies of minutes printed and distributed as usual and that Brother Preston Helms is requested to superintend the printing and distributing of the same and that we allow him \$35.00 for his services.

14th. By motion we agree that all funds above \$35.00 for printing and distributing minutes be distributed to ministers present.

15th. By unanimous consent of the Association we return thanks to God for His mercy and the good people of this church and vicinity for their hospitality and entertainment during this meeting.

16th. On motion adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Benediction by Elder J. S. Stephenson.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY A. M.

Elder C. M. Mills, Text, 1st John 5:21.

FRIDAY P. M.

Elder W. H. Lewis. Failed to get text.

Elder T. V. Mann, Text, Matthew 6:33.

Elder E. L. Furgeson, Text, Ephesians 2:4-5.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder J. P. Via, Text, 2nd Chapter of Luke.

Elder Lee Hanks, Text, Proverbs 1:1-5.

SATURDAY A. M.

Elder V. V. Willard, Text, Romans 12:12.

Elder M. A. Hall, Matthew 11:3-4.

Elder J. S. Stephenson, 1st John 1:1.

SATURDAY P. M.

Elder R. A. May, Text, Acts 8:26.
 Elder J. D. Hopkins, Text, 1st Corinthians 15:14.
 Elder J. T. Lewis, Text, Romans 10:1.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder W. E. Cagle, Text, John 17th Chapter.
 Elder F. F. Eggleton, Text, We preach not ourselves.

SUNDAY A. M.

Elder A. B. Ross, Text, Deuteronomy 32:9-13.
 Elder B. A. Phillips, Text, Ephesians 1:4.
 Elder J. T. Lewis. No text, short remarks.

SUNDAY P. M.

Elder W. H. Oaks. Failed to get text.
 Elder J. R. Wilson, Text, St. Luke 9:6.

NOTE

This was a meeting that will long be remembered. The ministers all came preaching the glorious gospel of salvation by grace and it was a drawing and knitting together in one bundle of Christian love. The Moderator, Elder C. M. Mills, was called on to lead seven of the Lord's little children down into the water to baptize them into the full fellowship of God's Kingdom, the church.

Six of this number joined during this meeting and one was already awaiting baptism and they ranged in age from ten to 67 years.

What a Heavenly scene to behold.

VISITING MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder R. A. May, R-3, Lenoir, N. C.
 Elder J. T. Lewis, R-2, Angier, N. C.
 Elder J. S. Stephenson, R-2, Angier, N. C.
 Elder M. M. Denning, Angier, N. C.
 Elder E. L. Furgeson, R-2, Angier, N. C.
 Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va.
 Elder W. H. Oaks, R-3, Dry Fork, Va.
 Elder W. H. Lewis, Keeling, Va.
 Elder T. L. Wilson, R-1, Ridgeway, Va.
 Elder F. F. Eggleton, Bassett, Va.
 Elder J. D. Hopkins, Schoolfield, Va.
 Elder B. A. Phillips, R-3, Alpharetta, Ga.
 Elder T. V. Mann, Marietta, Ga.
 Elder W. E. Cagle, R-3, Alpharetta, Ga.
 Elder M. A. Hall, Arabi, Ga.
 Elder J. P. Via, Critz, Va.
 Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C.
 Elder Lee Hanks, R-4, Box 38, Asheville, N. C.
 Elder A. B. Ross, Martin, Tennessee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sent up by churches and congregations	\$228.90
For printing and mailing minutes and clerk fee	\$ 35.00
Distributed to ministers	\$193.90

HOME MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder C. M. Mills, 614 South Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.
 Elder T. L. Webb, Marshville, N. C.
 Elder O. C. Mullis, R-3, Monroe, N. C.
 Elder A. L. Presnell, Brush Creek, N. C.
 Elder S. F. Heath, Mt. Holly, N. C.
 Elder W. E. Benton, Sharlotte, S. C.
 Elder C. H. White, Wadesboro, N. C.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association, to our Corresponding and Visiting Associations, and to all of like precious Faith.

Dear Brethren, Greetings:

We through the mercies of God, have been permitted to meet again in an Associational capacity with many correspondents and visitors present with us. We appreciate their presence and trust they will feel it in their hearts to come again.

All the churches of our Association report peace with some en-gathering for which we are thankful. How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity and in peace, each preferring others to self.

We have visiting ministers from North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia and they all come preaching the gospel of peace by Jesus Christ.

This meeting is being held with the church of my late father and mother and it is a dear place to me.

May the Lord continue to bless us with love and peace and fellowship.

Come to see us often.

In Love,

H. M. Baucom.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

Article 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.

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

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election; that God

chose His church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

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

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

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

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

Article 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. We believe in feet washing, as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 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.

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

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

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1st. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3rd. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association, then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Rec'd. by Exp. & Bap.	Rec'd. by Letter	Rec'd. by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contribution
Union Grove.....	Elder C. M. Mills, 614 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.....	F. Latta Baucom, R-3, Monroe, N. C...	16	2	0	2	3	1	0	76	2	\$45.50
Lawyer's Springs.....	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va.....	C. T. Mills, R-2, Monroe, N. C.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	1	\$37.25
High Hill.....	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va.....	J. E. Russell, Albemarle, N. C.....	5	2	0	1	2	0	0	48	1	\$30.00
Mt. Creek.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	Preston Helms, R-2, Marshville, N. C...	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	23	3	\$18.00
Watson.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	T. L. Medlin, Albemarle, N. C.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	32	4	\$15.10
Liberty Hill.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	D. M. Hatchcock, Stanfield, N. C.....	10	1	3	0	1	0	1	56	1	\$29.50
Meadow Creek.....	Elder O. C. Mullis, R-3, Monroe, N. C...	A. E. Broom, R-2, Marshville, N. C.....	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	34	1	\$12.00
Pleasant Grove.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	W. R. Coley, 113 East Catawba St., Belmont, N. C.....	5	4	0	0	0	1	0	61	2	\$32.55
Union.....	Elder P. J. Washburn, Martinsville, Va	O. J. Bell, Wampee, S. C.....	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	30	3	\$ 6.00
Bethel.....	Elder W. E. Benton, Sharlotte, S. C....		0	0	0	2	0	0	0	28	4	\$ 3.00
			44	13	3	6	7	3	6	455		228.90

The 1941 Session of the Association will be held with the church at Mt. Creek, Stanly County, N. C., 3rd Sunday and Friday and Saturday before in September.

