## **MINUTES**

OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

#### LAWYER'S SPRING CHURCH

Peachland, North Carolina September 18, 19, 20

1987

Next session convenes with Crooked Creek Church Monroe, North Carolina

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#### **Proceedings**

### Of The 155th Annual Session Of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

#### Friday, September 18, 1987

The association met with Lawyer's Spring Primitive Baptist Church, Peachland, North Carolina at 10:30 a.m. and joined in songs of praise after which Elder Arnold Childress led in prayer and Elder Joe C. Helms, pastor of Lawyer's Spring Church delivered the introductory sermon using Luke 5:1-4 as a text.

After a time for refreshments and fellowship, the association opened with prayer by Elder Charles Crapse and convened for business. Elder Joe C. Helms served as moderator, Brother Ronnie Edwards served as clerk and Brother Ken Austin served as assistant clerk.

- 1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.
- 2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches of the association which were read by Elder Larry Austin and Elder Rom Kerley and their status noted.
- LAWYER'S SPRING: Represented by entire membership
- CROOKED CREEK: Brethren Jerry Honeycutt, Maurice Broadway, Buford Hinson and W. T. Broadway.
- HIGH POINT: Brethren Clyde Locklear, David Dix, Ted Myers, and Raymond Clark.
- MEADOW CREEK: Brethren Howard Collins, Joe Robinson, Elder Paul Stroupe and Brother Clifford Neill.
- WATSON: Watson Church has requested to be withdrawn from the association. The association granted the request by move, second and unanimous vote.
- PLEASANT HILL: Brethren Bruce Sarber, Richard Copple, Wiley Cole, and Jerry Lucas.
- HIGH HILL: Brethren Johnny Edwards, Edward Pressley, Dennis Pressley and Howard Edwards.
- PARKVIEW: Brethren John Joyce, Pete Smith, Dwayne Hooven and Richard McGee.
- LIBERTY HILL: Brethren Buren Medlin, Vernon Medlin, Kim Honeycutt and Hobart Medlin.
- PLEASANT GROVE: Brethren Jimmy Helms, Parks Mullis, Clayton Griffin and Scott Bass.
- UNION GROVE: Brethren Carl Haigler, W. S. Walden, Marion Martin, and Keith Ledbetter.
- MOUNTAIN CREEK: Brethren Sherrill Vanhoy, Lonnie Eury, Tom Vanhoy and Lynn Huneycutt.

BETHEL: Brethren Douglas McLamb, Mason Anderson and T. H. Mintz.

CORINTH: Brethren David Oliver, Jr., Dick Styers, Jennings Hough and Jim Briscoe.

HERRIN'S GROVE: No letter received.

JERUSALEM: No letter received.

MILLS CHAPEL: Brethren Warren Griffin, Luke McCurdy, Lee Griffin and Howard Little.

NEW HOPE: Brethren C. R. Smith, Sam Campbell, Edsel Thomas and Sister Eugenia Campbell.

OAK GROVE: Not currently meeting.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None were received.

4. The moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance and appointed the following:

Preaching committee: Elder Roy Speir, Brethren Gradon Helms, Carl Haigler and Vernon Medlin, Elders Rom Kerley and E. W. Hooven, Brethren Lane Vanhoy, Clayton Griffin and Andy Anderson.

Finance committee: Elder Newell Helms, Brother Howard Edwards, Elders James McLamb and Rommie Williams, Brethren Truby High, Orlin Stewart, Howard Collins, Bruce Sarber and Jerry Honeycutt.

5. Called for presbytery reports:

On Saturday, December 6, 1986 the following elders and deacons formed a presbytery at Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church and ordained Brethren Marshall Gaskey and Gene Herrin to the office of deacon: Elders Paul Stroupe, Roy Speir, Joe C. Helms, Rom Kerley, Guy Parks, E. W. Hooven, Rommie Williams, Newell Helms and Harvey Carpenter. Deacons Howard Collins, Joe Robinson, Buford Hinson, Howard Edwards, Earl Pressley, Edward Pressley, Dennis Pressley, D.G. Dix, Ted Myers, Gradon Helms, Orlin Stewart, Truby High, Hobart Medlin, Charlie Hatley, Reece Eury, Vernon Medlin, Randy Williams, Reed Shue, Lane Vanhoy, Lonnie Eury, Tommy Vanhoy, Leroy Plowman, Lynn Huneycutt, Richard McGee, Claude Parnell, Pete Smith, T.B. Curlee, Parks Mullis, Lloyd Outen, Carl Haigler, Barry Helms, Ken Austin and Verlon Corbitt.

6. Called for visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us and welcomed the following:

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elder Worth Stephenson and Elder Sexton Pope.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA: Elder and Sister Elzie Speir, Sr., Elder Daniel Hall, Elder Clyde Meek and Brother Darrell Meek.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: Minutes.

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA: Elder and Sister Gus Harter, Elder and Sister Brice Haigler, Brother and Sister Verlon Corbitt.

TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY: Minutes

POWELL'S VALLEY: Elder Harold Hunt.

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA: Elder and Sister I.G. Heaven, Elder and Sister Sammy Caudle, Elder and Sister Guy Hunt, Elder E. B. Watts, Brother and Sister Reves Brothers, Sister Sherrie Williams, Brother Delone Cobbs, Brother Earl Cobbs.

SOUTH ARKANSAS: Elder Ralph Sandage.

7. Invited visitors from associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence to seats with us and received the following:

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION: Elder and Sister Curtis Hash, Sister Elsie Collins.

BIG SANDY ASSOCIATION (TN.): Elder and Sister Arnold Childress.

AMITE ASSOCIATION (LA): Brother and Sister Virgil Hall.

GOOD HOPE ASSOCIATION (MS): Elder Lonnie Mozingo, Sr.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION (TN): Elder Milton Lillard, Brother Phillip Anderson.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER ASSOCIATION (TN): Elder and Sister Julius Sammons, Sister Lillian Laney, Sister Polly Johnson, Sister Minnie Keeter.

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION OF WEST VIRGINIA: Elder Franklin Oresta.

KETOCTON ASSOCIATION (VA): Elder and Sister Raymond Pressley.

ORIGINAL UPPER CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION (GA): Elder Tommy Roundtree.

ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION (GA): Brother and Sister John Shelley. AFTON ROAD CHURCH (VA): Elder Lonnie Mozingo, Jr., Sister Mary Griffin.

TIDEWATER CHURCH (VA): Elder and Sister Frank McCarty.

ZION'S REST CHURCH (FL): Elder and Sister Herman Jordan, Brother and Sister Spencer Crawford.

CAT CREEK CHURCH (GA): Elder and Sister Bob Dickerson.

LITTLE CREEK CHURCH (SC): Elder Charles Crapse.

PINE CHURCH: Brother and Sister Frank Jones, Sister Faye Wilson, Brother and Sister Clarence Brown.

NORTHVIEW CHURCH: Brother and Sister Rufus Bullins.

ABBOTTS CREEK CHURCH: Sister Mary Brooks, Sister Margaret Bullington.

MT. OLIVE CHURCH (VA): Sister Joyce Hodges.

STONEWALL CHURCH (VA): Sister Roma Stanley.

AUGUSTA CHURCH (GA): Brother Allen Wren.

PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH (TX): Brother Otha Craig.

COMMUNITY CHURCH: Sister Virginia Hylton.

LITTLE FLOCK CHURCH (VA): Licentiate and Sister Lloyd Cox.

LOVE'S GROVE CHURCH: Elder John D. Belton.

- 8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows: (it is understood that any member of our association who is in good standing may represent us when attending another association).
- ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA, (4th week-end, Sept.): Elder Larry Austin, Elder E. W. Hooven, Elder Guy Parks.
- ORIGINAL TOWALIGA, (1st week-end, Sept.): Elder Roy Speir, Elder Rom Kerley.
- LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA, (3rd week-end, Aug.): Minutes.
- FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Elder Newell Helms.
- TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Elder Larry Austin.
- POWELL'S VALLEY, (3rd week-end, Aug.): Elder Roy Speir, Elder Larry Austin, Brother Carl Haigler, Brother Ed Pressley, Brother Ken Austin.
- MT. ZION OF ALABAMA, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Elder Newell Helms, Elder Roy Speir, Elder Guy Parks.
- SOUTH ARKANSAS, (3rd week-end, Sept.): Minutes.
- 9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond.
- 10. Elder Newell Helms was appointed to write the corresponding letter to be approved at our Saturday morning session.
- 11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30 with the meeting to continue at Forest Hills High School.

Benediction by Elder Lonnie Mozingo, Jr.

#### Saturday, September 19,1987

The association met according to adjournment at 9:30 a.m. at Forest Hills High School. After prayer by Elder James McLamb continued with business as follows:

- 12. Acknowledged visitors who had arrived since the Friday session and listed their names under items 6 and 7.
  - 13. Called for the report of the finance committee:

- 14. Unanimously agreed to distribute minutes from other associations as usual.
- 15. Called for the corresponding letter which was read and approved and ordered embodied in the minutes.
- 16. Extended invitation for the churches of the association to request fifth Sunday meetings and granted the following:

November 1987	Park View
January 1988	Mountain Creek
May 1988	
July 1988	

- 17. Unanimously agreed by move, second and vote to hold the next session of the association with Crooked Creek Church beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1988 and that the pastor of that church preach the introductory sermon.
- 18. Unanimously agreed to have 1500 copies of the minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations as usual and that the clerk superintend same.
- 19. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that required in item 18 to the ministers present and any other expense the finance committee may consider expedient.
- 20. Unanimously agreed by standing vote that we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His loving kindness and mercy and to the members and friends of Lawyer's Spring Church for their assistance during this meeting. We would, also, like to express our thanks to Mr. Charles Williams, Principal of Forest Hills High School for the use of the school facilities on Saturday and Sunday. Likewise, we express our appreciation to the Forest Hills High School Volunteers and Mr. Randy Cook for their assistance in parking.

Benediction by Elder Julius Sammons.

Elder Joe C. Helms, moderator Brother Ronnie Edwards, clerk Brother Ken Austin, assistant clerk

#### CORRESPONDING LETTER

To our beloved corresponding brethren and sisters and all of like precious faith:

We truly feel that by God's divine mercy and grace we have been blessed to meet again in an associational capacity. We, of the Original Bear Creek Association, extend to each of you a most hearty welcome. We are thankful to God for your fellowship in the gospel of His dear Son.

We trust we may continue to uphold the principles taught in God's word in a manner that you will desire and deem us worthy of your fellowship.

We are thankful for our great nation that has afforded us religious liberty. As we view the social, political and moral issues of our day, we must admit that there is a decay of many of the high principles once supported in this country. We feel, therefore, that there is a most pressing need for the Lord's people to walk close together in love, fellowship and prayer. It is only in this way that we will continue to have God's spiritual blessing upon His church and be delivered from the influences of Satan in this present evil world.

"Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith".

In christian love,

Elder Newell Helms

#### ORDER OF PREACHING

#### Friday Morning

Elder Joe C. Helms - Luke 5:1-4

#### Friday Afternoon

Elder Bob Dickerson - Acts 22:16

#### Friday Night (Lawyer's Spring Church)

Elder Daniel Hall - I Tim. 1

Elder Lonnie Mozingo, Sr. - I Kings 19:14

Elder Ralph Sandage - Heb. 10:10-14

Elder Clyde Meek - I Chron. 13

#### Friday Night (Union Grove Church)

Elder Worth Stephenson - "The Gospel" Elder Milton Lillard - Matt. 28:16-20

#### Saturday Morning

Elder Tommy Roundtree - Job 22:21

Elder Harold Hunt - Sol. 1:1-8

Elder Elzie Speir, Sr. - Sol. 2:1-8

Elder Lonnie Mozingo, Jr. - John 10:9

#### Saturday Afternoon

Elder Brice Haigler - Isa. 7:25

Elder Gus Harter - Eph. 6:1-4

Elder Guy Hunt - Gen. 24:36

#### Saturday Night (Lawyer's Spring Church)

Elder Herman Jordan - Ps. 85:10 Elder E. B. Watts - Gen. 1:26-27

#### Saturday Night (Liberty Hill Church)

Elder Arnold Childress - I Kings 19:2-4 Elder I. G. Heaven - Eph. 2:7

#### Saturday Night (High Hill Church)

Elder Sammy Caudle - Deut. 27:10-15 Elder Julius Sammons - Heb. 6:1-2

#### Sunday Morning

Elder Julius Sammons - John 15:1-11

Elder Guy Hunt - Gen. 45:25-26

Elder Joe C. Helms

#### **VISITING MINISTERS**

#### Elders:

John D. Belton, 123 Bank Street, Mt. Airy, NC 27030 Sammy E. Caudle, Route 1, Box 154, Eva. AL 35621 Arnold F. Childress, Route 3, Box 109, Lexington, KY 38351 Charles Crapse, Route 1, Box 67, Estill, SC Bob Dickerson, P.O. Box 2262, Valdosta, GA 31604 Daniel Hall, 210 Firethorn Lane, Fayetteville, GA 30214 Gus Harter, 1469 Hickory Lane, Lilburn, GA 30247 Curtis Hash, Route 2, Box 157-C, Independence, VA 24348 I.G. Heaven, Route 5, Box 1045, Cullman, AL 35055 Guy Hunt, Route 2, Box 78, Holly Pond, AL 35083 Harold Hunt, 2516 Clark Street, Maryville, TN 37801 Herman Jordan, 5933 Blackthorn Road, Jacksonville, FL 32244 Milton Lillard, 218 Nashville Highway, Franklin, TN 37064 Frank E. McCarty, 4914 Atterbury Street, Norfolk, VA 23513 Clyde Meek. 1511 Bentwood Drive. Lilburn. GA 30247 Lonnie Mozingo, Jr., Route 3, Box 2022, Danville, VA 24540 Lonnie Mozingo, Sr., Route 13, Box 584, Hattiesburg, MS 39401 Franklin Oresta, Route 1, Box 14, Bluefield, WV 24701 Sexton Pope, Route 2, Box 122-A, Angier, NC 27501 Raymond Pressley, P.O. Box 54, Brightwood, VA 22715 Tommy Roundtree, 101 Harmon Road, Swainsboro, GA 30401 Julius Sammons, Jr., Route 2, Box 225, Whiteville, TN 38075 Ralph Sandage, P.O. Box 192, Donaldson, AK 71941 Elzie D. Spier, Sr., 3310 Grant Road, Conley, GA 30027 Worth Stephenson, Route 1, Box 385-A, Wendell, NC 27591 E. B. Watts, 808 Cobra Street, Boaz, AL 35957

#### Licientiate:

Lloyd R. Cox, 4761 Stornoway Drive, Richmond VA 23234

#### HOME MINISTERS, ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

#### Elders:

Larry B. Austin, 4108 Old Camden Rd., Monroe, NC 28110, (704) 283-6505 Joseph N. Baucom, 918 Deese Rd., Monroe, NC 28110 (704) 289-3710 W.M. Benton, Rt. 4, Box 106, Leland, NC 28451, (919) 371-6445 Joe C. Helms, Peachland, NC 28133, (704) 272-8308 Newell Helms, 2806 Concord Hwy., Monroe, NC 28110, (704) 283-6570 E. W. Hooven, 1320 Woodbrook Dr., Kernersville, NC 27284, (919) 996-2022 Rom Kerley, 903 Alma Dr., Kannapolis, NC 28081, (704) 938-4375 James McLamb, Rt. 1, Box 133-30, Shallotte, NC 28459, (919) 287-3725 W. C. Mintz, Box 324, Little River, SC 29566, (803) 249-2373 Guy Parks, Rt. 2, Albemarle, NC 28001, (704) 982-9371 Roy Speir, 1506 Huntingdon Rd., Kannapolis, NC 28081, (704) 938-3424 F. W. Stack, 707 Sutherland Ave., Monroe, NC 28110, (704) 283-8480 Paul Stroupe, 304 S. Central Ave., Locust, NC 28097, (704) 888-5109 Richard Styers, Box 503 Kings Mountain, NC 28086, (704) 739-3544 Rommie Williams, Rt. 3, Marshville, NC 28103, (704) 624-5987

#### Licentiate:

Receipts:

F. C. Willard, 2437 Marble St., Winston-Salem, NC 27107

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

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Received from the churches	. \$3,623.
Received from friends	
Total receipts	•
Disbursements:	
Printing, mailing and distribution of minutes	
and all other clerk's expenses	\$ 550.
Ministers and miscellaneous expense	
Total disbursements	

#### In Memoriam

We pause to pay tribute to our beloved brothers and sisters who have passed this life since our last association. Their memories are precious to our hearts.

BETHEL: Deacon Carl Stephens

Brother Dayton McLamb

HIGH HILL: Sister Virginia Pressley

HIGH POINT: Sister Elizabeth Willard

Brother Stokes Willard Sister Mary Clinard Sister Louise Wilson Brother Gilmer Mitchell Brother Ernest Mosley

MEADOW CREEK: Sister Eva Honeycutt

MILLS CHAPEL: Brother Frank Crouse

Brother Floyd Simpson

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Sister Ada Carter

Sister Eunice Glover Sister Geneva Baucom

PLEASANT GROVE: Brother Max Mills

UNION GROVE: Deacon W. Sanford Medlin

Brother Conley Rushing Deacon Lloyd Outen

Brother C. Winfred Baucom

Brother George Griffin Sister Cora Foard Watts Sister Lucy P. Wooten Brother Curtis C. Hill, Sr.

#### CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

BETHEL: Mason H. Anderson, P.O. Box 345, Shallotte, NC 28495

CORINTH: Dick Styers, Box 1191, Kings Mountain, NC 28086
CROOKED CREEK: W. T. Broadway, 309 Rocky River Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079
HERRIN'S GROVE: Joe Williams, Rt. 1, Box 434, Mt. Pleasant, NC 28124
HIGH HILL: Dennis Pressley, 1117 Tom Boyd Rd., Monroe, NC 28110
HIGH POINT: Raymond Hicks, 2608 Briarcreek Rd., High Point, NC 27260
JERUSALEM: Kermit Thomas, 2561 Eaton Road, Charlotte, NC 28205

LAWYER'S SPRING: Ronnie Edwards, 1814 Ridge Road, Monroe, NC 28110 LIBERTY HILL: Reece Eury, Route 2, Box 90, Oakboro, NC 2812 MEADOW CREEK: Marshall Gaskey, 174 Arlington Avenue SE, Concord, NC 28025

MILLS CHAPEL: Wayne Efird, Route 1, Box 394, Rockwell, NC 28138 MOUNTAIN CREEK: Tim Huneycutt, Route 3, Box 219, New London, NC 28127

NEW HOPE: Eugenia Campbell, Route 6, Box 61, Hopkins, SC 29061
OAK GROVE: Gertrude Griggs, Route 1, Chesterfield, SC 29707
PARK VIEW: Dwayne Hooven, 1320 Woodbrook Drive, Kernersville, NC 27284
PLEASANT GROVE: Clayton Griffin, Route 2, Marshville, NC 28103
PLEASANT HILL: Allen Copple, Route 4, Asheboro, NC 27203
UNION GROVE: Ken Austin, 3930 Old Camden Road, Monroe, NC 28110

#### **CLERK'S NOTE**

We have enjoyed a very peaceful an uplifting association. Let us give God the honor for His great blessings.

I would like to thank everyone who assisted in preparing the minutes. You all mean so much to me.

Ken Austin, assistant clerk

#### CHURCHES MEETING TIMES

- BETHEL: 1st Sunday morning, Elder Mintz; 2nd Sunday morning, Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Newell Helms.
- CORINTH: 1st Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning, Pastor.
- CROOKED CREEK: 2nd Sunday night, Elder Rom Kerley; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.
- HERRIN'S GROVE: 4th Sunday afternoon and Saturday night before.
- HIGH HILL: 1st Sunday morning, Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.
- HIGH POINT: 2nd Sunday morning, 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.
- JERUSALEM: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon before, Pastor.
- LAWYER'S SPRING: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Parks.
- LIBERTY HILL: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 2nd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.
- MEADOW CREEK: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Newell Helms, 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.
- MILLS CHAPEL: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before; 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.
- MOUNTAIN CREEK: 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Parks.
- NEW HOPE: 2nd Sunday morning, Elder Stack; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.
- OAK GROVE: Not currently meeting.
- PARK VIEW: 1st Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.
- PLEASANT GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Kerley.
- PLEASANT HILL: 1st Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.
- UNION GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Hooven.

#### LOCATION OF CHURCHES

- BETHEL: 13 miles south of Shallotte, N.C., 2 miles off Highway 17 at Hickman's Crossroads.
- CORINTH: South Sims Street, Kings Mountain, N.C. 3 Blocks off Highway 74.
- CROOKED CREEK: Just off Highway 218, 4 miles east of Highway 601, approximately 10 miles north of Monroe, N.C.
- HERRIN'S GROVE: 4 miles southeast of Mt. Pleasant, N.C., 2 miles south of Highway 73 on raod 1233.
- HIGH HILL: Just off Highway 601 north in the suburbs of Monroe, N.C., 1 mile north of Highway 74.
- HIGH POINT: 209 Rock Springs Road, 1 block off 1500 of North Main Street, High Point, N.C.
- JERUSALEM: 12 miles north of Wadesboro, N.C., east of Highway 218, in the Olive Branch community.
- LAWYER'S SPRING: Just south of Highway 74 at the underpass in Peachland, N.C.
- LIBERTY HILL: 10 miles west of Albemarle, N.C. on Highway 27 near Red Cross.
- MEADOW CREEK: On Meadow Creek Road, between Highway 27 west and 200 north near Locust, N.C.
- MILLS CHAPEL: On China Grove Road, just off Lane Street, between I-85 and Highway 601-29 in Kannapolis, N.C.
- MOUNTAIN CREEK: 6 miles northwest of Albemarle, N.C. in the Palestine community.
- NEW HOPE: 9 miles east of Columbia, S.C., just off Highway 262 on Leesburg Road.
- OAK GROVE: 9 miles south of Wadesboro, N.C. just off Highway 742.
- PARK VIEW: Just off Sprague Street (Highway 150) near Highway 311 in Winston-Salem, N.C.
- PLEASANT GROVE: 3 1/2 miles north of Marshville, N.C. approximately 1 mile west of Highway 205 on Lawyers Road.
- PLEASANT HILL: Approximately 4 miles northwest of Seagrove, N.C., south of Asheboro, N.C.
- UNION GROVE: On Highway 200 north, approximately 3 miles from Highway 74 north of Monroe, N.C.

#### RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK

#### PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

- 1. We understand that at whatever Church is Association is being held, it is under the authority of the Hostess Church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the Church invites the Ministers and Messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.
- 2. The officers of that Church shall be the officers of the Association, provided the Pastor is a member of the Association, and if not, the Church shall elect any member of the Association to preside as Moderator. The Church may request the help of any member of another sister Church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.
- 3. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.
- 4. 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 which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.
- 5. The Association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The Finance Committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the Association shall so direct. The Body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessaryd to set forth the status of each Church composing this Association in the form of a minute.

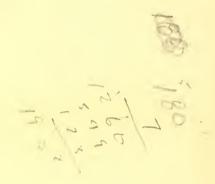
#### **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

- 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, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.
- Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the King James Version of the Old and New Testaments 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 perserve 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 subject 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 Savior 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 the 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.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

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	PASTORS	Elder Larry B. Austin	Elder Roy Speir	Elder Paul Stroupe	Elder Roy Speir	Elder Newell Helms	Elder E. W. Hooven	Elder Rom Kerley	Elder Joe C. Helms	Elder Newell Helms	Elder Joe C. Helms	Elder Joe C. Helms	Elder James McLamb	Elder Richard Styers			Elder Rom Kerley	Elder Joe C. Helms	Elder F. W. Stack	TOTALS
	CHURCHES	Crooked Creek	High Point	Meadow Creek	Pleasant Hill	High Hill	Park View	Liberty Hill	Pleasant Grove	Union Grove	Mountain Creek	Lawyer's Spring	Bethel	Corinth	Herrin's Grove	Jerusalem	Mills Chapel	New Hope	Oak Grove	





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