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MINUTES

OF THE

ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

BEGUN AND HELD AT

TIMBER RIDGE MEETING-HOUSE,

RANDOLPH COUNTY, N. C.

Commencing on Saturday before the fourth Lord's-Day in

AUGUST, 1855.

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AUGUST 25th, A. D. 1855.

1. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder A. PEACOCK, from Romans 8th chapter, 1st verse.
2. The Association then convened, and was opened by singing and prayer by Elder John Stadler.
3. Letters from the several churches were called for and read; and their state minuted as follows:

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERS.	Contrib'ns \$	Number	Deceased	Excluded	Dismissed	Restored	Adoption	Rec by letter	Baptized.
First Creek,	Jacob Miller, Caleb Shaver, * Jesse Hodges,	22	90							
Abbot's Creek,	Barnet Idol, Elijah Shields, Elijah Welch,	3	103	2	00					
Timber Ridge,	John Mitchell,	6	1							
Tom's Creek,	Elder P. Snider, Elder A. Peacock, George Adderton,	2	2	1	1					
Mount Taber,	Elder J. M. Craven, Thompson Craven, W. F. Tyogdon,			1	1					
Holloway's,	Not represented									
Brush Creek,	Jesse Arledge, J. R. Craven, H. W. Arledge,			17	1					
Pine M. H.	Not represented.									
Sandy Creek,	Reuben Alford, A. Wright, H. W. Kivett,			13	2					
Big Creek,	Joel Henderson, * Hillery Russel, Joseph Hearne,			17	75					
Sugg's Creek,	John Bean, John Boroughs, * John Hussey, *			16	90					
	* Absent									
	Total			62	240	9	10			

4. Corresponding messengers were invited to seats: whereupon Elder John Stadler and brethren Richard Smith, John J. Lambeth and Jesse Buckner from Country Line; from Mayo, brother Coleman Jenkins, with minutes, and visiting brethren Samuel Arrington, L. Bodenhamer; from Bear Creek, John White, Wm. Carpenter, H. Helms and B. C. Ashcraft with minutes: from Fisher's River, Elder H. Steele: from Little River, Elder Moore Stephenson and brother A. Norden, with minutes: Elder S. J. Lackey from New River. Received by our Clerk a file of minutes from the Kehukee, also a file from the Contentnea;—all cordially received.

5. On motion, Elder P. SNIDER chosen Moderator.

6. *Committee of Finance*.—Jacob Miller and H. W. Arledge.

7. Appointed Elders John Stadler, A. Peacock and H. Steele, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements, to report on Monday morning.

8. Circular letter called for and referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

9 Elected Elders Stadler, Steele and Stephenson to preach to-morrow; worship to commence at 10 o'clock.

10. After prayer by the Moderator, adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY, August 26.

The brethren chosen to preach to day, met a respectable and well ordered congregation. Elder Stephenson opened the services of the day, and preached from Isaiah 12th chapter, 2nd verse. Elder Steele preached from the 86th Psalm, 11th verse. Elder Stadler preached from Deuteronomy, 32nd chapter, first clause of the 4th verse: "He is the Rock, his work is perfect."

MONDAY MORNING, August 27th, 9 o'clock.

12. Met according to adjournment; singing and prayer by the Moderator.

13. Messengers' names called; absentees noted thus *, and rules of Decorum read.

14. Committee of Arrangements made their report; Report received and committee discharged.

15. Our brethren appointed to sister Associations reported; some attended, and those who failed were excused:

16. We omit having the circular letter annexed to our minutes, in consequence of its length and want of funds.

17. Agreed that H. W. Arledge prepare a circular for next Association.

18. Agreed that we appoint Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations: To Country Line, Elders J. H. Craven, A. Peacock, P. Snider and brethren A. Wright, T. Craven, H. W. Arledge and J. Arledge. To Mayo, Wm. Welch, Elijah Welch, Peter Davis and H. W. Arledge. To Bear Creek, Elders P. Snider, A. Peacock, brethren G. R. Adderton and John Snider. To Fisher's River, Elders P. Snider, A. Peacock, brethren E. Welch, S. Craven, W. F. Trogdon and T. Craven. To Little River, Elder J. H. Craven, brethren J. R. Craven, H. W. Arledge, W. F. Trogdon; and that we correspond with Kehukee, White Oak, Contentnea and Pig River Associations by minutes.

19. The Committee of Finance reports:

In the hands of the Treasurer	\$00 67½	
Contribution of the churches	9 10	
	—————	\$9 77½
Paid for printing these minutes	5 00	
Clerk's services	5 00	
	—————	\$10 00
Deficiency of funds due the Clerk		22½

20. Agreed that we have 400 copies printed and distributed as usual.

21. Our next Association to be held with the church at Pine Meeting-House, Davidson County, N. C., 10 miles North-West of Lexington; to commence on Saturday before the 4th Lord's-Day in August, 1856. Elder P. Snider to preach the introductory sermon; Elder J. H. Craven his alternate; worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

22. After singing and prayer by the Moderator, adjourned to time and place.

PHILIP SNIDER, *Moderator.*

JESSE ARLEDGE, *Clerk.*

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MINUTES

OF THE

ABBOTT'S CREEK

Union Baptist Association,

HELD AT
Mt. Tabor Meeting House, Randolph County, N. C.,
*Commencing on Saturday before the 4th,
Lord's Day in August A. D., 1875.*

SATURDAY, August, 21st, 1875.

THE Instructory Sermon was delivered by
Elder Phillip Snider, from Isaiah 28: 16,
"Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Be-
hold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone,
a tried stone, a precious corner stone; a sure
foundation: he that believeth shall not make
haste."

After a short intermission, the Association
convened in the House. Praise and prayer
by brother Jesse Brown.

Letters from the several Churches called
for, read and their state Minuted: (see table
of Churches.)

Called for Corresponding Messengers and
there appeared from Country Line:—
From Bear Creek: Elder Russel Helms,
with Minutes. From Mayo, Elder Thomas
S. Ring, and Brethren Benjamin Sprinkle,
A White and Y. B. Davis. From Little
River: brother Jesse Brown. From Smith's
River: Elder S. J. Lackey, (visitor) From
Fisher's River: Elder A M Denny. From
Contentnea: Elder P. D. Gold. Received
a File of Minutes from Bear Creek, Little
River, Kehukee and Mayo.

On motion Elder Phillip Snider was chosen Moderator.

Appointed Elders P. D. Gold, S. J. Lackey, and brother Jesse Brown, with the Moderator and Clèrk a Committee of Arrangements to report Monday morning.

Appointed Brethren James H. Boroughs and Isaac Hammer a Committee of Finance.

Called for Circular Letter and refered to Committee of Arrangements.

Elected by Ballot: Elders P. D. Gold, S. J. Lackey, and A. M. Denney to Preach on to-morrow. Worship to commence at 10 o'clock A M.

The Association adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock Prayer by Elder S. J. Lackey.

SATURDAY EVENING.

PREACHING at the Stand by Elders P. D. Gold and brother Jesse Brown. Elder Gold preached from Isaiah 40: 1, 2, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people saith your God: Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins." Brother Jesse Brown followed from Philipians 3: 3, "For we are the circumcision which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh."

SABBATH MORNING, Aug. 22nd, 1875.

THE Brethren elected to preach met: Elder S. J. Lackey introduced the services of the day in preaching from 1st Cor. 2: 14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them; because they are spiritually discerned." Elder A. M. Denny followed from 1st Cor.

I4: 7, 8, "And even things without life giving sound whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped: for if the trumpet give an uncertain sound who shall prepare himself to the battle?" After a short intermission Elder P.D. Gold preached from 1st Pet. 1st chapter, commencing at the 17th verse and to the last of said chapter: "And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons, judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear; for as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold, from your vain conversation, received by tradition from your fathers," &c.

Elder Philip Snider gave a very appropriate exhortation, and closed the Services of the Day by singing and prayer. The Word was preached in faithfulness to a very attentive congregation, and, we hope, was as "Bread cast upon the water to be gathered after many days."

MONDAY MORNING, Aug. 23d, 1875.

THE Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

Called on Committee of Arrangements to report. Report received and Committee discharged.

Messengers names called, absentees noted; also, Corresponding Messengers names called.

Rules of Decorum called for and read.

Called on Messengers to report. Elder Phillip Snider reports that himself and some of the Brethren, appointed as Corresponding Messengers to the Mayo Association, attended and had a good meeting. Brother Isaac Hammer reports that himself and Brother C. T. Snider attended the Fisher's River

Association and had a very good meeting.— Brother Jesse Brown reports that Elder L. I. Bodenhamer attended the Little River Association and was received. Those who failed to attend were excused.

The following Brethren were appointed as Messengers to Sister Associations: To Country Line—Elders A. J. Gilbert, L. I. Bodenhamer, and Brother Thomas Beal.— To Mayo—Elder L. I. Bodenhamer and Brethren C. T. Snider and Isaac Hammer. To Bear Creek—Elder A. J. Gilbert, and Brethren D. M. Miller, N. R. Skeen, Jones C. Miller and N. R. Harrison. To Fisher's River—Elders L. I. Bodenhamer, A. J. Gilbert, and Brethren Isaac Hammer and C. T. Snider. To Little River—Eld. L. I. Bodenhamer. And that we correspond with Kehukee, Contentnea, White Oak and Smith's River Associations, by Minutes.

Circular Letter read and ordered to be printed with these Minutes.

Appointed Elder A. J. Gilbert to write a Circular Letter For next year.

Finance Committee made the following Report:

Sent up from the Churches	\$16 75
In the hands of the Clerk.....	3 15
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Total.....	\$19 80

Report received and Committee discharged.

Paid for printing these Minutes.....	\$10 00
Clerk's Services.....	5 00
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In the hands of the Clerk..... \$4 80 | \$15 00

It was agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Pine Meeting House, Davidson County, N. C., eight miles west of Linwood, ten miles North of Salisbury, and eleven miles West of Lexington: to commence Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in August, 1876. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock. Elder Jacob H. Crav-

en to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder L. I. Bodenhamer his alternate.

We appointed our Clerk to superintend the printing of these Minutes, and distribute them as usual; and, that we have Five-Hundred Copies printed.

We agree that our Clerk have Five Dollars for his services.

Called on Presbyteries to report.

The Association requests the Delegates from each Church, belonging to this Association, to instruct their Churches to send to our next Association their wishes concerning the holding of two Sessions of this Association in each year.

By request, the Association appointed Elder L. I. Bodenhamer, and brethren Joseph Thomas, Lary Young, Wm. Barnes and S. M. Charles, a Committee to enquire after some real estate in Davidson or Davy County, N. C., belonging to the Primitive Baptists, and, that they report the same to our next Association.

We return thanks to the Brethren and friends of this vicinity for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting, and request the Moderator to publish the same at the stand.

Adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Prayer by Elder S. J. Lackey.

PHILLIP SNIDER, Moderator.

A. P. LEACH, Clerk.

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MONDAY.—Preaching at the Stand by Elder Thomas S. Ring; from 1st Cor. 2: 2. By Elder Russel Helms, from Eccl. 11: 1. By Elder A. M. Denny, from Heb. 1: 1.

Elder T. S. Ring Preached Saturday night. Elder Jesse Brown Sunday night.

Elder Phillip Snider closed the Services of the Day by singing and prayer.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Beloved Brethren and Sisters in Christ, if one so unworthy as I feel to be can claim the name of Brother and Sister:—

According to the voice of our last Association perhaps you will expect a Circular address from us to be attached to our next minutes. The one appointed knows unless he is aided by the Divine Spirit of God, that his attempts to write will be vain and will not give any comfort or consolation to the children of God; for I have long since learned that in my flesh dwelleth no good thing, and how to perform that which is good I find not; and if I have ever known any thing in Divine things, it has been revealed through the operation of the power of God on my heart, and bringing me into captivity unto the obedience of Christ. In attempting to write a Circular address, I am at a loss to know where to commence, as there are many subjects that are presented to my mind, and not knowing if I take up any one, whether it will be of any comfort or consolation to the children of God or to His honor and glory. I will pen down a passage of Scripture as a foundation to write upon, which may be found by referring to 2nd Cor. 1: 10. The Apostle Paul in writing his epistles was inspired of God to write, and his writings gave comfort and consolation to the children of God, in that age of the world, and have from then till now, and will forever. "Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver; in whom we trust he will yet deliver us." By reading the 9th verse we can understand who it was that delivered us from so great a death; for he says: "But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raiseth the dead." Every one who has been quickened into Divine life has felt the sentence of death in himself, being killed to the love and practice of sin. Sin is the cause of this death that has taken place in the soul; for we read in the Scriptures of Divine truth, that the wages of sin is death, but thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has delivered us from so great a death. All that have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth, as it is in Jesus, know that it was the power of God that delivered them from so great a death. They saw themselves dead in trespasses and in sins, but God who is rich in mercy hath, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, quickened us together with Christ; Eph. 2nd. "By grace are ye saved." Oh, what horror and pain the guilty soul is in, when the sentence of death is passed upon it. They believe that the sentence of death is just, because they know that they are original sinners, and that they have been

sinner's all their lives, and have never done one good deed, yet they beg for mercy to be extended to their guilty consciences. "Ten thousand talents in debt and not a farthing to pay, and you might as well try to stop the wind from blowing, as to try to stop sinners from praying when they are enabled by the power of God to see their lost and helpless condition; yes, helpless as a little infant; helpless as the dead, as to any power of their own to raise themselves out of this dead condition which they are in by reason of sin and transgression. Jonah, after he was delivered out of the whale, exclaimed and said: "Salvation is of the Lord," which means deliverance, and not only Jonah, but all that have been, or ever will be, quickened into Divine life. There is but one way whereby sinners can be saved, and that is by the power of God, working upon the dead faculties of the soul, bringing them into captivity unto the obedience of Christ. The whole tenure of the Scriptures, from the first part of Genesis, down to the end of Revelation, if rightly understood, will substantiate the doctrine of salvation by grace.—

The natural man or woman don't believe this doctrine, because it is a mystery to them; neither do they love it, for the carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be, and because of this enmity that is in their hearts, is why it is that there is so much said against the doctrine of salvation by grace. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."—None, but those who have been taught by the Spirit of God, know how it is that the dead are raised to life.—"Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver, in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us." The Apostle Paul, before he was converted, persecuted the Church of Christ, which we believe were Baptists. The Apostle Paul was called Saul before he was converted. I know that my writings are not in connection with the subject that I have taken for a foundation, but I want the readers of this letter to read Acts; 8, 9. There you will find that Saul was persecuting the Saints with the same wicked spirit that they are persecuting the Baptists with now. All other sects are in battle-array against the Baptists, and are trying to unite against the doctrine of Christ and the Apostles.—This is plain to be seen by all who have been delivered from under the reign and dominion of sin, for before they were delivered they were possessed of the same spirit that Saul was. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver them out of them all. And now in conclusion, dear brethren and sisters, "let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith.

JAMES H. BOROUGHS.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	MESSENGERS.	Fellowship	Deceased	Excluded	Dismissed	Received by Letter.....	Restored	Baptized	Contributions	
Flat Creek	Gold Hill.....	Aaron Miller.....	Organ, A Miller*.....	16	1						\$ 1 15	
Abbott's Creek.....	High Point.....	Isaac Hammer.....	Thomas, I Hammer.....	45	4						4 00	
Tom's Creek.....	Salem Church.....	D M Miller.....	Thomas, N R Sken, D N Miller.....	39	1	1		2	2		2 60	
Pine M H.....	Lexington	J L Snider	Barnes, S M Charles*.....	41	1						2 25	
Mount Tabor.....	Moffitt's Mills.....	James H Boroughs.....	Trogon, W F Trogon, J H Boroughs.....	12			2				1 00	
Sandy Creek	Sandy Creek.....	Vandelia E Jones.....	Wright, H Kivett, J E Pugh.....	18							1 00	
Brush Creek.....	Foust's Mills.....	Report	Report sent by A J Gilbert.....	4							25	
Big Creek.....	Sarders Hill.....	A P Leach.....	Letter.....	9							50	
Sugg's Creek.....	Amman's Hill.....	John Gains	Letter on, A P Leach, R Deaton.....	27	1						3 00	
Bear Creek.....	"	"	A J Gilbert, W Salmon, T Beal.....	8							1 00	
Elders marked thus † Absentees marked thus *											[Total	\$16 70

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MINUTES

OF THE

Abbott's Creek Union Baptist Association,

HELD AT

FLAT CREEK,

ROWAN COUNTY, N. C.,

COMMENCING

On Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in August,

A. D., 1877.

MINUTES.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Philip Snider, from the 119th Psalm, 104th verse: "Through thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way."

2nd. After a short intermission, the delegates from the several churches met in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder N. M. Clark, after which letters from the several churches were called for and read. See statistical table.

3rd. Called for Corresponding Messengers, and there appeared from Country Line, Brother J. M. Haris; from Bear Creek, Elder N. M. Clark, with minutes, and brethren Wilson Chaney, J. C. Gilbert, J. D. Holmes, H. Honeycutt, Jno. M. Austin, Wm. H. Poplin, and J. W. Honeycutt; from Little River, Elder A. Partin, with minutes of White Oak Association; from Mayo, brother C. T. Snider, with minutes; from Fisher's River, E. Carter and O. M. Shields.

There was a letter handed in from Fisher's River, requesting a committee to meet at Tom's Creek, near Mount Airy, on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in April, 1878, to meet other committees to consult concerning the opening correspondence between the Fisher's River and Mountain Associations. Referred to Committee of Arrangements.

4th. On motion, Elder Philip Snider was chosen Moderator.

5th. Appointed Elders A. J. Gilbert, A. Partin and brother J. M. Haris, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangement, to report Monday morning.

6th. Appointed brethren Jones C. Miller and Joseph Thomas, a Committee of Finance.

7th. Called for Circular Letter, and referred it to Committee of Arrangements.

8th. Elected by ballot, Elders A. Partin, A. J. Gilbert and N. M. Clark, to preach to-morrow; worship to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

9th. Adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Praise and prayer by the Moderator.

SATURDAY EVENING.—Preaching at the stand by brother J. M. Haris, from 1st John, 4th chapter and 1st verse: "Beloved believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whither they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

SABBATH MORNING, AUGUST THE 26TH.

The brethren elected to preach, met at the stand. Elder A. J. Gilbert introduced the services of the day in singing and prayer, and preached from 33d chap. 29th verse of Deuteronomy: "Happy art thou, O Israel; who is like unto thee, O people, saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of excellency; and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee, and thou shalt tread upon their high places." Elder A. Partin followed from Luke the 7th chapt., 11th and 12th verses: "And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people, &c. Elder N. M. Clark from Matthew, 5th chapt., 6th and 7th verses: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled," &c. Elder Philip Snider closed the services of the day by exhortation, praise and prayer. The word was preached in faithfulness, and we hope will be a blessing to the people of this section, and as bread cast on the water, to be gathered after many days.

Brother Wm. F. Trogdon preached Sunday night;—text not known to me.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST THE 27TH.

10th. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder A. Partin.

11th. Called on Committee of Arrangements to report. Report received and Committee discharged.

12th. Messengers and Corresponding Messengers' names called. Absences noted.

13th. Rules of Decorum called for and read.

14th. Called on Corresponding Messengers to report: Brother Isaac Hammer reports that he attended the Mayo Association, and they had a good meeting. Elder Philip Snider reports that himself and brother Goodman Corneleson attended the Bear Creek Association and were received cordially.

15th. The following brethren were appointed as Corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations, viz: To Country Line, Elder A. J. Gilbert and brethren James H. Boroughs, Wm. M. Cox and Wm. B. Barber. To Little River, Elder A. J. Gilbert, and brother James H. Boroughs. To Bear Creek, Elder Philip Snider and brethren Jones C. Miller, D. M. Miller, Aaron Miller and Wm. F. Trogdon. To Mayo, brethren Wm. F. Trogdon, Isaac Hammer, Joseph Thomas and A. M. Idol. To Fisher's River, brethren John L. Snider, Lary Yong, S. M. Charles and Wm. Barns, and we correspond with Kehukee, Contentnea, White Oak and Smith's River by Minutes.

16th. Circular Letter read and ordered to be printed with these Minutes.

17th. Appointed brother Wm. F. Trogdon to write a Circular Letter for our next Minutes.

18th. The Finance Committee made the following report :

Sent up from the Churches,.....\$15 15

PAID IN BY THE BRETHREN.

John E. Snider,.....	25	cts.
N. R. Skean,.....	25	"
John Auman,.....	25	"
J. C. Miller,.....	25	"
Joseph Thomas.....	25	"
Wm. F. Trogdon,.....	25	"
J. H. Boroughs,.....	10	"
Wm. M. Cox,.....	10	"
Immer Bean,.....	10	"
Aaron Miller,.....	25	"

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Due the Clerk,.....	\$ 1 05
Paid for printing,.....	\$10 00
Clerk for service,.....	\$ 6 50

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19th. We agree to hold our next Association with the Church at Tom's Creek Meeting-House, Davidson County, N. C., 18 miles South-east from Lexington, 10 West of Barney's Mills, to commence on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in August, A. D. 1878; Elder A. J. Gilbert to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder Philip Snider his alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

20th. The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of five hundred copies of these Minutes.

21st. Agreed that our Clerk have Six Dollars and Fifty Cents for his services.

22nd. Called on Presbytery to report. No report.

23rd. Called on the Committee continued at our last session, to inquire after deed of land belonging to the Primitive Baptists, to report. They report none found. The case was discontinued.

24th. The Association agrees to appoint five brethren to meet with the Fisher's River Committee at Tom's Creek, near Mount Airy, to consult concerning the opening of correspondence with

the Mountain Association and Fisher's River, viz: John L. Snider, Lary Yong, S. M. Charles, Wm. Barnes, Wm. F. Trogdon and J. Hammer.

25th. The Association, agrees to return thanks to the brethren and friends for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting.

26th. Adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

PHILIP SNIDER, *Moderator.*

A. P. LEACH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY.—Preaching at the stand by brother J. M. Harris, from 54th chap. and 5th verse of Isaiah: "For thy Maker is thine husband; The Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; the God of the whole earth shall he be called." Elder A. J. Gilbert followed; text not known.

After a short intermission, Elder A. Partin preached from Matthew, 5th chap., 4th verse: "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Elder Philip Snider closed the services by exhortation, praise and prayer. From the solemnity of the hearers we hope that good will result from the labors of the day.

CIRCULAR LETTER FOR 1877.

It will be expected that one who feels his weakness will furnish the Brethren with a letter at this Session, and we are certain that none but those that have seen their weakness in themselves can describe it, or can tell anything true about the strength of true convicting grace, or of the weakness the Apostle Paul speaks of when he says: "When I am weak, then I am strong." In Zephaniah, 3d chap. and 12th verse we find these words: "I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord." In the first place, we see that there is some one that can leave or has a right to them that he leaves; for he says they shall trust in the name of the Lord, as we would say if we were certain of a thing being done; but we may be mistaken in our judgement, but the character of the one speaking by the Prophet, is not that he is mistaken about anything, for he is the maker of all things.

Then, dear brethren, are we poor? If so, then the promise is to the poor in spirit. Blessed are the poor in spirit, says Christ. His poverty is a knowledge of our weakness in ourselves. Tho' a man may have all the wealth of a nation at his command, if he has been changed in heart, he is poor in spirit, and will make one of those left in the midst. The heir, as long as he is a child, differeth not from a servant, tho' he be

Lord of all, but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the Father. To see a child that is willing to obey his father, is to see a poor one in himself; he claims nothing as his own, but he has all confidence in his father, and is willing to wait until he comes of age, for he is sure the inheritance is safer in the hands of his father than it would be in his.

Poor and afflicted ones, hear what the Saviour says: "I go to prepare a place for you." Can we believe that it is for us that these mansions are prepared? O, brethren! view the workmanship of the Creator, and think how perfectly his works harmonize, and then think of the mansions prepared for his bride, his love, his wife; all names of choice, which show love and affection. Hear him say: "I have loved thee with an everlasting love, and with loving kindness have I drawn thee." Who would not be poor in spirit under these considerations? All are yours and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's. Says one, this is true; but it only suits the poor in spirit and the afflicted; I fear I am not one of them. Well, what more evidence do you want of your poverty, if you know at all times that you were an heir of this great inheritance, no doubt about it, do you think you would be as poor in spirit as you are? Blessed are the poor in spirit. The world says that we are such a set of fools, that they pity us and the world of mankind. If the Baptist is the only church, and that if it is true that God has the entire control of the matter, they want nothing to do with such faith as this. These characters are not poor in spirit, though they may be poor as to the things of time. The Armenian professor says the same thing of us. You see then that there is an afflicted and poor people somewhere, and the Baptists are the only people that I see of late that are willing to be governed by the time appointed of the Father. When I say Baptist, I mean the Primitive or Predestinarian Baptist. Then if we feel poor in spirit, the promise is ours. When men shall speak all manner of evil against us, falsely, we are commanded to rejoice. Evils spoken against us must be false, or we cannot rejoice.

Let us for a few moments think of the sufferings of the blessed Saviour, and then compare our sufferings, afflictions, crosses and losses and every thing that mars our peace, and see how far below his we are.

We are informed, when he made his appearance into the world, that there was no room in the inn for him; he spent his first night with beasts. Think of this, dear brethren, when we are poor and afflicted. Then see the spite of the wicked king against him; hear the cries of mothers weeping over their children, caused by the rage of that wicked spirit, in trying to defeat the purposes of God. This circumstance of itself is sufficient, if the scales were off of the eyes of the Armenian, to convince him that the devil with all his crew combined, cannot destroy one of these afflicted and poor people, that trust in the name of the

Lord. Then see him before the rulers, and view the smiting with their cruel hands, and at last to drive the rugged nails through his tender feet and hands, and then to place him between the heavens and the earth, as a fit subject for neither.

Now, dear brethren and sisters, this is an evidence of his everlasting love to these poor and afflicted people that trust in the name of the Lord. My opinion is, if we were to try and sum up our distresses of every kind, it would only prove that these light afflictions, as the Apostle Paul says, are for a moment, and worketh out for us a more exceeding and eternal weight of glory if we are included in that number that is spoken of in scripture, in these words: "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

If I were to undertake to describe the riches that these afflicted and poor people will inherit at the time appointed of the father, I could not say more than I have said.—All are yours and ye are Christ's and Christ is God's. Sufficient to satisfy the believer in the Lord of Israel. This makes the believer a king and priest. All are yours,—all the joys that those mansions will afford, and you may think them complete from the character of the one that has gone to prepare them.

In conclusion, let us see if we have any evidence of our trusting in the name of the Lord.

Do we love the Lord, is a question that Christians ask themselves often? If so, then we trust in his name. We endeavor to keep his commandments, though we put no confidence in our acts, as to our salvation, but simply do these things because we love to obey our Father, and we believe them to be right. Christ says, "Take my yoke upon you and lean upon me, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." If we have to leave off some of the things of this world for Christ and his cause, it is easy done when trusting in the name of the Lord, believing that the things of this world are not worthy to be compared with those mansions prepared for them that love the Lord; for them that are the called according to his purpose.

A. P. LEACH.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1877.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	MESSENGERS.	Contributions,.....	In Fellowship,.....	Deceased,.....	Excluded,.....	Dismissed,.....	By Letter,.....	Baptized,.....
Flat Creek,.....	Aaron Miller,.....	Gold Hill, N. C.,.....	M. G. Morgan, Aaron Miller,.....	\$1 15	16	2	1	4	1	1
Abbott's Creek,.....	Isaac Hammer,.....	High Point, N. C.,.....	Joseph Thomas, Isaac Hammer, A. M. Idol,.....	4 00	41	1	1	1	1	1
Tom's Creek,.....	D. M. Miller,.....	Salem Church, ".....	*Philip Snider, N. R. Skeen, Jones C. Miller,.....	4 75	38	1	1	1	1	1
Pine Meeting-House,.....	J. L. Snider,.....	Lexington, N. C.,.....	J. L. Snider, John H. Wilson, Jesse Lofley,.....	1 00	50	1	1	1	1	1
Mount Taber,.....	J. H. Boroughs,.....	Moffitt's Mills, N. C.,.....	James H. Boroughs, Wm. P. Trogdon, Wm. M. Cox,.....	1 50	13	1	1	1	1	1
Sandy Creek,.....	V. E. Jones,.....	Sandy Creek, N. C.,.....	*A. Wright,† Henry Kivit,† K. Alred,†,.....	1 00	16	1	1	1	1	1
Brush Creek,.....			Not Represented,.....	(9)	7	1	1	1	1	1
Big Creek,.....	P. Snider, <i>pro tem.</i> ,.....	New Hope, N. C.,.....	By Letter,.....	2 80	28	1	1	1	1	1
Sage's Creek,.....	A. P. Leach,.....	Annun's Hill, N. C.,.....	A. P. Leach, E. B. Boroughs,† John Annun,.....	1 25	12	1	1	1	1	1
Bear Creek,.....	J. Gains,.....	Bear Creek, N. C.,.....	*A. J. Gilbert, Wesley B. Barber,† Wm. Salmon,†,.....	15	3 22 1/2	1	1	1	1	1

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ABBOTT'S CREEK

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

TOM'S CREEK MEETING-HOUSE,

Davidson County, N. C.,

COMMENCING ON

Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in August, A. D., 1878.

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MINUTES.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder John Roe, (after singing and prayer by Brother J. M. Harris). The text to be found in Ecclesiastes, 12th chapter and 13th verse: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."

2d. After a short recess, the delegates from the several churches met in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder Philip Snider; after which letters from the several churches were called for and read. See statistical table.

3d. Called for Corresponding Messengers, and there appeared from *Country Line*, Elder F. L. Oakly, visitor; and brethren J. M. Harris, J. G. Canady and S. P. Terry, with minutes; from *Mayo*, brother C. T. Snider; from *Fisher's River*, Elder A. M. Denny, and brethren O. M. Shields and Eugene Carter; from *Bear Creek*, minutes, no delegates. Elder C. C. Bland, from *Contentnea*, was present with minutes, and took a seat as visitor. Elder John Roe, from *Upatoie*, Georgia, invited to a seat with us; Elder J. E. Adams, from *Kehukee*, as visitor, took a seat. Received a file of minutes from *Little River*, *Kehukee*, *White Oak*, *Mayo* and *Fisher's River*, in addition to those mentioned in the above list.

4th. On motion, Elder PHILIP SNIDER was chosen *Moderator*.

5th. Appointed Elders F. L. Oakly, John Roe and J. E. Adams, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements, to report Monday morning.

6th. Appointed brethren Jones C. Miller and James H. Boroughs, a Committee of Finance.

7th. Called for Circular Letter and referred to Committee of Arrangements.

8th. Elected by ballot, Elders John Roe, F. L. Oakley and A. M. Denny to preach to-morrow, worship to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M. Elders Philip Snider, C. C. Bland and Joseph E. Adams to preach Monday.

9th. Adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by the Moderator.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Preaching at the stand by Elder J. E. Adams, from Ephesians 1st chapter and 9th verse: "Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure, which he hath purposed in himself."

SABBATH MORNING, AUGUST 25TH, A. D., 1878.

The brethren elected to preach met at the stand. Elder C. C. Bland introduced the services of the day by singing and prayer; after which Elder John Roe preached from the 32d chapter and 9th and 10th verses of Deuteronomy: "For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. 10th. He found him in a desert land, and in a waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him; he kept him as the apple of his eye." Elder A. M. Denny followed, from 2d Timothy, 1st chapter, 9th and 10th verses: "Who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling," &c.

Recess half an hour. Then Elder F. L. Oakly preached from 126th Psalm and 3rd verse: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

The Word was delivered in faithfulness to a large and attentive congregation, and we hope that good will result from the labors of the day, and the word preached may be as seed sowed in good soil, and that the rising generation may see the fruits of the labors of this day.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 26TH, A. D., 1878.

10th. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder A. M. Denny. The Moderator being afflicted, by his request the Association appoints brother James H. Boroughs to assist him in the duties of the day.

11th. Called on Committee of Arrangements to report; report received and committee discharged.

12th. Messengers and Corresponding Messengers' names called and absentees noted.

13th. Rules of Decorm called for and read.

14th. Called on Corresponding Messengers to report: Brother Jas. H. Boroughs reports that he attended the Little River Association and was received and had a good meeting; brother Isaac Hammer reports that himself and brother A. M. Idol attended the Mayo and were received and had a good meeting; Elder Philip Snider reports that himself and brother Jones C. Miller attended the Bear Creek, and had a good meeting.

15th. The following brethren were appointed as Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations, viz: To *Country Line*, Elders A. J. Gilbert, Philip Snider, and brethren A. P. Leach, John Anman and J. H. Boroughs. To *Little River*, Elders Philip Snider, A. J. Gilbert, and brother N. R. Slean. To *Bear Creek*, brothers Wm. F. Trogdon, Aaron Miller and Alfred Surratt. To *Mayo*, Elder Philip Snider and brethren Joseph Thomas, A. M. Idol and Isaac Hammer. To *Fisher's River*, brethren S. M. Charles, Lary Young and John L. Snider; and that we correspond with Kehukee, Contentnea, White Oak and Smith's River by Minutes.

16th. Circular Letter called for, read, and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

17th. Appointed brother Jones C. Miller to write a Circular Letter for our next minutes.

18th. The Finance Committee reports sent up from the churches.....	\$16 05
Paid for printing these minutes.....	\$10 00
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19th. We agree to hold our next Association with the church at Bear Creek, in Chatham county, N. C. (about 12 miles East of Mount Tabor and South-West from Pittsboro, the distance not many miles, but the number not known to me. The Meeting-house is on the North side of Deep River). To commence on Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in August, A. D., 1879. Elder A. Wright to preach the introductory sermon and Elder Philip Snider his alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.

20th. The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of five hundred copies of these minutes.

21st. Agreed the Clerk have six dollars and fifty cents for his services.

22d. Called on presbytery to report:—No report.

23rd. Appointed Elder A. Wright and Wm. F. Trogdon to visit the church at Big Creek, and report at our next session their wishes as regards their remaining a member of this Association. There are seven females belonging to said church and no males.

24th. Appointed Elder A. J. Gilbert and brother Wm. F. Trogdon to visit the church at Brush Creek, and report as in article 23rd of these minutes.

25th. The Association agrees to appoint a committee of three to inquire after some real estate and the title to the same, belonging to the Primitive Baptists. The said property is in Clemmons-ville Township, Davidson county, N. C., and this committee is to act as Trustee of said property. The committee is as follows: Brethren John L. Snider, Lary Young and S. M. Charles.

26th. The Association agrees to return thanks to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting.

27th. Adjourned to time and place above mentioned. Prayer by Elder John Roe.

PHILIP SNIDER. *Moderator.*

A. P. LEACH. *Clerk.*

CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS COMPOSING THE ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF THE PRIMITIVE FAITH AND ORDER, TO THE SEVERAL CHURCHES THEY REPRESENT :

Dear Brethren and Sisters :

According to our custom you will perhaps be looking for a Circular Address from us, though the one appointed to write on this occasion feels his weakness. We will cite you to the following portion of God's Word for a starting point :

" We love Him because He first loved us." 1 John, 4th chapter and 19th verse. Here the apostle is speaking of that great love wherewith he loved us, not that we loved him but he loved us before all worlds ; if he had not loved us before the world began we would not love him now. What great love the Father had for us poor sin-defiled creatures that he should give up his only begotten son for us ! He saw us ruined in the fall, he saw us in our grave and in our blood, and God sent his son into the world to redeem all mankind ; if so, all will be redeemed. The Armenians say, that Christ died for all men alike ; if so, all will be saved alike. He purchased a common salvation for all men, but a special one for the believer. The Word of God teaches us that God's people is a chosen people, chosen in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world, according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. Ephesians, 1st chapter and 4th verse. The us, spoken of in this text, means all of God's people, the heirs of salvation, the redeemed of the Lord, the saints of the most high. God loved his people before they were created ; God saw his people low sunk, and also loved them with an everlasting love. He saved them in his purpose before he created man. According to the Scripture, who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purposes and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. Now as he saw them and loved them, and they dead in sin and no power to extricate themselves from under the curse of the law and bring themselves into favor with God, there must be a plan laid to rescue the bride ; it must be a sinless one that is perfect, for a sinful creature could not atone for sin, for justice called for death and blood ; for man had become an offender of God's holy law. Now the son agrees in a covenant of grace with the Father before all

worlds, to come into this world of sin and sorrow to suffer, bleed and die, to redeem his bride from her lost and ruined condition; he came at the time appointed of the father: he says he came not to do his own will but the will of him that sent him. Now what was his errand into this world? Was it not to save God's elect? Of course that is what he came for. Did he accomplish his work? He cried on the cross: "It is finished," and gave up the ghost. Does he work in vain, as the Armenian says? for they say that after he has been nailed to the cross, and his side pierced and he has shed his precious blood to redeem his people, that the devil can cheat him out of some of them, but he does not teach us so. He says, "my sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me."

Now in the atonement Christ has made full satisfaction; he pays the debt for his bride, he has satisfied every demand, he is mediator between an offended God and offending man. Now if his bride must be saved by works of righteousness of their own, this atonement is not complete; but the atonement is complete in every department; Jesus has borne our sins in his own body; justice no more demands payment of the Church, for Jesus has paid all her debt. Is it reasonable that he would redeem a bride for himself and pay her debt and then require her to pay it again? We think not. Neither does he teach his people to believe such things. What great things did our adorable Saviour suffer, even from the manger to the cross: He was scoffed at, persecuted and all manner of evil spoken against him. Wicked men would have taken him long before they did, but all must be fulfilled. But when he had finished his course, then he was taken before wicked rulers and there condemned to die. He was nailed to the tree, his side was pierced, he shed his precious blood for the remission of sins: in this the atonement was complete. Now a redemption made by a perfect being is also a perfect redemption: so he will save all his chosen, not one shall be left behind. It is great ignorance to talk about falling from grace, as some have it. Is it not unreasonable that Jesus would leave the shining courts above and come into this world of sin and wickedness, take upon himself the form of a servant, bleed and die to redeem his people and not make the redemption complete? We know that it is said, and that by very many, that he will save them if they will do right, but if they will not do right, he will not save them. Brethren, this is leaving the matter with the creature where it does not belong. We know it is right that we should

do the very best that we can; we should lead a moral life, live honest in the sight of all men, and as much as lieth in us live peaceably with all men. Brethren, we should attend unto all those good works that accompany sound doctrine; our fruit should be unto holiness; we should let our light so shine before men that others seeing our good works may glorify our Father which is in Heaven. Brethren, these things are required of us, but after we have done all that is required, we are not to be saved for our good works, we are only unprofitable servants, saved by grace and grace alone. By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves. it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast.

Brethren, in conclusion, behold what great love the Father hath bestowed upon us and that before we loved him, (we love him because he first loved us). What manner of persons ought we to be, forbearing one another in love, striving to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace; we should bear each other's burdens; we have nothing here of which we can boast; every blessing we receive comes from our heavenly Father; they are given us by way of mercy; we should let brotherly love continue. How precious is that love which is shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost; it is a love that the world cannot give, the world cannot take it away; its a love that the world knows nothing about.

Finally, my brethren, may that love abound amongst you all and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. AMEN.

WM. F. TROGDON.

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STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1878.

	CIRCULARS.	CLERKS.	POST-OPEROES.	MESSENGERS.	In Fellowship.....	Deceased.....	Excluded.....	Dismissed.....	Restored by letter.....	Baptized.....	Contributions.....
Flat Creek.....	Amson Miller.....	Miller, Tom.....	M. G. Morgan, Aaron Miller, Alfred Starratt.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	8	\$ 1 10
Abbott's Creek.....	Isaac Hammer.....	High Point.....	William Davis, A. M. Idol, Isaac Hammer.....	3	3	3	3	3	3	20	4 00
Tom's Creek.....	Jones C. Miller.....	Salem Church.....	*Philip Snider, N. B. Skeam, Jones C. Miller.....	20	20	1	1	1	1	37	1 85
Pine Meeting-House.....	John L. Snider.....	Lexington.....	J. L. Snider, S. M. Charles, Larry Young.....	49	1	1	1	1	1	15	1 60
Mount Tabor.....	J. H. Borroughs.....	Moffitt's Mills.....	*Wm. Harper, Jas. J. Borroughs, Wm. F. Throgdon.....	15	1	1	1	1	1	15	1 20
Sandy Creek.....	Yandella E. Jones.....	Sandy Creek.....	*A. Wright, *Kingsbury, Alfred, *Henry Kivitt.....	16	1	1	1	1	1	16	1 30
Brush Creek.....	.....	.....	Not represented.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Big Creek.....	.....	New Hope.....	No delegates.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Sage Creek.....	A. P. Leach.....	Amman's Hill.....	Alexander P. Leach, (foodman) Cornelison, L. Hussy.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	3 25
Bear Creek.....	John Grains.....	Bear Creek.....	*Wesley B. Barber, *A. J. Gilbert, Wm. Salmon.....	12	12	1 25

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OF THE

ABBOTT'S CREEK

UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

SANDY CREEK MEETING-HOUSE,

Randolph County, N. C.,

COMMENCING ON

Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in August, A. D. 1881.

SALEM, N. C.

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MINUTES.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27th, 1881.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Philip Snider, from Romans, 8th chapter 28th to 30th verses: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose," &c.

2nd. After a short recess, the delegates met in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder Joseph E. Adams.

After which letters from the several churches were called for and read. See *Statistical Table*.

3rd. Called for Corresponding Messengers, and there appeared: From *Country Line*, Elders F. L. Oakly, James A. Burch and Y. J. Chanler; from *Bear Creek*, Elder George Chaney and brethren G. W. Honeycutt, Thomas Alston, Jones Hill; from *Mayo*, brethren W. E. Spach and J. C. Smith, visitors; from *Fisher's River*, no delegate; from *Little River*, no delegate; from *White Oak*, Elders Isaac Jones and B. H. Wooton, visitors; from *Kehukee*, Elder J. E. Adams, visitor.

Received a file of Minutes from *Bear Creek*, *White Oak*, *Mayo* and *Fisher's River*.

4th. On motion, Elder PHILIP SNIDER was chosen *Moderator*.

5th. Appointed Elders F. L. Oakly, Isaac Jones, J. A. Burch, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements, to report Monday morning.

6th. Appointed brethren James H. Boroughs and A. M. Idol, a Committee of Finance.

7th. Called for Circular Letter and referred to Committee of Arrangements.

8th. Elected Elders F. L. Oakley, I. Jones and J. A. Burch, to preach to-morrow; worship to commence at 10 o'clock. And Elders Y. J. Chanler, G. Chaney and B. H. Wooton, to preach Monday; worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

9th. Adjourned to Monday, 9 o'clock. Prayer by the Moderator.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Preaching at the stand by Elder Joseph E. Adams ; text not known to me. Elder J. Chaney, from Genesis, 24th chapter and 58th verse : "And they called Rebecca," &c.

SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 28th, 1881.

The brethren elected to preach met at the stand. Elder James A. Burch introduced the services of the day, by singing and prayer, and preached from 19th chapter, latter clause of 16th verse of Revelations : "King of Kings and Lord of Lords." Elder I. Jones followed from 126th Psalm, 3rd verse : "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Recess 30 minutes. Elder F. L. Oakly preached from 17th chapter 24th verse of the Gospel by John : "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am," &c. Elder A. J. Gilbert closed the services of the day, by exhortation, praise and prayer. The word was preached to a large and attentive congregation, and we hope good may follow the labors of the day, and the Lord be honored and glorified.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 29th, 1881.

10th. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder I. Jones.

11th. Called on Committee of Arrangements to report. Report received and Committee discharged.

12th. Called Messenger's and Corresponding Messenger's names, and absentees noted.

13th. Rules of Decorum called for and read.

14th. Called on corresponding brethren to report : Some attended, those who failed were excused.

15th. The following brethren were appointed as Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations, viz : To *Country Line*, A. M. Idol ; to *Little River*, brother John Goins, Elder A. J. Gilbert ; to *Bear Creek*, Elder Philip Snider and brethren Jones C. Miller, A. P. Leach, Goodman Cornelison, Wm. F. Trogdon, W. B. Yates and Wm. J. Snider ; to *Mayo*, brother Isaac Hammer and A. M. Idol ;

to *Fisher's River*, brethren Lary Young, J. L. Snider and T. M. Foster. And that we correspond with *Kehukec*, *Contentnea*, *White Oak*, *Smith's River* and *Black Creek*, by Minutes.

16th. Called for Circular. Read and ordered to be printed with these Minutes.

17th. Appointed Elder A. J. Gilbert to write a Circular for our next Minutes.

18th. Called on Committee of Finance to report. They report :

Sent up from the churches this year.....	\$15 75
In hands of Clerk.....	43
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Total.....	\$16.18
Paid for printing.....	\$10.00
Clerk for service.....	6.50

Report received and Committee discharged.

19th. We agree that our next Association be held with the church at Sugg's Creek Meeting-House, Montgomery County, N. C., 16 miles South of Asheboro, 12 miles North-east of Troy and 4 miles West of Auman's Hill; to commence on Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in August, A. D., 1882. Elder A. J. Gilbert to preach the introductory sermon; Elder Philip Snider his alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.

20th. The brethren appointed to visit absent churches made their report and were discharged.

21st. The Association requests the brethren in the ministry to visit the absent churches in this Association, as often as convenient.

22nd. Our Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of 500 copies of these Minutes, and distribute them as usual.

23d. Agreed that the Clerk have \$6.50 for his services.

24th. Presbyteries made no report.

25th. The Association recommends the Pine church to take the case of the Muddy Creek land or lot for meeting-house, in hand, and appoint Trustees if found belonging to the Baptists.

26th. We return thanks to the members of this church and friends of this vicinity, for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting.

PHILIP SNIDER, *Moderator*.

A. P. LEACH, *Clerk*.

MONDAY.

Preaching at the stand: Elder G. Chaney preached from 10th chapter, 2nd and 3rd verses of the Gospel by John: "But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep," &c. Elder Y. J. Chanler followed. Text not known to the Clerk. Elder B. H. Wooten closed the services by exhortation and praise.

 CIRCULAR LETTER.

Beloved brethren, sisters and friends of truth, you will look for something from my hand in the shape of a letter. My mind has been for some time thinking of this task or duty.

We learn that they that feared the Lord oft spake one to another, in days past and gone. We think the same spirit is yet in those that fear the Lord, now. The question with me is and has been, do I fear the Lord, or is my fear of some other sort. There is such a thing as a slavish fear, that works death. My opinion is that all fear, when they see his power manifest,—say in the thunder storm, or in the drouth; but you see some of the most profane men, after this is removed, standing up and taking the name of this wonder-working God, in their lips, in vain. This shows that they do not fear Him as those in past days, that spake one to another. Then there is another class of men that stands up in the midst of large assemblies, declaring that the creator of all things is trying to save this people, that he has given everything that they ever had or ever will have, as a blessing, and that the stubborn heart will stand the spirit that is sent from the God of Israel, and the devil will take them in spite of the God of Israel, after he has done all for them that he can or will.

Now, dear brethren, is this the class of men that fears the Lord? David in the 22nd chapter and 2nd verse of 2nd Samuel, says, "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer." Now if God fails to save, who can. 31st chapter Jeremiah, 11th verse: "For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he." Brethren, do we believe that the Lord will do his pleasure? If we do, and believe that he is a God of power over all other powers, then we are sure to fear him. Then, if we believe that he will deliver the needy, we cannot but love him, for all of the children are needy,—feel so at least, for they are in a world of danger. We don't mean that they are in danger of eternal banishment, but in danger of the snares of the wicked one, while on earth; therefore, this admonition, "be ye wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

We believe the Old and New Testament to be the will of God, and that to acquaint ourselves with them is our duty; we also believe that

there is not the least clash in them, when properly understood. And they teach that God is a sovereign, and that he is of one mind. If this is true, where is the doctrine that he is beseeching poor man to-day to come to him, and to-morrow sends him to hell?

Do we fear the Lord? if so, then we are willing to give him the entire rule of everything, even to keep us from harm while we sleep; and if he calls us to go through the trials of affliction, famine, peril or sword, we fear to disobey him.

They that fear the Lord speak oft one to another. Now, brethren, the question may be, what shall we say to each other? When children meet to talk together, in nature, and have had a large estate given them by will, it is reasonable to suppose that they will speak something of the will, and try to learn something of the one that has executed this will. So, my dear brethren, if we are in possession of a will that gives eternal life, joy, peace, plenty and the best home that can be, do we not love to talk about the author of this will? Would it be strange to see one of these heirs asking, what wilt thou have me to do, and telling others of the same family what their father told them to do? In this way, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel, &c.

Now, in conclusion, let me say to you, that Paul was a good teacher; his instruction on duty is better than your writers can be. Let us search the Scriptures; and especially 3rd chapter of Paul's 2nd letter to Timothy. You may find some reasons in it for my speaking as I have. Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me. In the will of the Father, the heirs right is secured until changed by law.

A. P. LEACH.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1881.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.....	Restored	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Lett'r	Excluded	Deceased.....	Total.....	Contributions.....
Flat Creek.....	Aaron Miller.....	Miller's Town.....	†Aaron Miller, Alfred Suratt.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16\$	1 10
Abbott's Creek.	Isaac Hammer.....	High Point.....	Wm. Davis, Isaac Hammer, A. M. Idol.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	30	3 00
Tom's Creek...	J. C. Miller.....	Denton.....	*Philip Snider, Wm. G. Snider, W. B. Yates.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	35	2 55
Pine M. House.	J. L. Snider.....	Lexington.....	†P. M. Foster, †F. Burrage, Lary Young.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	1 50
Mount Tabor...	J. H. Boroughs...	Moffit's Mills....	Wm. M. Cox, Wm. F. Trogdon, J. H. Boroughs..	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	1 25
Sandy Creek...	V. E. Jones.....	Sandy Creek.....	Henry Kivit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	1 35
Brush Creek...	.....	.....	No Delegate. No. as last year.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	25
Big Creek,.....	.....	.....	No Delegate. " " .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....
Sugg's Creek...	A. P. Leach.....	Cagle's Mills.....	A. P. Leach, Goodman Cornelison, E. B. Boroughs	1	27	3 25
Bear Creek.....	John Goins.....	Bear Creek.....	†N. Brafford, W. B. Barber, John Goins.....	11	1 50
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MINUTES

OF THE

ABBOTT'S CREEK

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

SUGG'S CREEK MEETING-HOUSE,

Montgomery County, N. C.,

COMMENCING ON

Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in August, A.D., 1882.



SALEM, N. C.

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MINUTES.

1st. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder A. J. Gilbert, from Zechariah, 3rd chapter and 9th verse: "For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day."

2nd. After a short recess, the delegates from the several churches met in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder Philip Snider.

3rd. Called for Corresponding Messengers, and there appeared from *Country Line*, Elders James A. Burch and Y. I. Chanler, with Minutes, and brother W. C. Jones, visitor; from *Mayo*, Elders M. D. Hill and Peter Hutcherson; from *Bear Creek*, brother S. E. Edwards; from *Little River*, no correspondence; from *Fisher's River*, no correspondence; from *Kehukee*, Joseph C. Adams. Brother J. W. Hill, from Mount Gilead Association, Illinois, being present, was invited and took a seat with us.

Received a file of Minutes from Country Line and White Oak.

4th. On motion, Elder PHILIP SNIDER was chosen *Moderator*.

5th. Appointed Elders James A. Burch, M. D. Hill and Peter Hutcherson, with the Moderator and Clerk a Committee of Arrangement, to report Monday morning.

6th. Appointed brethren W. D. King and J. H. Wilson, a Committee of Finance.

7th. Called for Circular Letter, which was read and referred to Committee of Arrangements.

8th. Elected by ballot, Elders J. A. Burch, M. D. Hill and J. E. Adams, to preach to-morrow, worship to commence at 11 o'clock. Elders Philip Snider and Y. I. Chanler to preach Monday, worship to commence at 9 o'clock. Also Elder Peter Hutcherson to preach Monday.

9th. Adjourned to Monday morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Preaching at the stand by Elder J. A. Burch, from 20th chapter, latter clause of 26th verse of John: "Peace be unto you." Elder J. E. Adams followed and preached from 9th chapter and 27th and 28th verses of Hebrews: "And as it is appointed unto men once to die," &c. Elder Philip Snider closed by prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 27TH, 1882.

The brethren elected to preach, met at the stand: Elder M. D. Hill introduced the services by singing and prayer, and preached from John 5th chapter and 25th verse: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live." Elder J. E. Adams followed from 1st chapter and 4th verse of Ephesians: "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy," &c.

Recess half hour. Elder J. A. Burch preached from 1st chapter and 17th verse of John: "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." By request, Elder Philip Snider preached from 2nd chapter and 5th verse of 1st Peter: "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood," &c.

Elder Y. I. Chanler closed the services of the day by singing and prayer.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 28TH, 1882, 9 O'CLOCK.

10th. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by the Moderator.

11th. Called on Committee of Arrangement to report. Report received and Committee discharged.

12th. Called Messengers and Corresponding Messengers names and absentees noted. See statistical table.

13th. Rules of decorum called for and read.

14th. Called on Corresponding Messengers to report: Some attended, those that failed were excused

15th. The following brethren were appointed as Messengers to sister Associations, viz:

To *Country Line*, Brethren Wm. F. Trogdon, John Auman, N. B. Orrell and Franklin Auman.

To *Little River*, Elder A. J. Gilbert and Thomas Beal.

To *Bear Creek*, Elders Philip Snider and A. J. Gilbert, and brethren Wm. F. Trogdon, N. Tucker and A. N. Surratt.

To *Mayo*, Elders Philip Snider, A. J. Gilbert, and brethren Lary Young, Wm. F. Trogdon, James Hill, G. Aderton, John Auman and Franklin Auman.

To *Fisher's River*, brethren Wm. F. Trogdon, J. H. Wilson, Lary Young and J. Hammer.

And that we correspond with Kehukee, Contentnea, White Oak, Smith's River and Black Creek, by Minutes.

16th. Called for Circular Letter; read and ordered to be printed with these Minutes.

17th Appointed brother N. B. Orrell to prepare a Circular for our next Minutes.

18th. Called on Committee of Finance to report; they report sent up from churches this year,.....	\$16 65	
Due Clerk,.....		32
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Amount,.....	\$16 33	\$16 33
Paid for printing these Minutes,.....		10 00
Clerk for service,.....		6 50
Report received and Committee discharged.		

19th. We agree that our next Association be held with the church at Mount Tabor, Randolph County, N. C., about 9 miles East of Ashboro, and 6 miles South-east of Franklinville Factory. To commence on Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in August, A. D., 1883. Elder Philip Snider to preach the introductory sermon, Elder A. J. Gilbert his alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

20th. The brethren appointed to visit absent churches made their report. Report received and Committee discharged.

21st. Appointed Elder Philip Snider and brother Wm. F. Trogdon to visit the Big Creek church and report at our next Association.

Elder A. J. Gilbert and brother N. Brafford to visit the Brush Creek church and report as above stated.

22. Our Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of 500 copies of these Minutes and distribute them as usual.

23rd. Agreed that our Clerk have \$6 50 for his services.

24th. Presbyteries made no report.

25th. The request from Pine Church was taken up, and the Association agrees that any church has a right to call a Presbytery at any time, for the ordination of ministers or deacons, so they call ministers of their own own faith and order.

26th. We return thanks to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting.

27th. Adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

PHILIP SNIDER, *Moderator.*

A. P. LEACH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY.

Preaching at the stand by Elder Y. J. Chanler, from Isaiah 25th chapter and 4th verse: "For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress," &c.

Elder Peter Hutcherson followed. Text not known to the Clerk.

Elder Philip Snider preached from 3rd chapter and 1st verse of Hebrews: "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling," &c.

The Word was preached in faithfulness to a large and well ordered congregation, and we hope will prove a benefit to the saints, and to the alarming of some poor careless soul, and prove a benefit to the mourning souls of those that are ready to perish in the land of Egypt.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Beloved Brethren :

Being appointed at your last session to write a Circular Address, I have been for some time at a loss for a subject. Finally my mind has settled on the following: Job 9th chapter and 2nd verse: "I know it is so of a truth: but how shall man be just with God?" The assertion that God will not cast away a perfect man, Job acknowledges to be true; but where can that perfect man be found among all the sinful sons of Adam? It is clear that Bildad only looked at the outward appearance, and concludes that a man is justified by his strict observance of the law. This is the feeling of every unrenewed heart, full of vanity, that we must do something meritorious before we can expect to be happy hereafter; and while in an unquickened state, they do not question their ability to do all that is necessary to secure the salvation of their souls, by which superabundance of good work, they expect to procure a higher place, and more stars in their crowns. But when we have learned in truth and in deed, that man is a depraved being, from the corrupt foundation from whose heart nothing good can flow, while God requires perfect holiness, we shall then ask, with Job, in anxious wonder, how shall man be just with God?

But where shall wisdom be found, and where is the place of understanding? Man knoweth not the price thereof, neither is it found in the land of the living. The depth saith it is not with me, and the sea saith it is not with me. "It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof." Job 25th chapter and 12th, 13th and 14th verses. Had not the Lord revealed unto his people this glorious and wonderful plan of salvation, it never would have entered in the mind of any of Adam's fallen race. God has so arranged it as to meet all the needs of his people, and secure all the glory and praise to himself. To ascertain the dignity of the Supreme administration, yet rescue his people from utter destruction, this admirable purpose was formed, and in the fullness of time executed. The second portion of the ever blessed Trinity, unites the human to the divine nature, submits himself to the obligations of his people, and becomes responsible for all their guilt, and in this capacity he performs obedience and undergoes the sentence of death, makes a full expiation of their sins and establishes their title to eternal life, by which means the law is satisfied, justice is magnified, and the richest grace exercised. Man enjoys a great salvation, not to the discredit of any, but to the unspeakable glory of all the divine attributes.

Here brethren, is the foundation stone laid in Zion, as is said by Isaiah, the prophet, and is expressed by the Apostle Paul: "Being justified freely by his grace, through the redemption of Christ Jesus, whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness, for the redemption of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time his righteousness, that he might be just and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay; but by the law of faith," Romans 3rd chapter, 24th to 27th verses. What shall we then say that Abraham, our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof the glory, but not before God, for what saith the Scriptures: "Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness." Now to him that worketh, is the reward, not reckoned of grace, but of debt; but to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Hence we see, brethren, that justification is the work of God from beginning to the ending. Again, what saith the Apostle: "Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called, and whom he called he also justified, and whom he justified, them he also glorified." Hence, we see that the Lord hath done great things for us, for which we are glad. Now, brethren, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are become new. The branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches, he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit. For without me ye can do nothing. Herein is my father glorified, that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be my disciples, If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his; but the fruits of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Against such there is no law. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another. Love is the leading characteristic of all the justified sons and daughters of God, and he that dwells in love, dwells in God; for God is love. Love worketh no ill to his neighbors. Brethren, let your lamps be trimmed and burning, as ye are traveling through this wilderness world, and be ready at all times to give a reason of the hope that is in you; bearing in mind that he who hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in manner of conversation, because it is written: "Be ye holy, for I am holy, and if ye call on the Father, who, without respect of persons, judgeth according to every man's work; pass the time of your beginning here in fear, for as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation, received by tradition from your fathers. May the Lord bless us and give us an assurance that we stand completely justified in the righteousness of our blessed Redeemer. Amen.

ATLAS J. GILBERT.

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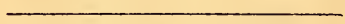
HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

MOUNT TABOR,

Randolph County, N. C.,

COMMENCING ON

Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in August, A. D. 1883.



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MINUTES.

AUGUST 25TH, 1883.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder B. Greenwood from 16th chapter 7 to 11 verses of the gospel by John: "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth," &c.

2nd. After a short recess the delegates from the several churches met, in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Burch; after which letters from the several churches were called for and read.

3rd. Called for Corresponding Messengers, and there appeared from *Country Line*, Elders J. A. Burch and Y. I. Chanler, with Minutes; from *Mayo*, brethren C. T. Snider and G. L. Burten; from *Bear Creek*, Elder G. L. Chaney, brethren J. D. Helms, J. J. Hill, S. Edwards; visiting brethren, W. R. Helms and Calvin Helms. Received a file of Minutes also from Bear Creek; from *Fisher River*, Minutes; from *Kehukee*, Elders J. E. Adams, J. T. Rowe and B. Greenwood; from *White Oak*, Elder B. H. Wooten with Minutes. Elder K. Parrish, from Canoochee, Ga., being present, took a seat. Received a file of Minutes from Mayo, Black Creek, Kehukee and Danville Associations.

4th. On motion, Elder A. J. Gilbert was chosen *Moderator*.

5th. Appointed Elders J. A. Burch, Y. I. Chanler and B. Greenwood, with the Moderator and Clerk; a Committee of Arrangements to report Monday morning.

6th. Appointed brethren J. H. Boroughs and W. D. King, a Committee of Finance.

7th. Called for Circular letter, and referred to Committee of Arrangements.

8th. Elected by ballot, Elders B. Greenwood, J. A. Burch, J. T. Rowe and B. H. Wooten, to preach to-morrow, worship to commence at 10 o'clock. Elders Y. I. Chanler, George L. Chaney and J. E. Adams to preach Monday, worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

9th. Adjourned to Monday morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Preaching at the stand by Elders H. Parrish and J. T. Rowe; Elder Parrish from Romans, 10th chapter, 13th verse: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Elder Rowe from 1st Samuel, 17th chapter, 29th verse: "And David said, what have I now done, is there not a cause?" Services closed by Elder J. E. Adams.

SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 26TH, 1883.

The brethren elected to preach met: Elder B. H. Wooten introduced the services of the day and preached from 1st chapter, 1st verse of the gospel by John: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God," &c. Elder B. Greenwood followed from 28th chapter 18th to 20th verses of the gospel by Matthew: "And Jesus came and spake unto them saying: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," &c.

Recess one hour. Elder J. T. Rowe preached from 42nd chapter and 8th verse of Genesis: "And Joseph knew his brethren; but they knew not him." Elder James A. Burch followed from Matthew, 16th chapter, 18th verse: "And I say, also unto thee that thou art Peter and upon this rock will I build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The Word was delivered in faithfulness to a large, respectable and well behaved congregation, and we hope much good may follow the labors of the day. I can say this, as one who desires the God of Israel to take the entire control of this meeting, and make use of the efforts of his children at this time and place to the honor of himself and to the good of his people, as far as is his Divine mind.

 MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 27TH, 1883, 9 O'CLOCK.

10th. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder H. Parrish.

11th. Called on Committee of Arrangements to report: Report received and Committee discharged.

12th. Called Messengers and Corresponding Messengers names and absentees noted. See statistical table.

13th. Rules of decorum called for and read.

14th. Called on Corresponding Messengers to report: Some attended, those who failed were excused.

15th. The following brethren were appointed as Messengers to sister Associations:

To *Country Line*, A. M. Idol, A. P. Leach, N. Tucker, Thomas Pope.

To *Mayo*, A. M. Idol, Wm. F. Trogdon, W. W. Pickard, Wm. G. Snider.

To *Little River*, Elder A. J. Gilbert, N. Brafford, Thomas Beal and A. P. Leach.

To *Bear Creek*, Elders Philip Snider, A. J. Gilbert and brother Jones C. Miller.

To *Fisher's River*, Brethren N. B. Orrell, Isaac Hammer, A. M. Williams, Larry Young and W. W. Pickard.

And that we correspond with Kehukee, Contentnea, White Oak, Smith's River and Black Creek, by Minutes.

16th. Called for Circular Letter; read and ordered to be printed with these Minutes.

17th. Appointed A. P. Leach to prepare a Circular Letter for our next Minutes.

18th. Called on Committee of Finance to report ; they report sent up from the churches ,.....	\$16 80	
Amount due clerk,.....	17	
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Paid for Printing Minutes,.....		10 00
Clerk for services,.....		6 50
Report received and Committee discharged.		

19th. We agree that our next Association be held with the church at Pine Meeting-house, Davidson County, N. C., 12 miles South-west from Lexington. To commence on Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in August, A. D., 1884. Elder A. J. Gilbert to preach the introductory sermon, Elder P. Snider his alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

20th. The brethren appointed to visit destitute churches made their report. Report received and Committee discharged.

21st. The Association requests the brethren in the ministry of our faith to visit the churches Big Creek and Brush Creek in this Association; our ministers are few,—these are the destitute churches, and they still wish to remain with us; their members are few and scattered.

22nd. Our Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of five hundred copies of these Minutes and distribute them as usual.

23rd. Agreed that our Clerk have \$6 50 for his services.

24th. Called on Presbyteries to report: Elder J. A. Burch reports that himself and Elder F. L. Oakly met at Pine Meeting-house and formed a Presbytery Set apart brethren Larry Young, Alfred Snider and J. H. Wilson, Deacons of said church.

25th. We return thanks to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting.

26th. Adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Prayer by the Moderator.

ATLAS J. GILBERT, *Moderator.*

A. P. LEACH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY—PREACHING AT THE STAND.

The services of the day were introduced by singing and prayer by Elder B. H. Wooten. Elder J. E. Adams preached from 4th chapter, 9th verse of Hebrews: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." Elder G. L. Chaney followed from 11th chapter, 7th verse of Paul to Romans: "What then, Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded. Elder Y. I. Chanler closed the preaching for the day from 116th Psalm, 4th verse: "I Love the Lord," &c.

This Association closed by singing a favorite hymn.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

*Beloved Brethren and Sisters composing the Abbott's Creek Union
Primitive Baptist Association :*

"I am the one that was appointed at our last Association, to write the Circular Address, but I feel incapable, and unless I am aided by the Spirit of God, I will not write anything that will comfort the children of God. My mind has settled on the following : Luke 2nd chapter and 14th verse : "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." There has nothing ever occurred on earth of more importance to the children of men than the personal appearance (in the flesh) of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Had he appeared on earth in the God-head, the children of men could not have borne the revelation and could not have been benefited by his personal ministry ; neither could he have been touched with the feeling of our infirmities, nor have offered himself a sacrifice for our sins. His manifestation in the flesh was essential to the great object of his advent, and no wonder the heavenly host descended to announce his coming to the shepherds, and sang glory to God, &c. The divinity did not become humanity, and the humanity did not become divinity, but the two were so united as to constitute but one glorious Mediator. Dear brethren, we can form no idea of the natural distance between God and man, but it is enough for us to know that the whole space is filled up by the Prince of Peace. Christ took upon him the form of a man, yet he was free from all sin, and guile was not found in his mouth. Notwithstanding his appearance in Bethlehem the angels descended from heaven to publish the good tidings to the children of men, "for unto you is born, this day (gospel day) in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord," Luke 2nd chapter, 11th ve.se. Brethren, there was no human agency brought to bear in that matter, but the angels of the Lord came upon them, and they were sore afraid ; and, my dear brethren, I think that I have been made afraid, and your experiences tell you, all of a time, that you were afraid, "for it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Hebrews 10th chapter and 31st verse. Therefore should we not "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," Jude, part of 3rd verse. Brethren, when he appeared among men, the order was given in heaven that all the angels of God should worship him: Hebrews 1st chapter 6th verse. This example was followed by the wise men on the earth, not wise by the wisdom of this world, nor were they made wise by the learning of catechised books which are taught by the modern institutions, but they were made wise by the angels of the Lord which came upon the shepherds that were keeping watch over the flock by night. This subject shows to my mind that all of God's people have their time of night, and nothing but the appearing of the angels unto God's poor people can bring that light which shines into our hearts; but the angel said unto them, "fear not," therefore let us sing with the angels, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men." Hence we

see his glory as seen in the works of creation, and in the language of the Psalmist David, 19th chapter, 1st verse: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handy work." God knew all of his sheep before the world was, and rightly arranged all things, and when the time fully comes he will bring all things to light. Paul in 2nd Corinthians, 5th chapter 1st verse: "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." So it seems to me that if the doctrines of this day are true, the house in heaven may never be completed; for if it is possible that man can so resist the spirit as to cause it to take its everlasting flight as is taught by the orders of to-day, then the building that Paul refers to in the text, would not be fitly framed together, but some part of the building would resist, and a *post, sill* or *brace* would be *missing*, and that building of God would not be completed; therefore, it is dangerous, in my opinion, to hold the idea that God is not able to complete that house not made with hands without the puny arm of man's help. Let us see what Paul says to that: See Romans, 9th chapter, 20th verse: "Nay, but O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, 'why hast thou made me thus?'" No, dear brethren, the time will come when he will gather his elect (from the nations of the earth) home to that building that is not made with hands. So we must conclude that our peace flows from the reconciling blood of Jesus. Nothing else could satisfy the claim of Divine justice and procure pardon for the penitent believer. "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be Spiritually minded is life and peace," Romans, 8th chapter, 6th verse. Where shall we find peace? "for he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy." Romans, 9th chapter, 15th and 16th verses. So you see, brethren, that we are not to find peace in human work, for in the 31st and 32nd verses of the above chapter we see that "Israel which followed after the law of righteousness hath not attained to the law of righteousness, wherefore because they sought it not by faith," (which is the gift of God). Hence, we see, brethren, in Revelations, 21st chapter, 27th verse: "And there shall in nowise enter into it (the city) anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie, but they (the elect) which are writtep in the Lamb's book of life." For you see in the 20th chapter and 15th verse of Revelation: "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Our peace cannot be found in the works of man, but our peace is found in the good will toward men, &c. That was given "in hope of eternal life which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began," Titus, 1st chapter, 2nd verse.

Brethren, may we all have the divine light to shine into our hearts to keep us from the evils of this world. May the goodness of God keep us close to his cross and fill our souls with love and praise to God, and love for one another, is my prayer to that great God for his good will toward men. Amen.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1883.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES	DELEGATES.	Total.	Deceased.	Excluded.	Dismissed by letter.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Baptized.	Contributions.
Flat Creek.....	Aaron Miller...	Miller's Town.....	+Aaron Miller, Alfred N. Surrat.....	15	3	1	1	1	1	1	\$ 16
Abbott's Creek.....	A. H. Welch.....	Abbott's Creek...	A. H. Welch, N. B. Orrell, William Davis.....	39	3	1	1	1	1	1	30
Tom's Creek.....	J. C. Miller.....	Denton.....	*+Philip Snider, Thomas Pope, †G. R. Adderton.	34	2	1	1	1	1	1	65
Pine Meeting-House..	John L. Snider	Lexington.....	Larry Young, A. M. Williams, †Charley Young...	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	200
Mount Tabor.....	J. H. Boroughs	Moffitt's Mills...	Wm. Harper, Jas. H. Boroughs, Wm. D. King.....	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	55
Sandy Creek.....	V. E. Jones.....	Sandy Creek.....	Henry Kivett.....	10	2	1	1	1	1	1	35
Brush Creek.....	.....	.....	Contribution. No Delegate.....	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	75
Big Creek.....	.....	.....	Not represented.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sugg's Creek.....	A. P. Leach.....	Cagle's Mills.....	A. P. Leach, N. Tucker, Ira Freeman.....	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	30
Bear Creek.....	John Gains.....	Bear Creek.....	*A. J. Gilbert, N. Brafford, Thomas Beal.....	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	25

Ordained Ministers marked thus *. Absentees thus †.
 P. S.—Error in old Minutes. Eagle's Mills, Sugg's Creek; Post Office is Cagle's Mills, as in Table now.

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OF THE

ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION

Primitive Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

PINE MEETING HOUSE,

Davidson County, N. C.

COMMENCING ON

Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in August A. D. 1884.

SALEM, N. C.

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MINUTES.

AUGUST 23rd, 1884.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Philip Snider, from 1st chapter 1st verse of the 2nd Epistle of John: "The Elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth," &c.

2nd. After a short recess the delegates from the several churches met in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder Isaac Jones; after which letters from the several churches were called for and read.

3rd. Called for Corresponding Messengers, and there appeared from *Country Line*, Elders F. L. Oakly, James A. Burch; brethren R. H. Dill, J. W. Giliam and John D. Smith, visitors. Also a file of Minutes. From *Little River*, Elder J. B. Parker and brother Seth Woodall and Minutes; from *Mayo*, brethren C. T. Snider, R. S. Williams and John Smith; from *Bear Creek*, Elders George L. Chaney, S. C. Little and brethren Stanly Edwards, John Eudy, Washington Honeycutt; Visitors, John McDonald; also brother Edwards, from Philadelphia, and Minutes; from *Kehukee*, Elders J. E. Adams, Wm. A. Ross and Henry Peal and Minutes; from *White Oak*, Elders Isaac Jones and B. H. Wooten, visitors, with Minutes. Received a file of Minutes from Contentnia.

4th. On motion, Elder Philip Snider was chosen *Moderator*.

5th. Appointed Elder Isaac Jones, W. A. Ross and brother Seth Woodall, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements to report Monday morning.

6th. Appointed brethren Jones C. Milles and J. H. Wilson, a Committee of Finance.

7th. Called for Circular letter, and referred to Committee of Arrangements.

8th. Elected by ballot to preach: Elders S. C. Little, W. A. Ross and Isaac Jones, to-morrow; worship to commence at 10 o'clock. Elders Jas. A. Burch, B. H. Wooten and F. L. Oakly to preach Monday; worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

9th. Adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by the Moderator.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Preaching at the stand by Elder G. L. Chaney, from 1st Peter, 4th chapter and 4th verse: "Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you." Elder Henry Peal, from 53rd chapter, 9th verse of Isaiah: "And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, because he had done no violence," &c. Elder Philip Snider closed the services of the day by praise and prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 24th, 1884.

The brethren elected to preach met at the stand. Elder S. C. Little introduced the services of the day by singing and prayer, and preached from 1st Epistle General of John, 2nd chapter, 1st and 2nd verses: "My little children, these things write I unto you that ye sin not," &c. Elder Wm. A. Koss followed from John, 17th chapter, 2nd and 3rd verses: "As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him," &c.

Recess one hour. Elder Isaac Jones preached from 27th chapter, 13th verse of Isaiah: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria," &c. Elder Philip Snider closed the services of the day by singing and prayer. The Word was delivered in faithfulness to a large and attentive congregation. We hope much good may result from the labors of the day, and all the glory be given to God, who rules all things after the counsel of his own will.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 25th, 1884.

10th. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder S. C. Little. The Moderator being unwell, the Association appoints Elder S. C. Little Moderator for the day.

11th. Called Messengers' and Corresponding Messengers' names and absentees noted. See statistical table.

12th. Called on Committee of Arrangement to report. Report received and committee discharged.

13th. Rules of Decorum called for and read.

14th. Called on Corresponding Messengers to report: Some attended those who failed were excused.

15th. The following brethren were appointed as corresponding Messengers to sister Associations:

To *Country Line*: Elders J. B. Hill and R. W. Snider.

To *Mayo*: Elders J. B. Hill, R. W. Snider and brother N. B. Orrell.

To *Little River*: Brethren N. B. Hiliard and Elder A. I. Gilbert.

To *Bear Creek*: Elders R. W. Snider, J. B. Hill and brother Wm. F. Troyden.

To *Fisher's River*: Brother N. B. Orrell.

And that we correspond with Kehukee, Contentnea, White Oak, Smith's River and Black Creek, by Minutes.

16th. Called for Circular Letter; read and ordered to be printed with these Minutes.

17th. Appointed Elder J. B. Hill to write a Circular Letter for our next Minutes.

18th. Called on Committee of Finance to report; they report sent up from the churches,.....\$15 95

In hands of clerk,..... 13

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Report received and Committee discharged.

19th. We agree that our next Association be held with the church at Flat Creek, Rowan County, N. C., to commence on Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in August, A. D., 1885. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock. Elder Philip Snider to preach the introductory sermon; Elder J. B. Hill his alternate. The above named church is situated in the above named county, 8 miles east of Gold Hill, 5 miles southwest of Stoke's Ferry, and 4 miles below Brinkle's Ferry.

20th. Called on Presbyteries to report: Elder Philip Snider reports that himself, Elder George L. Chaney and brother Jones C. Miller, met at Tom's Creek, on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1884. On the examination of R. W. Snider and James G. Hill, proceeded to the ordination of them to the work of the ministry.

21st. Our clerk was allowed \$6 50 for services.

22nd. Our Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of 500 copies of these Minutes and distribute them as usual.

23rd. We return thanks to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for their hospitality and kindness during the meeting.

24th. Adjourned to time and place above mentioned. Prayer by Elder Jas. A. Burch.

PHILIP SNIDER, *Moderator.*

A. P. LEACH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY.

Preaching at the stand by Elder B. H. Wooten, from Job 32 chapter, 10 verse: "Therefore I said, hearken unto me; I also will show mine opinion." Elder F. L. Oakley by exhortation. Elder Philip Snider closed the services of the day by exhortation, praise and prayer.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

It will be expected of me to write something for your Minutes ; and as I write, my desire is not to present anything that will cause any one of the dear brethren and sisters to stumble.

The Psalmist David, tells us in 76th Psalm, 1st and 2nd verses : " In Judah is God known ; his name is great in Israel ; in Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion. Now, dear brethren and sisters have we some faint view of the truth of this first sentence. " In Judah is God known." We are satisfied that he is not known in the sense that David wishes to show, everywhere, that is in the forgiveness of our sins. He is not known in this sense in Babylon, or among his enemies. Now do we the Baptists know, that it is in Judah, that the king of kings and Lord of Lords is known. If so, then we are the people that know the joyful sound. The evidence of which each one of you have in your breast, that learning or the wisdom of this world did not give and cannot take away. His name is great in Israel : If we know him we know something of the great deliverance from under bondage of that great monster the devil, and this makes each and every child rejoice, and say his name is great, and he is our maker, our preserver and redeemer ; claiming no merit of our own, but all possible praise is given to God who has given us the victory, and we are made to cry, Aba Father ! Then they can love and serve him in meetings and say his and their dwelling place is in Zion.

Now for some of the evidences that we are to show to the world that we have been with Jesus, and that we know some of the things that David spake : 1st. Do we love to meet the brethren and fulfill this command ; forsake not the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is. 2nd. Are we willing to help the poor saints, and to hold up the hands of our ministers, keeping them from the burdens of this life, that they may give themselves to the work of the ministry, so that we may not be guilty of muzzling the ox that treadeth out the corn. We are, if we are not mistaken, believers in duty, not making christians but helping them, and show that we are alive and not sleeping. This is our view as to some of the duties as to this life ; and when we have discharged these duties as best we can, we may expect calm and quiet minds ; but are we not looking after a more lasting joy and are we not enquiring for the way. If so, the scriptures are our guide. For search the scriptures, in them ye think you have eternal life and they are they which testify of me. Paul to the

Romans 12th chapter, 12th and 13th verses, for our encouragement says: "Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulations, continuing instant in prayer, distributing to the necessities of saints, etc. Now, dear brethren, these admonitions is to living men in and women and not to the dead.

We do not believe that good works make christians, but we do believe that christians love good works, and are trying to walk in them, and are the only class of mankind that know where God dwells; and this knowledge is given them to make them separate from the world, a peculiar people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, &c., to dwell with the king in eternity. Now these things being hid from the wise and prudent and revealed unto babes, so are all God's works. For if this gospel be hid it is hid to them that are lost shows in the past, by saying them that are lost, not a word of promise to save on conditions. God, who dwells in Zion is not a conditional God; we are glad he is not; for if man in his dead state has to move the great work of salvation on his part, then Christ's blood on the cross, his sufferings, his death and resurrection is not sufficient to save his people from their sins, and the devil may get some of these loved ones, such as he says I have loved thee with an everlasting love, &c. We feel safe in saying, Israel's God is not mistaken in this matter. The kings of this earth may fail in their undertakings; but it is not weak to say, God has provided means to save all the wicked race of man; and then those means have been insufficient to accomplish the end that was intended by the king of the whole earth. Some one is disappointed.

My dear brethren, we feel sure that Baptists will not say that Israel's God is the disappointed party.

Dear brethren, sisters and friends, we have asked some very important questions, as to our duty while sojourning here, and we will close by saying: May the great king of Zion keep us from the evils of this world, and save us for the Redeemer's sake.

A. P. LEACH.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1884.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Total	Deceased	Excluded	Dismissed	Rec. by Letter.	Restored	Baptized	Contributions.
Flat Creek.....	Aaron Miller.....	Miller's Town.....	*Aaron Miller, Alfred N. Surrat.....	14	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 1 00
Abbott's Creek.....	A. H. Welch.....	Abbott's Creek.....	W. W. Pickard, Tatum Phillips, Solomon B. Craven.....	42	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	3 00
Tom's Creek.....	J. C. Miller.....	Denton.....	†Jas. B. Hill, J. C. Miller, †R. W. Snider.....	44	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	2 30
Pine M. House.....	J. I. Snider.....	Lexington.....	Wm. Barnes, J. H. Wilson, Alfred W. Snider.....	52	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2 00
Mount Taber.....	J. H. Boroughs.....	Kemps Mills.....	*Wm. D. King, *Wm. M. Cox, James H. Boroughs.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Sandy Creek.....	V. E. Jones.....	Liberty.....	*Henry Kivett.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40
Brush Creek.....	.....	.....	Not represented.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Big Creek.....	.....	.....	Not represented.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sugg's Creek.....	A. P. Leach.....	Cagle's Mills.....	John Ammon, E. B. Boroughs, A. P. Leach.....	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	3 50
Bear Creek.....	John Gains.....	Bear Creek.....	†*A. J. Gillbert, Nathan Hilliard, Thos. C. Beal.....	12	2	1 25
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MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION

OF THE

Primitive Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Abbott's Creek Meeting-house,

DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,

COMMENCING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 1889.

*Printed at Landmark Book and Job Office,
Wilson, N. C., 1889.*

PROCEEDINGS.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder P. D. Gold, from Hebrews, 6th chapter, last verse: "Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made a high priest forever after the order of Melchisidec."

2nd. After a short intermission, the delegates from the several churches met in the house of worship. Praise and prayer by Elder L. I. Bodenhammer.

3rd. Elected Elder James A. Burch Moderator.

4th. Called for Corresponding Messengers, and there appeared:

From Country Line—Elders J. A. Burch, F. L. Oakley and Brother J. W. Gilliam, Messengers, and Elder Y. I. Chandler, visitor.

From Mayo, Elder L. I. Bodenhammer,, Brother L. P. Matthews, Messengers, and Brethren B. Sprinkle, R. S. Williams, W. E. Spach, D. Stafford, George Williams, J. Robbins and Jno. Smith, visitors.

From Bear Creek—Brother J. H. Davis.

From Little River—Elder J. E. Adams.

From White Oak—Elders B. H. Wooten and I. Jones.

From Kehukee—Elder W. A. Ross.

From Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold.

From Fisher's River—Elders A. Gardner and G. Denny.

From Contentnea—Elder John R. Rowe.

And we received a file of Minutes from Country Line, Mayo, Bear Creek, Kehukee, White Oak, Fisher's River and Mountain District.

5th. Appointed W. G. Snider, Solomon Snider and M. C. Morgan, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements, to report Monday morning.

6th. Appointed Brethren J. H. Borroughs and A. M. Idol a Committee of Finance.

7th. Called for Circular, and referred to Committee of Arrangements.

8th. Appointed by ballot Elders P. D. Gold, L. I. Bodenhammer, Isaac Jones, J. R. Rowe to preach to-morrow, worship to commence at 10 o'clock a. m., and Elders B. H. Wooten, W. A. Ross and F. L. Oakley to preach Monday, Worship to commence at 9 o'clock a. m.

9th. Adjourned to meet Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Praise and prayer by the Moderator.

Saturday evening preaching at the stand by Elder W. A. Ross, from Romans, 6th chapter, 22nd verse, "But now being made

free from sin," &c.; Elder John R. Rowe, from Romans, 1st chapter, 7th verse, "To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints," &c.

SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 25th, 1889.

The brethren appointed to preach met at the stand. Elder Y. I. Chandler introduced the services of the day by singing and prayer. Elder L. I. Bodenhammer preached from John, the 6th chapter and 37th verse, "All that the Father gave to me shall come to me," &c. Elder P. D. Gold followed, from Romans, 5th chapter, 14th verse, "Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses," &c.

Recess one hour. Elder John R. Rowe preached from 33rd chapter, 20th verse of Isaiah, "Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities," &c. Elder I. Jones closed the preaching of the day. The word was preached in faithfulness to a large and attentive congregation, which we hope will be as bread cast upon the waters, to be gathered after many days. May God bless the labors of the day as seems good in his sight, and the praise be his.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 26th, 1889.

10th. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

11th. Called Messengers' and Corresponding Messengers' names and the names of absentees noted (see Statistical Table).

12th. Called on Committee of Arrangements to report. Report received and committee discharged.

13th. Rules of Decorum called for. As they were read on Saturday, the reading was omitted.

14th. Called on Corresponding Messengers to report. Some attended; those who failed were excused.

15th. The following brethren were appointed as Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations, viz.:

To Country Line—Brethren A. P. Leach, Wm. M. Cox, A. M. Idol, W. F. Norwood and Jas. H. Burroughs.

To Mayo—Elders N. B. Orrell, R. W. Snider, P. W. Williard, and Brethren Joseph Thomas, A. M. Idol, J. H. Burroughs, W. W. Pickard.

To Little River—Brother W. F. Norwood.

To Bear Creek—Elders I. B. Hill, R. W. Snider, and Brethren I. P. Bean, A. N. Surratt and M. C. Morgan.

To Fisher's River—Elder N. B. Orrell, and Brethren W. W. Pickard and C. T. Philips.

And that we correspond with Kehukee, Contentnea, White Oak, Smith's River, Black Creek, Mountain District and Roaring River by Minutes.

16th. Called for Circular Letter. Read, and ordered to be printed with these Minutes.

17th. Appointed Elder P. W. Williard to write a Circular Letter for our next Minutes.

18th. Called on Committee of Finance to report. They report:
Sent up from the Churches this year.....\$16.04
In hands of Clerk 83

Total	\$16.87	
Paid for printing Minutes		\$8.00
Paid Clerk for service		7.00
Paid Postage on Minutes.....		1.50

Total.....	\$16.50
Balance in hands of Clerk, leaving postage of.....	\$1.87

19th. Agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Sandy Creek Meeting-house, Randolph County, N. C., 8 miles northeast of Franklinsville Factory, some miles southeast from Greensboro, 5 miles southwest of Liberty, a station on the railroad from Greensboro to Coal Fields—to commence on Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in August, A. D. 1890, and that Elder P. W. Williard preach the introductory sermon, Elder A. J. Gilbert his allternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

20th. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder J. B. Hill reports that himself and Elder I. J. Taylor attended at Tom's Creek Meeting-house, and proceeded to ordain Brother Solomon Snider to the office of Deacon, since our last Association. Also, Brother J. H. Burroughs reports that himself and Elder R. W. Snider attended the Church at Rock Hill, and proceeded to ordain Bro. W. R. Trogdon to the office of Deacon, since our last Association.

21. The Association appoints Brother James H. Burroughs and Elder R. W. Snider a Committee to look after the Church at Brush Creek, and see if there are any members belonging to that Church; also, look after the Church property, if any there, and report to our next Association.

22nd. The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of these Minutes, and that he have 600 copies printed.

23rd. The Clerk was allowed \$7.00 for his services.

24th. Query brought in by the Committee of Arrangements: "Should we fellowship any members who are in any way connected with any secret organization? The Association answers unanimously that they will not.

25th. The Association returns thanks to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting.

26th. Adjourned to time and place of next meeting. Prayer by Elder John R. Rowe.

JAMES A. BURCH, Moderator.

A. P. LEACH, Clerk.

MONDAY.—Preaching at the stand by the brethren appointed—Elders Wm. A. Ross, B. H. Wooten and F. L. Oakley—seemed to give satisfaction to a large and attentive congregation, who seemed by their actions to wish the brethren to preach on. The services of the day closed in the usual way, by Elder J. R. Rowe.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN, SISTERS AND FRIENDS: You will be looking for something in the shape of a letter, and as I am the one that was appointed to write, I will try in much weakness to comply. Having a true knowledge of my inability and incompetency, I know that I cannot write anything that would be profitable to the saints of the Most High God, nor to the approbation of his Son Jesus Christ, unless guided and directed by Him that has given every good and perfect gift that poor mortal men have ever received. My mind seems to be on the goodness of God toward his people. I will try to follow my mind. David said on a certain occasion, Is there not a cause? I hope there is a just cause why we are made to differ from all professions of religion in the doctrine of God our Saviour, which doctrine is Election, Predestination and Eternal Preservation of every member of the elect family of God. If this poor scribbler is not deceived in the date—1876—I was enabled to see Jesus Christ with an eye of faith, and dwell in his presence in peace. From the date 1871 to 1876 I shall never be able to tell my troubles. I was like David—the sorrows of death compassed me, the pains of hell got hold on me. I found travail and sorrow. Thanks be to God, He delivered my soul from the lowest hell, for which I hope to thank and praise Him all my life, and praise Him in eternity after death. He also showed unto me that straight and narrow way that leadeth unto life, that few are to find. If not deceived, I want to say with all candor and good wishes toward men, and in the presence of a just and holy God, that no law that man can keep, nor deeds that he can do, nor work that he can perform, or new plans, will ever justify them before a just and holy God. By the deeds of the law no flesh can be justified in the sight of God. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, or can do, but by His mercy hath he saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost. It seems to me that every child of God will own that God has all power in heaven and earth, and each one is willing to give Him all the glory and honor, power and dominion. Jesus learned obedience by the things He suffered. The promise to national Israel was if they were willing and obedient they should eat the good of the land. If they rebelled they were to be devoured by the sword, and it holds good unto this day to spiritual Israel. National Israel was destroyed by the sword of his enemies. The peace of spirit-

ual Israel will be destroyed by the sword of God's justice. I feel to say right here that the Baptists are the only denomination that can establish their doctrine by the truth of the Bible. I feel to say God showed me where His church was in the date above mentioned. We are not only commanded to be obedient, but to love each other, and bear each other's burdens. I am aware we are not doing these things as we should. There are some Baptists who seldom go to their church meetings. The cause I know not. They never help their pastor. They never help a traveling minister on his way. The church of God is built of lively stones. These members may need disciplining. We have strayed from the law of God like lost sheep. I want to see the Baptists a united people in everything that pertains to the Kingdom of God. I hope to see the day when they will unite on the subject of washing feet. While we differ from all denominations of religion, it seems we ought to agree with each other. We sometimes talk about each other, and say hard things. These things ought not to be. If we bite and devour each other, how dwelleth the love of God in us? It is written, Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. He that taketh not up his cross and followeth not after me is not worthy of me. Let us mind to not say Peace, Peace, when there is no peace. This is very easy to do. It is manifest that the so-called churches are drifting back to Popery. They will unite together against the truth. I am looking for a great persecution against the church in the near future, for he that liveth godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. I am not afraid to say the Baptists are the only people that preach the apostolic doctrine. They are the only people that preach infant salvation, and deny works being any cause of their eternal justification, and if we are persecuted for righteousness' sake it will only increase our hope in Christ, and make us long for the glorious appearing of the great God who gave us to Christ before time, and he redeemed us in time, and to-day is making intercessions for us. I have written as my mind directed me, in a very scattering way.

Your little brother in hope of eternal life,

I. P. BEAN.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Restored.	Rec. by Letter	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total number	Contributions
Flat Creek.....	Aaron Miller.....	Millertown.....	M. C. Morgan, J. L. Morgan, A. N. Sumratt.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	\$1 00
Abbot's Creek.....	C. F. Phillips.....	Abbot's Creek.....	Wm. Davis, Isaac Hamner, Joseph Thomas.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	3 00
Tom's Creek.....	N. R. Harrison.....	Denton.....	*J. B. Hill, Wm. G. Snider, Solomon Snider.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	1 89
Pine Meeting House.	J. L. Snider.....	Jubilee.....	A. M. Williams, D. H. Snider, Wm. L. Snider.....	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	76	2 40
Mt. Tabbor.....	J. H. Burroughs.....	Kemp's Mills.....	J. H. Burroughs, W. M. Cox, Fisham Bean.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	75
Sandy Creek.....	V. E. Jones.....	Soapstone.....	Henry Kivett, John Hays.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	75
Brush Creek.....	I. P. Bean.....	Inmer.....	Not represented.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Big Creek.....	A. P. Leach.....	Cagle's Mills.....	I. P. Bean, J. M. Morgan, J. M. Tucker.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	1 00
Suggs' Creek.....	W. F. Norwood.....	Richmond.....	A. P. Leach, F. Amman, P. G. Denton.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	3 00
Beau Creek.....	W. H. Lawrence.....	Science Hill.....	W. F. Norwood, J. A. Phillips, † N. Hilliard.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	1 25
Rock Hill.....	W. R. Tyogdon, *R. W. Snider, † W. H. Lawrence.....	1	15	1 00

Obtained Ministers marked thus * Absentees thus † 131 2 3 281 \$16 04

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

Sixty-Ninth Annual Session

—OF THE—

ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION

Primitive Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

PINE MEETING-HOUSE,

DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,

COMMENCING ON

Saturday, August 25th, A. D. 1894.

Landmark Steam Printing House,
Wilson, N. C.
1894.

PROCEEDINGS.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Sylvester Hassell from Jeremiah 6: 16. "Thus saith the Lord, stand in the ways and see and ask for the old paths." &c.

By Elder P. W. Williard's request the above sermon was preached.

2. After an intermission of an hour, the delegates from the several churches met in the house of worship. Praise and prayer by Elder J. H. Purifoy.

3. Letters from the several churches called for, read, and their state minuted. (See Statistical Table.)

4. Called for corresponding messengers and there appeared,

From Country Line—Elder J. A. Burch and J. M. Harriss, messengers, Brother J. S. Ward, visitor. Also Minutes.

From Mayo—Elder L. I. Bodenhamer, brethren L. P. Matthews, D. R. Stafford, visitors. Also Minutes.

From Bear Creek—Elders J. C. Williams, J. S. Mills, brethren E. F. Honeycutt, Stanly Edwards, messengers, Elder Jesse Brown, and brothers J. S. Norris and Green Jones, visitors. Also Minutes.

From Little River—Minutes.

From White Oak—No correspondence.

From Black Creek—Elder J. T. Edgerton. Also Minutes.

From Eno—Minutes.

From Kehukee—Elder Sylvester Hassell. Also Minutes.

From Contentnea—Elder J. T. Rowe. Also Minutes.

From Mountain District—Minutes received by the clerk after adjournment.

From Mill Branch—Minutes received by the clerk after adjournment.

5. Invited visiting ministers to seats. Elders M. F. Stubbs from Lower Canoochee, Ga., and J. H. Purifoy from Ebenezer, Ala., took seats.

6. Elected R. W. Snider, Moderator.

7. Called For circular letter, and referred to committee of arrangements.

8. Appointed Elders I. P. Bean, P. W. Williard, and brother A. A. Snider, with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee of arrangements to report Monday morning.

9. Appointed Brethren S. C. Lanear, and A. A. Snider a committee of finance.

10. Elected by ballot, Elders L. I. Bodenhamer, J. H. Purifoy, J. T. Rowe and M. F. Stubbs, to preach to-morrow, worship to commence at 9 o'clock. Elders S. Hassell, J. M. Harriss, J. T. Edgerton, to preach Monday, worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

11. Adjourned until Monday 9 o'clock, prayer by Elder J. M. Harris.

Preaching by Elders J. C. Williams, from Rev. 5: 5. "And one of the Elders saith unto me, weep not." &c. J. F. Mills, from Hebrews 13: 20-21, "Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus." &c. Jesse Brown, from Colossians 2: 10, "And ye are complete in him." &c.

Elder J. M. Harris closed by praise and prayer.

SUNDAY, August 26, 1894.

The brethren elected to preach met at the stand, Elder J. T. Edgerton introduced the services by singing and prayer. Elder L. I. Bodenhamer preached from 1st. Thess. 4: 16. "For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven." &c. Elder J. H. Purifoy, from Titus 3: 8. "This is a faithful saying." &c. After recess Elder J. T. Rowe preached from 1st. Cor. 2: 2. "For I am determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified." Elder M. F. Stubbs closed by praise and prayer. The inclemency of the weather prevented him from preaching.

The preaching was sound and delivered to a large and attentive congregation, and from the manner in which they gave their attention we may suppose that lasting good will be the result of the labors of the day.

MONDAY August 27, 1894.

12. The Association met according to adjournment, praise and prayer by Elder M. F. Stubbs.

13. The committee of arrangements made their report, report received and committee discharged.

14. Called Messengers' names, noted absentees, also called corresponding messengers' names.

15. Reading Rules of Decorum omitted.

16. Called on corresponding messengers to report, some attended, those who failed were excused.

17. Appointed the following brethren, as corresponding messengers to sister Associations, viz:

To Country Line—Elder P. W. Williard.

To Mayo—Elder P. W. Williard.

To Little River—Elder P. W. Williard.

To Bear Creek—Elders R. W. Snider, I. P. Pean, brother Samuel Snider.

To Fishers River—Brethren C. T. Phillips and W. W. Pickard.

To Eno—Minutes.

To Kehukee—Minutes.

To Contentnea, White Oak, Smith's River, Black Creek, Mill Branch, Mountain District and Roaring River—Minutes.

18. Called for circular letter, read and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

19. Appointed Elder P. W. Williard to write a circular letter for our next minutes.

20. Called on committee of finance to report,

Sent up from the churches this year.....	\$17 15
By a friend.....	60
Made up by the delegates	4 00
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Total	\$21 75
Paid for printing minutes.....	\$10 00
Due clerk from last year ..	4 75
Paid clerk for services	7 00
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	\$21 75

Report received and committee discharged.

21. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Flat Creek, Rowan county, N. C., 8 miles east of Gold Hill, 5 miles South west of Stoke's Ferry, on the Yadkin river, 4 miles below Brinkle's Ferry, to commence on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in August, A. D., 1895. Elder I. P. Bean to preach the introductory sermon, Elder P. W. Williard his alternate, worship to commence at eleven o'clock.

22. The clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of 600 copies of these minutes and distribute them as usual.

23. The clerk was allowed \$7.00 for his services.

24. Called on presbyteries to report. No report.

25. We return thanks to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting, also return thanks to the Missionary Baptists for giving us the use of their meeting house during this meeting.

26. Adjourned to time and place mentioned. Prayer by Elder Jas. A. Burch.

R. W. SNIDER, MOD.

A. P. LEACH, CL'K.

MONDAY PREACHING

Elder Sylvester Hassell preached from 2nd. Cor. 1 : 20. "For all the promises of God in him are yea and in him Amen," &c. Elder M. F. Stubbs from Matt. 5: 13. "Ye are the salt of the earth," &c. Elder J. T. Edgerton closed the preaching of the day from Mark. 4: 1-6. This is from recollection as to the book. Services closed, praise by Elder R. W. Snider.

Elder Stubbs filled the stand by request of Elder J. M. Harris who was elected to preach Monday.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

TO THE ABBOTT'S CREEK ASSOCIATION OF THE PRIMITIVE FAITH.

DEAR BRETHREN:—At our last Association I was appointed to write a circular letter for our next minutes. I feel incompetent to undertake such a task, fearing that I could not do justice to the cause of Christ. I would love to write something that would edify the brethren and sisters, but I fear I will make a failure; but nevertheless I will follow the trend of my mind and do what I do in obedience to God if not deceived.

I once thought I would love to tell the brethren and sisters my experience—if I have any, in a circular letter, but my mind seems to be somewhat changed, perhaps it is right. Brethren, I will call your attention to the minutes of our last Association. You see we are in debt to the Clerk. Brethren, it is our duty to keep up our church expenses at home and at our Associations, as much so as we can. Ten cents from every member of our association, that is able to work, will defray all of our associational expenses and leave us something on hand that we could give to our travelling Ministers to help them on their way. "God loves a cheerful giver." I believe it is the gift of God that we have faith, and this faith produces all the obedient acts that we do.

Jesus promised us a Comforter if he went away, and that Comforter should guide us into all truth. Brethren, how many of us have felt a lash of conscience on account of neglect of duty toward our church and ministers. The Lord sends out his servants to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ and his kingdom, declaring Jesus to be the way, the truth and the life. I believe that our faith teaches us that it is our duty to provide for our ministers, while they are so much help to our drooping minds in time of trouble, by teaching us the way. Brethren, when we neglect this which is our duty, it is not because we are without faith; we are only living after the flesh; and the word says we shall die, and I think some of our people are in a dying condition to-day. It seems that we have some power of our own, but it all used to the neglect of our duty toward God. We may have faith to move mountains, and without charity we become as "sounding brass and tinkling cymbals." All gifts of faith are profitable, but if we fail to exercise that gift of faith we become unprofitable. Some of the brethren may think this looks too much like Arminianism, but I can't help it for I think I know where we are going to if we don't do better this year—Our Clerk cannot afford to take money out of his own pocket and pay for printing minutes for us. I think we will do well to consider this matter for it is our duty. The only way to act faithful towards God, is through obedience. Disobedience is the cause of trouble and conflicts in any way. Brethren, only see how easily we can be lead astray by the vain things of the world: such as false doctrine, pride, story-telling, back-biting &c. We know that this is wrong and we are commanded to refrain from such things. I have not confined myself to any certain subject of scripture. My mind had been confined upon our neglect of duty. I hope this will meet your approval. May the Lord be with his people and this Association and direct us all to do his will, is the prayer of your unworthy brother,

W. H. LAWRENCE.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.	DELEGATES.	INS.
Flat Creek.....	J. L. Morgan.....	Pool	J. L. Morgan, A. N. Suratt, Samuel Snider.....	.17 \$ 1 00
Abbott's Creek.....	C. T. Phillips.....	Abbott's Creek.....	*P. W. Williard, C. T. Phillips, W. W. Pickard.....	.33 ..2 00
Toms Creek.....	N. R. Harrison.....	Denton.....	Solomon Snider, A. A. Snider, Thos. Pope.....	.31 ..2 55
Pine M. H.....	J. L. Snider.....	Jubilee.....	J. H. Wilson, W. H. Broadway, D. H. Snider.....	.81 ..3 00
Mount Tabor.....	Wm. M. Cox.....	Ramsuer	W. M. Cox, †Isham Winson †Freeman.....	.12 ....75
Sandy Creek.....	V. E. Jones.....	Mullin	Letter and contribution; last years' contribution 60c.....	.1 ..4 ..1 10
Brush Creek.....	I. P. Bean.....	Immer	J. M. Tucker, J. M. Morgan, Solomon Lanear.....	.16 ....90
Big Creek.....	A. P. Leach.....	Martin's Mill.....	A. Leach, A. P. Leach, Franklin Auman.....	.11 ..31 ..3 00
Suggs Creek.....	Wm. F. Norwood.....	Richmond	James Filman, †T. C. Beal, †John Gains.....	.1 ..14 ..1 25
Bear Creek.....	M. H. Hill.....	Mechanic	M. H. Hill, †W. F. Trydon, E. M. Yates.....	.1 ..18 ..1 60
Rock Hill.....				.7 ..5 14 ..4 7
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				Baptised.
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MINUTES

—OF THE—

Seventy-first Annual Session

OF THE

ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION

Primitive Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

Tom's Creek, Davidson Co., N. C.,

—COMMENCING ON—

Saturday Before the 4th Lord's Day in August 1896.

Wilson, N. C.
Landmark Steam Presses.
1896.

PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 1896.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. S. Hall, of Georgia, from Hebrews 3:6: "But Christ as a Son over His own house," etc.

2nd. After an intermission of one hour the delegates met in the house of worship, and was opened with praise and prayer by Elder L. I. Bodenheimer.

3rd. Invited visiting ministers to seats.

4th. Chose L. I. Bodenheimer Moderator.

5th. Letters from the several churches called for and read and their state minuted. (See statistical table.)

6th. Called for corresponding messengers and there appeared:

From Country Line Association—Elders J. A. Burch, messenger, and F. L. Oakley, visitor.

From Mayo—Elder L. I. Bodenheimer, messengers, H. J. Wilburn and J. H. Neal, visitors.

From Bear Creek—Elders J. C. Williams, messenger, and Jesse Brown, visitor.

From Little River—Elders W. J. Stephenson and J. E. Adams.

From Contentnea—Brother J. J. Wilkins.

From Euharley, Ga.—T. S. Hall, visitor.

From Mountain District—Elders Eli Kane and E. E. Lundy. Received a file of minutes from Country Line, White Oak, Mountain District, Bear Creek,, Mill Branch, Smith's River, Fisher's River, Kehukee, Contentnea and Little River.

8th. Called for circular letter; referred to committee of arrangements.

9th. Appointed brother N. R. Skean, Elders J. A. Burch and P. W. Williard, with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee of arrangements to report Monday morning.

10th. Appointed brethren S. C. Lanier, N. R. Harrison a committee of finance.

11th. Elected Elders L. I. Bodenheimer, T. S. Hall and W. J. Stephenson to preach to-morrow, worship to commence at 10 o'clock; Elders J. A. Burch, E. E. Lundy and Eli Kane to preach Monday, worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

12th. Adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock, with praise and prayer by W. J. Stephenson.

Preaching Saturday evening by Elders J. E. Adams from Acts 4:12: "Neither is there salvation in any other," etc.; F. L. Oakley from 2nd Cor. 4:6, 7: "For God commanded the light to shine out of darkness," etc. Elder J. E. Adams closed with praise and prayer.

The elders appointed to preach met at the stand. Elder L. I. Bodenheimer introduced the services of the day by singing and prayer, and from Titus 1: 2, "In hope of eternal life," etc; Romans 4: 16, "Therefore it is of faith," etc; Elder P. W. Williard, from Exodus 12: 5, "Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year," etc. Elder T. S. Hall after recess preached from Genesis 17: 2, "I will make my covenant between me and thee," etc.

Monday preaching—Elder J. A. Burch from Roman 1: 9, latter clause, "That without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers." Elder E. E. Lundy from 2nd Samuel 5: 1, 2, "Then came all the tribes of Israel to David," etc.; Elder Eli Kane from Acts 8: 37, "If thou believest with all thine heart thou mayest," etc. The Word was preached with power, we feel sure, and will be as bread that will be gathered. Closed at the stand with prayer by W. J. Stephenson.

MONDAY, AUGUST, 24th, 1896.

13th. The Association met according to adjournment, with praise and prayer by Elder W. C. Jones.

14th. The committee of arrangements made their report; report received and committee discharged.

15th. Called messengers' names, noted absentees; also called corresponding messengers' names.

16th. Read rules of decorum.

17th. Called on corresponding messengers to report; some attended, those who failed were excused.

18th. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations, viz.: To Country Line—Elder P. W. Williard, brother N. R. Skean.

To Mayo—Elder P. W. Williard, A. S. Clinard.

To Little River—Elder P. W. Williard.

To Bear Creek—A. N. Surratt and S. C. Lanier.

Agreed that we correspond with Fisher's River, White Oak, Contentnea, Smith's River, Black Creek, Mill Branch and Mountain District by minutes.

19th. Called for circular letter; read, and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

20th. Appointed brother N. R. Harrison to write a circular letter for our next minutes.

21st. Called on committee of finance to report. They reported:

Sent up from the churches.....	\$15.65
The Clerk finds error in last year's minutes.....	25
Made up by the delegates.....	1.26
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Paid for printing minutes.....	\$10.16
Paid Clerk for services.....	7.00
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22nd. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Big Creek Meeting House, Montgomery county, N. C., near the Russell gold mine, about thirty miles south of Thomasville, fourteen miles northwest from Troy, the county seat of said county, to commence on Saturday before the 4th Lord's day in August, A. D. 1897, Elder P. W. Williard to preach the introductory sermon, and choose his alternate; worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

23rd. The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes and distribute them as usual, and that we have 650 copies printed, and that he have \$7 for his services.

24th. Called on presbyteries to report. No report.

25th. The Association sends advice to the Mount Tabor church by letter.

26th. The Association returns thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for hospitality and kindness during this meeting. Adjourned to time and place mentioned.

L. I. BODENHEIMER, Moderator.

A. P. LEACH, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN:—By request of the last Association I make the attempt to write a letter for circulation in our minutes, believing it to be a duty that all who can have the mind to write for the comfort of the poor saints, should do so, also hoping that this poor, weak mind may be directed in a way that will not give offence to the saints. My mind is led to a portion of Scripture in Hebrews 13:1: "Let brotherly love continue." This is a small portion of the writings of the Apostle to the Hebrew brethren. I think the admonition is binding on us as professors of the same doctrine that was taught by the Apostles. It is said that this letter was written by Timothy; if so, is it part of the part of the Scriptures? Brethren, we must admit that this is part of the given Word and should be obeyed. The words from an inspired writer, small as it seems to be, should be considered. Dear brethren, let us for one moment think of our deliverance from nature's night. Did we love the brethren then? Now how is it? Does love continue? This is what I think the writer of this subject means; that we should think, act and show by so doing that we are brethren. Oh brethren, what a loving expression, "brotherly love." Let me say that little children show that they love one another. See them playing (I mean little ones) and one gets hurt, how distressed the little crowd are. Oh brethren, do you see little ones to-day in Zion's walls (I mean the church) that are lame, halt or blind, some by their own faults, and some by persecution; but they are brethren. Are we all so forgetful that we have no love for them. Are we so hard-hearted that we cannot go to them and tell them of their faults, considering ourselves lest we be tempted. "Let brotherly love continue." There is something called love that we are told to let continue. Now the question may arise, how are we to let this continue? We, as the Hebrews, are a people professing to love the Lord. Let me ask one and all of us, do we prove by our actions that we love the Lord? If so, then the promise is to us. All things work together for good to them that love the Lord, and are called according to His purpose. Let me say there is a number of things loved by the human family; but this is love spoken of, love of brethren that we may not be mistaken about the character of this love; for it works no ill to a neighbor, much less to a brother. Now, brethren, we have a right, if we are the called, to claim the Lord as great Shepherd, King and Priest; one that for love gave us Himself to suffer for our sins. O how humble we should be when we think His arm is under us. And how we should pity those who say this King of Kings will see some of His loved ones go down to eternal despair, that His arm is too short or His blood is not sufficient to save the objects of His love without the help of poor sinners. What folly!

In conclusion, let me say my beloved brethren and sisters, as we are compassed by a cloud of witnesses let us lay aside every weight and sin that we may run our race with patience, feeling sure that we are living in the evening of this world, and that we must have grace given us to overcome the evils that surround us, and the promise is to them that walk uprightly. May the Lord grant that brotherly love may continue.

A. P. LEACH.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Restored.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Finances.
Flat Creek.....	A. N. Surratt.....	Pool.....	M. C. Morgan, J. A. Morgan, A. N. Surratt.....	2						14	75
Abbot's Creek.....	A. M. Idol.....	High Point.....	P. W. Williard*, A. S. Chuard, A. M. Idol, H. Cox†.....	1						31	2 50
Tom's Creek.....	N. R. Harrison.....	Denton.....	A. A. Snider, James O. Workman, N. R. Harrison.....	1						31	2 50
Pine M. H.....	J. L. Snider.....	Jubilee.....	J. A. Williams, Charley Yong, J. H. Snider, H. Snider†.....	4						84	3 05
Mount Taber.....	Wm. Cox.....	Rauseur.....	Wm. M. Cox, Isham Bean, Winson Freeman.....	2						10	50
Sandy Creek.....	V. E. Jones.....	Mullin.....	By letter and contribution.....							4	50
Brush Creek.....			Not Represented.....								
Big Creek.....	S. C. Lanier.....	Pastook.....	J. M. Morgan, J. Morgan, S. C. Lanier.....							14	80
Sugg's Creek.....	A. P. Leach.....	Martin's Mill.....	A. P. Leach, Allen Cornelison, J. M. Dennis.....	2						32	3 00
Bear Creek.....	W. F. Norwood.....	Richmond.....	John Gains, N. B. Hilliard, W. F. Norwood†.....							14	50
Rock Hill.....	M. H. Hill.....	Mechanic.....	M. H. Hill, E. M. Yates, W. H. Lawrence.....							12	1 00
White Oak Springs.....	P. G. Deaton.....	Ether.....	P. G. Deaton.....							8	55
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MINUTES

OF THE

Eighty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

Abbott's Creek Union Primitive Baptist Association

CONVENED WITH THE

Church at Toms Creek

Davidson County, N. C.

Commencing on Saturday Before the Fourth
Sunday in August, 1908.

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PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY AUGUST 22, 1908.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. T. Broadway from John 10:9-10.

2. After a recess of one hour, the delegates from the different churches met in the house of worship with praise and prayer by Elder G. D. Roberson.

3. Invited visiting brethren to seats. The following were present: Elders G. D. Roberson, J. E. Williams, H. M. Williams, J. E. Adams, J. D. Draughn and B. L. Treece.

Reading of rules of decorum omitted.

4. Letters from the several churches called for, and read, and their state minuted. (See statistical table.)

5. As it is our rule to elect a moderator every year, Elder W. T. Broadway was chosen to serve this year, through love and courtesy to him. The association returns thanks to Elder P. W. Williard for his long, able, and faithful service as moderator of this association.

6. Called for corresponding messengers and the following appeared:

From Upper Country Line—J. R. Jones.

From Lower Country Line—None.

From Mayo—None.

From Black Creek—None.

From Bear Creek—Elders J. E. Williams, H. M. Williams, Brethren D. B. Howard, Aaron Furr, Messrs. J. W. Jones, Paul Safley, B. Craven. Elder B. L. Treece visitor.

From Fishers River—Elder J. D. Draughn.

From Kehukee—Elder G. D. Roberson.

We received a file of minutes from Upper and Lower Country Line, Mountain District, Bear Creek, Little River, Kehukee, Black Creek, White Oak, Mill Branch, Staunton River and Contentnea.

7. Called for circular letter, handed in, and referred to committee of arrangements.

8. Appointed Brethren S. Snider, M. H. Hill, A. L. Owens, with the moderator and clerk as a committee of arrangements to report Monday morning.

9. Appointed Brethren J. B. Hulin, A. M. Surratt, a committee on finance.

10. Elected by ballot, Elders G. D. Roberson, J. E. Williams, P. W. Williard, C. A. Davis to preach to-morrow. Worship to commence at 10 o'clock.

Elders J. D. Draughn, B. L. Treece, to preach Monday. Worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

11. Adjourned to Monday morning 9 o'clock. Dismissed in short.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Preaching by Elders J. E. Adams, from Rev. 22:13. H. Lower Country Line—Elders W. M. Monsees and C. A. Davis.

Mayo—Elder W. R. Gallimore, Brothers S. Snider, J. A. Williams, and J. H. Snider.

Little River—Elders W. M. Monsees and W. R. Gallimore.

Bear Creek—Elders W. T. Broadway, C. A. Davis, W. R. Gallimore and Brother Sam Snider.

Fishers River—Brother J. A. Williams and Elder W. L. Young.

And that we correspond with Contentnea, Kehukee, White Oak, Mill Branch, Mountain District and Black Creek by Ministers, and that we send a file of minutes to each association that we correspond with by messengers.

17. Called for circular letter, read, and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

18. Called for petitionary letters. We received a letter from Pierces Chapel stating that on Friday before the third Sunday in August 1907, Elders P. W. Williard, C. A. Davis, W. T. Broadway, W. R. Gallimore, W. M. Monsees, Deacons S. Snider, from Tom's Creek, W. R. Trogden, W. F. Trogden, from Rock Hill, met at said place, and or-

ganized them into a church in gospel order, and asks to be enrolled with the Abbotts Creek Association, which was done by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to her delegation.

19. Appointed Elder C. A. Davis to write circular letter M. Williams John 1:1. Elder C. A. Davis closed by a general exhortation.

SUNDAY AUGUST 23, 1908.

The brethren elected to preach met at the stand with a large congregation present. Elder G. D. Roberson preached from Isaiah 55:1-3. Elder J. E. Williams, from Rev. 11:1. Recess on hour. Elder P. W. Williard preached from Matthew 11:7. Elder C. A. Davis, from Luke 1:20-21.

MONDAY AUGUST 24, 1908.

12. The association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder J. E. Williams.

13. The committee of arrangements made their report, report received and committee discharged.

14. Called messengers names. Noted absentees. Also called corresponding messengers, names.

15. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended and those who failed were excused.

16. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

Upper Country Line—Elders W. T. Broadway and C. A. Davis.

for our next minutes.

20. Called on committee of finance to report, they reported as follows:

Sent up from the churches.....	\$21.90
Sent up from Abbotts Creek church for visiting ministers	5.00

Total	\$26.90
Paid clerk for services	\$ 7.00
Paid for printing minutes	10.00

Given to visiting ministers 9.90

Total\$26.90

Report received and committee discharged.

21. Agreed that our next association be held with the church at Big Creek, located at Eldorado, Montgomery county, N. C., seven miles east of Whitney on Yadkin River commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in August 1909. Elder C. A. Davis to preach the introductory sermon. Elder M. L. Williard alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

22. By request of Brother A. P. Leach, he was released from the office of clerk, and A. L. Owen was chosen clerk, and Brother A. P. Leach, assistant clerk.

23. Appointed clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes, and that we have 800 copies printed.

24. Called on Presbyteries to report. S. H. Goodman reported that Elder O. J. Denny and J. A. Ashburn and Deacon H. W. Cox, met with the church at High Point and ordained Brother J. T. Hix to the office of deacon for said church on September 4, 1907,

25. Elder W. T. Broadway, and W. R. Gallimore who were sent to Mount Tabor, and Bear Creek, by the association last year reported that they visited Mount Tabor church and found the church in peace with five members. One joined since. They still want to remain in our association.

Also, they visited Bear Creek and found them in a luke warm condition. We regained for them the title to their church property. They changed their place of meeting, and also changed their name from Bear Creek to Gain's Grove. They also want to remain with us. We feel they are in a prosperous condition.

26. The association returns thanks to God, the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity for their hospitality and kindness during their meeting.

27. Adjourned to time and place mentioned.

ELDER W. T. BROADWAY, Moderator,

A. L. OWEN, Clerk.

A. P. LEACH, Assistant Clerk.

Monday preaching by Elder J. D. Draughn and B. L. Treece. Clerk failed to get text.

NAMES AND POSTOFFICES OF OUR MINISTERS.

Elder P. W. Williard, High Point, N. C., R. No. 2.

Elder C. A. Davis, Kernersville, N. C., R. No. 1.

Elder M. L. Williard, High Point, N. C., R. No. 2.

Elder W. T. Broadway, Salisbury, N. C.

Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.

Elder W. L. Young, Linwood, N. C., R. R. No. 1.

Elder W. M. Monsees, Linwood, N. C., R. No. 2.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Ministers and Messengers Composing the Abbotts Creek Association, of the Primitive Baptist Church:

Dear Brethren—Many of you are aware of the fact that I was appointed at the last session of this honorable body to write what is termed a circular letter. Oh! how I was filled with fear and trembling, so much that I could not render an excuse. While meditating upon the vastness of its importance, these thoughts settled steadfast in my mind, "If this action of the association is of the Lord, it will have the desired effect, if not of the Lord, it will do no good, but will be a stain upon her, and a blot upon the one who makes the attempt, through the power of his own wisdom and righteousness. With these thoughts as a preliminary, I will, with God's help present to your minds some beautiful figures in types as shadowing forth in the language of the wise man in his beautiful song in the fourth chapter and twelfth verse, it is recorded "A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed."

This to my mind represents the fountain that was opened in the house of King David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and uncleanness. How wonderful is the construction of that garden, in it a spring shut up, a fountain sealed. We will here make an illustration. It is unlawful for any person to break a seal, except the person to whom it is directed. It is so in reference to our mails. Even the carrier is not allowed to open a sealed package. He may handle all the sealed packages and handle carefully the name and address, in discharge of his official duty. If he goes beyond his duty in opening the seal it makes him an offender, and he is liable to be punished by the law which protects

him in doing his duty. This sets forth the duties of those who are enclosed in the garden of God's grace. And to them only is it given to open the seal, which has already been opened. Then they are commanded to open the doors of their hearts and let the king of glory come in. To such, God has given this seal. He knoweth them that are his and when the knowledge of this seal is given, then to believe that God for Christ's sake has pardoned their sins; to such he gives the waer of that fountain sealed. Yes, sealed to them through the blood of the everlasting covenant, which is ordered in all thing. And sure they set this seal upon their heart that God is true and every man a liar. That is, all men who are born of woman are conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity, and go forth from the womb speaking lies. All such as are described in holy writ, as speaking the language of their father, who was a liar from the beginning and abode not in the truth, has no right to take the privilege of claiming the power to drink of that spring that is shut up, of the fountain sealed.

Now, having set forth the condition of all men in nature, this condition by reason of sin power debars them of the privilege of even a desire to drink of such a fountain. And men in the bonds of sin are bound slaves to it. Such is the condition of all the human family born into this world. Now let us see if this excludes forever the possibility of one and all of partaking of a single sip of this spring of living water. No, thank God a remedy was prepared by the eternal mind of him who said, "I will do all my pleasures, my council shall stand." It was the pleasure of the mind of wisdom to prepare a remedy and a sure cure for such a horrible disease as sin, which has been inflicted upon all men. This glorious remedy was promised to the mother of all living, that thy seed shall bruise the serpent's head. and that blessed seed undoubtedly is Jesus, who was born of a woman, born under the law to redeem them who were under the law. In this seed of the woman, all the seed have access to the spring shut up, to this fountain sealed. All and every one of them being vessels of mercy afore prepared unto glory, all of those vessels of mercy have access to the inclosed garden, to the spring shut up, to the fountain sealed. Let us consider for a moment the security of all who are enclosed in this glorious garden. What is it enclosed with? I will emphatically declare it is the life of God. His wonderful garden occupied by the family of a great king, must of necessity be born of that

king, consequently born in this delightful garden of their father, which is of his own individual make up. No power was consulted no agent employed, not even the wisdom of the holy angels was sought, but all things were made ready by the holy king and the king's son, to bid the subjects of grace to come in to his garden. And the language is this "I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse. I have gathered my myrrh with my spice. I have eaten my honey comb with my honey. I have drunk my wine with my milk. Eat O friends! Drink yea drink abundantly, beloved is the language of the builder and maker of this garden which is, "whosoever will let him drink of the water of life freely and whosoever shall drink of the water that I shall give, it shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.' ' This fountain was opened upon Mount Cavalry, when they pierced his hands and his feet. Then and there flowed the crimson tide that christalized this glorious fountain of water, which was hitherto sealed. And what was the great cost to the owners of this garden, for the sake of the occupants of it and its inhabitants? In another garden, not this one, but surely an entrance into this enclosure his sweat became as great drops of blood, falling down to the ground, calling for these pathetic words. "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death." and in his own language recorded by the prophet, "Was there ever sorrow liken unto my sorrow?" Oh! my brethren have not your sorrows been stirred up for him who bore all your sorrows. Who drank the contents of the bitter cup of death to its very dregs that you might live? Now brethren pray for the peace of Jerusalem for they shall prosper who love peace. May it reign supremely within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces.

A. M. WILLIAMS.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Re'd by							Total Number in Fellowship	Contributions
				Bap.	Letter	Restored	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total		
Flat Creek.....	J. L. Morgan...	Richfield, R. 2..	Sam Snider, J. L. Morgan, J. Morgan	8	1	1	1	1	1	15	\$1.00	
Abbott's Creek...	C. A. Hayworth...	High Point, R. 2.	B. C. Hayworth, J. J. Idol, W. L. Bouldin	3	4	1	1	2	2	59	2.00	
Toms Creek.....	S. Snider.....	Snider.....	A. A. Snider, S. Snider, J. Workmon	3	1	1	1	2	18	1.75		
Pine M. H.	W. F. Williams...	Jubilee, R. 1....	J. A. Williams, J. H. Snider, H. Monsees	3	1	1	1	3	75	4.50		
Mount Tabbor..	.....	.....	By Letter.....	3	1	1	1	4	6	4.75
Sandy Creek....	.....	.....	By Letter.....	3	1	1	1	3	3	1.15
Brush Creek....	Not Represented	3	1	1	1	1	1	32	50.	
Big Creek.....	S. W. Morgan....	Eldorado.....	Thomas Lucas,* J. F. Morgan, L. W. Morgan	3	1	1	1	1	1	12	2.50	
Suets Creek....	A. P. Leach.....	Martin's Mill...	N. Tucker, E. Sykes, E. B. Boroughs*	3	1	1	1	3	1	32	50.	
Gaines Grove..	N. Hilliard*	2	1	1	1	1	5	5	.50	
Rock Hill.....	M. H. Hill.....	Caraway, R. 2..	M. H. Hill, M. M. Johnson, H. Trogdon	2	1	1	1	1	21	2.00		
White Oak Sp'ss	F. G. Deaton....	Alred.....	H. T. Tucker, P. G. Denton, I. Freeman*	3	1	1	1	1	8	.60		
No Creek.....	J. A. Forrest....	Jubilee.....	L. Trogdon, J. B. Hulih, J. H. Snider..	3	1	1	1	1	23	1.50		
Salisbury.....	A. L. Owen.....	Salisbury, R. 2..	Eld. W. T. Broadway, J. F. Owen* A. L. Owen	1	2	1	1	1	23	2.05		
High Point.....	R. L. Stone.....	High Point.....	I. F. Hix, S. H. Goodman, T. S. Hedrick	3	2	1	1	1	25	1.50		
Pierces Chapel..	H. Swaney.....	H. Swaney, W. J. Yates.....	2	1	1	1	1	4	.60		
Absentees marked thus*				20	2	5	7	4	12	329	21.90.	
Total.....				20	2	5	7	4	12	329	21.90.	

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MINUTES OF THE NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Abbott's Creek Union

OF THE

Primitive Baptist Association



HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Cotton Creek, Montgomery County, N. C.

COMMENCING ON

Saturday Before the First Lord's Day

in August, 1918

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ABBOTT'S CREEK ASSOCIATION

FIRST DAY—SATURDAY.

1. After praise, and prayer by Elder G. O. Key, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Samuel McMillon, from Romans iii. 20.

2. After an intermission of one hour, the delegates from the different churches met in the house of worship. After praise, and prayer by Elder J. F. Mills, the letters from the several churches were called for. They were read and their state minited (see Statistical Table).

3. Called for petitionary letters. None at present.

4. On motion, reading the Rules of Decorum were omitted.

5. Chose Elder Samuel McMillon as moderator.

6. Invited visiting ministers to seats. The following were present and seated: Elders W. C. Jones, C. A. Davis, J. F. Mills, H. M. Williams, J. S. Reich, G. O. Key, J. S. Newman, H. D. Mickey, G. M. Trent, N. T. Oaks, Jesse Barnes, E. C. Stone and F. W. Keene.

7. Called for corresponding messengers, and the following appeared:

From Upper Country Line—Elder W. C. Jones, visitor.

From Lower Country Line—None.

From Bear Creek—Elder J. F. Mill and Brother Pete Howard, messengers, and Elder H. M. Williams, visitor.

From Black Creek—Elder Jesse Barnes, messenger, and Brethren B. A. Scott, R. E. Lamm and Pharoah Bullock, visitors.

From Fisher's River—Elders H. D. Mickey, and G. O. Key, messengers.

From Salem—Elders C. A. Davis and S. J. Reich, messengers, and Brethren Tom Greer, James Snider and others as visitors.

From Mill Branch—None.

From Kehukee—Elder E. C. Stone, visitor.

From Little River—None.

From Contentnea—None.

From Mayo—Elder G. M. Trent and Brother J. W. Morefield, visitors.

From White Oak—None.

Elder F. W. Keene from the Maine Conference; Elder J. S. Newman from Duffau Association, of Texas and Elder N. T. Oaks from Staunton River Association, were present and seated.

We received a file of minutes from Salem, Little River, Mayo, Kehukee, Upper and Lower Country Line, White Oak, Mountain District, Fisher's River, Black Creek, Bear Creek, Mill Branch and Nolachucky Associations.

8. Called for circular letter, which was handed in and referred to Committee on Arrangements.

9. Appointed Brethren R. F. Strange, U. L. Peacock, Elder W. R. Gallimore, with the Moderator and Clerk, as a Committee on Arrangements, to report Monday morning.

10. Appointed Brethren C. B. Owen and T. W. Maness as a Committee on Finance.

11. On motion, Elder W. R. Gallimore, with the Moderator and Clerk as a Committee on Preaching, who appointed to preach Sunday, Elders Jesse Barnes, J. S. Newman, F. W. Keene, G. O. Key and

N. T. Oaks: for Monday, Elders H. D. Mickey, W. C. Jones and S. J. Reich.

12. Agreed to meet Sunday at ten o'clock a. m., and Monday at nine o'clock a. m.

Adjourned until Monday morning at nine o'clock.

Dismissed by Elder S. J. Reich.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Preaching at the stand by Elder G. M. Trent from Deuteronomy xxxii. 1, 2; followed by Elder E. C. Stone, from 1 Peter ii. 7; followed by Elder H. M. Williams, from 1 Timothy ii. 3; followed by Elder J. F. Mills, no certain text.

FOURTH LORD'S DAY IN AUGUST, 1918.

Those appointed to preach met at the stand. Services were opened by praise, and prayer by Elder Jesse Barnes, and then he preached from 1 Corinthians iii. 3; followed by Elder J. S. Newman, from Hebrews xi. 6.

After an intermission of one hour, Elder F. W. Keene continued the services, and preached from Genesis xxii. 1-14; followed by Elder G. O. Key, no special text; he was followed by Elder N. T. Oaks, from Deuteronomy xxxii. 10.

THIRD DAY—MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1918.

13. The Association met according to appointment.

Praise, and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis.

14. Called on Committee on Arrangements to report. Report received and Committee discharged.

15. Called messengers' names, and noted absentees.

16. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended, those who failed were excused.

17. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Upper Country Line—H. W. Johnson and E. Sikes.

To Lower Country Line—Elder W. R. Gallimore and Brother H. W. Johnson.

To Mayo—None.

To Little River—E. Sikes and L. A. Wright.

To Bear Creek—Elder W. R. Gallimore, Brethren L. A. Wright, U. L. Peacock and Lee Snider.

To Fisher's River—Elder W. R. Gallimore and Brother H. W. Johnson.

To Mill Branch—Elder W. R. Gallimore.

To Salem—Elder W. R. Gallimore, Brethren E. Sikes and J. A. Williams.

To White Oak—A. L. Owen.

To Black Creek—Elder W. R. Gallimore, and that we continue to correspond with Contentnea, Mountain District by minutes, and that we send a file of minutes to each association with which we correspond by messengers.

Called for circular letter, which was read and ordered printed in the minute.

19. Appointed Brother Ira Freeman to write a circular letter for our next year's minute.

20. Called on Committee on Finance to report. They reported as follows:

Sent in from the churches'\$64.15

Contributed by brethren and friends 51.75

Allowed for printing minutes\$17.00

Gave Clerk for services 8.00
 Gave to ministering brethren 87.90

Total \$112.90 \$115.90
 Balance in hand of Clerk \$3.00

Committee discharged.

21. On motion, the Moderator and Clerk were appointed to distribute the above amount of money among the preachers.

22. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Flat Creek, Rowan County, N. C., four miles southwest of High Rock, N. C., six miles north of Richfield, N. C., and four miles from Brinkles Ferry on the Yodkin River, to commence on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in August, 1919; Elder W. R. Gallimore to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder Samuel McMillon alternate; worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

23. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of the minute, and to have 800 copies printed.

24. The Clerk was allowed \$8.00 for his services.

25. Called on presbyteries to report. No report.

26. Resolved that we return thanks to God for His protection, and to the brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness during this meeting.

27. After the minutes were read and received, the Association adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

ELDER SAMUEL McMILLON, Moderator.

A. L. OWEN, Clerk,

Route No. 2. Salisbury, N. C.

MONDAY'S PREACHING.

Elder H. D. Mickey opened the services and preached from Hebrews x. 22; followed by Elder W. C. Jones from Psalms xxiii. last verse, and Elder S. J. Reich concluded from Song of Solomon i. 1-3.

P. S.—Some of our brethren preached at night but I failed to take note of it, and, of course, do not remember who preached, and I wish to apologize. Clerk.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR MINISTERS.

Elder Samuel McMillon, High Point, N. C.

Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.	20
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Marshville, N. C.	25
Black Creek—Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C.	20
Little River—Elder J. A. Jones, McCullers, N. C.	25
Mill Branch—Elder Thomas Bell, Wampee, S. C.	15
Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.	40
Mountain District—J. O. Brewer, Baywood, Va.	25
Contentnea—B. D. Rowe, R. 2, Aurora, N. C.	25
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, R. 1, Francisco, N. C.	25
Mayo—Elder E. M. Barnard, Peters Creek, Va.	15
Upper Country Line—S. J. Hale, Cedar Grove, N. C.	15
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	15
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston, N. C.	15
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va.	15
Elder W. C. McMillon, Newport, Tenn.	6

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES.

Flat Creek—A. M. Surratt, R. 2, Richfield, N. C.	15
Tom's Creek—U. L. Peacock, Denton, N. C.	65

Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, R. 2, Linwood, N. C.	80
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C.	7
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C.	12
Big Creek—L. W. Morgan, Eldorado, N. C.	10
Suggs Creek—T. W. Maness, Allreds, N. C.	65
Gaines Grove—J. W. Gaines, R. 2, Sanford N. C.	13
Rock Hill—Harris Trogdon, R. 2, Ashborough, N. C.	6
White Oak Springs—Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	28
Salisbury—A. L. Owen, R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.	66
Pierces Chapel—H. M. Swaney, R. 1, Caraway, N. C.	14
Lexington—Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.	20
Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C.	100

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The time for our association is drawing near, and a letter is expected to be printed in our minute. As I am appointed to write one, I will now make the effort, not knowing what to write. But it is the desire of my heart to write what is acceptable unto the Lord, and comforting to His people.

I have no particular subject, though the Scriptures are abundantly, and full and free, and so strong in favor of the primitive church of Christ that the enemy has no ground at all to build upon. Yet he claims ground in his blind zeal, and strives to get the upper hand of all Christ's servants. So Christ commanded His children to watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

Dear people of God, we are living in a time of great distress of coldness in the churches, and trouble in the land of war and bloodshed, and it has not come without a cause. The nations had become too highly exalted, and we are coming down to poverty, and I fear the children of God have failed to keep the precepts and examples of Jesus Christ as He has laid them down and have, therefore, become cold, weak and faint; and the greatest remedy I know is to humble ourselves down to the very dust, if possible, before the great Judge of all the earth and confess all our sins to Him and beg for mercy. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from unrighteousness. See 1 John i. 9.

Let us never forget to study our Bible prayerfully, and pray fervently in secret. Daniel prayed three times a day to the Great God of heaven and came safely through the lion's den. David left on Holy Record that he prayed three times a day. At midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God, and the prisoners heard them and immediately the prison house was shaken, the doors were all opened, and everyones' hands were loosed, and the keeper of the prison was converted or saved and all his house. This is one of the many displays of God's mighty power, and we love to write of His doings.

He is the same God of all power now and forever, and He is in heaven and is happy there within, and of His own self needs nothing that poor sinful man can do or give. Yet He says in all His glory that He delighteth in the man that feareth His name and trembleth at His word. Precious words indeed to the poor and needy.

Well, I will close my few scattering remarks by asking the dear brethren of the Abbott's Creek Association to accept the above if in accord with the Holy Word of God, and if not, pardon error and make any changes necessary.

Your unworthy servant, A. M. SURRATT

Route No. 2, Richfield, N. C.

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Of the Ninety-Fourth Annual Session of the

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HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Flat Creek, Rowan Co., North Carolina

Commencing on Saturday Before the Fourth
Lord's Day in August, 1919

Abbott's Creek Association

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1919.

1. After praise and prayer by Elder S. J. Reich the introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. R. Gallimore from I Peter i. 18, 19.

2. After an intermission of one hour the delegates from the different churches met in the house of worship and after praise and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis the letters from the several churches were called for, read and their state minuted (See statistical table).

3. Called for petitionary letters: None presented.

4. On motion the rules of decorum were read.

5. Chose Elder Samuel McMillon moderator.

6. Invited visiting ministers to seats. The following were present and seated: Elders M. E. Petty, C. A. Davis, S. J. Reich, P. W. Willard, Isaac Jones, W. C. McMillon, A. G. Morton, H. M. Williams, J. F. Mills, B. L. Treece.

7. Called for corresponding messengers and the following appeared:

From Upper Country Line—None.

From Lower Coutry Line—Brother J. W. Terry.

From Bear Creek—Elder H. M. Williams and Brethren J. E. Russell and P. A. Howard. Visitors, Elder J. F. Mills and Brother J. W. Jones and others.

From Black Creek—None.

From Fisher's River—None.

Reich, Messengers; Elder A. G. Morton and Brother Tom Green, visitors.

From Mill Branch—None.

From Kehukee—None.

From Little River—None.

From White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Messenger.

From Mayo—None.

A letter was received from the Nolachucky Association in Tennessee asking for correspondence with this association. Her request was granted, and Elder W. C. McMillon, their messenger, seated.

Elder M. E. Petty, from the Choctawhatchee Association, in Alabama, was present and seated.

We received a file of minutes from Kehukee, Little River, Mountain District, Bear Creek, Salem, Lower Country Line, Fisher's River, New River and Nolachuckey Associations.

8. Called for circular letter, which was handed in and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

9. Appointed Brethren L. A. Wright, H. T. Tucker and H. W. Johnson, with the moderator and clerk, as a Committee on Arrangements to report Monday morning.

10. Appointed Brethren S. B. McMillon and W. L. Peacock as a Committee on Finance.

11. Appointed Brethren J. A. Maness, A. Boroughs, with the moderator and clerk, as a Committee on Preaching, who appointed for Sunday Elders P. W. Willard, Isaac Jones, M. E. Petty, S. J. Reich, and W. C. McMillon; for Monday, Elders C. A. Davis, A. G. Morton and B. L. Treece.

12. Agreed to meet Sunday at 10 o'clock, and Monday at 9 o'clock. Adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Dismissed by the moderator.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Preaching at the stand by Elder W. C. McMillon from Isaiah xxxviii. 14; followed by Elder J. F. Mills from Deut. xxxii. 2. He was followed by Elder H. M. Williams from Matthew xi. 28.

FOURTH LORD'S DAY IN AUGUST, 1919.

Those elected to preach met at the stand. Services were opened by prayer by Elder A. G. Morton. Elder P. W. Willard preached from Matt. xxi. 10; followed by Elder Isaac Jones from Gen. xiii. 8. Then had recess one hour. Elder M. E. Petty continued the services and preached from Rev. xxi. 9. He was followed by Elder S. J. Reich from Isaiah xl. 9; followed by Elder W. C. McMillon from Matt. iii. 2.

THIRD DAY—MONDAY, AUG. 25, 1919.

13. The association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder S. J. Reich.

14. Called on the Committee on Arrangements to report. Report received and the committee discharged.

15. Called messengers' names and noted absentees.

16. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended. Those who failed were excused.

17. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Upper Country Line—Elders W. R. Gallimore and H. W. Johnson.

To Lower Country Line—Elder W. R. Gallimore and E. Sikes.

To Mayo—L. J. Hicks and H. W. Johnson.

To Little River—E. Sikes and T. R. Freeman.

Bear Creek—Elder W. R. Gallimore, C. E. Gallimore, P. M. Foster, Samuel Snider.

To Fisher's River—H. W. Johnson and L. J. Hicks.

To Mill Branch—Elder W. R. Gallimore.

To Salem—E. Sikes, A. Boroughs, Sam Snider, P. M. Foster, L. A. Wright.

To White Oak—Elder Sam McMillon, L. A. Wright.

To Black Creek—L. A. Wright, J. M. Trogdon.

To Nolachuckey—U. L. Peacock, J. M. Trogdon.

Agreed to continue to correspond with Contentnea, and on motion our association desires to continue to correspond with Mountain District Association, but will not fellowship B. F. Caudill and his followers. The clerk was requestd to send a copy of this action to the clerk of the Mountain District Association. We send a file of minutes to each association with which we correspond by messengers.

18. Called for circular letter, which was read and ordered printed in the minutes.

19. Appointed Brother H. T. Tucker to write a circular letter for our next year's minutes.

20. Called on Committee on Finance to report. They reported as follows:

In Hands of Clerk	\$ 3.00
Sent in from Churches	60.30
Contributed by Brethren and Friends	52.70
Allowed for Printing Minutes	\$ 17.00
Gave Clerk for Services	8.00
Gave to Ministers	88.00—
	<hr/> 113.00

In Hand of Clerk

Committee discharged.

21. The moderator and clerk were appointed to distribute \$88.00 among the preachers.

22. Agreed that our next associatiton be held with the church at Tom's Creek, Davidson County, one mile northeast of Denton, one mile southeast of Snider, to commence on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1920, Elder Samuel McMillon to preach the introductory sermon, Elder W. R. Gallimore alternate, worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

23. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes, and to have 800 copies printed.

24. The clerk was allowed \$8.00 for his services.

25. Called on the presbyteries to report, when Elder W. R. Gallimore reported that Elder S. J. Reich and himself together with other ordained help ordained Brother Albert Yarbrough to the office of deacon for the church at Pine on Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 1919. Also Elders Samuel McMillon, M. L. Willard, W. R. Gallimore, together with other ordained help, ordained Brother U. L. Peacock to the office of deacon for the church at Tom's Creek, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May, 1919.

26. Resolved that we return thanks to God for His blessings, and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity for their kindness in entertaining this association while we were with them.

27. After the minutes were read and received, the association adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Dismissed by Elder M. E. Petty.

ELDER SAMUEL McMILLON, Moderator.

A. L. OWEN, Clerk, R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Steeds, N. C., August 19, 1919.

To the Dearly Beloved and Highly Esteemed and Precious Brethren that May Be Blessed with the Privilege of Meeting Together in an Associational Capacity:

It fills my poor soul with joy when I think of so many of the dear brethren going up to the house of our dear Lord and Master there to worship the true God that made all things, and there was nothing made without Him. I do feel to thank our God for the bringing in of so many of the precious and dear children and assembling them together. Oh, how beautiful is the sight when you are all assembled together, and the Almighty God sends His angel that John saw flying in the midst of heaven and having the everlasting gospel to preach to men on earth when the angel delivers this gospel by some of our gifted brethren, when it reaches the hearts of these dear people that God has set apart for Himself and love begins to flow from breast to breast, oh, brethren, how beautiful and lovely is the sight, when God's people from all parts of the nation sit down together and not a stranger in all the house. They are all taught of the Lord, therefore they all see eye to eye, and speak the same language, and all understand each other, and a stranger they will not hear.

Jesus is the good shepherd. He leadeth his sheep whithersoever he will. He also told his disciples that if they loved him they would keep his commandments. Now, dear brethren, I as one that loves the church above all things on earth, feel to admonish you all and myself to study to follow Jesus. First, do unto others as we would have them do to us, and love our neighbor as ourselves. I would advise the children to obey their parents, and above all, brethren, live before your children as you want them to live. That is the way to train them in the way they should go. Study to show the way of Jesus, that is, the highway the old prophet spoke of. Now, brethren, remember that no unclean thing can be on that highway. Oh, how careful ought we to live.

Now, brethren, we know that no weapon that is formed against thee can destroy Christ's church that He built here, not even the gates of hell can prevail against it. But we will do well to remember that Jesus is the way unto life, which if we enjoy he is the way and that highway, and if we are on that highway, that straight and narrow way, we should earnestly strive to enter in at the straight gate. Now, dear children of God, we will do well to remember that we can't serve God and serve Satan at the same time. We cannot practice and associate with the wicked and inhabit the dens of sin and vice set up to entice and lead astray the young child of our God. Remember that Jesus did not associate with or receive spots on his character by mingling with or being caught in these dens of vice and shame, but He taught us to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Let us keep ourselves clean and live in honor to our Lord and Master. For great is His name and mighty is His power, and His mercy endureth forever. He doeth His will and none can hinder Him. He hath blessed us all the days of our lives. Finally, my brethren, remember that our dear Lord and Master commanded us to love one another. I pray the Lord to lead, guide and direct us on that highway and keep us from all harm and teach us to fulfill His command. I do beg you to pray for me. Pray the good Lord to be with me in my last days that I may be held up by His mighty power that I may live in honor to Him.

Finally, brethren, farewell. My prayer is that God's will be done and to Him be all the glory and honor. Amen.

Written by one of the least of you good brethren, if one at all,
IRA FREEMAN.

MONDAY'S PREACHING.

Elder C. A. Davis preached from Genesis i. 3, followed by Elder A. G. Morton, from Psalm cxxxvi. 1. He was followed by Elder B. L. Trece, from no especial text; followed by Elder Isaac Jones, from no especial text. Elder M. E. Petty made a few loving remarks. Dismissed by Elder P. W. Willard.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR MINISTERS.

Elder Samuel McMillon, High Point, N. C.
 Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

To White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.	20
To Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Marshville, N. C.	25
To Black Creek—Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C.	20
To Little River—Elder J. A. Jones, McCullers, N. C.	25
To Mill Branch—Elder Thomas Bell, Wampee, S. C.	15
To Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.	40
To Contentnea—B. D. Rowe, R. 2, Aurora, N. C.	25
To Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, R. 1, Francisco N. C.	25
To Mayo—Elder E. M. Barnard, Peter's Creek, Va.	15
To Upper Country Line—S. J. Hale, Cedar Grove, N. C.	15
To Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	15
To Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston Salem N. C.	15
To New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va.	15
To Nolachucky—Elder W. C. McMillon, Newport, Tenn.	15
To Mountain District—J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.	5

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES.

Flat Creek—A. N. Surratt, R. 2, Richfield, N. C.	16
Tom's Creek—W. L. Peacock, Denton, N. C.	66
Pine Meeting House—W. P. Williams, R. 2, Linwood, N. C.	80
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C.	10
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C.	25
Big Creek—L. W. Morgan, Martock, N. C.	15
Sugg's Creek—T. W. Maness, Allreds, N. C.	60
Gaines Grove—J. W. Gaines, R. 2, Sanford, N. C.	25
White Oak Springs—Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	30
Salisbury—A. L. Owen, R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.	60
Pierce's Chapel—H. M. Swaney, R. 1, Caraway, N. C.	20
Lexington—Elder W R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.	33
Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C.	60

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Contribution						
		Rec. by Exp. and Bap.	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Total Membership
Flat Creek	A. N. Surratt, Jacob Morgan, W. M. Morris	4	1	1	1	1	1	1.25
Tom's Creek	U. L. Peacock, Lee Snider, J. R. Gager							227 11.00
Pine M. H.	Tom Foster, H. C. Williams, W. P. Williams, H. L. Snider		1	2				61 10.00
Mt. Tabor	Not Represented							
Sandy Creek	Not Represented							
Brush Creek	L. J. Hicks, H. W. Johnson, E. F. Saunders	2						8 1.00
Big Creek	Represented by Contribution							
Sugg's Creek	E. Sikes, G. H. Cornelison, A. Boroughs	7			1			136 7.25
Gaines Grove	J. W. Gaines, Eli Phillips							11 1.40
Rock Hill	Not Represented							
White Oak Springs	Geo. Davis, H. T. Tucker, Tracy E. Freeman	1						10 3.50
Salisbury	Elder S. McMillon, S. B. McMillon, A. L. Owen							23 7.00
Pierce's Chapel	Tom Small, W. F. Snider, H. Trogden							1 8 1.50
Lexington	Sam Snider, J. M. Trogdon, J. M. Williams, C. E. Gallimore		5					11 3.15
Cotton Creek	L. A. Wright, J. A. Maness, N. Tucker	6	1					9 5.50

Absentees: W. M. Morris, H. L. Snider, J. W. Gaines, Eli Phillips, Geo. Davis, W. F. Snider, J. M. Williams.

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MINUTES

Of the Ninety-Fifth Annual Session of the

Abbott's Creek Union

Primitive Baptist Association



HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Tom's Creek, Davidson Co., N. C.

Commencing on Saturday Before the Fourth
Lord's Day in August, 1920.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
Abbott's Creek Association

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1920.

1. By the request of Elder Samuel M. Millon and after praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Fagg, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. B. Kilby, from John 15 :6.

2. After an intermission of one hour the delegates from the different churches met in the house of worship and after praise and prayer by Elder D. S. Staples the letters from the several churches were called for and read their state minutes. (See statistical table).

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. Reading the rules of decorum were omitted.

5. Chose Elder Sam McMillon moderator.

6. Invited visiting ministers to seats. The following were present and seated: Elders W. C. Jones, Isaac Jones, D. S. Jones, C. A. Davis, F. W. Keene, W. W. Roberds, C. B. Kilby, H. M. Williams, S. J. Reich, J. A. Fagg, W. R. Helms, J. F. Mills, D. G. Staples, and B. L. Treece. Licentiate, W. A. Helms.

7. Called for corresponding messengers and the following offered:

From Upper County Line—Elder W. C. Jones, Bro. T. A. Snider and a file of minutes.

From Lower County Line—A file of minutes.

From Bear Creek—Elders H. M. Williams, J. F. Mills and Bro. R. Burris, massengers; Elders W. R. Helms, B. L. Treece and others. Visitors, with a file of minutes.

From Black Creek—None.

From Fisher River—A file of minutes.

From Mill Branch—None.

From Salem—Elders C. A. Davis, S. J. Reich; Brothers T. J. Greer, Jim Snider and a file of minutes.

From Kehukee—A file of minutes.

From Little River—A file of minutes.

From White Oak—Elders Isaac Jones, W. W. Roberds. Brother Garner and a file of minutes.

From Mayo—Elders J. A. Fagg, D. G. Staples and a file of minutes.

From Nolachuckey—A file of minutes.

From Contentnea—A file of minutes.

From New River—A file of minutes.

Elders F. W. Keene from the main conference in the State of Maine, and Elder C. B. Kilby, from the Center Association, were present and seated.

8. Call for circular letter, which was handed in and referred to committee on arrangements.

9. Appointed Brethren J. M. Williams, L. A. Wright and R. T. Strange with the moderator and clerk, as a committee on arrangements to report Monday morning.

10. Appointed Brethren H. T. Tucker and H. W. Johnson as a committee on finance.

11. Appointed the committee of arrangements as a committee on preaching, who appointed for Sunday Elders S. J. Reich, F. W. Keene, Isaac Jones, W. W. Roberds, C. B. Kilby and C. A. Davis. Worship to commence at 10 o'clock.

For Monday—Elders J. F. Mills, B. L. Treece and Isaac Jones.

12. Adojourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Dismissed by the moderator.

SATURDAY EVENING

The following brethren were appointed to preach at the stand as follows: Elder J. A. Fagg, who preached from 1 Tim. 5:24; Elder W. C. Jones, who preached from Eph. 2, 4-9; he was followed by Elder D. S. Jones, from no certain text.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder D. G. Staples preached from the 19th Psalm; followed by Bro. W. A. Helms, no special text.

FOURTH LORD'S DAY IN AUGUST, 1920

Those appointed to preach met at the stand. Services were opened by praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Helms. Elder S. J. Rich preached from Zac. 9:9; followed by Elder F. W. Keene, from Songs of Solomon, 2:3; he was followed by Elder Isaac Jones. Location of text was not stated. Recess one hour. Elder W. W. Roberds continued the services and preached from 1 Tim. 4:16; followed by Elder C. B. Kilby, from Gal. 3:21-23; followed by Elder C. A. Davis from Heb. 8 ch. Elders W. R. Helms, H. M. Williams and J. A. Fagg preached Sunday night. Clerk failed to get text.

THIRD DAY—MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1920

13. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder J. F. Mills.

14. Called on committee on arrangements to report. Report received and committee discharged.

15. Called messengers names and noted absentees.

16. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended. Those who failed were excused.

17. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister Associations as follows:

To Upper County Line—E. Sikes, G. H. Cornelison and a file of minutes.

To Lower County Line—C. E. Gallimore and a file of minutes.

Mayo—J. R. Garner and file of minutes.

To Little River—A file of minutes.

To Bear Creek—Elders W. R. Gallimore, Samuel McMillon, Brother T. R. Fesperman and a file of minutes.

To Fisher's River—A file of minutes.

To Mill Branch—E. Sikes and a file of minutes.

To Salem—E. Sikes, J. M. Williams, Elder W. R. Gallimore and a file of minutes.

To White Oak—Elder Sam McMillon and minutes.

To Black Creek—A file of minutes.

To Contentnea—A file of minutes.

To Nolachuckey—Elder Sam McMillon and minutes.

18. Called for circular letter which was read and ordered printed with these minutes.

19. Appointed Brother T. R. Freeman to write a circular letter for our next year's minutes.

20. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows:

In Hands of Clerk	\$	3.00
Sent in from the Churches		85.70
Contributed by Brethren and Friends		68.00
Allowed for Printing Minutes	\$	25.00
Gave Clerk for Services		10.00
Paid Clerk for Postage		2.46
Gave to Visiting Ministers		119.24
Totals	\$	156.70
Committee discharged.		\$156.70

21. Appointed Brethren H. T. Tucker and H. W. Johnson with the moderator and clerk to distribute \$119.24 among the preachers.

22. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Pierce's Chapel, Randolph county, N. C., 15 miles southeast of Thomasville, and 15 miles west of Asheboro. To commence on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in August, 1921. Elder W. R. Gallimore to preach the introductory sermon. Elder Sam McMillon alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

23. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes and to have 800 copies printed.

24. The clerk was allowed \$10.00 for his services.

25. Called on presbyteries to report. No report.

26. Resolved that we return thanks to God and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity for their kindness shown us during this meeting.

27. After the minutes were read and received, the Association adjourned to time and place mentioned. Dismissed by Elder Isaac Jones.

ELDE RSAMUEL McMILLON, Moderator.

A. L. OWEN, Clerk. R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Spies, N. C., July 25, 1920.

Dear Brethren, Ministers and Messengers, who may compose the ninety-fifth session of the Abbots Creek Association which was appointed to be held with the church at Tom's Creek, Davidson county, N. C., together with many brethren and sisters in relation with and according to the love and purpose of God through Christ.

When I was appointed by the association of last year to write a circular letter for our minutes of this session, August, 1920, it shocked me so I could not render an excuse, feeling I was so short in comprehending the deep mysteries of the Scriptures.

This scripture which I will use came on my mind shortly after I was appointed to write this letter. It will be found in Second Peter, third chapter and eleventh verse: "What manner of persons ought ye to be." This is, I understand, to the child of God, one who has put on Christ with an open profession, and gone home to his friends, the church, not to tell what he has done for the Lord, but what the Lord has done for him, if we believe that the sinner before he is changed is dead in sin and condemnation and can not come out within himself and we go to the church telling our little hope, that God for Christ sake has pardoned our sins. "What

manner of person ought ye to be." This scripture as I understand has reference to how the child of God should act, walk and talk.

I remember before I joined the church I would go to meeting and while waiting for the preacher, the brethren would talk to one another on spiritual things and when the preacher would drive up, the brethren would go out to meet him and shake each other's hand.

Now brethren let us keep in memory what one of the old writes commands was, calling for the old paths. speak often to one another, forget not the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is.

Brethren let us examine ourselves and see if we are in the faith, if we so find, let us be ever ready to help in anything pertaining to the church militant. If we hear the Armenian world speaking against the doctrine of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, speak out brethren, don't be ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believe.

Preaching of the gospel is not as the world says, to save dead sinners if they will accept the terms of the gospel; but to save them that has been killed to the love of sin who in time past drank sin down as a greedy ox drinketh water and at a time unexpected to him God visits him and turned him right about, then belief set in. This is the only way a man comes in possession of the belief and when God calls and qualifies a man and sends him forth with a message and he comes loaded with the good things from a far country, this man is ready to receive it.

We read in the scriptures that there are false teachers in the world so we should be careful how we follow even a gifted and qualified minister of the gospel of Christ, for all are subject to vanity and are liable at any time to drift into covetousness and idolatry.

Finally, brethren, farewell, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind. Live in peace, and the God of love shall be with you. The grace of our Lord and Saviour, and the love and communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

H. T. TUCKER.

MONDAY'S PREACHING

Elders J. F. Mills, B. L. Treece and Elder Isaac Jones preached at the stand. The clerk was busy in the house and did not get their texts. Dismissed by the moderator.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR MINISTERS

Elder Samuel McMillon, High Point, N. C.

Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

To White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.	20
To Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Marshville, N. C.	25
To Black Creek—Elder J. C. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.	25
To Little River—Elder J. A. Jones, McCullers, N. C.	25
To Mill Branch—Elder Thomas Bell, Wampee, S. C.	15
To Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.	40
To Contentnea—B. D. Rowe, R. 2, Aurora, N. C.	25
To Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, R. 1, Francisco, N. C.	25
To Mayo—S. G. Dobyns, Claudville, Va.	20
To Upper County Line—S. J. Hale, Cedar Grove, N. C. ..	15
To Lower County Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	20
To Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.	15
To New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va.	15
To Nolachucky—Elder W. C. McMillon, Newport, Tenn. 15	
Total	300

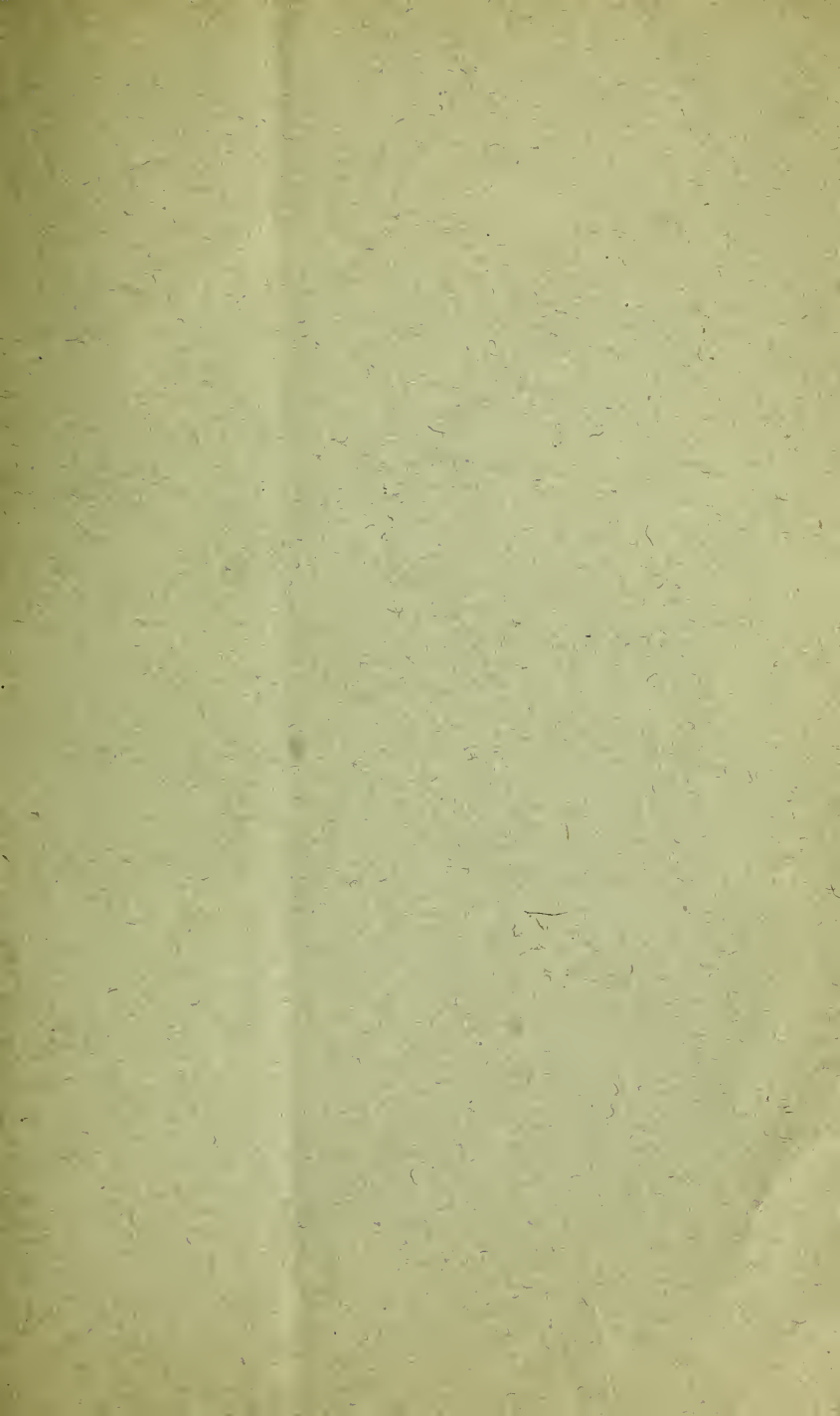
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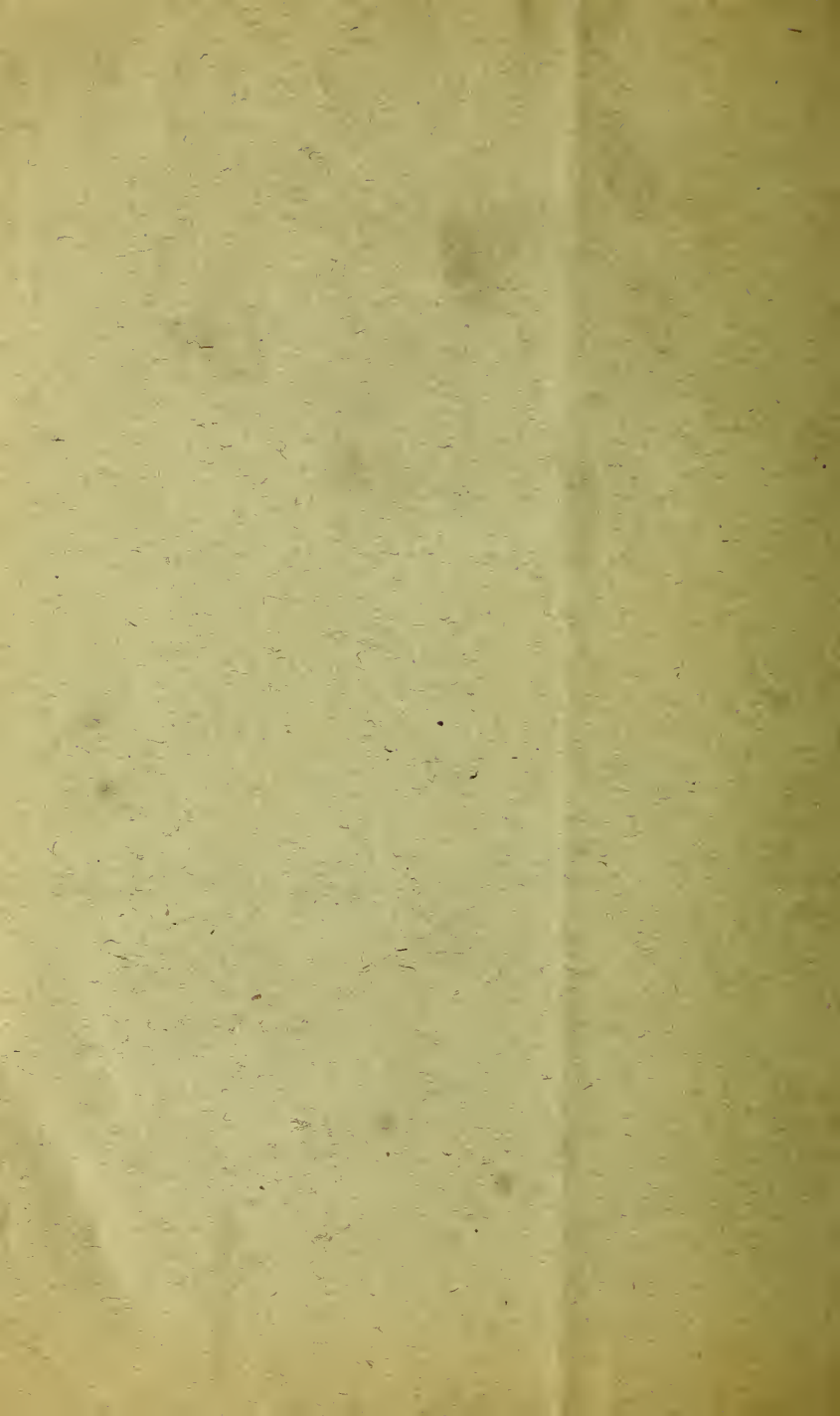
Flat Creek—A. M. Surratt, R. 2, Richfield, N. C.	20
Tom's Creek—U. L. Peacock, Denton, N. C.	75
Pine M. H.—W. P. Williamson, R. 2, Linwood, N. C.	70
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C.	10
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C.	25
Big Creek—L. W. Morgan, Martock, N. C.	15
Suggs' Creek—T. W. Manee, Allreds, N. C.	45
Gaine's Grove—J. W. Gaines, R. 2, Sanford, N. C.	15
Rock Hill—M. H. Hill, R. 2, Seagrove, N. C.	15
White Oak Springs—Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	40
Salisbury—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C. R. 2.	53
Pierce's Chapel—A. H. Trogdon, R. 3, Asheboro, N. C. ..	15
Lexington—Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C. ..	29
Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C.	73
Total	500

Statistical Table For 1920

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec by Exp. and Bap.	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Flat Creek	Represented by Contribution	1						13	\$ 2 00
Tom's Creek	D Woodle, A. A. Snider, J. R. Garner				1			26	17 65
Pine M. H.	H. A. Williams, R. F. Snider, J. H. W. Wilson	2	1		1	3		62	11 00
Mt. Tabor	Not Represented								
Sandy Creek	Not Represented								
Brush Creek	J. L. Hicks, x — H. W. Johnson, E. F. Saunders							8	4 00
Big Creek	Not Represented								
Sugg's Creek	E. Silkes, T. W. Maness, G. H. Cornelison							36	8 00
Gaines Grove	Contribution							11	1 50
Rock Hill	Represented by Contribution							13	50
White Oak Springs	T. R. Freeman, N. Tucker, H. T. Tucker		4					14	12 25
Salisbury	Elder S. McMillan, R. F. Strange, C. B. Owen, x — H. Pence x							23	9 00
Pierce's Chapel	W. F. Snider, T. L. Small, A. H. Trogden					1		7	2 55
Lexington	C. E. Gallimore, Levi Trogden, J. M. Williams					1		10	5 00
Cotton Creek	L. A. Wright, J. A. Maness, T. L. Maness	1		2				21	18 75
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MINUTES

of the

One-hundredth Annual Session

of the

Abbott's Creek Union



Primitive Baptist
Association

Held With the Church at
Salisbury

Rowan County, N. C.

Commencing on Saturday before the
Fourth Sunday in August, 1925

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
Abbott's Creek Association

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1925.

1. After praise and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Sam McMillon, from John 3:16.

2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers from thirteen churches met in the house, and after praise and prayer by Elder G. O. Kee, the letters from the several churches were called for, read, and contents noted. (See Statistical Table.)

A letter was received from Sugg's Creek which gave satisfaction, and her messengers were seated. It was still agreed to not seat with any one who had been affiliating with Elder J. R. Wilson.

3. Rules of decorum were read.

4. Chose Elder Sam McMillon Moderator.

5. Invited visiting ministers and messengers to seats, and the following were present and seated:

From Upper County Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, J. M. Denniss, Messengers, Elder B. F. McKinney, Visitor.

From Lower County Line—Dr. H. E. Satterfield, J. W. Terry, Messengers; Dr. C. B. Hall, Visitor.

From Black Creek—Elder J. Wes Wyatt.

From Fishers River—Elders G. O. Kee, J. S. Morrison, Brother J. D. Kee, _____ Jones.

From Salem—Elders S. J. Reich, C. A. Davis, A. G. Marton, Bro. W. L. Teague, Lee Smith and others.

From Little River—None.

From White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Elder R. W. Gurganus.

From Mayo—Elders J. W. Tuttle, H. S. Reid, G. M. Trent, H. F. Huchens and Elder J. A. Fagg.

From Contentnea—None.

From Nolachuckey, Tenn.

From Keehukee—None.

Elder W. F. Keene from Maine Conference.

Elder P. J. Washburn from Pig River.

Elder S. J. Preddy from Indian Creek, W. Va.

Bro. H. F. Branscom from Zion.

Bro. Z. L. and Frank Osburn from Mountain District Association were seated as visitors.

We received a file of minutes from White Oak, Nolachuckey, Tenn., Fishers River, Keehukee, Contentnea, Salem, Black Creek, Upper and Lower County Lines, Little River, Mayo, Senter and Zion Associations.

6. Called for circular letter, which was handed in and referred to committee on arrangements.

7. Appointed Brethren L. A. Wright, U. L. Peacock, Pharoah Bullock, with the Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements to report Monday morning.

8. Appointed Brethren H. T. Tucker and G. H. Cornelison as committee on finance.

9. Elected by ballot Elders Isaac Jones, J. W. Tuttle, S. H. Reid, J. W. Gilliam to preach Sunday Worship, to commence at 10 o'clock, and Elders S. J. Reich, G. O. Kee, R. W. Gurganus, B. F. McKinney to preach Monday.

Elders F. W. Keene, S. J. Preddy for Saturday night.

Elders C. A. Davis, H. F. Huchins, A. G. Morton for Sunday night.

10. Adjourned to Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Dismissed by Elder A. G. Morton.

SATURDAY EVENING PREACHING

Elder G. M. Trent preached from Isaiah 6:9, followed by Elder J. S. Morrison from John 7:40, followed by Elder P. J. Washburn from Gen. 1:1-3.

SATURDAY NIGHT PREACHING

Elder F. W. Keene preached from Isaiah 43:21, followed by Elder S. J. Preddy from no certain text.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN AUGUST, 1925.

Elder Isaac Jones opened the services and preached from Rev. 5:9, followed by Elder J. W. Tuttle from Heb. 2:12, Elder J. A. Fagg was called on and preached from John 2:58.

Intermission one hour.

Elder S. H. Reid continued the services and preached from Matt. 16:18, followed by Elder J. W. Gilliam from Isaiah 6:5.

Those Brethren did not stand long and Elder B. F. McKinney, who was to preach Monday was called on and preached from John 4:7. Elder O. J. Denney being called on preached from John 17 chapter.

SUNDAY NIGHT

Elders C. A. Davis, H. F. Huchins and Elder A. G. Morton preached but clerk failed to get text.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1925.

11. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder C. B. Hall.

12. Called on committee on arrangements to report. The report received and committee discharged.

13. Called Messengers names. Noted absentees.

14. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended, those who failed were excused.

15. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Upper County Line—H. S. Williams, L. A. Wright, R. F. Strange, C. B. Owen, T. L. Maness, and minutes.

To Lower County Line—H. S. Williams,, Elder Sam McMillon and minutes.

To Mayo—H. S. Williams, C. B. Owen, E. C. Galimore, Elder Sam McMillon, H. W. Johnson and minutes.

To Little River—Elder J. M. Trogden, Pharoah Bullock and minutes.

To Fishers River—Elder Sam McMillon, H. S. Williams, R. F. Strange and minutes.

To Mill Branch—H. W. Johnson and minutes.

To Salem—Pharoah Bullock, D. P. Broadway, L. A. Wright, Elder Sam McMillon and minutes.

To White Oak—H. S. Williams, A. C. Vanhoy, Elder Sam McMillon, D. P. Broadway and minutes.

To Black Creek—A. C. Vanhoy, P. Bullock, Elder Sam McMillon and Minutes.

To Contentnea—Minutes.

To Keehukee—Minutes.

To Nolachuckey, Tenn.—Minutes.

16. Circular letter read and ordered printed with these minutes.

17. Appointed Bro. E. F. Saunders to write circular letter for our next years Minutes.

18. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows:

Sent in from churches	\$115.90	
Contributed by Brethren and Friends	25.10	
Allowed for printing minutes.....	\$22.50	
Allowed Clerk	15.00	
Gave the Moderator	10.00	
Gave to Visiting Ministers	93.50	

TOTALS\$141.00 \$141.00

19. The finance committee and Bro. L. A. Wright, with the moderator and clerk, were appointed to distribute \$93.50 among the visiting ministers.

20. Agreed that our next association be held with the church at Brush Creek, 7 miles south-west of Siler City, Randolph county, N. C. To commence on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1926. Elder Sam McMillon to preach the introductory sermon. Elder J. M. Trogdon, alternate. Worship to begin at 11 o'clock.

21. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes, and to have 800 copies printed.

22. The clerk was allowed \$15.00 for his services.

23. Called on presbyteries to report, where Bro. A. H. Trogdon reported the ordination of Bro. J. M. Trogdon to the work of the ministry at Rock Hill church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May, 1925.

24. Association extends our thanks to God for His blessings and to the Southern Power Company for furnishing electric lights, and to the City of Salisbury for water, and to the Arey Brick & Lumber for seat lumber, and the Salisbury Ice & Fuel Company for ice, and to all the Brethren, Sisters, and friends of this vicinity for all kindness shown us during this meeting.

25. After the minutes were read and approved, the association adjourned to time and place mentioned in 20th article.

Elder Sam McMillon, Moderator.

A. L. Owen, Clerk, Rt. 2, Salisbury, N. C.

MONDAY PREACHING

Elder R. W. Gurganus preached from Peter 1:3, followed by Elder G. O. Kee from John 1:1, he was followed by Dr. C. B. Hall, from Zac. 14:20.

Closed by the Moderator.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Ministers and Messengers composing the Abbot's
Creek Association—GREETINGS—:

As I was appointed to write a circular letter by our last association, I will try in my weak way, hoping that the Lord will take the lead of my mind. First Cor. 1:30, "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption."

Seeing then that the children of God are made free by Jesus Christ, through His atoning blood, which was shed for them on Mount Calvary, which is alone the only redemption for poor sinners.

It was for the love that the Father had for the Bride—that He sent His son to redeem her from the law of sin and death that He might present her a glorious church without spot or wrinkle, and without the loss of one.

I am so often brought down in serious meditation of mind as to whether I am embraced in that number or not that Jesus died for.

And again my spirit revives and I am made for a moment to say with the Apostle Paul, "that if this earthly house of mine were dissolved I have a building not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

Dear Brethren, if we are what we profess to be, what manner of creatures ought we to be?

Let us lay aside all evil speaking, all envy, and all strife, looking over each other for good, and not for evil, bearing each others burdens, and forgive each other.

May the God of all grace and peace and love guide you all in wisdom ways, in all your business in this association, in hope of eternal rest beyond the grave.

Your Brother,

H. S. WILLIAMS.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

To White Oak—Henry Horne, Wilmington, N. C.	20
To Black Creek—Elder J. L. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.	25
To Little River—R. F. Smith, Benson, N. C.	20
To Mill Branch—M. Meares, Tabor, N. C.	15
To Keehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.	35
To Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.	25
To Fishers River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., Rt. 1	25
To Mayo—S. C. Dobyns, Claudeville, Va.	25
To Upper C. L.—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.	20
To Lower C. L.—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	20
To Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston, N. C.	15
To Nolachuckey, Tenn.—Elder W. C. McMillon, Newport, Tenn.	15
To Zion—H. F. Branscom, Fancy Gap, Va.	12
To Senter—Elder Ed. Davis, Whitetop, Va.	12

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

To Flat Creek—Mrs. Boss Parker, Rt. 2, Richfield, N. C.	20
To Tom's Creek—U. L. Peacock, Denton, N. C.	60
Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, Rt. 3, Linwood, N. C.	75
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C.	40
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C.	10
Big Creek—H. Henderson, Eldorado, N. C.	5
Gaines Grove—J. W. Gaines, Rt. 3, Sanford, N. C.	15
Rock Hill—A. H. Trodgen, Rt. 3, Ashboro, N. C.	20
Pierces Chapel—M. L. Wood, Fullers, N. C.	25
White Oak Springs—Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	40
Salisbury—A. L. Owen, Rt. 2, Salisbury, N. C.	60
Lexington—C. E. Gallimore, Rt. 6, Lexington, N. C.	17
Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C.	55
Lamms Grove—R. L. Comer, Rt. 2, Carthage, N. C.	40
Suggs Creek—T. W. Maness, Allreds, N. C.	34

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One Hundred and Second Annual Session

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Abbotts Creek Union

Primitive Baptist Association



HELD WITH THE

PINE CHURCH

Davidson County, North Carolina

Commencing on Saturday before the

Fourth Sunday in August, 1927

Abbotts Creek Association

1. After praise and prayer by Elder C. B. Hill, The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. S. Williams from Isaiah 40:1. He was followed by Elder D. P. Broadway, no certain text.

2. After an intermission of one hour, the messengers from several churches met in the house, and after praise and prayer by Elder J. P. Helms, Brother L. A. Wright was appointed temporary Clerk, after which the letters from the several churches were called for, read and contents noted.

(See Statistical Table.)

3. It was still agreed to not seat with anyone who had been affiliating with J. R. Wilson.

4. Reading the rules of decorum was omitted.

5. Elder Samuel McMillan was chosen Moderator and T. R. Freeman Clerk.

6. Invited visiting ministers and messengers to seats, and the following were present and seated:

From Upper Country Line—Elders B. F. McKinney and Ben Martin.

From Lower Country Line—Elder C. B. Hall and Brethren Joe W. Terry, Dr. Satterfield and Joe Moncees.

From Black Creek—Elder H. F. Hutchens.

From Fishers River—Elder J. D. Key.

From Salem—Elders C. A. Davis, and S. J. Reich and Brethren J. M. Dennis, T. S. Hedrick, Tom Greer, L. M. Hinson and others.

From White Oak—Elders Isaac Jones, R. W. Gurganus and W. W. Roberts and Brother B. F. Scott.

From Mayo—Elder J. A. Fagg.

From Contentnea—none.

From Pig River—Elders B. V. Jesse and J. P. Helms.

From Zion—Elder J. D. Easter.

From Kehukee—none.

On motion that we renew our correspondence with Bear Creek and seat their messengers the following were seated: J. W. Jones, N. S. Jones, D. S. Jones, and J. F. Burris.

Pleasant Hill does not belong to any association, but the following visitors were present and seated: H. P. Cashion, Sam Remmer and J. H. Taylor.

We received a file of minutes from Upper Country Line, Salem, White Oak, Contentnea, Senter, Stanton River, Lower Country Line, Fishers River, Zion, Kehukee and Black Creek.

7. Called for circular letter which was handed in and referred to committee on arrangements.

8. Appointed Brethren T. W. Maness, H. W. Johnson and D. P. Broadway with the Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements to report Monday morning.

9. Appointed Brethren U. L. Peacock and H. T. Tucker committee on finance.

10. Elected by committee of arrangements Elders Ben Martin, C. B. Hall, Isaac Jones, B. V. Jesse, W. W. Roberts and H. F. Hutchens to preach Sunday, worship to begin at ten o'clock.

Elders B. F. McKinney, C. A. Davis and W. C. Roberts to preach Monday, Services to be closed by the Moderator.

Elders R. W. Gurganus and J. P. Helms to preach Saturday night.

Elders Ben Martin, R. W. Gurganus and Brother H. W. Hawks to preach Sunday Night.

11. Adjourned to Monday morning nine O'clock. Dismissed by Elder C. A. Davis.

SATURDAY NIGHT PREACHING

Elder R. W. Gurganus preached from Matthew 16:13, followed by Elder J. P. Helms from same text.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN AUGUST 1927.

Services were opened by Elder R. W. Gurganus, after which Elder Ben Martin preached from Luke 8:45, followed by Elder C. B. Hall from Isaiah 42:10-12, he was followed by Elder Isaac Jones from no certain text.

After an intermission of one hour Elder B. V. Jesse continued the services and preached from Romans 6:23, followed by Elder W. W. Roberts from Revelation 20:6. He was followed by Elder H. F. Hutchens, who preached from Corinthians 13:13.

SUNDAY NIGHT

Elder R. W. Gurganus preached from Luke 24:5, followed by W. H. Hawks from Isaiah 23:3. He was followed by Elder Ben Martin, who preached from no certain text.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 25, 1927.

12. The Association met according to arrangement. Praise and prayer by Elder W. C. Edwards.

13. Called on committee on arrangements to report. The report was received and committee discharged.

14. Called Messengers names and noted absentees.

15. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended. Those who failed were excused.

16. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Bear Creek: Appointed Elders H. S. Williams, Samuel McMillan and Brethren J. B. Hulin, B. I. Harrison and C. B. Owen and Minutes.

To Upper Country Line—Elder D. P. Broadway and Brethren C. B. Owen and G. H. Cornelieton and minutes

To Lower Country Line—Elders H. S. Williams and D. P. Broadway and Brethren C. B. Owen and R. F. Strange, and minutes.

To Mayo—Elder H. S. Williams and minutes.

To Fisher River—Brother J. B. Hulin and minutes.

To Mill Branch—Elder H. S. Williams and Brethren L. A. Wright, James Vanhoy and H. W. Johnson and minutes.

To Salem—Elders Samuel McMillan and H. S. Williams and Brethren L. A. Wright, J. W. Bondurant and B. I. Harrison and minutes.

To White Oak—Elders Samuel McMillan and H. S. Williams and Brethren L. A. Wright, T. W. Maness and H. W. Johnson and minutes.

To Black Creek—Elder Samuel McMillan and minutes.

To Kehukee—Minutes.

17. The circular letter was read and ordered printed with these minutes.

18. Appointed Brother C. B. Owen to write the circular letter for our next year's minutes.

19. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows:

Sent in from churches	\$118.75	
Contributed by brethren and friends	25.35	
Allowed for printing of minutes	\$22.50	
Allowed Clerk for services	15.00	
Gave the Moderator	10.00	
Gave the visiting Ministers	96.50	
TOTALS		\$144.10 \$144.10

20. The finance committee, with the Moderator and Clerk and Brother L. A. Wright were appointed to distribute \$96.60 among the visiting Ministers.

21. Agreed that our next association be held with the church at Suggs Creek, five miles west from Ether, Montgomery County, N. C. To commence on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1928. Elder Samuel McMillan to preach the introductory sermon. Elder D. P. Broadway alternate. Worship to begin at ten o'clock.

22. Appointed Clerk to superintend the printing of 800 copies of these minutes, and that \$22.50 be allowed for same.

23. The Clerk was allowed \$15.00 for his services.

24. Called on presbyteries to report. Brother R. L. Comer reported the ordination of Brother A. C. Key to the work of ministry at Lamm's Grove on second Sunday in June 1927.

Elder S. J. Reich reported the ordination of brother R. F. Snider to the office of deacon at Pine on Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 1927.

25. On motion the Moderator was allowed \$10.00 for his services.

26. The Association extends thanks to God for His blessings, and to the Brethren, and Sisters and friends for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting.

27. After the minutes were read and approved the Association adjourned to time and place appointed.

Elder Samuel McMillan, Moderator.

T. R. Freeman, Clerk. Steeds, N. C.

MONDAY PREACHING

Elder B. F. McKinney preached from second Corinthians 10:4, followed by Elder C. A. Davis, who preached from Luke 11:21. He was followed by Elder W. C. Edwards, who preached from first Corinthians 15:25-26. Closed by S. J. Reich.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Salisbury, N. C., August 24, 1927.

To the members and messengers who may compose the Abbotts Creek Association to convene with the church at Pine Meeting House, Davidson County, N. C.

GREETINGS:—Being appointed by our precious brethren at the last session of this association, to write a circular letter, I now make the attempt. I wish to speak of the things most assuredly believed by our brethren. By this I mean the churches composing this association. As I have spent my time in the ministry with them I feel like I know what they believe. Having done all to stand, they now stand and earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints. We believe that salvation is of the Lord, and that man in his carnal state cannot worship God, and while in the flesh cannot please God, but loves darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. Therefore every step that man takes and every deed that he does when prompted or influenced by the flesh is evil, and his thoughts are evil continually, for the heart in man is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. While in this state or condition he is under the influence of that satanic power which the scripture refers to as the strong man. He keeps his palace and his goods are in peace until a stronger than he comes. Here then is a manifestation of salvation and it is of the Lord, for God is greater than all and binds all whether they be dominions, powers, principolities or thrones. God is above all. We believe in the electing grace of God and that God made choice of the bride and hath chosen her in Him (Christ) before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love and that God is the father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and that He blesses us with all Spiritual blessings in Heavenly places in Christ. We believe that God forms in his people Christ the hope of glory, and they are then made alive by Christ, the Lord from heaven a quickening spirit, and can by the quickening spirit of Christ, which dwells in them, praise His great and good name for what He has done for them. And being led by the spirit of Christ they can tell an experience of grace, and can bring forth fruits and meats worthy of repentance and do not have to say, we have Abraham to our father, for God is our Father, and Jesus, His Son, is our Savior, and we are made to sit in heavenly places in Christ. We also believe that God predestinated that His people should be conformed to the image of His Son. The word absolute is not needed to make God's predestination sure, and we are glad that not one of our preaching brethren in our association tries to connect the word Absolute with the predestination of God. We believe that what Jesus does for us saves us, that God beholds us through the sufferings of His Son, and that He satisfied the law that stood against His Bride, by the sacrifice of Himself. He was owned from heaven, by God, in a voice saying, this is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.

We do not believe that God wills the death of the wicked, but that He does will the life of the righteous, for Christ is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. He is

everything we need here in time. He is what we need when we come to press a dying pillow. He is what we need when He shall descend from Heaven with the voice of The Arc angle and is all we need when at the dazzling throne of God, there to praise God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost forever, Amen.

Your Brother in this Hope.

D. P. BROADWAY.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

To White Oak—Henry Horne, Wilmington, N. C.	20
To Black Creek—Elder J. L. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.	25
To Little River—R. F. Smith, Benson, N. C.	20
To Mill Branch—M. Meares, Tabor, N. C.	15
To Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.	35
To Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.	25
To Fishers River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C. Rt. 1....	25
To Mayo—S. C. Dobyns, Claudeville, Va.	25
To Upper C. L.—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.	20
To Lower C. L.—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	20
To Zion—H. F. Branscom, Fancy Gap, Va.	12
To Senter—Elder Ed. Davis, Whitetop, Va.	12

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES.

To Flat Creek—Mrs. Boss Parker, Richfield, Rt. 2, N. C.	20
To Toms Creek—U. L. Peacock, Denton, N. C.	60
To Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, Rt. 3, Linwood, N. C.	75
To Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C.	40
To Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C.	10
To Big Creek—J. N. Henderson, Eldorado, N. C.	5
To Gaines Grove—J. W. Gaines, Rt. 3, Sanford, N. C.	15
To Rock Hill—A. H. Trogdon, Rt. 3, Asheboro, N. C.	20
To Pierces Chapel—M. L. Wood, Fullers, N. C.	25
To White Oak Springs—Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	40
To Salisbury—D. P. Broadway, Salisbury, N. C.	60
To Lexington—C. F. Gallamore, Lexington, Rt. 6, N. C.	17
To Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C.	55
To Lamms Grove—R. L. Comer, Carthage, Rt. 2, N. C.	40
To Suggs Creek—T. W. Maness, Allreds, N. C.	34

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MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred and Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

ABBOTTS CREEK UNION

Primitive Baptist Association



HELD WITH THE

COTTON CREEK CHURCH

Montgomery County, North Carolina,
Commencing on Saturday Before the
Fourth Sunday in August 1929



PROCEEDINGS OF THE ABBOTTS CREEK ASSOCIATION

Saturday, August 24th, 1929

1. After praise and prayer by Elder M. B. Martin the introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. P. Broadway, from the text "Feed My sheep and feed My lambs." He was followed by Elder Samuel McMillan from no certain text.

2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers from the several churches met in the house. After praise and prayer by Elder S. J. Reich, Elders G. W. Hill, L. T. Tucker and E. C. Jones were sent to the stand to preach. The letters from the several churches were called for, read and their contents noted.

3. Resolved that we still refuse to seat or fellowship J. R. Wilson and all that follow or fellowship in any way.

4. The rules of decorum were not read.

5. Elder Samuel McMillan was chosen Moderator.

6. Invited visiting ministers and messengers to seats. The following were present and seated:

From Upper Country Line: Elders F. W. Keene, J. W. Gilliam, M. B. Martin and Brother W. H. Crutchfield.

From Lower Country Line: None.

From Black Creek: Elder H. F. Hutchens, Brethren J. B. Murray, H. E. Strickland and L. G. Stanley.

From Mayo: Elder L. T. Tucker and Brother C. E. Pyron.

From Mill Branch: Brethren J. H. Carter, F. C. Wright and G. C. Stalvey.

From Contentnea, Brother J. S. James.

From Pig River: None.

From Zion: Elders J. D. Easter, L. H. Easter, H. W. Easter and J. F. Fulk and brother J. M. Easter.

From Kehukee: None.

From Bear Creek: Elders W. C. Edwards and B. L. Treece and brethren J. W. Jones, J. S. Edwards, J. D. Dry, Lester Williams, Lee Williams, J. C. Griffin, M. C. Howard and others.

Brother A. Keene Spittle from Bethel Church 11332 South St. Louis St., Chicago, Ill., was present and seated. He extended a cordial invitation to the brethren to visit their meetings when in Chicago. The church can be found by taking 111 and Sacramento Street car to the end of the line and then ask for Spittlers.

From Fishers River: Elders W. C. Brooks, J. W. Beasley and A. B. Key and Brother J. D. Key.

From Salem: Elders S. J. Reich and G. W. Hill and Brethren J. T. Greer, S. R. Beck and Bro. Payne.

From Little River: Elders E. F. Pearce, E. C. Jones and T. F. Adams and Brethren J. F. Adams and G. M. Stuart.

From White Oak: Elders R. W. Gurganus and Isaac Jones.

We received a file of minutes from Black Creek, Fishers River, Zion, Mayo, Contentnea, Smith River, Little River, White Oak, Salem, Staunton River, Bear Creek and Kehukee.

7. Called for circular letter which was handed in and referred to committee on arrangements.

8. Appointed Elder D. P. Broadway and Brethren L. A. Wright and B. I. Harrison with the Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements to report Monday morning.

9. Appointed brethren G. H. Cornelison and H. T. Tucker committee on finance.

10. Elected by committee on arrangements Elders R. W. Gurganus, E. F. Pearce, S. J. Reich, Isaac Jones, Walter Edwards, J. W. Gilliam, Ben Martin and H. S. Hutchens to preach Sunday, worship to begin at ten o'clock.

Elders F. W. Keene, Geo. R. Haithcock and J. F. Adams to preach Monday, services to be closed by the Moderator.

Elders Wm. Brooks and J. W. Beasley to preach Saturday night.

Elders L. T. Tucker, B. L. Treece and A. B. Key to preach Sunday night.

Adjourned to Monday morning nine o'clock. Dismissed at the stand.

Saturday evening preaching. Elder L. T. Tucker preached from the third chapter of Genesis. He was followed by Elder E. C. Jones who preached from no certain text. He was followed by Elder G. W. Hill who preached from Isaiah 45-5. He was followed by Elder B. L. Treece from no certain text.

Saturday night preaching. Elders Wm. Brooks, B. L. Treece and J. W. Beasley all preached but Clerk failed to get their texts.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN AUGUST, 1929

Elder R. W. Gurganus preached first from no certain text. He was followed by Elder E. F. Pearce who preached from no certain text. Elder S. J. Reich preached next from Isaiah 34-16. He was followed by Elder Isaac Jones from no certain text.

INTERMISSION OF ONE HOUR

Elder Walter Edwards continued the services but Clerk failed to get text. He was followed by Elder J. W. Gilliam from Solomon 1-1. He was followed from St. John 10-9. He was followed by Elder H. S. Hutchens, from Romans 4-9.

Sunday night preaching. Elder B. L. Treece preached from the text "My people shall be a willing people in the day of His power." He was followed by Elder L. T. Tucker who preached from the text "Who shall lay anything to God's elect." Elder A. B. Key preached next from the text "I am determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 26TH, 1929

12. The Association met according to arrangements. Praise and Prayer by Elder H. S. Williams.

13. Called on committee on arrangements to report. The report was received and committee retained.

14. Called messengers names and noted absentees.

15. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended. Those who failed were excused.

16. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister Associations as follows: to Bear Creek, Elders Samuel McMillan and H. S. Williams and Brethren B. I. Harrison, R. F. Strange and Lee Snider.

To Upper Country Line: Elder Samuel McMillan and Brethren C. B. Owen, N. W. Maness and L. A. Wright.

To Lower Country Line: Brethren C. B. Owen and B. I. Harrison.

To Mayo: Elder H. S. Williams.

To Fishers River: Brethren John T. Jones, A. C. Key and H. W. Johnson.

To Mill Branch: Elders H. S. Williams and Samuel McMillan and Bro. J. T. Vanhoy.

To Salem: Elders H. S. Williams, D. P. Broadway and Brethren J. H. W. Wilson, B. I. Harrison, Lee Snider, Frank Owen and C. B. Owen.

To White Oak: Elders H. S. Williams and Samuel McMillan.

To Staunton River: Elder Samuel McMillan.

To Black Creek: Brother G. H. Cornelison.

To Kehukee: Minutes.

To Little River: Elder Samuel McMillan and Bro. G. H. Cornelison.

17. The circular letter was approved and ordered printed

with these minutes.

18. Appointed Bro. L. A. Wright to write the circular letter for our next year's minutes.

19. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows:

Sent in from churches	\$138.45	
Contributed by brethren and friends	22.75	
Bal. in treasury from last year	9.10	
Allowed for printing minutes	\$ 22.50	
Allowed for printing blanks	3.00	
Allowed Clerk for his services	15.00	
Gave the Moderator	10.00	
Gave the visiting Ministers	100.00	
Bal. in treasury	19.80	
Total	\$170.30	170.30

20. The finance committee with the Moderator and Clerk and messengers of this church were appointed to distribute one hundred dollars among the visiting ministers.

21. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Tom's Creek, to commence on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1930. Elder Samuel McMillan is to preach the introductory sermon. Elder H. S. Williams alternate. Worship to begin at eleven o'clock.

22. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of 800 copies of these minutes, and \$22.50 be allowed for same.

23. The Clerk was allowed \$15.00 for his services.

24. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder D. P. Broadway reported the meeting of Elders Samuel McMillan, H. S. Williams, L. T. Tucker, and D. P. Broadway and Deacons R. F. Strange, C. B. Owen, R. F. Snider, A. G. Yarboro, Branson Snider, Lee Snider, J. T. Vanhoy, B. I. Harrison, L. M. Henson and J. A. Williams, at Lexington on third Saturday night in November, 1928, for the purpose of assisting in receiving members to the church at Lexington.

Elder Broadway also reported of Elders A. C. Key, H. S. Reid and J. S. Fulk and Deacons H. W. Johnson, R. L. Comer, W. H. Crutchfield on third Sunday in June, 1928, at Gaines Grove for the purpose of ordaining Brother David T. Gaines to the office of deacon.

25. On motion the Moderator was allowed \$10.00 for his

services.

26. The Association extends thanks to God for His blessings, and to the brethren and sisters and friends of this community for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting and to the friends and members of Suggs Creek and White Oak Springs churches.

27. After the minutes were read and approved the Association adjourned to time and place appointed.

Elder SAMUEL McMILLAN, Moderator.
T. R. FREEMAN, Clerk, Steeds, N. C.

MONDAY MORNING PREACHING

Elders L. T. Tucker and Geo. R. Haithcock preached but Clerk failed to get texts. Elder T. F. Adams preached last from the text "If the blind lead the blind they shall both fall in the ditch."

Services were closed by the Moderator.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the ministers, messengers and members who may compose the 104th session of Abbotts Creek Primitive Baptist Association to convene with the church at Cotton Creek on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1929:

Having been appointed to write a circular letter, it is with a full knowledge of my weakness and ability to explain the mysteries of the Scriptures that I write.

Brethren, I must talk to you of what my experience teaches me, for that is all I know of spiritual things (if indeed I know anything spiritually). "The wisdom of the world is foolishness with God." Cain's offering was not acceptable to God because it was an earthly offering.

"Those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth". God gives the Spirit to worship and the poor sinner is stripped of every false idea when he worships God.

Every burden is removed and the sins that so easily beset us, and we run the race with patience, trusting in God, rejoicing, shedding the tears of joy. Oh! that these seasons would continue, but God knows best. He chastens all his children. The autumn winds must blow, the leaves and flowers fade, for this is a journey through the wilderness.

"All his children shall be taught of the Lord". Taught that Christ is their savior, the one and only salvation for Time and Eternity. There are no two salvations.

Jonah said "Salvation is of the Lord". Jonah spake these words after he had suffered many afflictions, and this is the way we learn the truths of spiritual matters. David prayed that God would restore to him the Joys of his salvation. David was a man after God's own heart, but he did not have

control of a salvation to release him from his troubles but was just as dependent on God to deliver as at His first deliverance. God delivers us from our troubles at His own good time, but we often wonder that we are thus cast about and sometimes become weary and nearly faint. But when we are permitted to see Him through the lattice, then we rejoice and believe we are on our journey to the Celestial City.

“Thy people shall be a willing people in the day of thy power.” His power shows them their sinful ways, their helpless condition, their vile nature, their condemnation for sin. Then they become willing to say “God be merciful to me a sinner.” Yes willing to plead with God for mercy; to part with worldly pleasures; to suffer afflictions with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of Sin for a Season.

Paul says when he would do good evil is present. He gave advice to the churches of Asia and instructed his son, Timothy, in the Gospel as to his conduct in the ministry, but denied that any of this wisdom came from his education at the feet of Gamaliel. We are living today in the most enlightened age of all time, from a literary standpoint, but in religious matters darkness covers the face of the earth. More fallacies and doctrines of men are taught than at any time in history. Christ is dishonored; his virgin birth denied. But the God who parted the Red Sea and delivered the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage is still delivering and will deliver the last one of his elect. This is a part and parcel of the covenant that the Father made with the Son before this earth was fashioned.

At the final consummation of all things he will call his people from the North and from the South, from the East and from the West to the Land of Promise, to the Celestial City, the Home of the Elect.

“Oh! Happy day when saints shall meet
To part no more the thought is sweet.”

The last promise to His people will be fulfilled when they enter the portals of Heaven and with a triumphant shout shall say “Oh! Death, Where is thy sting? Oh! Grave, Where is thy victory?” “Come in ye blessed of my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you before the foundation of the world”. Prepared by the atoning blood of Christ shed on Mt. Calvary. This is all the preparation that has ever been made to save poor sinners. This is the Highway and no ravenous beast can enter there, but the Redeemed of the Lord shall travel this way when they come to Zion with songs of everlasting Joy. We are told that those who travel this way obtain gladness and that sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Have we not all experienced this?

We are admonished not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together. I believe it is our duty to meet together, not only to hear preaching but to talk of His mercies, His loving kindness in the forgiveness of Sins and to speak of the Kingdom that is not of this world. This will strengthen us in our faith. “When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.” When we

relate our experience we become witnesses to each other that we have received the same blessings in like manner; that we have traveled that Highway of Holiness, known only to the people of God, wherein is Peace and Everlasting Life. He tells us to walk in newness of life, show our faith by our works, be instant in season, out of season rebuke and reprove. These admonitions are to those who have been redeemed from sin and death.

Yours in hope,

Denton, N. C., Box 102

B. I. HARRISON.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

To White Oak—Henry Horne, Wilmington, N. C.	20
To Black Creek—Elder J. L. Hooks, Freemont, N. C.	25
To Little River—Elder E. F. Pearce, Princeton, N. C.	20
To Mill Branch—M. Meares, Tarboro, N. C.	15
To Kehukee—Elder S. Hassel, Williamston, N. C.	35
To Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.	25
To Fishers River—El. F. P. Stone, Francisco, Rt. 1, N. C.	25
To Mayo—S. C. Dobyns, Claudeville, Va.	25
To Upper C. L.—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.	20
To Lower C. L.—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	20
To Zion—H. F. Branscom, Fancy Gap, Va.	12
To Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, Rt. 2, N. C.	28

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

To Flat Creek—Mrs. Boss Parker, Ritchfield, Rt. 2, N. C.	20
To Toms Creek—B. I. Harrison, Denton, N. C.	60
To Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, Rt. 3, Linwood, N. C.	75
To Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Bush Creek, N. C.	40
To Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C.	10
To Big Creek—J. N. Henderson, Eldorado, N. C.	6
To Gaines Grove—J. W. Gaines, Rt. 3, Sanford, N. C.	15
To Rock Hill—A. H. Trogdon, Rt. 3, Asheboro, N. C.	20
To Pierces Chapel—M. L. Wood, Fullers, N. C.	25
To White Oak Springs—T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	40
To Salisbury—D. P. Broadway, Salisbury, N. C.	60
To Lexington—Mattie Godfrey, Lexington, N. C.	17
To Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C.	55
To Lamms Grove—R. L. Comer, Carthage, Rt. 2, N. C.	40
To Suggs Creek—T. W. Maness, Allreds, N. C.	34

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1928

CHURCHES

NAMES OF MESSENGERS

Flat Creek
 Tom's Creek
 Pine M. H.
 Sandy Creek
 Brush Creek
 Mt. Tabor
 Gaines Grove
 Rock Hill
 Salisbury
 Pierce's Chapel ...
 White Oak Springs
 Lexington
 Cotton Creek
 Lamm's Grove ...
 Suggs Creek
 Big Creek

Represented by contribution
 Lee Snider, J. R. Garner, B. I. Harrison
 J. A. Snider, P. H. Young, J. H. W. Wilson
 H. W. Johnson, H. G. Johnson, Addison Stuttts ...
 Not represented
 J. W. Gaines, D. T. Gaines*, John D. Jones
 A. H. Trogdon*, Joe Nance*, J. O. Trogdon
 C. B. Owen, R. F. Strange, Eld. D. P. Broadway ..
 M. L. Wood, E. E. Sumey, T. E. Small
 J. W. Bondurant, Matt Mabe, H. T. Tucker
 A. G. Gourley
 L. A. Wright, T. E. Maness, J. T. Vanhoy
 R. E. Lamm, R. D. Comer, Eld. A. C. Key
 T. W. Maness, Enos Sykes, G. H. Cornelison
 Represented by contribution
 Absentees marked thus*

Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution	
..	..	1	1	..	..	16	3 25
2	..	2	..	..	..	51	27 00
4	25	7 00	
..	2 00	
2	11	10 00	
..	16	5 00	
..	23	2 20	
1	3	2	23	17 00	
..	14	7 25	
..	22	11 00	
..	8	8	11 00	
..	23	3 25	
..	1	23	25 50	
6	2	45	10 00	
3	31	7 00	
..	1	2	1 00	
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MINUTES

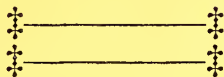
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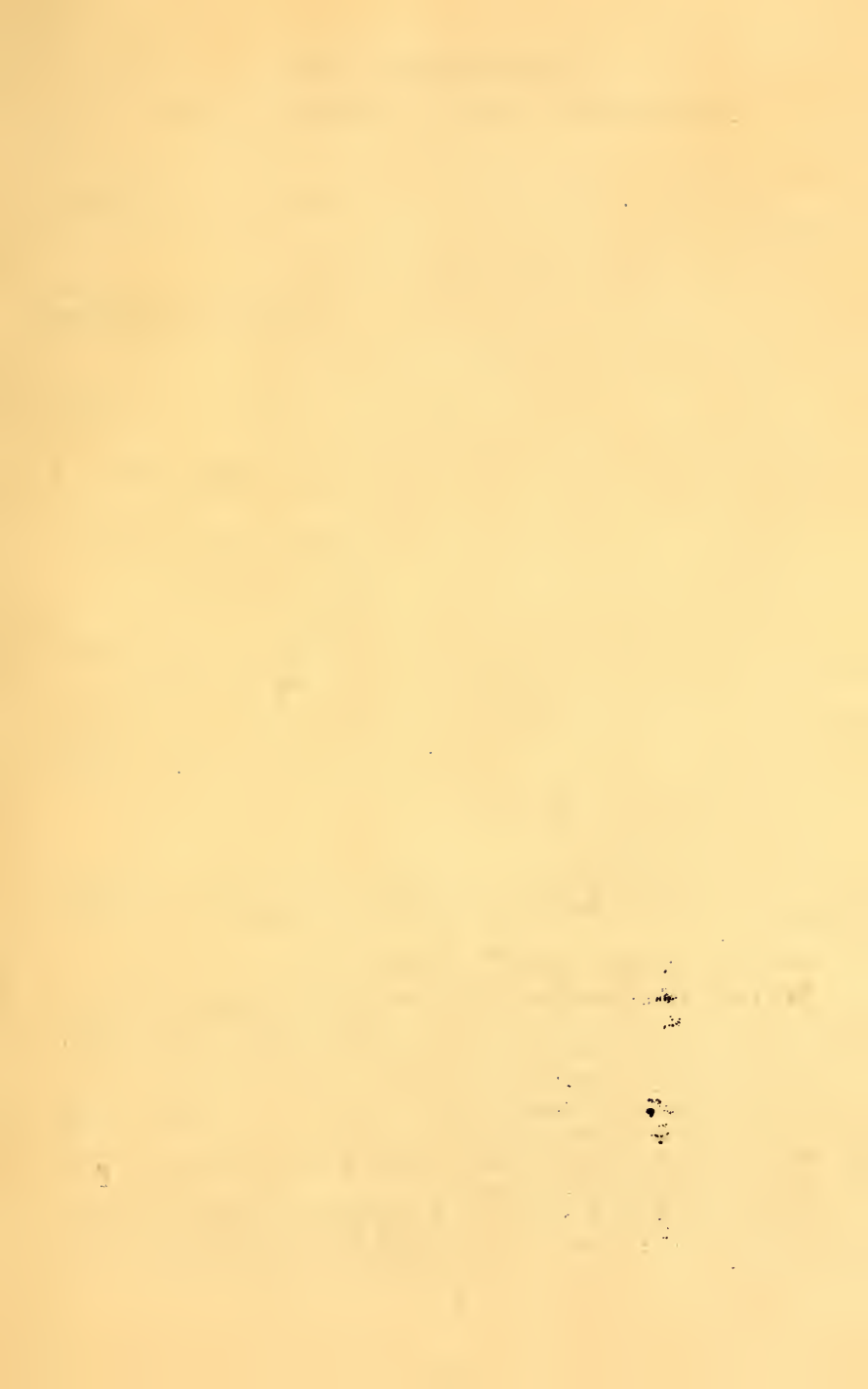
HELD WITH THE

WHITE OAK SPRINGS CHURCH

Montgomery County, North Carolina

Commencing on Saturday Before the Fourth

Sunday in August, 1932



PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ABBOTTS CREEK ASSOCIATION

1. Elder F. W. Keene preached the introductory sermon from Isaiah 55—1:5.

Monday morning August 29th, 1932.

2. The messengers from the several churches met in the house, and after praise and prayer by Elder E. C. Jones, the letters from the several churches were called for, read and their contents noted.

3. The rules of decorum were not read.

4. Deacon L. A. Wright was chosen Moderator.

5. Invited the visiting ministers and messengers to seats. Those present and seated are as follows:

From Upper Country Line: Elders F. W. Keene, and Benjamin Martin and brother A. B. Parham, and minutes.

From Lower Country Line: Minutes.

From Black Creek, Elder H. F. Hutchens, and minutes.

From Mill Branch, Brother John Paul and minutes.

From Fishers River: Minutes.

From Salem: Elder S. J. Reich, and minutes.

From Little River: Elders E. C. Jones and T. F. Adams and brother Frank Adams and minutes.

From White Oak: Elder W. W. Roberts and brethren W. W. Quinn and I. S. Garner and minutes.

From Mayo: Elders J. W. Tuttle, Watt Priddy and J. A. Fagg and minutes.

From Contentnea: Minutes.

From Pig River: Minutes.

Kehukee: Minutes.

Bear Creek: Brethren H. A. Helms, F. L. Helms, Garfield Compton and R. C. Perkins and wife and others from Pleasant Hill church.

From Seven Mile: Elder M. F. Westbrook.

We received a file of minutes from Kehukee, Staunton River, Upper Country Line, Lower Country Line, Bear Creek, Salem, Mayo, Little River, Contentnea, White Oak and Roaring River.

6. The circular letter was omitted.

7. Appointed the Moderator and Clerk and brother C. B. Owen Committee on arrangements.

8. Appointed brethren Frank Owen, J. W. Bondurant and L. V. Trogdon Committee on finance.

9. Appointed W. F. Owen, L. A. Wright and J. W. Bondurant as Committee to arrange the preaching for the remainder of the association.

ORDER OF PREACHING FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Committee appointed Elders J. W. Tuttle and Watt Prid-
dy.

Sunday morning, Elder F. W. Keene introduced the services.
Followed by Elder Benjamin Martin, text Jeremiah 8-26.
Followed by Elder S. J. Reich, Clerk failed to get text.
Followed by H. F. Hutchens, text Job 8-5:6.

INTERMISSION ONE HOUR

The preaching was resumed at the stand, by Elder W. W.
Roberts, text Matthew 5-1.

Followed by Elder D. P. Broadway, text John 10-7.

Preaching Sunday night by Elder D. P. Broadway, text Isa-
iah 55-5:6.

MONDAY MORNING PREACHING

Elder E. C. Jones followed by Elder T. F. Adams, followed by
M. F. Westbrook. The Clerk was busy with the affairs of the
association and failed to get their texts. They were followed by
Elder J. A. Fagg, text, "What manner of person is this that even
the sea and wind obey him?"

10. Called on committee of arrangements to report. They
reported with instructions to carry on the regular order of busi-
ness. This was received and the committee discharged.

11. Called messengers names and noted absentees.

12. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some at-
tended. Those who failed were excused.

13. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associa-
tions as follows:

To Bear Creek: Minutes.

To Indian Creek: Minutes.

To Roaring River: Minutes.

To Upper Country Line: T. H. Williams, L. A. Wright, R. F.
Strange, O. R. Hilliard and C. B. Owen and minutes.

To Lower Country Line: Minutes.

To Mayo: C. B. Owen and minutes.

To Fishers River: T. H. Williams, L. A. Wright, R. F.
Strange and W. E. Mabe, and minutes.

To Mill Branch: Minutes.

To Salem: Frank Owen, W. E. Mabe, L. A. Wright, J. W.
Bondurant, T. L. Maness, T. H. Williams, O. R. Hilliard, R. F.
Strange, Elder D. P. Broadway and brother C. B. Owen and min-
utes.

To Pig River: Minutes.

To White Oak: L. A. Wright, J. S. Tucker, O. R. Hilliard and
T. R. Freeman, and minutes.

To Staunton River: Minutes.

To Black Creek: Minutes.

To Contentnea: Minutes.

To Kehukee: Minutes.

To Little River: L. A. Wright, T. L. Maness and J. W. Boone, and minutes.

14. Appointed brother L. V. Trogdon to write the circular letter for our next year's minutes.

15. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows. Sent in from churches \$39.75.

16.

Sent in from churches	\$39.75	
Balance in treasury from last year	8.55	
Allowed for printing minutes		\$25.00
Gave to the visiting ministers		22.00
Balance in treasury		1.30
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TOTAL	\$48.30	\$48.30

17. The Moderator and Clerk were appointed to distribute \$22.00 among the visiting ministers.

18. Agreed that our next year's association be held with the church at Flat Creek, in Rowan County, N. C., to commence on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1933. It was agreed that the Clerk, T. R. Freeman, and the messengers of Flat Creek Church choose an Elder at that time to preach the introductory sermon.

19. The Clerk agreed to serve without compensation.

20. The Moderator refused to accept any compensation.

21. Called for report of presbyteries. None reported.

22. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of 500 copies of these minutes and \$25 be allowed for same.

23. A motion was unanimous to declare nonfellowship with H. S. Williams and his followers, for the following reasons: Namely: Inasmuch as there have been grievous charges against the former Moderator, Elder H. S. Williams, which charges have become public, and the said charges have been sent to the Clerk of the church of his membership, and he failing to follow the commandment of the scriptures to lay down his gift and the church of his membership failing to investigate these said charges. White Oak Springs Church in their regular conference on July 16, 1932, closed their doors against said Elder H. S. Williams and the church of his membership, and those who follow him in his disorder. That the Church of White Oak Springs also in the same conference forbade him to deliberate in the church or on the grounds. That in defiance of the act of White Oak Springs Church during this session of the Association he and his followers forcibly took possession of White Oak Springs church building, thereby forcing the membership of White Oak Springs Church to appeal to a judge of the Superior Court for relief, the

Judge of the Superior Court granting the injunction forbidding him and his followers to use the church and its grounds before we could hold this session of our Association in peace. Therefore, be it resolved that we the Abbotts Creek Union Association do hereby unanimously sustain the White Oak Springs Church in their action against Elder H. S. Williams and his followers, and we also declare nonfellowship for Elder H. S. Williams and his followers until they set themselves in order.

24. The Association extends thanks to God for his blessings, and to the brethren and sisters and friends of this community for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting.

25. After the minutes were read and approved the Association adjourned to time and place appointed, and then went to the stand where the meeting was dismissed by Elder D. P. Broadway.

L. A. WRIGHT, Moderator, Star, N. C.

T. R. FREEMAN, Steeds, N. C.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ABBOTTS CREEK UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the old and new Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

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

5. We believe in the doctrine of Election that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the earth.

6. We believe that God's elect who are sinners of Adam's fallen family, are in His good time effectually called and justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received by faith alone which faith is productive of good works.

7. We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

8. We believe baptism by emersion according to the scriptures, and the Lord's Supper are both ordinances of Jesus Christ, and belong to the believers only.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead both of the just and the unjust and in the final judgment.

10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances but such as are regularly baptized and come under the imposition of hands of the presbytery.

11. We also believe that an association has no right to assume any authority over churches, but only to sit as an advising council, and shall not impose any measures on churches without their knowledge and consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened by singing and prayer by the Moderator or some person by him chosen, letters to be called for and the Association organized.

2. A Moderator shall be chosen by the members of the Association at each meeting, whose duty it shall be to keep good order, explain and put questions, administer reproof and announce decisions.

3. Call for corresponding letters or ministers. Invite the messengers to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges in the association with members composing it, except in appointing the place to hold the association.

4. Inviting ministering brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges with corresponding messengers.

5. Any members in the Association shall have liberty to speak by rising and addressing the Moderator, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless called to order by the Moderator, or some member, and if called to order may appeal to the Association for their decision for the propriety of the call.

6. No member shall speak more than three times to the same subject without leave of the Association.

7. During the sitting of the Association a respectable decency becoming saints shall be preserved, forbearing to disrespect or interrupt each other while speaking. Proper attention shall be paid to the speaker. All walking about, whispering or talking in time of conference is to be avoided. Members may leave by consent of the Association.

8. It shall be the duty of every member to vote on a question when put, except the Moderator who shall vote only when the association is equally divided, then he shall give the casting vote.

9. A majority shall decide on all matters which may come before them.

10. No query to be debated except sent from a church or brought in by the committee on arrangements.

11. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, and the minutes distributed in proportion to the contribution.

12. These rules are subject to alteration or amendments when two-thirds of the Association may think necessary.

13. The Association may appoint a clerk as often as they may deem it necessary, whose duty it shall be to enroll the names of the messengers, minute the state of the churches and keep a regular record of the transactions of the Association.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

To White Oak—Henry Horne, Wilmington, N. C.	20
To Black Creek—E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.	25
To Little River—Elder E. F. Pearce, Princeton, N. C.	20
To Mill Branch—M. Meares, Tarboro, N. C.	15
To Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.	35
To Contentnea—F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D.	25
To Fishers River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, Rt. 1, N. C.	25
To Mayo—Elder S. A. Thompson, Stuart, Va.	25
To Upper C. I.—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.	20
To Lower C. L.—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	20
To Zion—H. F. Branscom, Fancy Gap, Va.	12
To Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, Rt. 2, N. C.	28

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

To Flat Creek—Mrs. Boss Parker, Richfield, Rt. 2, N. C.	20
To Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, Rt. 1, Linwood, N. C.	75
To Sandy Creek—J. S. James, Liberty, Rt. 1, N. C.	10
To Big Creek—J. N. Henderson, Eldorado, N. C.	6
To Gaines Grove—O. R. Hilliard, Goldston, Rt. 1, N. C.	15
To White Oak Springs—T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	40
To Salisbury—C. B. Owen, Salisbury, N. C.	60
To Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C.	55

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1932

CHURCHES

NAMES OF MESSENGERS

Church	Messengers	Membership Status						TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	Contributions
		Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased		
Flat Creek	Jacob Morgan, Lillie Shaver						7	\$ 2.05	
Pine	Not Represented								
Sandy Creek	J. S. James, T. H. Williams, Levi Trogdon.		2				9	2.50	
Gaines Grove	O. R. Hilliard								
Salisbury	R. F. Strange, W. F. Owen, C. B. Owen.	1	1			1	21	8.00	
White Oak Springs	J. W. Bondurant, W. E. Mabe, J. S. Tucker.	3		1	1		18	9.45	
Cotton Creek	L. A. Wright, J. W. Booth, J. T. Vanhoy.						22	17.75	
Mt. Tabor	Not Represented								
Big Creek	Not Represented								
TOTALS		4	3	1	1	1	77	\$39.75	
Absentees marked thus *									

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MINUTES

OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION



HELD WITH THE
FLAT CREEK CHURCH
ROWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Commencing on Friday Before the Fourth Sunday
in August, 1945

OFFICERS

ELDER D. P. BROADWAY, Moderator Salisbury, N. C.
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MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST

ASSOCIATION



HELD WITH THE

FLAT CREEK CHURCH

ROWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Commencing on Friday Before the Fourth Sunday
in August, 1945

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ELDER D. P. BROADWAY, Moderator Salisbury, N. C.
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MINUTES OF THE 120TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 24, 1945

1. After praise and prayer by Elder L. G. Cashion, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder D. P. Broadway.

2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers from the several churches met in the house. The business session was opened by praise and prayer by Elder R. E. Douglass.

The letters from the several churches were called for and read. All messengers were seated.

3. Elder D. P. Broadway was elected Moderator.

4. On motion the rules of decorum were not read but were ordered printed in these Minutes.

5. Appointed Romie Helms and Arthur Burrage committee on finance.

6. Appointed Walter Wilson, Henry Owen and Elder L. G. Cashion committee on arrangements.

7. Appointed Lester Helms, Frank Owen and B. F. Cochran committee on preaching.

8. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

9. Invited correspondents to seats.

From St. Clairs Bottom, Va.—Minutes.

From Fisher's River—Minutes.. .

From Center—Brethren J. F. Hartzog and D. R. Dillard.

From Upper Mayo—Minutes.

From Mountain—Elder R. E. Douglass.

From Contentnea—Minutes.

From Flint River—Minutes.

Invited visitors to seats.

From Center—Sister Stella Blevins.

From Upper Mayo—Elder J. W. Tuttle and wife, Elder J. A. Fagg and wife, Brother J. F. Lawson, Sister Murray and others.

From New Port—Elders W. W. Roberts and M. L. Simmons and Brother W. W. Quinn.

From Mountain—Brother Collins.

From Indian Creek—None.

From Saints Delight Church—None.

From Roaring River—None.

10. We received a file of Minutes from Upper Mayo, St.

Claires Bottom, Mountain District, Fishers River, Indian Creek, Roaring River, and Center.

11.. The circular letter was called for and referred to committee on arrangements.

Dismissed by Elder M. L. Simmons.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 25

The Association was opened by by praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Fagg.

12. Called on committee on arrangements to report. The report was received and committee discharged.

13. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows: Sent in by the churches, \$261.75.

14. Called Messengers' names and noted absentees.

15. Called on corresponding messengers. Their report was received.

16. The circular letter was received and ordered printed in these Minutes.

17. Appointed correspondents to sister associations as follows:

To Fishers River—Elder D. P. Broadway and Brethren F. L. Helms and C. B. Owen.

To St. Claires Bottom—Elder L. G. Cashion.

To New River—Minutes.

To Roaring River—Minutes.

To Mountain District—Elder D. P. Broadway, Licentiate P. H. Young and Brethren J. W. Williams, C. G. Yarbrough and E. F. Yarbrough.

To Center District — Elders D. P. Broadway and L. G. Cashion, Licentiate P. H. Young and Brethren C. B. Owen and J. H. Wilson.

To Upper Mayo—Brethren C. B. Owen, H. C. Owen, J. W. Williams, E. F. Yarbrough, F. L. Helms and W. F. Owen.

18. Appointed Brother C. B. Owen to write our next circular letter.

19. Collections and disbursements are as follows:

Sent in by the churches	\$261.75	
Balance left from last year.....	40.00	
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	\$301.75	
Gave the Ministers		\$135.00
Gave the Clerk		25.00
Gave the Moderator		25.00
Printing and mailing Minutes		30.00
Balance left over		86.00
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		\$301.75

20. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Salisbury, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1946. Elder D P. Broadway is to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder L. G. Cashion is the alternate.

21. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of 600 copies of these Minutes and \$30.00 be allowed for printing and mailing.

Allowed the Moderator and Clerk \$25.00 each for their seervices.

22. Called on presbyteries to report.. None reported.

23. The Association extends thanks to God for His wonderful blessings with which He blessed our ministers to declare His counsel and His children to hear and understand the same, and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting.

24. After the Minutes were read and approved the Association adjourned to time and place appointed.

ELDER D. P. BROADWAY, Moderator, Salisbury, N. C.
DEACON T. R. FREEMAN, Clerk, Steeds, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder J. A. Fagg, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder J. W. Tuttle, Danbury, N. C.
Elder W. W. Roberts, Morehead City, N. C.
Elder M. L. Simmons. Morehead City, N. C.
Elder R. E. Douglass, Galax, Va.
Licentiate W. C. Tuttle.

MINISTERS IN OUR ASSOCIATION

Elder D. P. Broadway, Salisbury, N. C.
Elder L. G. Cashion, Archdale, N. C.
Licentiate P. H. Young, Route 1, Linwood, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Ministers and Messengers Who May Compose the 120th Session of the Abbott's Creek Union Primitive Baptist Association—Greetings:

Dear Brethren:

Having been appointed to write the circular letter for next year, and not knowing the purpose of a circular letter, how to begin, or what to write, I hope God will direct my mind, and enable me to write something beneficial, or at least something that will not offend, for we find in Matt. 18:6, "But who-so shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it

were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea."

At the Association it impressed me and made me rejoice to see such brotherly love and peace manifested, and also sad to think in what contrast this is, to the terrible conflict which is raging on foreign soils. I believe we should look unto God Who, according to Isa. 45:7, "makes peace."

In the 26th chapter of Leviticus we are promised that if we walk in His Statutes and keep His commandments that, "He will give peace in the land," and again in Proverbs, "When a man's ways please the Lord He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."

We are exhorted many times in the Bible to maintain peace. "Seek peace and pursue it," for according to Paul, "God hath called us to peace." We highly commend our beloved ministers who continually strive for peace and good fellowship, "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace," for "the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace"; and Brethren, your reward is great. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

Christ said just before leaving this world, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth." Paul said, "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace," Rom. 14:19, "And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Brethren, when we receive peace from Him Who is the "very God of Peace," "and let the peace of God rule in our hearts," there is no room for malice, wrath, envy, or trouble hunting, and there will never be trouble among our churches. "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another."

It is my prayer that, "the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:7.

Humbly submitted in love, J. ASHBURN WILLIAMS.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

To St. Clairs Bottom—C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.....	25
To Mountain District—J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.....	35
To Fishers River—G. I. Key, Ararat, N. C.	40
To Upper Mayo—Elder J. A. Fagg, Winston-Salem, N. C.	40
To Indian Creek—J. I. Bowling, Beckley, W. Va.....	30
To Center Association—F. T. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.	25
To Eastern Carolina—Elder S. B. Denny, Wilson, N. C.	20

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

Flat Creek—Grant Borage, Richfield, N. C. Route 1.....	25
Sandy Creek—J. S. James, Liberty, N. C., Route 1	20
White Oak Springs—T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	30
Salisbury—C. B. Owen, 1513 First St., Salisbury, N. C.	45
Pierces Chapel—E. L. Summey, Trinity N. C., Route 1	15
Cotton Creek—T. L. Maness, Star, N. C.	30
Pleasant Hill—F. L. Helm, Mooresville, N. C.	50
Pine Meeting—C. G. Yarbrough, Linwood, N. C., Route 1	50
Saints Delight—C. F. Shields, Kernersville, N. C.	20
No Creek—Minnie Nance, Mocksville, N. C.	20
Abbott's Creek—Janie Moore, Kernersville, N. C.	20
Morehead City—Elder W. W. Roberts, New Port, N. C.	15

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING

Services opened by Elder L. G. Cashion.
Elder D. P. Broadway. John 3:6.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Elder M. L. Simmons. II Cor. 4:5.
Elder W. W. Roberts. John 17th chapter

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder R. E. Douglass. Romans 1:16.
Elder L. G. Cashion. Clerk failed to get text.

SATURDAY MORNING

Elder R. E. Douglass. Isa. 45:17.
Elder J. A. Fagg. Tim. 3:16.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Elder W. W. Roberts. St. Luke 9:3.
Elder J. W. Tuttle Hebrews 2:9.
Elder L. G. Cashion. "The foundation of God stands
sure", etc.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder J. W. Tuttle. Hebrews 8:7.
Elder M. L. Simmons. Proverbs 9:1-5.

SUNDAY MORNING

Opened by Elder W. W. Roberts.
Elder M. L. Simmons. Isaiah 41:17.
Elder R. E. Douglass. Hebrews 7th chapter.
Elder J. W. Tuttle. John 5:37.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Elder J. A. Fagg. No certain text.
Licentiate W. C. Tuttle. "Let those that have eyes to see,
let them see."
Elder D. P. Broadway. Rev. 22:11-17.

**CONSTITUTION OF THE ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

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

2.. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

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

5. We believe in the doctrine of Election. that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the earth.

6. We believe that God's elect who are sinners of Adam's fallen family, are in His good time effectually called and justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received by faith alone which faith is productive of good works.

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

8. We believe baptism by immersion according to the Scriptures, and the Lord's Supper are both ordinances of Jesus Christ, and belong to the believers only.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust and in the final judgment.

10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinance but such as are regularly baptized and come under the imposition of hands of the presbytery.

11. We also believe that an association has no right to assume any authority over churches, but only to sit as an advisory council, and shall not impose measures on churches without their knowledge and consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened by singing and prayer by the Moderator or some person by him chosen, letters to be called for and the Association organized.

2. A Moderator shall be chosen by the members of the Association at each meeting, whose duty it shall be to keep good order, explain and put questions, administer reproof and announce decisions.

3. Call for corresponding letters or ministers. Invite the messengers to seats who shall be entitled to equal privileges in the Association with members composing it, except in appointing the place to hold the Association.

4. Inviting visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges with corresponding messengers.

5. Any member in the Association shall have liberty to speak by rising and addressing the Moderator, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless called to order by the Moderator, or some member, and if called to order may appeal to the Association for their decision for the propriety of the call.

6. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

7. During the sitting of the Association a respectable decency becoming saints shall be preserved, forbearing to disrespect or interrupt each other while speaking. Proper attention shall be paid to the speaker. All walking about, whispering or talking in time of conference is to be avoided. Members may leave by consent of the Association.

8. It shall be the duty of every member to vote on a question when put except the Moderator who shall vote only when the Association is equally divided, then he shall give the deciding vote.

9. A majority shall decide all matters which may come before them.

10. No query shall be debated except sent in from a church or brought in by the committee on arrangements.

11. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, and the minutes distributed according to the contribution.

12. These rules are subject to alteration or amendment when two-thirds of the Association may think necessary.

13. The Association may appoint a clerk as often as they may deem it necessary, whose duty it shall be to enroll the names of the messengers, minute the state of the churches and keep regular record of the transactions of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE, 1945

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Experience	Rec'd by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Sandy Creek	J. S. James, Joe Nance, Anna Booth							9	\$ 8.00
Salisbury	A. C. Vanhoy, H. C. Owen, C. D. Owen								60.50
White Oak Springs	Lillie Ward, Pearl Mabe, Jettie Bondurant						2	17	15.00
Big Creek	Not represented								
Mt. Tabor	Not represented								
Pierce's Chapel	E. L. Summey							3	3.00
Flat Creek	Oscar Snider, Jno. Haithcock, Grant Burrage							20	38.25
Pleasant Hill	F. L. Helms, C. R. Helms, Oscar Yates	2					1	39	57.00
Pine Meeting House	P. C. Shoaf, H. A. Williams, H. E. Waiser	3					1	43	15.00
No Creek	Not represented								
Abbott's Creek	Not represented								
Cotton Creek	J. T. Vanhoy, Ben Cochran, Lula Maness						1	11	65.00
	TOTALS	5					5	133	\$261.75

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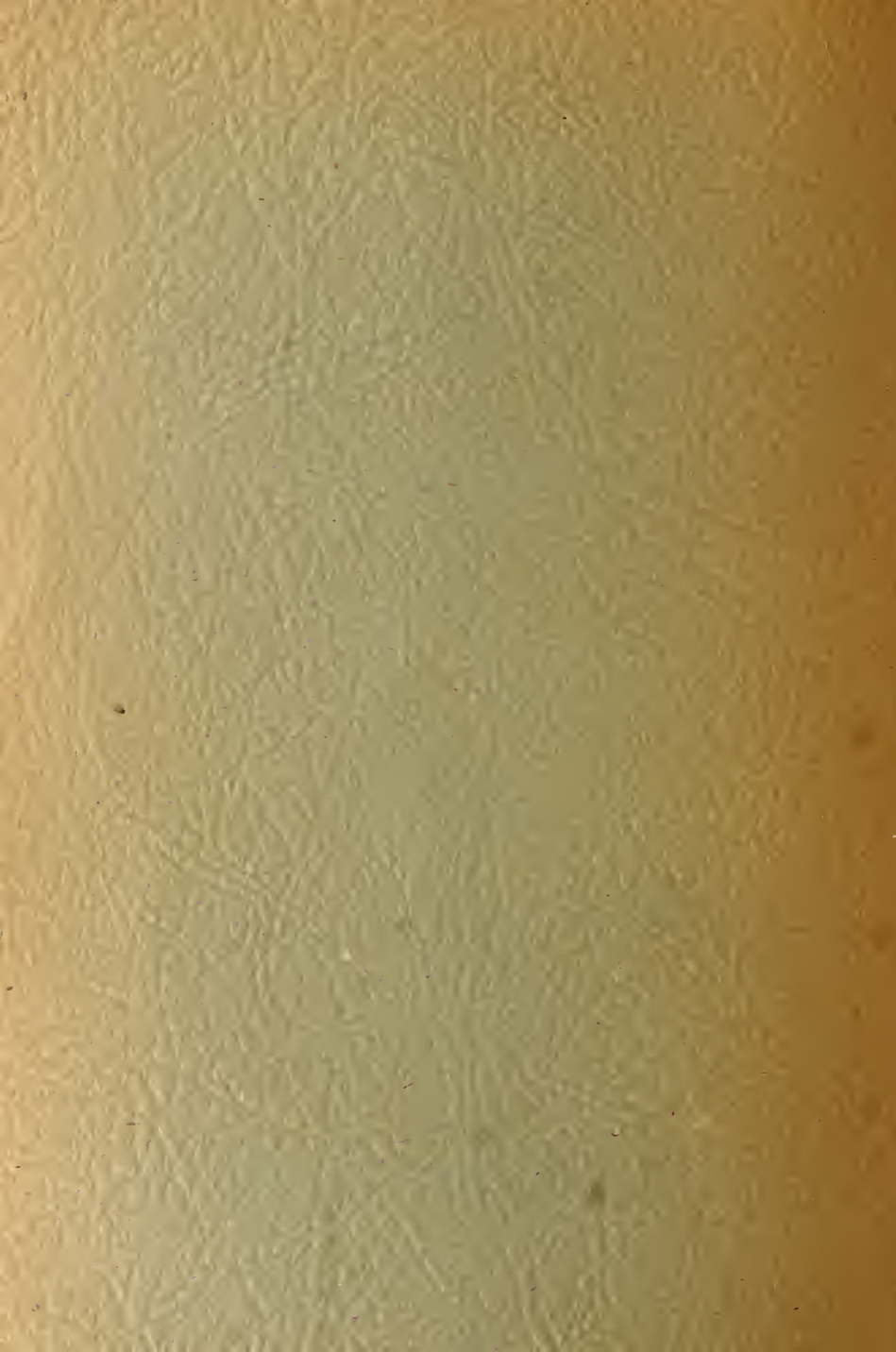
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MINUTES OF THE 121ST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
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PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23, 1946

1. After praise and prayer by Elder L. G. Cashion, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. P. Broadway.

2. After intermission of one hour, the messengers from the several churches met in the house. The business session was opened by praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Fagg. The letters from the several churches were called for and read. All messengers were seated.

3. Elder D. P. Broadway was elected Moderator.

4. On motion, the Rules of Decorum were not read but were ordered printed in these Minutes.

5. The finance committee was appointed as follows: J. W. Williams and R. C. Perkins.

6. Appointed committee on arrangements as follows: J. A. Nance, Grant Burrage and Henry Owen.

7. Preaching committee was appointed as follows: A. C. Vanhoy, B. F. Cochran and Arthur Helms with the moderator and clerk.

8. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

9. Invited correspondents to seats:

From St. Claires Bottom, Va.—Elder C. N. Tilson.

From Fishers River—Elder George Denny.

From Center—Elder Ed Davis and Brother G. A. Miller.

From Upper Mayo—Elders J. A. Fagg and J. W. Tuttle, and A. J. McDaniel.

From Mountain—Elder R. E. Douglass and Brother C. L. Roberts.

From Contentnea—Minutes.

From Flint River—Minutes.

Invited visitors to seats.

From Center—Sister Stella Blevins.

From Upper Mayo—Brother Ira Bullington, Sister Fagg, Sister Reeves, Sister Tuttle, Sister Carrie Carroll and others.

From Mountain—Elder A. L. Presnell and Brethren L. M. Reeves, J. R. Paisley, Will Collins and Floyd Edwards.

From Indian Creek—Minutes.

From Saints' Delight Church—Brother Charlie Shields and wife.

From St. Claires Bottom, Va.—Brother W. B. Walton and wife.

From Roaring River—Elder C. D. Hall.

10. We received a file of Minutes from Upper Mayo, St. Claires Bottom, Va., Mountain, Roaring River, Indian Creek District and Fisher's River.

11. The Circular Letter was called for and referred to committee on arrangements.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 24

The Association was opened by praise and prayer by Elder Ed. Davis, of the Center Association.

12. Called on committee on arrangements to report. The report was received and committee discharged.

13. Called on committee on finance to report.

Sent in from Churches	\$266.10
Contributed by friends	18.00
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	\$284.10

14. Called messengers' names and noted absentees.

15. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Their report was received.

16. The Circular Letter was received and ordered printed with these minutes.

17. Appointed correspondents to sister associations as follows:

To Fishers River—Elder D. P. Broadway and Deacon C. B. Owen.

To St. Claires Bottom, Va.—Elder L. G. Cashion.

To New River—Minutes.

To Roaring River—Elder D. P. Broadway and Brother Clarence Livengood.

To Mountain District—Elder D. P. Broadway, Licentiate P. H. Young and Brother J. W. Williams.

To Center District—Elder D. P. Broadway.

To Upper Mayo—Elder D. P. Broadway.

18. Appointed Brother C. B. Owen to write our next Circular Letter.

Our collections and disbursements are as follows:

Gave the Ministers	\$165.00
Gave the Moderator	25.00
Gave the Clerk	25.00
Printing and Mailing Minutes	30.00
Balance Left Over	125.85
TOTAL	<hr/>
	\$370.85
Sent in from Churches	\$266.10
Balance from Last Year	86.75
Given by Friends	18.00
TOTAL	<hr/>
	\$370.85

20. Agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Sandy Creek, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1947, and continue three days. This Church is located five miles west of Liberty and sixteen miles east of Asheboro, N. C.

Elder L. G. Cashion is to preach the introductory sermon and Elder D. P. Broadway is the alternate.

21. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of 600 copies of these Minutes and \$30.00 to be allowed for printing and mailing.

22. Allowed the moderator and clerk \$25.00 each for their services.

23. Called on presbyteries to report. No report.

24. The Association extends thanks to God for His wonderful blessings with which He blessed our ministers to declare His counsel and His children to hear and understand the same, and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting; also we want to thank Mr. A. B. Lackey, D. S. K., Sou. Railway Co., Spencer, N. C., for the loan of lumber for seats, and Mr. C. C. Owen for hauling the lumber to the church and returning same to the lumber yard, also for his generous donation to the expenses of the Association.

25. After the minutes were read and approved the Association adjourned to time and place appointed.

ELDER D. P. BROADWAY, Moderator.

DEACON T. R. FREEMAN, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

As I was appointed to write a circular letter for this session of the Abbott's Creek Association, and as I have been in so much trouble the past year, having lost my dear companion August 12, 1945, I really did not think of writing a circular letter.

I hope the brethren and sisters will forgive me, and understand my great trouble and distress.

I have selected a letter written by Brother J. W. Williams, of Pine Church, to be reprinted, if it meets the approval of the association, and I promise to, and will write one for the next association, if the association so desires.

I desire the prayers of my brethren and sisters, and I hope to meet you all many times in an associated capacity and I do pray the Lord to keep us in the WAY of peace, love, and fellowship.

C. B. OWEN, Clerk of Salisbury Church.

To the Ministers and Messengers that compose the 119h Session of the Abbott's Creek Union Primitive Baptist Association, Greetings:

Dear Brethren:

As I was appointed by the brethren to write the circular letter, I will now make the attempt. I feel like any one else would have been better suited than I, but if God will direct my mind I will make an effort.

I have been meditating on what the circular letter was intended for and after some thought, I came to this conclusion: That it is to let our correspondents and those from afar know that we are in peace with one another and that love and fellowship abounds throughout our association, and that we are standing steadfast as we hope in the faith that was once delivered to the Saints.

I hope to live to see the time when all orderly Primitive Baptist Churches come together in an Association to sing, pray, and preach together. I am glad to say that all of our churches are in peace and fellowship with each other.

We do appreciate our visitors from sister Associations. We need your prayer, your love, fellowship and your advice. When we see the love of Jesus in that humble person we know there is no harm. Let us strive for peace among us. Always look to one another for good and not evil. If we are looking for faults we will surely find them, especially this poor sinner, for I am full of sin.

We often hear our brethren speak of their unworthiness, that they do not feel worthy. This feeling of our unworthiness is what keeps the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We then can walk together because we are agreed. Our spirits bearing witness with your spirits that we are the children of God. For if we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.

So dear brethren, this is a wonderful vocation with which we hope to be called, and may the God of all grace for Jesus sake grant unto His dear people everywhere the spirit of loveliness and forbearance in love, and may we as a little portion of His moral vineyard in hope ever be found. By His all sufficient grace and endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace

Your unworthy servant, J. W. WILLIAMS.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING

Opened by Elder L. G. Cashion.
Elder D. P. Broadway. Matthew 16:14-19.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Elder A. L. Presnell. Hebrews 11:14.
Elder A. J. McDaniel. I am the Good Shepherd, etc.

SATURDAY MORNING

Elder Ed. Davis. Clerk failed to get text.
Elder R. E. Douglass. Clerk failed to get text.
Elder L. G. Cashion. Gallatians 1:10.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Elder C. N. Tilson. Matthew 11:27-29.
Elder George Denny. Rev. 21:4.
Elder C. D. Hall. My Master is rich, etc.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder Johnson. Clerk failed to get text.
Elder D. P. Broadway. Clerk failed to get text.

SUNDAY MORNING

Elder Ed. Davis. Isaiah 45:16-18.
Elder J. W. Tuttle. Galatians 4:45.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Elder F. R. Moore. By Grace are ye saved.
Elder J. A. Fagg. No certain text
Elder D. P. Broadway. No certain text.

MINISTERS IN OUR ASSOCIATION

Elder D. P. Broadway, Salisbury, N. C.
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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF VISITING MINISTERS

Elder J. A. Fagg, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder J. W. Tuttle, Walnut Cove, N. C.
Elder F. R. Moore, Kernersville, N. C.
Elder R. E. Douglass, Galax, Va.
Elder A. J. McDaniel, Martinsville, Va.
Elder A. L. Presnell, Sparta, N. C.
Elder C. D. Hall, Halls Mill, N. C.
Elder George Denny, Pinnacle, N. C.
Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va

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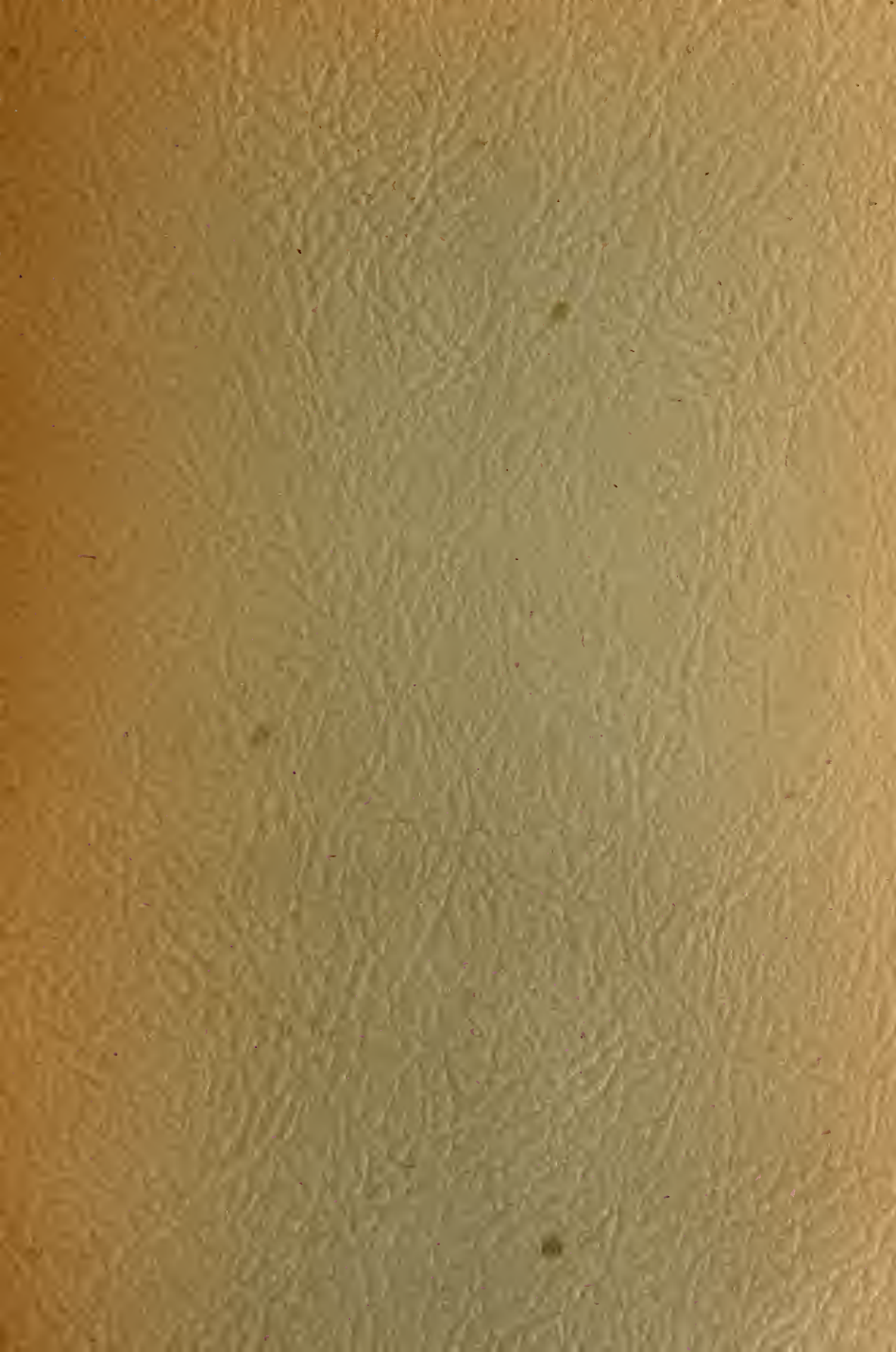
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									\$
No Creek	Represented by contributon								3.00
Sandy Creek	Gurney Nance, Joe Nance, Ross Fox	6					2	14	10.00
Salisbury	H. C. Owen, A. C. Vanhoy, C. A. Livengood, C. B. Owen				1	2		32	60.00
White Oak Springs	Jesse Mabe, Lillie Ward, Jettie Bondurant			2				17	30.00
Big Creek	Not represented								
Mt. Tabor	Not represented								
Pierce's Chapel	E. L. Summey, Bessie Summey							3	5.00
Flat Creek	Oscar Snider, J. A. Burrage, Grant Burrage						1	19	34.60
Pleasant Hill	R.C. Perkins, A.J. Helms, Harrison Compton	1					1	39	45.00
Pine Meeting House	J.A. Williams, C.G. Yarbrough, J. W. Williams						1	42	18.50
Abbott's Creek	Not represented								
Cotton Creek	J. T. Vanhoy, B. F. Cochran, Lula Maness	7		2	1	2	5	177	\$266.10





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Sister Maie Shelton.

From Mountain—Minutes.

From Indian Creek—Elders J. I. Bowling and I. W. Kilby and Sister Kilby.

From Saint's Delight Church—None.

From Newport—Elders W. W. Roberts and M. L. Simons and Brother Quinn.

From St. Claires Bottom—None.

From Roaring River—None.

From Abbott's Creek—Brother Gilmer Willard.

10. We received a file of Minutes from Fisher's River, St. Claires Bottom, Va.; Roaring River, Mountain District, Center District, Indian Creek, and Upper Mayo.

11. The circular letter was called for and referred to the committee on arrangements.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23

The Association was opened by praise and prayer by Elder I. W. Kilby.

12. Called on committee on arrangements to report. The report was received and committee discharged.

13. Called on finance committee to report.

Sent in from churches.....	\$326.00
Balance from last year	125.85
Total	<u>\$451.85</u>

14. Called messengers' name and noted absentees.

15. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Their report was received.

16. The circular letter was received and ordered printed in these Minutes.

17. Appointed correspondents to sister associations as follows:

To Fisher's River—Elder L. G. Cashion and Deacon C. B. Owen.

To St. Claires Bottom, Va.—Elder L. G. Cashion.

To New River—Minutes.

To Roaring River—Elders D. P. Broadway and L. G. Cashion and Brother Clarence Livengood.

To Mountain District—Elder D. P. Broadway and Brethren Clarence Livengood and C. B. Owen.

To Center District—Elder D. P. Broadway, Licentiate P. H. Young and Brother J. W. Williams.

To Upper Mayo—Licentiate P. H. Young and Brethren C. B. and H. C. Owen.

18. Appointed Brother Clarence Livengood to write our next circular letter.

Our collections and disbursements are as follows:

Sent in by churches	\$326.00	
Balance from last year	125.85	
		\$451.85
Gave to ministers		\$157.00
Gave the moderator		15.00
Gave the clerk		15.00
Printing and mailing minutes		30.00
Donated on new church building at Sandy Creek		140.00
Balance left over		94.85
		\$451.85

19. Agreed that our next association be held with Cotton Creek church, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1948, and continue three days.

Elder D. P. Broadway is to preach the introductory sermon. Elder L. G. Cashion is the alternate.

20. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of 600 copies of these minutes and \$30.00 be allowed for printing and mailing.

21. Allowed the moderator and clerk \$15.00 each for their services.

22. Called on presbyteries to report.

Deacon C. B. Owen reported the ordination of Brother B. F. Cochran to the office of deacon at Cotton Creek church on Sunday, July 27, 1947; also Brother C. A. Livengood of Salisbury church was ordained to the office of deacon on Sunday, July 6, 1947.

23. The association extends thanks to God for His wonderful blessings with which He blessed our ministers to declare His counsel and His children to hear the same, and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their h6spitality and kindness during this meeting.

24. After the minutes were read and approved the association adjourned to time and place appointed.

Dismissed by song, and prayer by Elder C. D. Hall.

ELDER D. P. BROADWAY, Moderator, Salisbury, N. C.

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CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Ministers and Messengers, and all who compose the 122nd session of the Abbott's Creek Association—GREETINGS:

I was chosen at our last meeting to write a circular letter for this session. There has been much said about what a circular letter is for; I think it is a letter that bears the same message to a group of people. I never felt more unqualified for the task. I hope the Lord will bless my undertaking.

Brethren, our Association is in a very peaceful condition. This meeting is not one to be dreaded for fear of confusion, but one that we have been looking forward to with our minds set on meeting our brethren and sisters from the different parts of the state. We appreciate the presence of our visitors, especially the ministers and we hope they have come laden with the true gospel which does not divide the flock. All of our correspondents know what we believe; also our enemies know what we believe and practice. Brethren, the greatest peace move among Primitive Baptists who are in disorder would be church discipline. The ministers should be disciplined when necessary. In my opinion some churches have made mistakes in ordaining Licentiate, when only one or two request their ordination. I still believe in the Scripture that reads, "Lay hands suddenly on no man." Much trouble could be avoided by waiting until the church of their membership call a presbytery. They should be men who are well acquainted with the one to be ordained, and they should act on their own judgment as to the qualification. I am writing from experience, which is the best teacher. Brethren our duty does not end when our name is entered on the church book, but has just begun. Don't let anything keep you from attending your church meetings, except sickness or death. We are judged by our fruits, and some of the fruits are regular attendance, help to take care of the expenses of the church. Don't wait to be begged for a donation. Don't become a dead limb in the tree. The church might awake to its duty and do some trimming. The more one stays away from the church, the less he cares for the church. Don't forget this. It takes live members to make a live church. Don't stay away from your church until you forget the smell of pomegranites, and the sound of golden bells. Don't be one that shakes hands with their pastor and tell him you enjoyed his sermon; other professions do that well, go one better than they. Prove your faith by your works, where there is little sacrifice, there is but little gained. Lord help us to know Thy will, and give us a will to perform it.

We appreciate all who come to our association. They had to make a sacrifice and we hope they will not regret it. May the Lord care for their loved ones who stayed at home bearing the burdens while they are here serving the Lord as well as us. We hope to show our appreciation for their visit with us and we know you had to make a sacrifice to be here. We have invited good sound ministry and we want them to feel free to express their views in the light of the Gospel. I might add here that we have no grindstones here, so if one comes with an axe to grind we cannot accommodate him. We still stand on this firm foundation, that every church is a sovereign body, and that the association is not a supreme court.

Brethren, we love peace and invite all peace loving Baptists to visit us when you can. Our ministers should visit sister associations if we expect to have them visit us. We are not perfect and liable to make mistakes, but we stand ready to right our wrongs and make amends for them.

If this letter is received it will be for love for the cause, and pity for the writer. May the Lord bless you all with peace and love for and with each other. Your brother in a sweet hope.

C. B. OWEN.

1513 First Street, Salisbury, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING

Opened by Elder George Denny.
Elder L. G. Cashion, Hebrews 9:2.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Elder Eddie Martin, Mary shall bring forth a child and His name shall be called Jesus.

Elder Len Wilkins, If it be so, let the wool be wet with dew in the morning and the ground dry round about.

SATURDAY MORNING

Elder W. W. Roberts. Clerk failed to get text.

Elder J. I. Bowling. Clerk failed to get text.

Elder C. D. Hall, I will leave in the midst of thee a poor and afflicted people.

Elder G. T. Roten, Pity me oh my friends, for the hand of God hath touched me.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Elder M. L. Simmons, Isaiah 40:1-2.

Elder I. W. Kilby, Isaiah 8:20.

Elder J. W. Tuttle, Corinthians 2.

Elder W. J. Brown, I charge thee before God, etc.

SUNDAY MORNING

Opened by Licentiate P. H. Young.

Elder F. R. Moore, Sol. 5:6-8.

Elder R. E. Douglass, Matthew 1:1.

Elder C. B. Kilby. No certain text.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Elder George Denny. Clerk failed to get text.

Elder D. P. Broadway, Therefore, if a man be in Christ Jesus, etc

MINISTERS IN OUR ASSOCIATION

Elder D. P. Broadway, Salisbury, N. C.

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF VISITING MINISTERS

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 Elder L. J. Martin, Mayodan, N. C.
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 Elder J. W. Tuttle, Danbury, N. C.
 Elder W. J. Brown, Rural Hall, N. C.
 Elder Weldon Tuttle, Greensboro, N. C.

Minutes To Sister Associations

To St. Claires Bottom—C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.....	25
To Mountain District—J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.	40
To Fishers River—G. I. Key, Ararat, N. C.	40
To Upper Mayo—Elder J. A. Fagg, Winston-Salem, N. C.	40
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To Center Association—F. T. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.....	25
To Eastern Carolina—Elder S. B. Denny, Wilson, N. C....	20

Minutes To Sister Churches

Flat Creek—Grant Burrage, Richfield, N. C., Route 1 ...	25
Sandy Creek—Gurney U. Nance, Cedar Falls, N. C.....	20
White Oak Springs—T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	30
Salisbury—C. B. Owen, 1513 First St., Salisbury, N. C....	45
Pierce's Chapel—E. L. Summey, Trinity, N. C., Route 1...	15
Cotton Creek—Lula Maness, Star, N. C.	30
Pleasant Hill—F. L. Helm, Mooresville, N. C.	50
Pine Meeting—C. G. Yarbrough, Linwood, N. C., Route 1	50
Saints Delight—C. F. Shields, Kernersville, N. C.	20
No Creek—Minnie Nance, Mocksville, N. C.	20
Abbott's Creek—Janie Moore, Kernersville, N. C.....	20
Morehead City—Elder W. W. Roberts, Newport, N. C....	15

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Pierce's Chapel	E. L. Summey							3	\$ 6.00
No Creek	Represented by contribution								\$ 2.00
White Oak Springs	Jesse Mabe*, Alpha Mabe*, Jettie Bondurant*	2					1	18	\$ 35.00
Abbott's Creek	Represented by contribution								\$ 2.00
Saints Delight	Represented by contribution								\$ 2.00
Flat Creek	Grant Burrage, J. A. Burrage, Oscar Snider							19	\$ 28.50
Sandy Creek	Joe Nance, John Fox, Gurney Nance						1	13	\$ 21.50
Pleasant Hill	C. R. Helms, F. L. Helms, Harrison Compton							39	\$ 72.00
• Pine Meeting House	E. F. Yarbrough, P. H. Young, H.A. Williams	1					1	42	\$ 22.00
Cotton Creek	B. F. Cochran, Mattie Archbell, Lula M. Owen						1	10	\$ 61.00
	* Absentees.	5				2	5	174	\$326.00
	TOTALS								

Solisberg	70.00
Waterman	61.00
Present Hill	58.00
Waterman eggs	46.00
Hot Creek	32.50
Old Millery House	18.00
Sandy Creek	152.50
Leaves & Hops	5.00
MO Creek	7.00
Saints Delight	2.00
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Waterman Creek	100.00
Old Millery	125.00
MO	25.00
Leaves	25.00
Creek	350.00
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PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20, 1948

1. After praise and prayer by Elder L. G. Cashion, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. P. Broadway.

2. After intermission of one hour, the messengers from the several churches met in the house. The business session was opened by praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Fagg. The letters from the several churches were called for and read. All messengers were seated.

3. Elected Elder D. P. Broadway moderator.

4. On motion, the rules of decorum were not read but were ordered printed in these minutes.

5. Appointed the finance committee as follows: C. B. Owen and J. W. Williams.

6. Appointed committee to distribute the minutes from sister associations as follows: Gurnie Nance, J. A. Williams.

7. Appointed preaching committee as follows: C. R. Helms, Eugene Walser, and Clarence Livengood.

8. Appointed committee on arrangements as follows: Joe Nance, Lester Helms, and Elder H. G. Cashion.

9. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

10. Invited correspondents to seats.

From St. Clair's Bottom: Minutes.

From Fisher's River: Minutes.

From Center: Sister Callie Seafort, Elder G. D. Roten.

From Upper Mayo: Elders G. W. Wood and J. W. Tuttle.

From Roaring River: Elder C. D. Hall.

From Mountain: Elders A. L. Presnell and C. L. Roberts.

From Contentnea: Minutes.

From Flint River: Minutes.

From No Creek church: Brother L. H. Snider and wife, Sister McBride and Sister Fannie Nance.

From Saints' Delight church: Brother John R. Smith and wife, and Brother Allan M. Smith and wife.

Invited visitors to seats.

From Upper Mayo: Elder J. A. Fagg and wife, Elders S. E. Martin and B. L. Tucker, Sister Covington, and several others whose names the clerk failed to get.

From Mountain: None.

From Newport: Elders W. W. Roberts, M. L. Simmons.
From Roaring River: Deacon W. C. Hall.

11. We received a file of minutes from St. Claire's Bottom, New River, Roaring River, Indian Creek, Center, Mountain District, Fisher's River, and Upper Mayo.

12. The circular letter was called for and referred to committee on arrangements.

Closed by Elder M. L. Simmons.

SATURDAY MORNING. AUGUST 21

The association was opened by praise and prayer by Elder C. D. Hall.

13. Called on committee on arrangements to report. The report was received and committee discharged.

14. Called on finance committee to report.

Sent in from the churches	\$309.75
Balance from last year	94.85

Total	\$404.60
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15. Called messengers' names and noted absentees.

16. Called on correspondents to report. Their report was received.

17. The circular letter was received and ordered printed in these minutes.

18. Appointed correspondents to sister associations as follows:

To Fisher's River: Elder D. P. Broadway and brethren C. A. Livengood and C. B. Owen.

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To Roaring River: Elder L. G. Cashion and Brother C. A. Livengood.

To Mountain District: Elder D. P. Broadway and brethren C. B. Owen and J. W. Williams.

To Center District: Elders L. G. Cashion and D. P. Broadway and brethren C. B. Owen, J. W. Williams and C. A. Livengood

To Upper Mayo: Elders D. P. Broadway and L. G. Cashion and brethren Gurnie Nance, C. A. Livengood, Eugene Walser, J. A. Williams, H. C. Owen, and C. R. Helms.

19. Appointed Gurnie Nance to write our next circular letter.

20. Our collections and disbursements are as follows:

Sent in from the churches	\$309.75
Balance from last year	94.85
Total	\$404.60
Donated to Cotton Creek church	100.00
Gave visiting ministers	\$135.00
Gave the moderator	25.00
Gave the clerk	25.00
Al'owed for printing minutes	35.00
Balance to be carried over	84.60
Total	\$404.60

21. Agreed that our next association be held with Pine Meeting House, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1949, and continuing three days. This church is located in the town of Churchland on Highway No. 150. Those coming by Salisbury or Lexington will take No. 150 north about half way between the two towns.

Elder J. A. Fagg is to preach the introductory sermon and Elder L. G. Cashion is the alternate.

22. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of 600 copies of these minutes and \$35.00 be allowed for the printing and mailing.

23. Allowed the moderator and clerk \$25.00 each for their services.

24. Called on presbyteries to report. No reports.

25. The association extends thanks to God for His wonderful blessing with which He blessed our ministers to declare His counsel and His children to hear the same, and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting.

26. After the minutes were read and approved the association adjourned to time and place appointed.

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CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Ministers, Messengers and every one that compose the
123d session of the Abbott's Creek Association:
Greetings:---

I was chosen at our last session to write a circular letter
for this session.

I have felt, and do yet feel, too unworthy to undertake a
task like this, since it is my first time to be called on to write
a circular letter.

I hope the Lord will bless my undertaking.

Our association is in peace, and I do thank the Lord for
it from the depth of my heart. We feel that it is our duty to
go to our sister associations, to mingle our voices with them
in songs and prayer.

We do love to have our brethren come from the different
parts of the country and preach at our association.

We love for our brethren and sisters to meet with us in
our home churches. They are welcome as long as they come
in peace and fellowship.

When they come in the name of the Lord, there can be no
trouble.

I have been asked by some people what an association
is. It is a group of people gathered together to hear the gospel
preached and to be fed with manna from heaven.

We do invite visiting ministers to attend our meetings at
is. It is a group of people gathered together to hear the gospel
so that they will not return void.

Brethren, do not stay at home and become as a faulty
apple on the tree, as you know they fall before they get ripe,
therefore they are no good, the same way with members of
the church that seldom go to church. So do not stay away
and be a faulty apple.

I am a little brother in hope, if one at all.

C. A. LIVENGOOD.

Salisbury, N. C., R. F. D.

ORDER OF PREACHING

The association was opened by song and prayer by Elder L. G. Cashion.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. P. Broadway.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Friday afternoon services were opened by Elder J. A. Fagg.

Elder G. D. Roten, John 5:25.

Elder G. W. Wood, "Whom do men say that I am," etc.

SATURDAY MORNING

Elder L. A. Presnell, John 10:16.

Elder M. L. Simmons, Psalm 128.

Elder S. E. Martin, "He spared not His Own Son," etc.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Elder Coy Roberts, Gen. 49:10.

Elder B. L. Tucker, no certain text.

Elder J. A. Fagg, John 21:15-17.

Elder W. W. Roberts, "When the Son of man cometh."

Closed by Elder G. W. Wood.

SUNDAY MORNING

Services opened by Elder G. D. Roten.

Elder J. W. Tuttle, Gallatians 4:5.

Elder C. D. Hall, 1st Cor. 14:8.

Elder M. L. Simmons, 1st Cor. 2:6.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Elder F. R. Moore, Psalms 16:10.

Elder L. G. Cashion, Exodus 3:1.

Elder D. P. Broadway closed the association with a short sermon.

MINISTERS IN OUR ASSOCIATION

Elder D. P. Broadway, Salisbury, N. C.

Elder L. G. Cashion, Archdale, N. C.

Licentiate P. H. Young.

Names and Addresses of Visiting Ministers

Elder W. W. Roberts, Newport, N. C.
 Elder M. L. Simmons, Newport, N. C.
 Elder J. A. Fagg, Winston-Salem, N. C.
 Elder G. D. Roten, West Jefferson, N. C.
 Elder A. L. Presnell, Sparta, N. C.
 Elder B. L. Tucker, Gibsonville, N. C.
 Elder Coy Roberts, Independence, Va.
 Elder J. W. Tuttle, Danbury, N. C.
 Elder S. E. Martin, Mayodan, N. C.
 Elder G. W. Wood, Leaksville, N. C.
 Elder C. D. Hall, Halls Mill, N. C.

Minutes To Sister Associations

To St. Claires Bottom—C. N. Tilson, Chillhowie, Va.	25
To Mountain District—J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.	40
To Fishers River—G. I. Key, Ararat, N. C.	40
To Upper Mayo—Elder J. A. Fagg, Winston-Salem, N. C.	40
To Indian Creek—J. I. Bowling, Beckley, W. Va.	30
To Center Association—F. T. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.	25
To Eastern Carolina—Elder S. B. Denny, Wilson, N. C. ...	20

Minutes To Sister Churches

Flat Creek—Grant Burrage, Richfield, N. C. Route 1	25
Sandy Creek—Gurney U. Nance, Cedar Falls, N. C.	20
White Oak Springs—T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	30
Salisbury—C. B. Owen, 1513 First Street, Salisbury, N. C.	45
Pierce's Chapel—E. L. Summey, Trinity, N. C., Route 1 ...	15
Cotton Creek—Lula Maness, Star, N. C.	30
Pleasant Hill—F. L. Helm, Mooresville, N. C.	50
Pine Meeting—C. G. Yarbrough, Linwood, N. C., Route 1 ...	50
Saints Delight—C. F. Shields, Kernersville, N. C.	20
No Creek—Minnie Nance, Mocksville, N. C.	20
Abbott's Creek—Janie Moore, Kernersville, N. C.	20
Morehead City—Elder W. W. Robertts, Newport, N. C.	15

CONSTITUTION OF THE ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
4. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.
5. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world.
6. We believe that God's elect who are sinners of Adam's fallen family, are in His good time effectually called and justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received by faith alone, which faith is productive of good works.
7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.
8. We believe baptism by immersion according to the Scriptures, and the Lord's Supper are both ordinances of Jesus Christ, and belong to the believers only.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust and in the final judgment.
10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinance but such as are regularly baptized and come under imposition of hands of the presbytery.
11. We also believe that an association has no right to assume any authority over churches, but only sit as an advisory council, and shall not impose measures on churches without their knowledge and consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The association shall be opened by singing and prayer by the Moderator or some person by him chosen, letters to be called or and the association organized.
2. A moderator shall be chosen by the members of the association at each meeting, whose duty it shall be to keep good order, explain and put questions, administer reproof and announce decisions.
3. Call for corresponding letters of ministers. Invite the messengers to seats who shall be entitled to equal privileges in the association with members composing it, except in appointing the place to hold the association.
4. Inviting visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges with corresponding messengers.
5. Any member in the association shall have liberty to speak by rising and addressing the Moderator, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless called to order by the Moderator, or some member, and if called to order may appeal to the association for their decision for the propriety of the call.
6. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the association.
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8. It shall be the duty of every member to vote on a question when put except the moderator who shall vote only when the association is equally divided, then he shall give the deciding vote.
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13. The association may appoint a clerk as often as they may deem it necessary, whose duty it shall be to enroll the names of the messengers, minute the state of the churches and keep regular record of the proceedings of the association.

STATISTICAL TABLE 1948

CHURCHES	MESSENGRS	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Contributions
Salisbury	H. C. Owen, C. A. Livengood, C. B. Owen	2					1	32	\$ 70.00
Pierces Chapel	E. L. Summey, Bessie Summey							3	5.00
No Creek	Represented by contribution								7.00
White Oak Springs	Frank Ward, Jesse Mabe, Jettie Bondurant							18	41.00
Abbotts Creek	Not represented								
Saints Delight	Represented by contribution								2.00
Flat Creek	J. A. Burrage, Oscar Snider, Luther Efirid	3			1			23	32.50
Sandy Creek	Joe Nance, Ross Fox, Gurnie Nance						1	13	15.25
Pleasant Hill	C. R. Helms, F. L. Helms, Eld. L. G. Cashion						1	37	58.00
Pine Meeting House	J. A. Williams, J. W. Williams, H. E. Walser						1	41	18.00
Cotton Creek	B. F. Cochran, Lula Owen, Mattie Archbell							10	61.00
	TOTALS	5			1		4	177	\$309.75

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ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROCEEDINGS
FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20, 1954

1. After praise and prayer by Elder L. G. Cashion the introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. P. Broadway followed by Elder L. G. Cashion.

2. After intermission of one hour the messengers from the several churches met in the house. The business session was opened by song and prayer by Elder Gurney Nance.

3. The letters from the different churches were called for, read and their contents noted. All messengers were seated.

4. Petitionary letters called for. None presented.

5. Elder D. P. Broadway was elected Moderator.

6. Appointed finance committee as follows; Deacon C. B. Owens and Brother L. M. Helms.

7. Appointed to Distribute the minutes as follows: Brother H. E. Walser, and Brother H. C. Lee.

8. Appointed the preaching committee as follows: Brother Oscar Snider, Deacon J. W. Williams, Deacon C. A. Livengood, with the Moderator and Clerk.

9. Appointed committee an arrangements as follows: Brother Ross Fox, Deacon F. J. Roberts, and Brother E. L. Summey.

10. Invited corespondents to seats.

From Mayo: Elder F. R. Moore, Elder W. L. Johnson, and Elder Weldon Tuttle.

Invited visitors to seats.

From Mayo: Elder J. A. Fagg, Sister W. L. Johnson, Sister Clark, Deacon W. W. Fagg and others.

From Saints Delight Church: Brother Allen Smith, Brother Johnny Smith, Brother Lester Davis and wife, Brother and Sister Cay Smith and Charlie Shields.

From Holly Grove: Brother Sam Bobby.

From Green Foard: Elder O. S. Young.

11. We received a file of minutes from St. Clairs Bottom District, Mayo, Indian Creek District, Mates Creek District, Roaring River Mountain District.

12. The Circular Letter was called for, turned over to the Committee of Arrangement.

We The Abbott's Creek Association acknowledge the work of the Sister Association in discontinued our Correspondents. But we extend a welcome to them to visit us at any time they have a mind to do so.

Dismissed By Elder W. L. Johnson.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21ST, 1954

13. The business session was opened by song and prayer by Elder W. L. Johnson.

14. Called on committee of Arrangement to report, they reported a regular routine of business.

15. Called on finance committee to report.

Balance from last year	\$101.00
Sent in by churches	232.85

TOTAL	\$333.85
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Gave the Ministers	\$115.00
Gave the Moderator	30.00
Gave the Clerk	25.00
Allowed for printing and postage	40.00
Ice and Other Exp.	5.00
TOTAL	\$215.00

Carried Over	\$118.85
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16. Called messengers names and noted absentees.

17. Called on correspondents to report their report received.

18. The circular letter was approved and ordered printed in this minute.

19. Appointed correspondents to sister association.
Mayo: Elder W. C. McMillan, Elder L. G. Cashion,
Elder P. H. Young.
Fisher River: Minutes.
Roaring River: Minutes.
St. Clairs Bottom: Minutes.
Mountain: Minutes.
Senter: Minutes.
Mates Creek: Minutes.

20. Appointed Brother C. R. Helms to write the circular letters for the next years minutes.

21. Agreed that our next association be held with the church at Pleasant Hill, Iredell County, North Carolina about five miles south of Statesville, and ten miles north of Mooresville.

22. Moved and Second that Elder L. G. Cashion preach the Introductory sermon and Elder W. C. McMillan be the alternate.

23. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of 500 copies of these minutes and \$35.00 be allowed for same and \$5.00 for postage.

24. Allowed the Moderator \$30.00 and the clerk \$25.00 for their service.

25. Called presbyteries to report, no report made.

26. The Association extended thanks to God for his wonderful blessing and to the brethren and sisters and friends of this community for their kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

27. The minutes read approved and ordered printed.

28. Adjourned to time and place appointed. Dismissed by:

ELDER D. P. BROADWAY, Moderator, Salisbury, N. C.

DEACON ELMER F. YARBROUGH, Clerk, R. F. D. Rt. 1, Lindwood, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING, AUGUST 20, 1954

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20, 1954

Elder D. P. Broadway—1st Cor. 3:15, If any mans work shall be burned. He shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved yet so as by fire.

Elder L. G. Cashion—St. Mark 16:15, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

FRIDAY EVENING

Elder O. S. Young—I St. Epistle John. 1:3, That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the father and with his son Jesus Christ.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21, 1954

Service was opened by song and prayer—Elder W. L. Johnson.

Elder W. C. McMillan—Isaiah 1:19, 20. If you be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land. But if ye refuse and rebel ye shall be devoured with the sword for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Elder O. S. Young—Mat. 11:28. Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I give you rest.

SATURDAY EVENING

Licensed J. A. Langham—Romans 8:14. For as many as are led by the spirit of God they are the sons of God.

Elder W. L. Johnson—Matthew 24:.

Elder Bernie Leonard—Isaiah 2:2. And it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lords house shall be established in the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills and all nations shall flow unto it.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT PINE MEETING HOUSE

Service opened by Elder W. C. McMillan.

Elder W. L. Johnson—Matthew 25:1. Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Elder L. G. Cashion — Psalm 1:1. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly nor standeth in the way of the sinners nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22, 1954

Elder F. R. Moore—Ezekiel 37:3. And he said unto me son of man can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God thou knowest.

Elder J. A. Fagg—Acts 15:18. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

Deacon W. W. Fagg—5:16. Let your light so shine before man that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven.

Elder Coy Mabe—Matthew 19:14. Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Dismissed by Elder J. A. Fagg.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Ministers, Messengers and Brethren Who Compose The Abbott's Creek Primitive Baptist Association:

As I was appointed last year to write the Circular letter, I now make the attempt. Trusting I hope in the Blessed Lord to direct my thoughts. I so kindly feel my weakness and inability to write.

For several days the poem or song "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord" has been on my mind. This song expresses my feelings toward the church better than I can express them myself. I have a hope in my breast that I do love the Church and have a desire to be at the feet of my brethren as I feel each one to be so much better than I, we should put forth every effort possible to look over our brethren for good and not for evil and show by our acts that we do love the Kingdom, the house to worship God in spirit and in truth, for there is no greater Kingdom on earth than the church. When we can be in sweet communion with our brethren we can forget the trials and heartaches of the life when we meet in our association and our regular church meetings there would be no confession and we could rejoice in a Savior's love.

I greatly enjoy having our brethren visit us in our church meetings and the association and truly hope this meeting will prove a blessing to us all and all who meet with us can give God the glory and say it is good to be here.

May we be blessed with the spirit of the Lord to stand firm on the true principles of this great Kingdom ever trusting the Lord to direct our footsteps. Truly hoping these few remarks will not offend any one.

Your Brother in hope. F. J. Roberts

NAMES OF OUR MINISTERS

- Elder D. P. Broadway, Salisbury, N. C.
Elder L. G. Cashion, Archdale Road, High Point, N. C.
Elder W. C. McMillan, Rt. 1, Trinity, N. C.
Elder Gurney Nance, Cedar Falls, N. C.
Elder P. H. Young Rt. 1, Linwood, N. C.

VISITING MINISTERS

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| Elder J. A. Fagg | Elder F. R. Moore |
| Elder Coy Mabe | Elder O. S. Young |
| Elder Weldon Tuttle | Licentates J. A. Langham |
| Deacon W. W. Fagg | |

COMMUNION

Time of Communion of the Different Churches

- White Oak Springs—Third Sunday in June
Cotton Creek—Third Sunday in July
Flat Creek—Second Sunday in May
Sandy Creek—Third Sunday in June
Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in June
Pine Meeting House—First Sunday in June
Salisbury—First Sunday in May.

Minutes To Sister Associations

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| To Mates Creek District—Elder W. H. Thacker,
McAndrews, Kentucky | 10 |
| To Roaring River—Elder A. T. Whittington, North
Wilkesboro, N. C. | 25 |
| To St. Claires Botton—C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va. | 20 |
| To Mountain District—Elder C.B. Kilby, Rt. 3, Sparta,
N. C. | 30 |
| To Fisher River—G. I. Key, Ararat, N. C. | 30 |
| To Mayo—W. W. Fagg, Woodland Road, Winston-
Salem, N. C. | 30 |
| To Indian Creek—J. R. Lilly, Box 136 Hinton, W. Va. | 25 |
| To Senter Association—F. T. Miller, Wagoner, N. C. | 25 |
| To New River—Elder J. A. Harris, Willis, Va. | 20 |

Minutes To Sister Churches

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To Sandy Creek—Gurney Nance, Cedar Falls, N. C.	30
To White Oak Springs—T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	30
To Salisbury—C. B. Owens, 1513 First St. Salisbury, N. C.	45
Pierce's Chapel—E. L. Summey, Trinity, N. C. Rt. 1	15
Cotton Creek—E. E. McCelister, Star, N. C.	30
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MINUTES

OF THE
ONE-HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH
ANNUAL SESSION

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Primitive Baptist
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HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Pleasant Hill

Iredell County, North Carolina

Commencing on Friday Before the Fourth Sunday
in August, 1955.

OFFICERS

Elder D. P. Broadway, Moderator..... Salisbury, N. C.
Brother Reid I. Blevins, Clerk..... Rt. 7, Box 547, Salisbury, N. C.

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
ABBOT'S CREEK UNION
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning, August 26, 1955

1. After praise and prayer by Elder D. P. Broadway the introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. G. Cashion. Text: Matthew 5:11.

2. After intermission of one hour, the messengers from several churches met in the house. The business session was opened by song and prayer by Elder L. G. Cashion.

3. Letters from the different churches were called for, read and their contents noted. All messengers seated that desired a seat; however, White Oak Springs and Pine Meeting House asked for dismissal from this association and on unanimous decision, dismissals were granted.

4. Petitionary letters called for. None were presented.

5. Election of Moderator and Clerk.

Elder D. P. Broadway stated: "Before you elect your Moderator and Clerk, we want to confess that for the past two years we have carried a burden and have labored with the Mayo Association over the fact that some of their members are affiliating with the Bear Creek and New River Associations, which have disregarded rules of church discipline by receiving members who have been excluded from other orderly churches. Our labor was to no avail, and thus we ask the visiting brethren and former correspondents to forgive us and seat with us." All correspondents and visiting brethren present forgave us and asked to be seated.

On motion and second, Elder D. P. Broadway, was elected Moderator and Brother Reid Irvin Blevins, was elected Clerk.

6. On motion and second, the Moderator was authorized to make all committee appointments, which were made as follows:

Finance Committee: Deacons C. B. Owen and F. J. Roberts; Committee to Distribute Minutes: Brethren E. L. Summey and H. A. Helms.

Preaching Committee: Deacons C. A. Livengood and Lester Helms, with the Moderator and Clerk.

Committee on Arrangements: Deacon L. V. Hall, Brother H. C. Compton and Brother L. R. Mabe, with the Moderator and Clerk.

7. Invited correspondents to seats. It was moved, second, and carried to suspend correspondents with the Mayo Association until satisfaction is made with our correspondents.

8. Invited visitors from Sister Associations to seats: Elder Ed Davis, Elder G. D. Roten and Elder P. T. McNeil from Senter Association.

Elder Ed Douglas, Brother L. M. Reeves and wife, Brother J. R. Crouse, Brother Lonnie Carico and Brother Will Collins from the Mountain Association.

Elder A. T. Whittington, Brother W. C. Hall and Brother J. E. Coffey from Roaring River.

Elder M. L. Simmons and wife, Brother Quinn and others from Newport Church.

Brother Charlie Shields and wife, Brother Roy Vernon and wife, Brother Coy Smith and wife and many others from St. Delight Church.

Brother H. L. Snider, Brother Hubert Forest and many others from No Creek Church.

9. We received minutes from St. Clairs Bottom, Indian Creek, Mayo and Roaring River Associations.

10. Circular letter called for. None presented. Adjourned until Saturday Morning at 10:00 by Elder Ed. Davis.

Saturday Morning, August 27, 1955

11. The business session was opened with song and prayer by Elder M. L. Simmons.

12. Called for Committee on Arrangements to report.

They reported a regular routine of business.

13. Called for Finance Committee to report.

Balance for last year.....	\$118.85
Sent in by churches this year.....	176.00
TOTAL.....	<u>\$294.85</u>

Gave to ministers.....	\$123.00
Gave to moderator.....	30.00
Gave to clerk.....	25.00
Allowed for printing and postage.....	45.00
Gave to Elder Walter McMillan.....	20.00
Association expenses.....	25.00
TOTAL.....	\$268.00
CARRIED OVER.....	\$ 26.85

14. Called messengers names and noted absentees.

(See statistical table)

15. Called on correspondents to report. None reported.

16. There was no circular letter.

17. Appointed correspondents to Sister Associations as follows:

FISHER'S RIVER — MINUTES

Roaring River—Elder G. E. Nance, Deacon C. A. Livengood, Brother L. R. Mabe and minutes.

St. Clair's Bottom—Elder G. E. Nance, Brother L. R. Mabe and minutes.

Mountain—Elders L. G. Cashion and D. P. Broadway and Deacons C. B. Owen and C. A. Livengood and minutes.

Senter—Elders D. P. Broadway and G. E. Nance, Deacon C. B. Owen, Brethren L. R. Mabe, R. V. Hall and Reid I. Blevins, and minutes.

MATES CREEK — MINUTES

18. Appointed Deacon C. B. Owen to write the next Circular Letter.

19. Agreed that the next Association be held with the Flat Creek Church, in Rowan County, located two miles below High Rock Dam. The Association will begin on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1956 and continue three days.

20. It was moved, second and carried that Elder D. P. Broadway preach the introductory sermon and Elder L. G. Cashion, alternate.

21. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of 500 copies of these minutes and \$40.00 be allowed for same and \$5.00 for postage.

22. Allowed the moderator \$30.00 and the clerk \$25.00 for their services.

23. Called Presbyteries to report. None reported.

24. The Association extends thanks to God for His wonderful blessings and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

25. Minutes read, approved and ordered printed.

26. Adjourned to time and place appointed. Dismissed by Elder Ed Douglas with song and prayer.

Elder D. P. Broadway, Moderator, Salisbury, N. C.

Brother Reid I. Blevins, Clerk, Rt. 7, Box 547, Salisbury, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Ministers and Messengers, and all who compose the 130th session of the Abbott's Creek Association—GREETINGS:

I was chosen at our last meeting to write a circular letter for this session. There has been much said about what a circular letter is for; I think it is a letter that bears the same message to a group of people. I never felt more unqualified for the task. I hope the Lord will bless my undertaking.

Brethren, our Association is in a very peaceful condition. This meeting is not one to be dreaded for fear of confusion, but one that we have been looking forward to with our minds set on meeting our brethren and sisters from the different parts of the state. We appreciate the presence of our visitors, especially the ministers and we hope they have come laden with the true gospel which does not divide the flock. All of our correspondents know what we believe; also our enemies know what we believe and practice. Brethren, the great peace move among Primitive Baptists who are in disorder would be church discipline. The ministers should be disciplined when necessary. In my opinion some churches have made mistakes in ordaining Licentiates, when only one or two request their ordination. I still believe in the Scripture that reads, "Lay hands suddenly on no man." Much trouble could be avoided by waiting until the church of their membership call a presbytery. They should be men who are well acquainted with the one to be ordained, and they should act on their own judgment as to the qualification. I am writing from experience, which is the best teacher. Brethren our duty does not end when our name is entered on the church book, but has just begun. Don't let anything keep you from attending your church meeting, except sickness or death. We are judged by our fruits, and some of the fruits are regular attendance, help to take care of the expenses of the church. Don't wait to be begged for a donation. Don't become a dead limb in the tree. The church might awake to its duty and do some trimming. The more one stays away from the church, the less he cares for the church. Don't forget this. It takes live members to make a live church. Don't stay away from your church until you forget the smell of pomegranites, and the sound of golden bells. Don't be one that shakes hands with the pastor and tell him you enjoyed his sermon; other professions do that well, go one better than they. Prove your faith by your works, where there is little sacrifice, there is but little gained. Lord help us to know Thy will, and give us a will to perform it.

Order of Preaching

Friday Morning, August 26, 1955

Elder L. G. Cashion.....Matthew 5:11

Friday Afternoon

Elder A. T. Whittington....."I Am The Way, Etc."

Elder O. S. Young.....(Failed to Get Text)

Friday Night

Elder Ed. Davis preached at the home of Brother Meade Compton

Saturday Morning, August 27, 1955

Elder P. T. McNeil.....St. Matthew 25:23

Elder G. D. Roten.....Revelations 22:5

Elder M. L. Simmons.....Isaiah, 40th Chapter

Saturday Afternoon

Elder Ed. Davis.....Acts 7:44

Elder O. S. Young.....122nd Psalm

Saturday Night at Salisbury Church

Elder M. L. Simmons.....Revelations 22:17

Elder Ed Douglas.....(No Certain Text)

Sunday Morning, August 28, 1955

Services were opened by Elder L. G. Cashion with song and prayer.

Elder Ed Douglas.....2nd Timothy 2:19

Elder M. L. Simmons.....Romans 8:14

Elder G. E. Nance.....St. John 17:4, 5

Sunday Afternoon

Elder D. P. Broadway.....St. John 5:4, 5, 6, 7

Elder L. G. Cashion.....Genesis, 37th Chapter

Dismissed by song and prayer by Elder L. G. Cashion.

Names of Our Ministers

Elder D. P. Broadway.....Salisbury, N. C.

Elder L. G. Cashion.....Archdale Road, High Point, N. C.

Elder W. C. McMillan.....Rt. 1, Trinity, N. C.

Elder G. E. Nance.....Cedar Falls, N. C.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder Ed Davis	Elder A. T. Whittington
Elder G. D. Roten	Elder O. S. Young
Elder P. T. McNeil	Elder M. L. Simmons
Elder Ed Douglas	

Time of Communion of the Different Churches

Cotton Creek.....	Third Sunday in July
Flat Creek.....	Second Sunday in May
Sandy Creek.....	Third Sunday in June
Pleasant Hill.....	Fourth Sunday in June

Minutes to Sister Associations

To Mates Creek District—Elder W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky.....	25
To Roaring River—Elder A. T. Whittington, North Wilkerboro, N. C....	33
To St. Clairs Bottom—Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.....	25
To Fisher River—O. W. Sisk, King, N. C.....	25
To Mountain District, L. M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C.....	33
To Senter Association—F. F. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.....	34
To Mayo Association—W. W. Fagg, Woodland Road, Winston-Salem, N. C.....	25
To M. L. Simmons—Newport, N. C.....	15

Minutes to Sister Churches

Salisbury—First Sunday in May

To Flat Creek—Grant Burrage, Rt. 1, Richfield, N. C.....	45
To Sandy Creek—Elder G. E. Nance, Cedar Falls, N. C.....	45
To Salisbury—C. B. Owen, 1513 S. First St., Salisbury, N. C.....	50
To Pierce's Chapel—E. L. Summey, Rt. 1, Trinity, N. C.....	15
To Cotton Creek—Mrs. E. E. McAlister, Rt. 1, Biscoe, N. C.....	15
To Pleasant Hill—L. M. Helms, Mooresville, N. C.....	50

CONSTITUTION OF THE ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
4. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.
5. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world.

6. We believe that God's elect who are sinners of Adam's fallen family, are in His good time effectually called and justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received by faith alone, which faith is productive of good works.

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

8. We believe baptism by immersion according to the Scriptures, and the Lord's Supper are both ordinances of Jesus Christ, and belong to the believers only.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust and in the final judgment.

10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinance but such as are regularly baptized and come under imposition of hands of the presbytery.

11. We also believe that an association has no right to assume any authority over churches, but only sit as an advisory council, and shall not impose measures on churches without their knowledge and consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened by singing and prayer by the Moderator or some person by him chosen, letters to be called for and the Association organized.

2. A Moderator shall be chosen by the members of the Association at each meeting, whose duty it shall be to keep good order, explain and put questions, administer reproof and announce decisions.

3. Call for corresponding letters or ministers. Invite the messengers to seats who shall be entitled to equal privileges in the Association with members composing it, except in appointing the place to hold the Association.

4. Inviting visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges with corresponding messengers.

5. Any member in the Association shall have liberty to speak by rising and addressing the Moderator, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless called to order by the Moderator, or some member, and if called to order may appeal to the Association for their decision for the propriety of the call.

6. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

7. During the sitting of the Association a respectable decency becoming saints shall be preserved, forbearing to disrespect or interrupt each other while speaking. Proper attention shall be paid to the speaker. All walking about, whispering or talking in time of conference is to be avoided. Members may leave by consent of the Association.

8. It shall be the duty of every member to vote on a question when put except the Moderator who shall vote only when the Association is equally divided, then he shall give the deciding vote.

9. A majority vote shall decide all matters which may come before them.
10. No query shall be debated except sent in from a church or brought in by the committee on arrangements.

11. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, and the minutes distributed according to the contribution.

12. These rules are subject to alteration or amendment when two-thirds of the Association may think necessary.

13. The Association may appoint a clerk as often as they may deem it necessary, whose duty it shall be to enroll the names of the messengers, minute the state of the churches and keep regular record of the proceedings of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Rec'd by	Letter	Dismissed	Restored	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Contributions
		Experience	by					Membership	
Salisbury	C. A. Livengood, C. B. Owen, Reid Blevins	3					2	38	\$ 65.00
Sandy Creek	Elder G. E. Nance, L. R. Mabe, L. V. Hall	1	2				1	20	\$ 8.00
Flat Creek	F. J. Roberts, Zimmie Lowery*, Oscar Snider			2			1	24	\$ 32.00
Pleasant Hill	H. L. Helms, A. J. Helms, H. C. Compton						1	35	\$ 50.00
Cotton Creek	E. E. McAlister*, Ruth Stout*, Mattie Maness*							5	\$ 10.00
Pierce Chapel	E. L. Summey, Bessie Summey							3	\$ 5.00
Absentees Marked*		4	2	2			5	125	\$170.00
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HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Flat Creek

Rowan County, North Carolina

Commencing on Friday Before the Fourth Sunday

In August, 1956

OFFICERS

- Elder D. P. Broadway, Moderator.....Salisbury, N. C.
- Brother Reid I. Blevins, Clerk.....Rt. 7, Box 547, Salisbury, N. C.

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST
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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning, August 24, 1956

1. After Praise and Prayer by Elder Walter W. Evans, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. P. Broadway. Text, First Corinthians 1:30.

2. After intermission of one hour, the Messengers from several churches met in the house. The business session was opened by song and prayer by Elder M. M. Denning.

3. Letters from the different churches were called for, read and their contents noted. All Messengers were seated.

4. Petitionary letters called for. None presented.

5. Election of Moderator and Clerk. On motion and second, Elder D. P. Broadway was elected Moderator and Brother Reid Irvin Blevins, Clerk.

6. On motion and second, Elder D. P. Broadway was authorized to make all committee appointments, which were made as follows:

- (a) Finance Committee: Deacons A. J. Helms and F. J. Roberts.
- (b) Committee to Distribute Minutes: Brethren J. L. Coble and Dave Arey.
- (c) Preaching Committee: Elder G. E. Nance, Brother Oscar Snyder, Deacon C. A. Livengood, with the Moderator and Clerk.
- (d) Committee on Arrangements: Deacon L. R. Mabe, C. B. Owen, Brother A. W. Perkins, with the Moderator and Clerk.

7. Invited Correspondents to seats:

Roaring River Association: Deacons W. C. Hall and J. F. Coffey.

St. Clair's Bottom Association: Elder H. M. Blevins, Brother Hughie Blevins, and Brother Vernie Heath.

Mountain District Association: Elder Walter W. Evans, Brethren W. H. Collins, Lon M. Reeves, L. E. Carico, C. A. Lawson.

Senter Association: Elder Ed Davis, Brethren Rex Jones and G. O. Blevins.

8. Invited visitors from sister Associations to seats:

Roaring River Association: Sister Ruth Coffey.

Mountain District Association: Brother G. R. Douglas, Sisters Lelia Crouse, Carrie Edwards and Madge Reeves.

Senter Association: Brother Harm Bare.

Newport Church: Elder M. L. Simmons, Brother W. W. Quinn, Sister Alice Simmons.

Green Ford Church: Elder O. S. Young.

Cleveland Church: Elder M. M. Denning.

St. Delight Church: Deacon Charlie Shields and wife, Deacon Roy Vernon and wife, Brother Dean Smith and daughter, Elder B. O. Leonard, Brother Kennedy, and many others.

Buffalo Church: Brother R. E. Joyce and wife.

White Oak Springs Church: Brethren Ave Mabe, Tom Priddy, Hobert Bondurant, Sister Ward, and many others.

No Creek Church: Deacon L. H. Snider, Brother W. R. Snider, Sister Hendrix, and others.

9. We received Minutes from Indian Creek, Mates Creek District, St. Clair's Bottom, Mountain District Associations.

10. Circular letters called for. None presented.

Adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 by Elder D. P. Broadway.

Saturday Morning, August 25, 1956

11. The business session was opened by song and prayer by Elder Wesley W. Fagg.

12. Called for Committee on Arrangements to report. They reported a regular routine of business.

13. Called for Finance Committee to report.

Balance from Last Year.....	\$ 26.85
Sent in by Churches, Brethren and Friends....	176.50

\$203.35

Gave to Ministers.....	100.00
Gave to Moderator.....	25.00
Gave to Clerk.....	25.00
Allowed for Printing and Postage.....	45.00

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Carried Over.....\$ 8.35

14. Called Messengers' names and noted absentees. No absentees. (See statistical table.)
15. Called for Correspondents to report.
16. Moved and seconded that a copy from past Minutes be received and printed in these Minutes for this year's Circular Letter.
17. Appointed correspondents to Sister Associations as follows:
 - Roaring River: Elder L. G. Cashion, Deacon C. A. Livengood, Elder G. E. Nance, Deacon L. R. Mabe.
 - St. Clair's Bottom: Elder D. P. Broadway, Deacon C. B. Owen.
 - Mountain: Elder D. P. Broadway and C. R. Helms.
 - Sender: Elder D. P. Broadway, Deacon C. A. Livengood, Brother Reid Blevins, Elder G. E. Nance, Deacon L. R. Mabe.
18. Appointed Brother Oscar Snider to write the next Circular Letter.
19. Agreed that our next Association be held with the Sandy Creek Church, Randolph County, North Carolina, about 4 miles west of Liberty, N. C. The Association will begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1957, and continue three days.
20. It was moved and seconded that Elder L. G. Cashion preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder G. E. Nance, Alternate.
21. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of 500 copies of these Minutes and \$40.00 be allowed for same and \$5.00 for postage.
22. Allowed the Moderator \$25 and the Clerk \$25.00 for their services.
23. Called for Presbyteries to report. A Presbytery consisting of Elders D. P. Broadway, L. G. Cashion, A. T. Whittington, G. E. Nance and Deacons W. C. Hall, J. F. Coffey, Joe Nance and C. B. Owen met with the Church at Sandy Creek, Randolph County, the 19th day of November, 1955, and ordained Brother L. R. Mabe to the office of Deacon.

24. The Association extends thanks to God for His wonderful blessings and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

25. Minutes read, approved, and ordered printed.

26. Adjourned to time and place appointed. Dismissed by Elder J. A. Langham.

ELDER D. P. BROADWAY, *Moderator*
Salisbury, N. C.

BROTHER REID I. BLEVINS, *Clerk*
Route 7, Box 547, Salisbury, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER

(Selected from 1949 Minutes)

To the Ministers, Messengers, and everyone that compose the 131st Session of the Abbott's Creek Association:

I do feel that we have had as good an Association as I have ever been in. It is in peace and love and we thank God for that.

Elder D. P. Broadway, the Moderator of this Association, is a man we all love. And I feel that his road has been rough and rocky. But thanks be unto God, he stands firm and for the truth. We beg God to bless him unto the end.

We invite all of you to come to the Abbott's Creek Association as long as you come in peace. You know as long as we feel like going down and washing one another's feet there will be no trouble. But if we get to feeling a little better than the other brother or sister we will cause trouble.

We beg God to guide us in our Association and protect us from all enemies.

I would like to write just a few lines about old Sandy Creek Church I love so well. While I was across the waters in the last war, I wrote my father and mother that I believed someday I would see the church grow in number and there have been nine with myself to join since I have returned.

We have a good pastor, Elder L. G. Cashion. He has been faithful. I have heard him tell of coming to Sandy Creek when there would only be four or five, and last Sunday the church was almost full and we thank God for that.

We invite all you preaching brethren to come to the Association. We love to hear you preach.

May the goodness and mercies of our God be with you all.

I am one of the least if a brother at all.

GURNEY NANCE
Cedar Falls, N. C.

Order of Preaching

Friday Morning, August 24, 1956

Elder D. P. Broadway.....1st Corinthians 1:30

Friday Afternoon

Elder O. S. Young.....No certain text

Elder Walter W. Evans.....1st Peter, 1:4, 5

Friday Night at Brother Helms Home

Elder M. M. Denning.....2nd Timothy 2:15

Elder O. S. Young.....Did not get Text

Saturday Morning

Elder M. M. Denning.....Romans 1:15, 16, 17

Elder M. L. Simmons....."Be Risen With Him"

Elder Walter W. Evans.....Acts 4:11, 12

Saturday Afternoon

Elder B. O. Leonard.....Hebrews 10:11, 12

Elder H. M. Blevins.....Acts 1:11

Saturday Night at Flat Creek Church

Elder Ed Davis.....Romans 1:16

Elder M. L. Simmons.....Did not get Text

Sunday Morning

Elder Ed Davis.....Ephesians 1:3, 4, 5

Elder L. G. Cashion.....St. John 17:6, 7, 8, 9

Elder J. A. Langham.....James 1:25

Sunday Afternoon

Elder M. L. Simmons.....Isaiah 40:9, 10, 11

Elder O. S. Young.....2nd Timothy 1:2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Elder G. E. Nance.....Isaiah 9:6

Elder D. P. Broadway.....Acts 2:39

Visiting Ministers

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Elder L. G. Cashion.....	Archdale Road, High Point, N. C.
Elder G. E. Nance.....	Cedar Falls, N. C.

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Fisher's River—O. W. Sisk, King, N. C.....	25
Mountain District—L. M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C.....	30
Senter Association—F. F. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.....	30
M. L. Simmons, Newport, N. C.....	15
O. S. Young—Angier, N. C.....	15

Minutes to Sister Churches

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Sandy Creek	L. R. Mabe, Elder Gurney Nance, J. W. Lankford, J. V. Whitten, Alt.	2					1	21	12.50
Flat Creek	F. J. Roberts, Oscar Snider, Dave Arey, Lillie Shaver, Alt.						1	23	42.00
Pleasant Hill	A. J. Helms, C. R. Helms, A. W. Perkins, H. C. Lee, Alt.			1				36	35.00
Cotton Creek	By Contribution							5	10.00
Pierce Chapel	By Contribution							3	5.00
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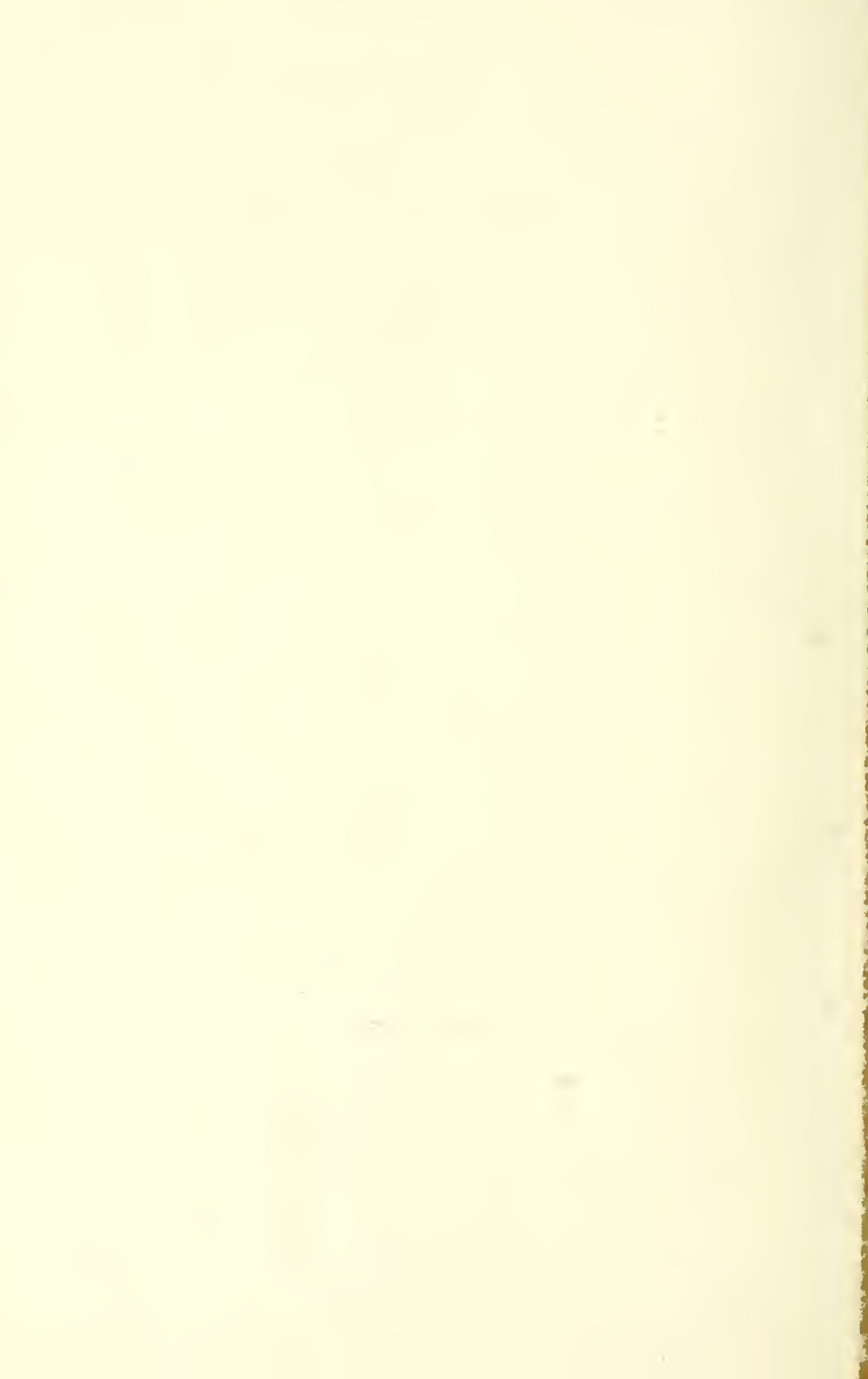
Sandy Creek

Randolph County, North Carolina

Commencing on Friday Before the Fourth Sunday
in August, 1957

OFFICERS

Elder D. P. Broadway, Moderator.....Salisbury, N. C.
Brother Reid I. Blevins, Clerk.....Rt. 7, Box 547, Salisbury, N. C.



MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning, August 23, 1957

1. After Praise and Prayer by Elder F. R. Moore, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. G. Cashion, Text St. Matthew 18:1-11.

2. After intermission of one hour, the messengers from the several churches met in the house. The business session was opened with song and prayer by Elder G. E. Nance.

3. Letters from the different churches were called for, read and their contents noted. All messengers seated.

4. Petitionary letters called for. A letter from Abbott's Creek Church was read and a motion was made and carried that she be received back in the Association.

5. Election of Moderator and Clerk. After a charge as to the duty of the Delegates to an Association by Elder D. P. Broadway. On motion and second, Elder D. P. Broadway was elected moderator and Brother Reid Irvin Blevins was elected clerk.

6. On motion and second, Elder D. P. Broadway was authorized to make all committee appointments, which were made as follows:

- (a) Finance Committee: Deacons L. R. Mabe and C. B. Owen.
- (b) Committee to distribute minutes: Deacon J. L. Cox and Brother Luther H. Eford.
- (c) Preaching Committee: Brother L. M. Helms, Brother J. V. Whitten, with the Moderator and Clerk.
- (d) Committee on Arrangements: Deacon C. A. Livengood, Brother R. D. Rothrock, Brother H. D. Osborne, with the Moderator and Clerk.

7. Invited Correspondents to seats: On motion and second the following were seated: Roaring River Association: Deacon W. C. Hall, Brother Carl Francis.

Mountain Association: Elder Ed Douglas, Brother L. M. Reeves and Brother J. H. Stamper.

St. Clair's Bottom Association: None.

Senter Association: None.

8. Invited visitors to seats: On motion and second the following were seated:

Roaring River Association: Deacon J. F. Coffey.

Newport Church: Elder M. L. Simmons, Brethren W. W. Quinn and W. L. Lockey.

St. Delight Church: Deacon Roy Vernon and wife, Deacon Charlie Shields and wife, Brother Dean Smith and wife and many others.

Walnut Cove Church: Elder F. R. Moore, Sisters Nannie Fagg, Edith Nelson and others.

Green Ford Church: Elder O. S. Young.

White Oak Springs Church: Brethren Tom Priddy, Jess Mabe, and others.

Pine Meeting House: Deacon E. L. Yarboro, Brother Eugene Walser and others.

No Creek Church: Brother Ronnie Hill and wife, Brother Forest and wife, and others.

Little Flock Church: Brother H. S. Terrell.

9. We received minutes from Mountain District, St. Clair's Bottom District, and Fisher's River Associations.

10. Circular Letter called for: A circular letter was received and referred to the Committee on Arrangements. Adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 by Elder L. G. Cashion.

Saturday Morning, August 24, 1957

11. The business session was opened by song and prayer by Elder O. S. Young.

12. Called for Committee on Arrangements to report. They reported a regular routine of business.

13. Called for Finance Committee to report:

Balance from last year.....	\$ 8.35
Sent in by Churches, Brethren and Friends..	245.00

\$253.35

Gave to Ministers.....	\$100.00
Gave to Moderator.....	25.00
Gave to Clerk.....	25.00
Allowed for printing and postage.....	55.00
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Balance carried over.....	\$ 48.35

14. Called Messengers names and noted absentees.
(see statistical table.)

15. Called for Correspondents to report. On motion and carried to receive the report of the correspondents and to excuse them from the duty.

16. Moved and second that the circular letter written for these minutes be received and printed.

17. Appointed Correspondents to Sister Associations as follows:

Roaring River: Elder G. E. Nance, Brother Reid Blevins, Deacon C. A. Livengood, Licentuate H. M. Willard and Brother J. L. Cox.

St. Clair's Bottom: Minutes.

Mountain Association: Elder D. P. Broadway, Brother L. M. Helms, Elder L. G. Cashion, Deacon F. J. Roberts.

Senter Association: Elder G. E. Nance, Deacon L. R. Mabe, Brother Reid Blevins, Brother Luther Efrid.

18. Appointed Elder L. G. Cashion to write the next circular letter.

19. Agreed that our next association be held with Abbot's Creek Church, Davidson County, North Carolina, about five miles out of High Point on left of U. S. 311 toward Winston-Salem. The Association will begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1958 and continue three days.

20. It was moved and second that Elder D. P. Broadway preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder C. E. Pickard, Alternate.

21. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of 500 copies of these Minutes and \$50.00 be allowed for same and \$5.00 for postage.

22. Allowed the Moderator \$25 and the Clerk \$25 for their services.

23. Called for Presbyteries to report: A Presbytery consisting of Elders D. P. Broadway, L. G. Cashion, Deacons C. B. Owen and F. J. Roberts met with the church at Flat Creek, Rowan County, North Carolina the 8th day of September, 1956 and ordained Brother Oscar Snider to the office of Deacon.

24. The Association extends thanks to God for His wonderful blessings and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

25. Minutes read, approved and ordered printed.

26. Adjournment to time and place appointed. Dismissed by Elder D. P. Broadway.

ELDER D. P. BROADWAY, *Moderator*
Salisbury, N. C.
BROTHER REID I. BLEVINS, *Clerk*
Route 7, Box 547, Salisbury, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the ministers, brethren and friends of the Abbott's Creek Association:

I was appointed to write the circular letter. In my unworthy feelings I will write a few lines. I feel that anyone else could have done much better than I can, but I hope it will be a peaceful meeting and the Lord will be glorified, and praised for his wonderful blessings toward men.

I hope the Lord will b'less the visiting brethren to preach his wonderful truths, and it will be a meeting long to be remembered by all that are present.

Your brother in hope,
OSCAR SNIDER

Order Of Preaching

Friday Morning, August 23, 1957

Elder L. G. Cashion.....St. Matthew 18:1-11

Friday Afternoon

Elder O. S. Young.....Isaiah 55:10, 11

Elder J. F. Moore.....Genesis 1:1-5, 14-19

Friday Night at Home of Bro. A. J. Helms

Elder Ed Douglas, "I am the door, etc".....St. John 10:9, 10, 11

Saturday Morning, August 24, 1957

Elder M. L. Simmons.....Failed to get text

Elder Ed Douglas.....Failed to get text

Saturday Afternoon

Elder F. R. Moore.....Ephesians 6:10, 11

Licentuate H. M. Willard.....Romans 8:1

Saturday Night at Home of Bro. Nance

Elder Ed Douglas.....Failed to get text

Elder G. E. Nance.....Failed to get text

Sunday Morning, August 25, 1957

Elder Ed Douglas.....St. Mark 8:2, 3, 4, 5

Elder O. S. Young.....Jude 24, 25

Sunday Afternoon

Elder W. C. Tuttle.....No certain text

Elder G. E. Nance.....2nd Timothy 4:2

Elder D. P. Broadway.....No certain text

Visiting Ministers

Elder M. L. Simmons

Elder O. S. Young

Elder F. R. Moore

Elder Ed Douglas

Elder W. C. Tuttle

Elder J. A. Langham

Time of Communion of the Different Churches

Flat Creek.....Second Sunday in May

Sandy Creek.....Third Sunday in June

Pleasant Hill.....	Fourth Sunday in June
Salisbury.....	First Sunday in May
Abbott's Creek	

Names of Our Ministers

Elder D. P. Broadway.....	Salisbury, N. C.
Elder L. G. Cashion.....	Archdale Rd., High Point, N. C.
Elder G. E. Nance.....	Cedar Falls, N. C.
Elder C. E. Pickard.....	High Point, N. C.
Licentuate H. M. Willard.....	High Point, N. C.

Minutes to Sister Association

Mates Creek District—Elder W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky.....	15
Roaring River—Elder A. T. Whittington, North Wilkesboro, N. C.....	25
St. Clair's Bottom—Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.....	25
Fisher's River—O. W. Sisk, King, N. C.....	25
Mountain District—L. M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C.....	25
Senter Association—F. F. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.....	25
M. L. Simmons, Newport, N. C.....	15
O. S. Young—Angier, N. C.....	15

Minutes to Sister Churches

Flat Creek—L. H. Efird, Faith, N. C.....	45
Sandy Creek—Elder G. E. Nance, Cedar Falls, N. C.....	45
Salisbury—C. B. Owen, 1513 S. First St., Salisbury, N. C.....	50
Pleasant Hill—L. M. Helms, Mooresville, N. C.....	50
Pierce's Chapel—E. L. Summey, Route 1, Trinity, N. C.....	5
Cotton Creek—Mrs. E. E. McAlister, Route 1, Biscoe, N. C.....	15
Abbott's Creek—Elder C. E. Pickard, High Point, N. C.....	25

CONSTITUTION OF THE ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
4. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.
5. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world.
6. We believe that God's elect who are sinners of Adam's fallen family, are in His good time effectually called and justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received by faith alone, which faith is productive of good works.
7. We believe that the saints shall preserve in grace and never finally fall away.

8. We believe baptism by immersion according to the Scriptures, and the Lord's Supper are both ordinances of Jesus Christ, and belong to the believers only.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust and in the final judgment.

10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinance but such as are regularly baptized and come under imposition of hands of the presbytery.

11. We also believe that an association has no right to assume any authority over churches, but only sit as an advisory council, and shall not impose measures on churches without their knowledge and consent.

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1. The Association shall be opened by singing and prayer by the Moderator or some person by him chosen, letters to be called for and the Association organized.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

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		Experience	Letter						
Salisbury	C. A. Livengood, D. H. Osborne, W. L. Waller, Alternate, C. B. Owen		1				1	39	75.00
Sandy Creek	L. R. Mabe, J. V. Whitten, Lonnie Hall, Alternate, Ross Fox						1	20	28.00
Flat Creek	F. J. Roberts, Dave Arey, Oscar Snider, Luther H. Efird.	2					2	23	64.00
Pleasant Hill	L. M. Helms, A. W. Perkins, H. C. Lee, Alternate, A. J. Helms							35	51.00
Cotton Creek	No Representation							5	
Pierce Chapel	By Contribution							3	10.00
Abbott's Creek		2	1				4	160	\$245.00



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Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Thirty-Third

Annual Session

OF THE

Abbott's Creek Union

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church at
Abbotts Creek

DAVIDSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday
in August,

1958



OFFICERS

ELDER D. P. BROADWAY - Moderator, Salisbury, N. C.

ELDER C. E. PICHARD - Assistant Modertor, Rt. 1,
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Proceedings

OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING, August 22, 1958.

1. After praise and prayer by Elder F. R. Moore, the Introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. P. Broadway, John 3:1-6, and Elder C. E. Pickard, John 6: 67,68.

2. After an intermission of one hour, the messengers from the several churches met in the house. The business session was opened with song and prayer by Elder C. E. Pickard.

3. Letters from the different churches were called for, read and their contents noted. On motion and second the messengers were seated and the Association was ready for the 1958 session of business.

4. Petitionary letters were called for. None presented.

5. Election of Moderator and Clerk: On unanimous vote the Association elected Elder D. P. Broadway, Moderator, and Elder C. E. Pickard, Assistant Moderator, and retained their old Clerk, Brother Reid I. Blevins.

6. On motion and second Elder D. P. Broadway, Moderator, was authorized to make all committee appointments, which were made as follows:

(a) Finance Committee: Brother A. J. Helms and Deacon C. A. Livengood.

(b) Committee to distribute minutes: Brother J. A. Nance and Brother L. H. Efird.

(c) Preaching Committee: Brother L. V. Hall, Deacon J. L. Cox and Brother Bobby Sams with the Moderator and Clerk.

(d) Committee on Arrangements: Deacon F. J. Roberts, Brother B. M. Gregory, Brother L. M. Helms with the Moderator and Clerk.

7. Invited correspondents to seats as follows: Roaring River Association, Mountain District Association, St. Clair's Bottom Association, and Senter Association. None present.

8. Invited visitors to seats: On motion and second the following were seated:

Walnut Cove Church: Elder F. R. Moore, Sister Murphy Fagg, Sister Priddy, Elder W. W. Fagg and wife and others.

St. Delight Church: Deacon Roy Vernon and wife, Deacon Charlie Shields and wife, Deacon G. W. Yokley, Brother Allen Smith and wife, Elder B. O. Leonard and others.

Newport Church: Elder M. L. Simmons, Brother W. W. Quinn, Brother W. L. Lockey.

No. Creek Church: Brother Ronnie Hill and wife, Deacon H. L. Forest and wife, Deacon Louis Snider and wife and others.

Pine Meeting House: Sisters Ila Grubb, Minnie Jane Snider, Betty Beck, Sarah Yarboro, Deacon Elmer Yarboro and others.

New Ford Church: Elder O. S. Young.

Little Flock Church: Sister W. P. Duncans, Deacon David Anderson and wife, Deacon R. S. Anderson and wife.

White Oak Springs Church: Brother W. H. Bondurant and Brother J. W. Bondurant.

9. We received Minutes from Mountain Disriet, St. Clair's Bottom, Roaring River, and Fisher's River Associations.

10. Circular Letter called for. A Circular Letter was received and referred to Committee on Arrangements. Dismissed until Satuday morning at 10:00 by Licentiate H. M. Willard.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 23, 1958.

11. The business session was opened by song and prayer by Elder W. W. Fagg.

12. Called for Committee on Arrangements to report. They reported a regular routine of business.

13. Called for Finance Committee to report.

Balance from last year -----	\$ 48.35	
Sent in by churches, brethren and friends ---	191.00	\$239.35
Gave to ministers -----	95.00	
Gave to the Moderator -----	25.00	
Gave to the Clerk -----	25.00	
Allowed for printing and postage -----	55.00	
Balance carried over -----	39.35	\$239.35

14. Called messengers' names and noted absentees (See Statistical Table).

15. Called for correspondents to report. On motion and

carried to receive the report of the correspondents and to excuse them from the duty.

16. Moved and second that the Circular Letter written for these Minutes be received and printed.

17. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations as follows :

Roaring River; St. Clair's Bottom; Mountain; and Senter Associations: Minutes.

18. Appointed Elder C. E. Pickard to write the next Circular Letter.

19. Agreed that our next Association be held with the Salisbury Church, Rowan County, North Carolina in the city of Salisbury on the Lineolnton Road just below Boyden High School. The Association will begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1959, and continue three days.

20. It was moved and seconded that Elder L. G. Cashion preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder G. E. Nance, alternate.

21. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of 500 copies of these Minutes and \$50.00 be allowed for same, and \$5.00 for postage.

22. Allowed the Moderator \$25.00 and the Clerk \$25.00 for their services.

23. Called for presbyteries to report: No ordinations.

24. The Association extends thanks to God for His wonderful blessings and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

25. On motion and second the Minutes were read, approved and ordered printed.

26. Adjourned to time and place appointed. Dismissed by Elder L. G. Cashion.

ELDER D. P. BROADWAY, Moderator

ELDER C. E. PICKARD, Assistant Moderator

BROTHER REID I. BLEVINS, Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the ministers and messengers that compose the one hundred thirty-third session of the Abbott's Creek Union Primitive

Baptist Association, Greeting:

Dear Brethren:—As the brethren appointed me to write a Circular Letter, I will try in my weak way to write one. I feel like anyone else would have been better suited for this than I, but if God will direct my mind, I will make an effort.

The Lord directed the mind of the prophets and apostles to write the scriptures and the Lord is still the same today as He was back in that day, and will be the same God at the last day; because He said in Rev. 22:13, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end." And the fourteenth verse says: "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Everyone that has a hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, when they received that hope, I believe there was a commandment came with it, and we believe that commandment is to go home to their friends, which is the church, that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city, which we believe is referred to as the church, for we find in the fifteenth verse of the twenty-second chapter of Revelation: "For without are dogs, soothsayers and whoremongers, and murderers and idolaters and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." We know these are not in the church. These belong to the world. Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No man cometh to the Father but by Me.

When we see the love of Jesus in that humble person, we know there is no harm. Let us strive for peace among us, always look on one another for good and not evil. If we are out looking for faults, we will surely find them. Especially this poor sinner, for I am just full of them. I am glad the apostle Paul said in Ephesians 3:18: "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints is grace given."

Brethren, if you think this worth printing, do so, and if not, just remember I have written according to my feelings. I hope when you are down in the valley of doubts and fears you will remember me and mine.

Submitted with love to all. Yours in humble hope.

—L. G. CASHION

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder D. P. Broadway, text, John 3:1-6.
Elder C. E. Pichard, John 6:67-68.

Friday Afternoon:

Elder M. L. Simmons, John 7:16.

Saturday Morning:

Elder F. R. Moore, Isa. 52:7, 8.
Elder B. O. Leonard, failed to get text.
Elder G. E. Nance, Obedience.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder O. S. Young, Isa. 32:1-3.
Elder L. G. Cashion, Matt. 23:37-39.

Saturday Night at Abbotts Creek Church:

Elder M. L. Simmons, 2 Tim. 1:8-10.
Elder C. E. Pichard, John 1:1-5.

Sunday Morning:

Elder M. L. Simmons, Eph. 1:3-5.
Elder W. C. Tuttle, Isa. 40:1, 2.
Elder W. W. Fagg, Luke 10:27.
Elder C. E. Pichard, Jesus.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder O. S. Young, 2 Tim. 2:19.
Elder F. R. Moore, no certain text.
Elder D. P. Broadway, "Desire."

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder M. L. Simmons
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Elder B. O. Leonard
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NAMES OF OUR MINISTERS

Elder D. P. Broadway, 1830 S. First St., Salisbury, N. C.
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Licentiate H. M. Willard, Rt. 4, High Point, N. C.

TIME OF COMMUNION OF THE DIFFERENT CHURCHES

FLAT CREEK—Second Sunday in May.
SANDY CREEK—Third Sunday in June.
PLEASANT HILL—Fourth Sunday in June.
SALISBURY—First Sunday in May.
ABBOTT'S CREEK—First Sundays in May and Aug.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Mates Creek—Elder W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky.	20
Roaring River—John D. Hall, 278 South St., Elkin, N. C.	20
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Fisher's River—Elder J. G. Fulk, 1539 Forest Dr. Mt. Airy N. C.	25
Mountain District—Lon M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C.	25
Senter—G. E. Kilby, West Jefferson, N. C.	25

MINUTES TO VISITING CHURCHES

Walnut Cove Church—Brother Grady Mabe, Rt. 2, Walnut Cove, ..	18
St. Delight—Brother Howard Willard, Rt. 6, Winston Salem, N. C.	18
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MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

Flat Creek—Brother Luther H. Eford, Rt. 3, Salisbury, N. C.	40
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Salisbury—Brother Reid I. Blevins, Rt. 7, Box 547, Salisbury, N. C.	45
Pleasant Hill—Brother L. M. Helms, 1006 Brantley St., Mooresville	40
Pierce Chapel—Brother E. L. Sumney, Rt. 1, Trinity, N. C. . . .	5
Cotton Creek—Sister Marie Pickard, Rt. 1, Box 166, Jamestown NC	40
Abbott's Creek—Sister Marie Pickard, Rt. 1, Box 166, Jamestown	40

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Sandy Creek	Gurney Nance, Joe Nance, Lonnie Hall, L. R. Mabe, alt.	1	1	1	1	1	2	18	16.00
Flat Creek	Luther Eward, Dave Arey, F. J. Roberts, Oscar Snider, alt.	2	1	1	1	1	1	26	40.00
Pleasant Hill	A. J. Helms, L. M. Helms, Mead Compton, C. R. Helms, alt.	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	32.00
Abbott's Creek	J. L. Cox, Bobby Sanus, H. M. Willard, Elder Chas. Pickard, alt.	1	2	1	1	1	2	34	26.00
Cotton Creek	No representation	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	3.00
Pierce Chapel	By contribution	2	3	1	1	1	1	6157	188.00
	Totals								

Absentees marked thus:*



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[1959]



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3. Letters from the different churches were called for, read, and their contents noted. On motion and second the messengers were seated and the Association was ready for the 1959 session of business.

4. Petitionary letters were called for: none presented.

5. Election of Moderator and Clerk. Elder D. P. Broadway asked to be relieved of the Moderatorship of this Association because of failing health, and the Association granted his request by electing Elder C. E. Pickard by unanimous vote to be Moderator of this Association, and retained the old Clerk.

6. On motion and second, Elder C. E. Pickard, Moderator, was authorized to make all Committee appointments, which were made as follows:

(a) Finance Committee: Deacon F. J. Roberts, Brother A. J. Helms.

(b) Committee to distribute Minutes: Deacon L. R. Mabe, Brother Meade Copton.

(c) Preaching Committee: Brethren B. M. Gregory, H. D. Osborne, Deacon C. A. Livengood, with the Moderator & Clerk.

(d) Committee on Arrangements: Elder H. M. Willard, Brother A. W. Perkins, Brother Dave Arey, with the Moderator and Clerk.

7. Invited correspondents to seats as follows: None represented.

8. Invited visitors to seats: After a lengthy discussion about seating Walnut Cove Church, a motion and second was

made to give Elder F. R. Moore liberty to speak on behalf of himself and Walnut Cove Church. Elder F. R. Moore explained the situation of Walnut Cove Church humbly and freely. After hearing Elder Moore, there was a motion and second made that we withhold Walnut Cove Church's seat until she right her own house. The vote carried seven to five. On motion and second this Association welcomes Walnut Cove Church back when she makes satisfaction concerning excluded member from another orderly church that she is holding.

Pine Meeting House: Brother Edgar Gallimore.

9. We received Minutes from: Mountain District, Fisher's Riiver, and Roaring River Associations.

10. Circular Letter called for. A Circular Letter was read, received and referred to Committee on Arrangements.

Dismissed until Satuday morning at 10 o'clock by Elder H. M. Willard.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 22, 1959.

11. The business session was opened by song and prayer by Elder L. G. Cashion.

12. Called for Committee on Arrangements to report: They reported a regular routine of business.

13. Called for Finance Committee report:

Balance from last year -----	\$ 29.35	
Sent in by the churches, brethren & friends --	181.00	\$210.35
Gave Ministers -----	70.00	
Gave to Moderator -----	25.00	
Gave to Clerk -----	25.00	
Allowed for printing and postage -----	40.00	
Miscellaneous -----	5.00	
Balance carried over -----	45.35	\$210.35

14. Called for messengers' names and noted absentees (see Statistical Table).

15. Called for correspondents to report: no report.

16. Moved and second the Circular Letter written for these Minutes be printed.

17. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations as follows: Minutes.

18. Appointed Deacon J. L. Cox to write the next Circular Letter.

19. Agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Pleasant Hill, Iredell County, North Carolina, about five miles south of Statesville, and ten miles north of Mooresville.

20. Moved and second that Elder L. G. Cashion preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder C. E. Pickard as alternate.

21. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of 500 copies of these Minutes of forty (\$40.00) dollars be allowed for same.

22. Allowed the Moderator \$25.00 and the Clerk \$25.00 for their services.

23. Called for presbyteries to report: A presbytery called by Abbott's Creek Church for the ordination of Licentiate Marshall Willard to the full work of the ministry. Consisting of Elders D. P. Broadway, O. S. Young, L. G. Cashion, W. C. Tuttle, Charles Pickard, G. E. Nance, and Deacons N. O. Night, R. L. Anderson, J. D. Anderson, N. R. Hall, J. L. Cox, S. S. Arrington, Oscar Snider, and J. W. Nance.

ELDER D. P. BROADWAY, Moderator

O. S. YOUNG, Clerk.

24. The Association extends thanks to God for the long life of Elder D. P. Broadway and the services He has enabled Elder Broadway to render through admonition, guidance, and instructions to the Association in the preceding years when he was Moderator. The Association extended the right hand of fellowship to Elder and Sister Broadway for their faithful services, lo these many years, and I believe everyone present shook hands with them. We hope the Lord will continue to bless them and enable them to live their remaining days in peace.

25. The Association extends thanks to God for His wonderful blessings, and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

26. On motion and second and carried the Minutes were

read, approved and ordered printed.

27. Adjourned to time and place appointed. Dismissed by Elder G. E. Nance.

ELDER C. E. PICKARD, Moderator

BROTHER REID I. BLEVINS, Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Brethren, Sisters and Friends who compose the 134th session of Abbott's Creek Union Primitive Baptist Association.

It was agreed upon last year that I write the Circular Letter this year. I hardly know where or how to begin, but God being my Guide, I will try.

I would love to speak on Acts 5:12: "And by the hands of the apostles were many sights and wonders wrought among the people: (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch)." The thought I had in mind was that they were all with one accord. We find that according to Webster the word accord means to agree or to be of the same mind. I would like to see all of the Primitive Baptists agree one more time. The fact is they represent something the world can't and never will understand. If you notice in the 13th verse "And of the rest durst no man join himself to them; but the people magnified them." I am made to wonder if we don't try sometimes to get other people to join us for name or for business sake. If we add to the group an unbeliever do we gain in spirit, or in time to come, add confusion? It seems in this case the apostles waited on the Lord to do the adding which he did according to the 14th verse "And believers were the more added to the Lord multitudes both men and women." We know it is impossible for us to make a believer, but don't you think if we would stand as the apostles did—in one mind and with one accord—we could not be hurt by the world?

James 4:7 tell us "Resist the devil and he will flee." How true this is for we know the devil can't stand when Christ appears. Is it true that we have to fall in the hands of the devil, as some men say, to learn, or to be taught these things? I say not. Does the devil live in the soul of man, or in the

flesh of God's people? Romans 8:3: "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin condemned sin in the flesh." What then, should we walk after the things of the flesh? God forbid! Romans 8:6: "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." May I ask who does the turning, man or God? I am made to believe that sometime I obey the carnal mind, rather than the spiritual mind because of self-pride or to please man. In doing so, I lose the joy of the Spirit. I would, and my prayer to God is that some day by the grace of God, all Old Baptists would turn from the flesh, forgive each other, and be with one accord toward God. Oh, what miracles could be done through them by the grace of God as was done by and through the apostles. If the brethren see fit to print this, all right, if not, just throw it aside. My prayer is that God may bless us to live like men for Christ's sake.

An humble Elder in hope,

—C. E. PICKARD

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder G. E. Nance, text, Eph. 2:8,9.

Elder D. P. Broadway, Rom. 5:12.

Saturday Morning:

Elder L. G. Cashion, failed to get text.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder C. E. Pickard, 1 Cor. 6:20.

Elder D. P. Broadway, Obedience.

Sunday Morning:

Elder D. P. Broadway, John 4:21-24.

Elder L. G. Cashion, Matt. 5:1-8.

Elder H. M. Willard, Rom. 8:1-3.

NAMES OF OUR MINISTERS

Elder D. P. Broadway, 1830 S. First St., Salisbury, N. C.

Elder L. G. Cashion, 3101 Archdale Rd., High Point, N. C.

Elder G. E. Nance, Cedar Falls, N. C.

Elder C. E. Pickard, Rt. 1, Box 166, Jamestown, N. C.

Elder H. M. Willard, Rt. 4, High Point, N. C.

TIME OF COMMUNION OF THE DIFFERENT CHURCHES

- FLAT CREEK—Second Sunday in May.
SANDY CREEK—Third Sunday in June.
PLEASANT HILL—Fourth Sunday in June.
SALISBURY—First Sunday in May.
ABBOTT'S CREEK—First Sundays in May and Aug.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Mates Creek—Elder W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky.	20
Roaring River—John D. Hall, 278 South St., Elkin, N. C.	20
St. Clairs Bottom—Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.	25
Fisher's River—Elder J. G. Fulk, 1539 Forest Dr. Mt. Airy N. C.	25
Mountain District—Lon M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C.	25
Senter—G. E. Kilby, West Jefferson, N. C.	25

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

Flat Creek—Brother Luther H. Eford, Rt. 3, Salisbury, N. C.	40
Sandy Creek: Ruby Reid, Rt. 1, Staley, N. C.	30
Salisbury—Brother Reid I. Blevins, Rt. 7, Box 547, Salisbury, N. C.	45
Pleasant Hill—Brother L. M. Helms, 1006 Brantley St., Mooresville	40
Pierce Chapel—Brother E. L. Sumney, Rt. 1, Trinity, N. C.	5
Abbott's Creek—Sister Marie Pickard, Rt. 1, Box 166, Jamestown	40

CONSTITUTION OF THE ABBOTT'S CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
4. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.
5. We believe in the doctrine of Election that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the earth.
6. We believe that God's elect who are sinners of Adam's fallen family are in His good time effectually called and justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received by faith alone which faith is productive of good works.
7. We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.
8. We believe baptism by immersion according to the scriptures, and the Lord's Supper are both ordinances of Jesus Christ, and belong to the believers only.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead both of the just and the unjust and in the final judgment.
10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinance but such as are regularly baptized and come under the imposition of hands of the presbytery.
11. We also believe that an association has no right to assume any authority over churches, but only to sit as an advising council, and shall not impose any measures on churches without their knowledge and consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened by singing and prayer by the Moderator or some person by him chosen, letters to be called for and the Association organized.

2. A Moderator shall be chosen by the members of the Association at each meeting, whose duty it shall be to keep good order, explain and put questions, administer reproof and announce decisions.

3. Call for corresponding letters or ministers. Invite the messengers to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges in the association with members composing it, except in appointing the place to hold the association.

4. Invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges with corresponding messengers.

5. Any members in the Association shall have liberty to speak by rising and addressing the Moderator, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless called to order by the Moderator, or some member, and if called to order may appeal to the Association for their decision for the propriety of the call.

6. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

7. During the sitting of the Association a respectable decency becoming saints shall be preserved, forbearing to disrespect or interrupt each other while speaking. Proper attention shall be paid to the speaker. All walking about, whispering or talking in time of conference is to be avoided. Members may leave by consent of the Association.

8. It shall be the duty of every member to vote on a question when put except the Moderator who shall vote only when the Association is equally divided, then he shall give the deciding vote.

9. A majority shall decide on all matters which may come before them.

10. No query to be debated except sent from a church or brought in by the committee on arrangements.

11. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, and the minutes distributed in proportion to the contribution.

12. These rules are subject to alteration or amendments when two-thirds of the Association may think necessary.

13. The Association may appoint a clerk as often as they may deem it necessary, whose duty it shall be to enroll the names of the messengers, minute the state of the churches and keep a regular record of the proceedings of the Association.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

PASTORS	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS									
		Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd. by baptism	Rec'd. by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution
Salsbury	C. A. Livengood, B. M. Gregory, H. D. Osborne, Jesse Coble, alternate *J. V. Whitten, *L. R. Mabe, Gurney Nance, Joe Nance, alternate	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	\$65.00
Sandy Creek	L. H. Eifird, F. J. Roberts, Dave Arey, Oscar Snider, alt. A. J. Helms, A. W. Perkins, Meade Compton, H. C. Compton, alternate	2	5	4	2	2	2	2	31	45.00
Flat Creek	John Cox, *H. H. Willard, W. A. Nelson	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35	27.00
Pleasant Hill	No representation	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	5.00
Abbot's Creek	By contribution	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	5.00
Cotton Creek		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	5.00
Pierce Chapel		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	5.00
	Totals	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	164	171.00

The Report was Question
Is Bro Sibbons in full
fellow ship 2nd & Good
Standing 3rd Was it done
in good faith Bro-Pickard
said Yes was.

The Church also voted
Unanimous to Receive Bro
Sibbons into the full
fellowship of this Church
And also voted Unanimous
to give ~~him~~ him liberty
to speak where there is
ordained authority of our
faith and order

Eld. Marshall Willard
presented letter from
Abbots Creek Church
was referred to next
meeting due to the fact
it had not been signed
by the Moderator.
Published and open doors
of church for reception
of members. Done by
order of church.

Eld. J. G. Cashion
mod

J. E. Hance
Asst. Clerk