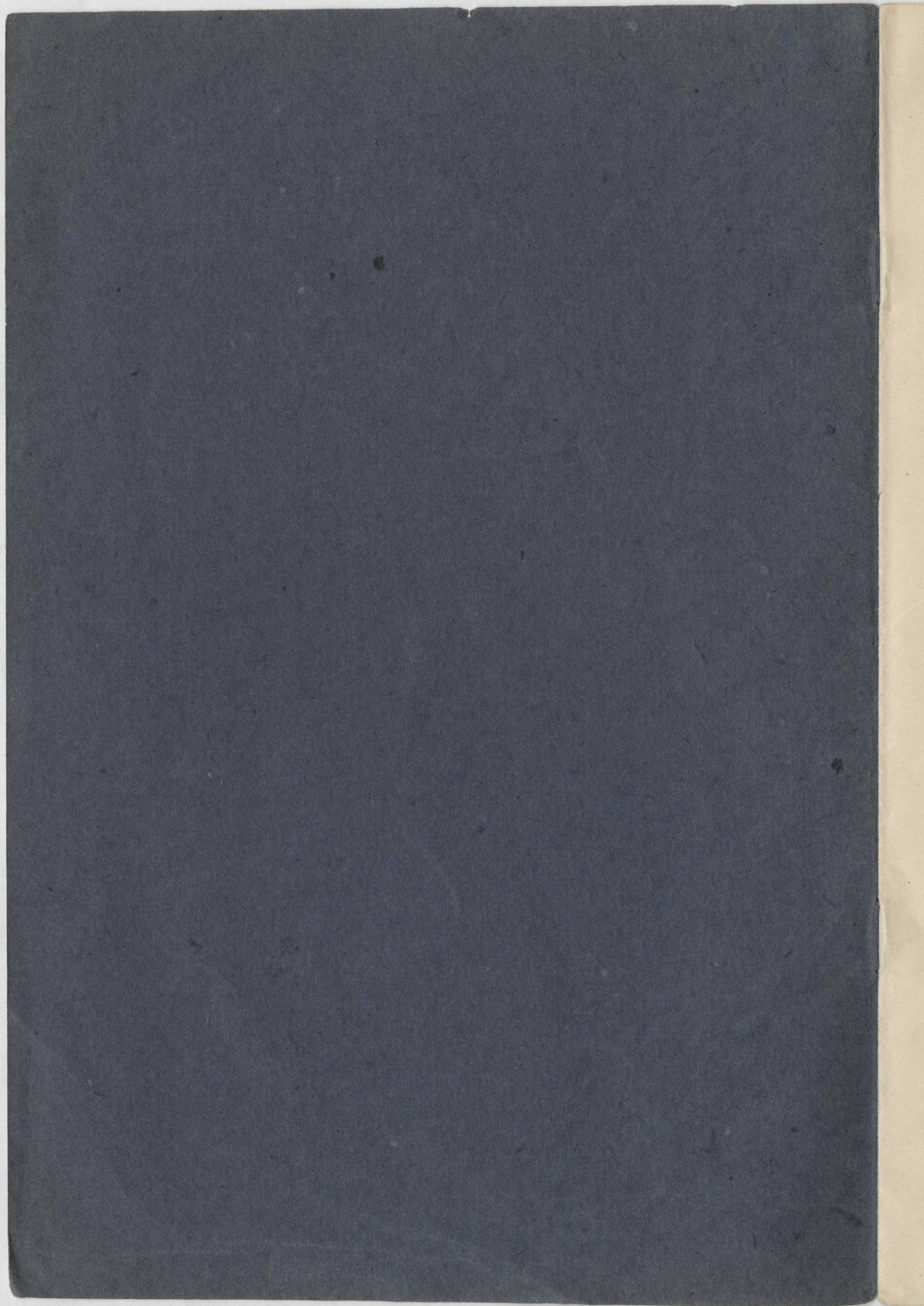


MINUTES
of the
One hundred and first Annual Session
of the
Abbott's Creek Union



Primitve Baptist
Association

Held With the Church at
Brush Creek
Randolph County, N. C.
Commencing on Saturday before the
Fourth Sunday in August, 1926.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE Abbott's Creek Association

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21st, 1926.

1. After praise and prayer by Elder D. V. Spangler, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Sam McMillon, from Chron. 16:20,21. He was followed by Elder J. M. Trogdon, no certain text.

2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers from the different churches met in the house, and after praise and prayer by Elder R. W. Gurganus, the letters from the several churches were called for, read, and contents noted.

(See Statistical Table.)

3. Reading the rules of decorum were omitted.

4. Chose Elder Sam McMillon Moderator.

5. Elders W. C. Jones and R. W. Gurganus were sent to the stand.

6. Agreed to continue to not seat anyone who affiliate with Elder J. R. Wilson and his followers.

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

From Upper County Line—Elders M. B. Martin, W. C. Jones, J. W. Gilliam, Brother J. M. Dennis, N. P. Mapler.

From Lower County Line—Brother J. W. Terry, J. D. Dupree and Joe Moncees.

From Black Creek—Brother J. B. Murry, A. T. Strickland.

From Fishers River—None.

From Salem—Elder C. A. Davis, L. V. Smith, P. S. Smith, Elder A. G. Morton, H. L. Miller, J. S. Dennis.

From White Oak—Elders R. W. Gurganus, W. W. Roberts, Brother V. T. Everett.

From Mayo—Elders S. H. Reid, D. V. Spangler.

From Contentnea—None.

From Kehukee—None.

Elder F. W. Keene from Maine Conference.

Elder M. L. Gilbert from Mount Enon.

Elders C. T. Evans and W. R. Dodd from Staunton River Association were seated as visitors.

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

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

9. Appointed Brothers L. A. Wright, V. L. Peacock and H. S. Williams, with the Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements to report Monday morning.

10. Appointed Brother H. T. Tucker and Lee Snider as committee on finance.

11. The committee on arrangements were appointed as committee on preaching. Those who are appointed will be recorded as the meeting proceeds.

12. Adjourned to Monday morning 9 o'clock. Dismissed by Elder H. S. Williams.

SATURDAY EVENING PREACHING

Elder R. W. Gurganus preached from the 127th Psalm, 1st verse, followed by Elder W. C. Jones from Psalm 89:15, followed by Elder F. W. Keene from Hosaia 2:14,15.

SATURDAY NIGHT PREACHING

Elder D. P. Broadway preached from Jonah 2:9, followed by Elder M. B. Martin from Rev. 9:1-3.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN AUGUST, 1926.

Services were opened by praise and prayer by Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elder D. V. Spangler preached from Eph. 2:10, followed by Elder M. L. Gilbert from Rom. 3:24,25, he was followed by Elder C. T. Evans from Rev. 22:1. Intermission one hour.

Elder J. W. Gilliam preached from Gal. 2:19-21, followed by Elder M. B. Martin from Songs of Sol. 2:2, he was followed by Elder W. R. Dood from Psalm 9:1-2, followed by Elder C. A. Davis from no certain text, followed by Elder H. S. Williams from 2 Tim. 4:2.

SUNDAY NIGHT

Elder W. C. Jones preached from 1st Cor. 1:30, followed by Elder W. R. Gurganus from Matt. 1:2.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23rd, 1926.

13. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Dodd.

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

15. Called messengers names, noted absentees.

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

17. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister association as follows:

To Upper County Line—Elders H. S. Williams, Sam McMillon, Brother H. W. Johnson, L. A. Wright and Minutes.

To Lower County Line—Elders Sam McMillon, H. S. Williams, Brother C. B. Owen and Minutes.

To Mayo—Elder Sam McMillon and Minutes.

To Little River—Minutes.

To Fishers River—Minutes.

To Mill Branch—Elders H. S. Williams, Sam McMillon, Brother H. W. Johnson and Minutes.

To Salem—Elders H. S. Williams, D. P. Broadway, Sam McMillon, Brother C. B. Owen and Minutes.

To White Oak—Elders H. S. Williams, D. P. Broadway, Sam McMillon, Brother E. F. Saunders, H. W. Johnson and Minutes.

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

To Contentnea—Minutes.

To Kehukee—Minutes.

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

19. Appointed Elder D. P. Broadway to write a circular letter for our next years minutes.

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

Sent in from churches	\$102.00
Contributed by Brethren and Friends	30.55
Allowed for printing minutes	\$22.50
Allowed the Clerk	15.00
Gave the Moderator	10.00
Gave to Visiting Ministers	85.05
TOTALS	\$132.55 \$132.55

21. The Finance committee and the committee on Arrangements were appointed to distribute \$85.05 among the preachers.

22. Agreed that our next association be held with the church at Pine M. H. in a little village called Churchland, in Davidson county, 12 miles south-west of Lexington, N. C. To commence on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1927. Elder H.S. Williams to preach the introductory sermon. Elder D. P. Broadway, alternate. Worship to begin at 11 o'clock.

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

24. The Moderator was given \$10.00 for his services and the Clerk was allowed \$15.00.

25. Called on Presbyteries to report. When Brother U. L. Peacock reported that Elders O. J. Denny, C. A. Davis, Sam McMillon, Deacons A. G. Yarbough, R. F. Strange, Frank Foster, J. A. Williams and himself met with the church at Salisbury on the first Sunday in October, 1925, and ordained

Brethren H. S. Williams and D. P. Broadway to the work of the ministry, and C. B. Owen to the office work of Deacon.

26. Elder H. S. Williams reported that Elders S. H. Reid, D. G. Staples and himself, preached at Sandy Creek meeting house on the 2nd Sunday in May, 1926, and it was agreed to continue to hold such meetings at said place annually on the 4th Sunday in May.

All ministers who are in order or fellowship with us are invited to attend these meetings at said time, or to visit said place at any other time.

Anyone wanting to visit said place can write to Mr. Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C.

The Association approves of this, and hopes the ministers will visit them.

27. On motion the Association extended our thanks to God, and to all the Brethren, Sisters and friends of this church for all kindness shown us during this meeting.

28. After the minutes were read and approved, the Association adjourned to time and place herein mentioned.

Elder Sam McMillon, Moderator.

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

MONDAY PREACHING

Elder A. G. Morton preached from John 4:29,
Elder W. W. Roberts preached from Psalm 23, Elder
F. W. Keene preached from I Kings 9-3.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Ministers, Messengers, and Brethren who may compose the 101st sitting of the Abbott's Creek Association—GREETING:—

DEAR BRETHREN:—

We are taught by the word of truth, that we should speak as the oracles of God. Hence it is in fear that I make the attempt, and in doing so I shall not try to set up a standard for Primitive Baptist to live by for I feel that a Triune God did that job before the morning of time. When the morning stars sang together and the Sons of God shouted for joy. Hence all the hope this poor worm of the dust has is centered in the following scriptures: "For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.—Heb. 10-14." Then if God's people are perfected through Christ, there can be no imperfection and who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect, it is God that justifieth. Therefore being justified by faith (not works) we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell. A full and complete atonement made, nothing lacking, all the needs of God's people are completely filled by this one offering. Then who shall separate us from the love of Christ (Rom. 8-35) and what shall we say to these things, if God be for us who can be against us. Dear brethren I feel to know that in my flesh dwells no good thing, for how to perform that which is good I find not, for the things I would I do not; and the things I would not that I do. Then if I do the things I would not, it is no more I that do it but sin that dwells in me, and the word teaches that where sin abounded Grace did much more abound, perfecting the saints according to the will of God. Then is it not by the Grace of God, that we are what we are? And have we received anything that was not given us? And have we anything to boast of? And are not the good works ordained for God's people to walk in, wrought by grace? Is there anything beneficial to God's people except that which is embraced in this one offering?

Down from the shinning courts above,
In joyful haste He fled,
Entered the grave in mortal flesh
And dwelt among the dead.

Taking upon Himself the Sin and Transgressions of His bride, and placing upon her His everlasting robe of righteousness, then She does not need anything more. Her good works are wrought in her that God hath before ordained that she should walk in them.

Dear Brethren, if these things are not so, then I am free to confess I do not know anything about a work of Grace, and if they are so, all things are complete to the comfort and edification of the Church, and to the Honor and Glory of God, nothing more is needed.

Dear Brethren, I would like to speak more at length concerning this Great High Priest-hood but space forbids. Suffice it to say, when this poor sinner is blessed with a realization of a hope that I am included in the glorious arrangement, it is to wonderful for words to express. I am made to say surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. When God enables me (as I hope) to see through a glass darkly or to view through the lattice the face of my beloved, hope springs up in me, not as a reward for my obedience, but through hope that an all wise, all righteous God remembered me in mercy.

Dear Brethren is this Armenianism? Is it conditional salvation? Or absolute predestination? Call it by any name you see fit. It is the only reason I can give for a hope. Now if you feel that you can do good in the performance of duty, pray tell me where to commence and how to proceed. For to will is ever present, but how to perform I find not.

Submitted in love,

E. F. SAUNDERS.

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 Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston, N. C.....	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.....	25
To Tom's Creek—U. L. Peacock, Denton, N. C.....	60
Fine M. H.—W. P. Williams, Rt. 3, Linwood, N. C.....	65
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C.....	45
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C.....	15
Big Creek—H. Henderson, Eldorado, N. C.....	10
Gaines Grove—J. W. Gaines, Rt. 3, Sanford, N. C.....	20
Rock Hill—A. H. Trodgen, Rt. 3, Ashboro, N. C.....	29
Pierces Chapel—M. L. Wood, Fullers, N. C.....	30
White Oak Springs—Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C.....	30
Salisbury—A. L. Owen, Rt. 2, Salisbury, N. C.....	64
Lexington—C. E. Gallimore, Rt. 6, Lexington, N. C.....	15
Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C.....	57
Lamms Grove—R. L. Comer, Rt. 2, Carthage, N. C.....	40
Suggs Creek—T. W. Maness, Allreds, N. C.....	25



