

Minutes
OF THE
One Hundred Thirteenth
Annual Session
OF THE
Senter District
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Senter Church

ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
AUGUST 19, 20 AND 21,

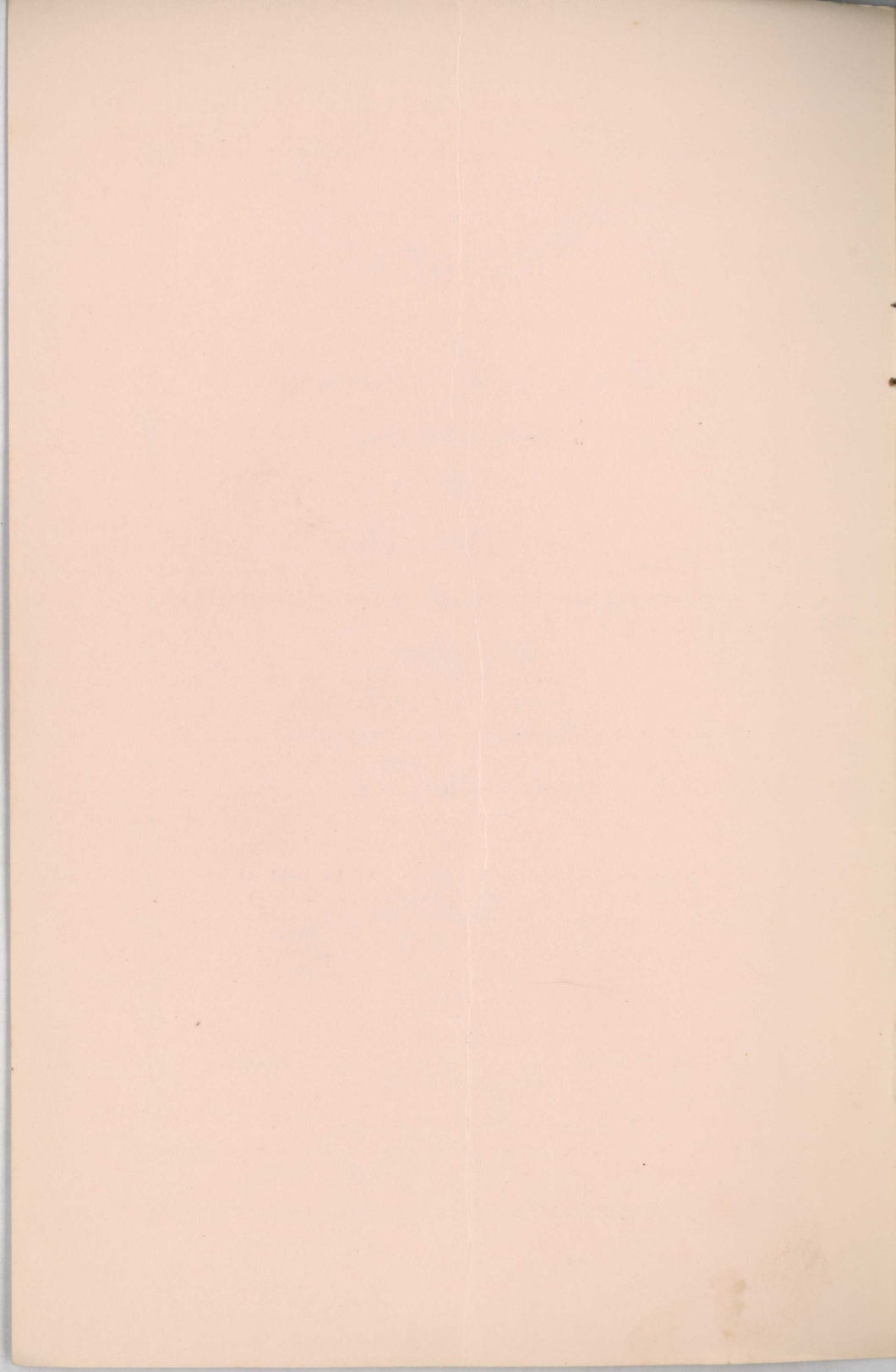
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Next session of the Association to be held at Big Helton Church, located about 6 miles north of Lansing, N. C. Take Hwy. 194 to Sturgills, N. C. Turn left, go about one mile, church on left side of road. On Friday, before the third Sunday in August 18, 19, and 20, 1967.

OFFICERS

ELDER G. D. ROTEN Moderator
Fleetwood, N. C.
BROTHER EARL W. SEVERT Clerk
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Proceedings

OF THE SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD AT SENTER CHURCH

FRIDAY, August 19, 1966.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year, and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Frank Wheeler from the Mates Creek Association, of Kentucky. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder F. R. Moore from the Walnut Cove Church, North Carolina, text Joel 2:15: Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly. After a short intermission the Association was called to order by song and prayer by Elder Walter Evans of the Mountain Association, of North Carolina.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches read, correspondents seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator; Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk.
3. Call for petitionary letters, received none.
4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister Associations and Churches. The following were seated, given the right hand of welcome:

Mountain Association, N. C.: Elder Walter Evans, Brother Willie Joines, Brother Raymond Nichols and wife, Brother Robert Cleary, Brother Troy Cleary, Brother M. A. Jenkins and wife, Brother J. Mack Osborne and wife, Brother Claude S. McBride and wife, Brother Lon M. Reeves and wife, Sister Lelia Crouse, Sister Carrie Edwards, Brother A. J. Reeves and wife, Brother G. R. Douglas, Brother Oscar Gambill, Brother J. E. Truitt and wife, Brother Clarence Ward, Sister Rosa Quensenberg.

Silver Creek Association: Elder Gene F. Watson.

Prince William Association S. C.: Elder C. J. DeLoach, Bro. Timothy DeLoach.

Mt. Zion Association, W. Va.: Elder D. C. Stover.

Mates Creek Association, Kentucky: Elder J. H. Blackburn, and wife, Elder Frank Wheeler and wife, Sister Mary Wheeler, Brother Walter G. Runyon.

Mud Creek Association, Ala.: Elder Gene Thomas, Sister

Ann Thomas, Brother Mark Thomas.

Original Bear Creek Association, N. C.: Elder E. H. Simpson, Elder D. B. Willard, Brother Donald C. Thompson.

Mississippi River Association, Tenn.: Brother G. E. Rushing.

Flint River Association, Ga.: Elder W. T. Cook.

Union Association, Ga.: Elder J. A. Barnard and wife, Bro. E. A. Tison and wife.

New Liberty Association, W. Va.: Elder J. M. Whaling and wife.

Independent Churches:

Walnut Cove Church, N. C.: Elder F. R. Moore, Brother R. J. Snyder.

Worrell Memorial Church, Va.: Elder Wilbur F. Worrell.

Montview Church, N. C.: Brother Frank A. King.

Loves Grove Church, N. C.: Elder R. L. Rogers, Brother R. L. and Hattie East.

St. Clairs Bottom Church, Va.: Brother R. C. Price and wife, Brother Dan Blevins.

Meadow Fork Church, N. C.: Brother Fosco Pruitt.

Reddies River Church, N. C.: Brother Dobie Whittington, Sister P. H. Whittington, Sister Dollie Wagner.

5. The Moderator to make all temporary appointments in this session.

(1) Committee on Ministry: Elder Jack McGinnis, Brother G. O. Burgess, Brother Frank Thompson.

(2) Committee on Finance: Elder Wiley Hester, Brother Gaither Johnson, Brother Willard Hartzog.

(3) Brother Millard Davis, Brother Jim Walters, Elder G. D. Roten, Brother Earl W. Severt.

6. That the Committee on Arrangements meet in the house Saturday morning 9:30 a. m. for conference.

7. To adjourn until 10 a. m. tomorrow with song and prayer by Elder Gene Thomas from the Mud Creek Association, Ala.

SATURDAY, August 20, 1966.

The Association met as scheduled, called to order with song and prayer by Elder J. H. Blackburn from the Mates Creek Association, Kentucky.

ON MOTION:

1. Roll called, absentees excused.
2. Reading of Constitution, also Rules of Decorum omitted.
3. The Committee on Arrangements recommend that we continue seating all orderly, peace loving Primitive Baptist as visitors.
4. Continue correspondence with Powells Valley Association through Minutes approved.
5. Rules of Decorum and Constitution to appear in Minutes.
6. That Minutes be mailed to all visitors.
7. To appoint the Clerk as Treasurer for overseeing printing of 600 copies of the Minutes, also distribution of same.
8. The Finance Committee handle the balance of the funds and distribution of same, to visiting Elders.
9. Next Association to convene at Big Helton Church, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1967. Located about six miles north of Lansing, N. C. Take highway 194 to Sturgills, N. C., turn left, go about one mile, church on left side of road. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 18, 19, and 20, 1967.
10. Obituaries to appear in Minutes.
11. Minutes to be read and approved.
12. Finance Committee reported as follows:

Received from the churches	\$172.00
Expenditures:	
To the Moderator	\$ 10.00
To the Clerk	15.00
Printing and postage of Minutes	65.00
Total expenditures	90.00

13. Adjourned through song and prayer by Elder D. B. Willard, from the Original Bear Creek Association, N. C.

ELDER G. D. ROTEN, Moderator
BROTHER EARL W. SEVERT, Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday at Stand:

Elder E. H. Simpson, Elder Wilbur Worrell, Elder J. M. Whaling closed

Friday Night at Senter Church:

Elder J. M. Whaling, Elder J. H. Blackburn

Saturday at Stand:

Elder Gene Thomas, opened service, Elder J. A. Barnard, Elder W. T. Cook, Elder Walter Evans

Saturday Evening:

Elder Gene F. Watson, opened service, Elder Frank Wheeler, Elder Gene Thomas, Elder D. B. Willard, Elder D. C. Stover

Saturday Night at Senter Church:

Elder J. A. Barnard, Elder Gene Thomas

Sunday Morning:

Elder Frank Wheeler, opened service, Elder J. H. Blackburn, Elder Gene Thomas, Elder C. J. DeLoach

Sunday Evening:

Elder R. L. Rogers, Elder Walter Evans
Elder G. D. Roten closed the three day session with song and prayer.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder G. D. Roten, Fleetwood, N. C.
Elder W. E. Hester, Wilbar, N. C.
Elder Edd Severt, Ennice, N. C.
Elder C. O. Yates, Fleetwood, N. C.
Elder Jack McGinnis, 511 6th St., North Wilkesboro, N.C.
Lic. Woodrow Craft, Fleetwood, N. C.
Lic. Floyd F. South, West Jefferson, N. C.

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

Churches	Clerks and Addresses	Church Messengers
• Bear Creek—	Earl W. Severt, 4798 N. Vheery St., Winston Salem, N.C.	Elder Edd Severt, Brother Earl W. Severt, Elder Wiley Hester, Bro. Abner Severt, alternate.
Beaver Creek—	G. A. Miller, West Jefferson, N. C.; Lic. Floyd F. South, Brother Gaither Johnson, Brother Ralph Miller, Brother Clarence Brown, alternate.	
✓ Big Helton—	B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C.; Brother G. E. Gilby, Brother B. O. Dolinger, Sister Emma Dolinger, alternate.	
• Horse Creek—	Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.; Brother Carl Ball, Brother Millard Davis, .	
• North Fork—	L. V. Johnson, West Jefferson, N. C.; Sister Bessie Miller, Brother J. B. Roten, Sister Carrie W. Miller.	
• Riverview—	C. O. Yates, Fleetwood, N. C.; Brother Willard Hartzog, Brother J. C. McNeill, Elder Jack McGinnis, Brother Claude Brown, alternate.	
• Roans Creek—	G. O. Burgess, West Jefferson, N. C.; Brother G. O. Burgess, Brother Tom Severt, Brother G. L. Mash, Brother Frank Thompson, alternate.	
• Senter—	Annie Jones, Crumpler, N. C.; Brother Bertie Bare, Brother Norman Brown, Bother Lester Wyrick, Bro. Jim Walters, alternate.	

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bear Creek—Elders Dewey Roten, Wiley Hester, Edd Severt
 Beaver Creek—Elders Dewey Roten, C. O. Yates.
 Big Helton—Elders Dewey Roten, Wiley Hester.
 Horse Creek—Elders Dewey Roten, C. O. Yates
 North Fork—Elders Dewey Roten, Wiley Hester, Jack McGinnis
 Riverview—Elder Dewey Roten.
 Roans Creek—Elders Wiley Hester, Tom Ward, Jack McGinnis
 Senter—Elders Dewey Roten, Wiley Hester, and Tom Ward.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and No. of Minutes	Clerks and their Addresses
Bear Creek: Earl W. Severt, 4798 N. Cherry St. Winston Salem, N. C.	25
Beaver Creek: G. A. Miller, West Jefferson, N. C.	25
Big Helton: B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C.	60
Horse Creek: Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.	25
North Fork: L. V. Johnson, West Jefferson, N. C.	30
Riverview: C. O. Yates, Fleetwood, N. C.	30
Roans Creek: G. O. Burgess, West Jefferson, N. C.	45
Senter: Annie Jones, Crumpler, N. C.	55

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Ebenezer: Carroll R. Shuler, Stanley, Va.	25
Mates Creek: Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.	25
Mountain: Lon M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C.	25
Mt. Zion, J. R. Lilly, Box 345, Hinton, W. Va.	25
Piney Grove: S. O. Shelton, Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.	25
Powells Valley, Ray Wells, 113 Melbourne Rd. Oak Ridge, Tenn.	25
United P. B.: Elder Allen Easter, Hillsville, Va.	25

WISHING WELL

To our visiting brethren and friends we of the Senter Association wish at this time to thank you most heartily for you grand display publicly in personally attending our recent gathering.

In unity there is strength.

—Clerk

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

Bear Creek—1st Sat. and Sun. May, 6 and 7, 1966
 Beaver Creek—4th Sat. & Sun. May, 27, 28, 1967
 Senter—2nd Sat. & Sun. June 10, 11, 1969
 Riverview—3rd Sat. & Sun. June 17, 18, 1967
 Horse Creek—4th Sat. & Sun. June 24, 25, 1967
 North Fork—1st Sat. & Sun. July 1, 2, 1967
 Big Helton—3rd Sat. & Sun. July 15, 16, 1967
 Roans Creek—4th Sat. & Sun. July 22, 23, 1967

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Jane Mash

Sister Mash was born November 6, 1876, she died December 19, 1965, making her stay on earth 89 years, 1 month, 13 days.

Funeral service held at Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Tuesday, December 21, 1965 by Elder G. D. Roten.

Sister Mash joined the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church about 1915, where she remained a faithful member until death.

We feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Adolphus Marion Johnson

Brother Johnson was born in Ashe County, April 21, 1898, the son of Avery and Bina Miller Johnson. He died November 28, 1965, making his stay on earth 67 years, 10 months and 7 days.

He professed a hope in Christ October 9, 1960 and joined the North Fork Primitive Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member until the death angel so suddenly called him home.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfection, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also from the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Association, at their annual meetings in A. D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, excluded, and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made

at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

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 election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Sat. of Meeting	Ordnained Elders	Licensed Gifts	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
	Bear Creek	1	2	1	22	$18.00
Beaver Creek	4	.....	1	4	.....	.....	.....	1	1	25	21.00
Big Helton	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	26.00
Horse Creek	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	18	10.00
North Fork	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	24	24.00
Riverview	3	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	23.00
Roans Creek	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	25.00
Senter	2	.....	.....	2	.....	1	3	.....	1	63	25.00
Totals .....	.....	5	2	6	.....	1	3	.....	5	288	172.00



