

**MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SENER DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Held With
Sener Church
Ashe County, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 9, 1990

The next session will convene with Sener Church, located between Jefferson, NC and Sparta, NC. Take Hwy. 221 out of Jefferson, NC about eight miles; near Nathans' Creek School.

SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 8, 1991

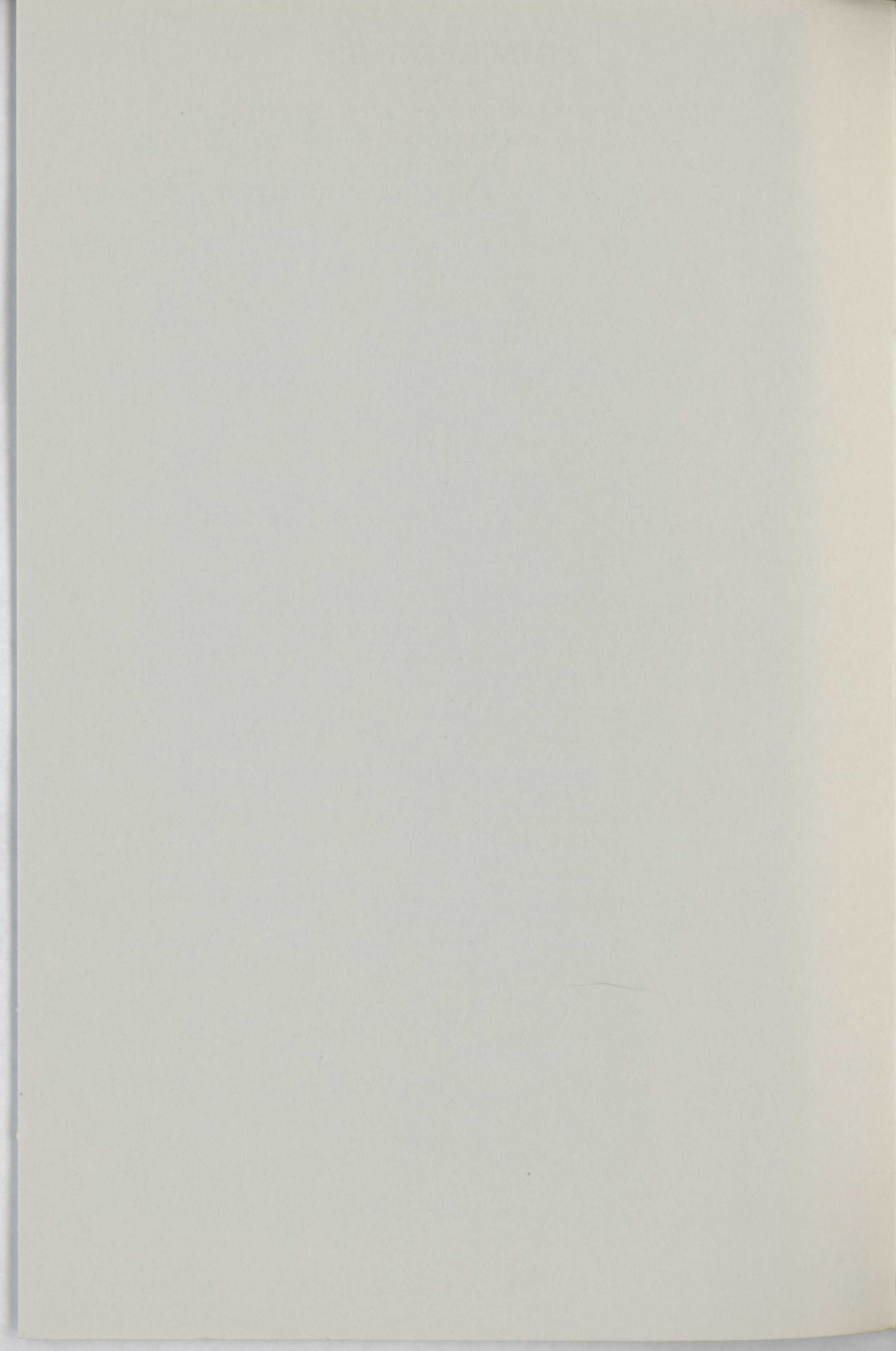
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SENER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Steve Douglas, Senter Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Eugene Bennett, No Creek Church, Mocksville, NC.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder C. O. Yates.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator; Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator; Brother Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for petitionary letters. None were received.
4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION of North Carolina and Virginia

Elder Tim Brooks
Brother Raymond and Sister Nonnie Nichols
Brother Thomas and Sister Margaret Hayden
Brother John Hayden
Brother Page and Sister Hazel Wagoner
Brother Arvel and Sister Eva Newberry
Brother Thomas And Sister Leta Farmer
Sister Marye Gambill Lineback
Brother Greene Ward
Sister Rose W. Jenkins

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION of West Virginia:

Elder Franklin Oresta

Reorganized SILVER CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina:

Elder Gene F. Watson

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina:

Elder and Sister F. W. Stack

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

No Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Mocksville, NC

Elder Eugene Bennett

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Richlands, VA.

Elder Paul E. Williams

Brother Lewis and Sister Treva Henley

Brother Fred and Sister Verlie Slusher

Brother Estel and Sister Clydie Henley

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Lindside, W. Va.

Elder Norvel P. Mann

New Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church, Hillsville, VA.

Elder Canbin and Sister Violet Vass

Brother Elmo and Sister Theoa Nester

North View Primitive Baptist Church, Danbury, NC

Elder Milton and Sister Betty Gunter

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, NC

Brother Raymond J. Bibey

Brother Paul V. Lemons

Salisbury Primitive Baptist Church, Salisbury, NC

Brother Reid I. Blevins

Elder Wayne and Sister Peggy Gibbons

Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Sparta, NC

Sister Ruby Edwards

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. Committee on Finance:
Deacon Paul Miller
Deacon Willard Hartzog
Deacon Garvie Davis

B. Committee on Arrangements:
Elder Floyd South
Elder Steve Douglas
Brother Don Walters
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk

C. Committee on Ministry:
Elder Floyd South
Elder Steve Douglas
Elder James McNeill
Brother Woodrow Burgess
Brother Clyde Johnson
Delegates from Senter Church

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association business until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Floyd South.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1990

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Jack McGinnis.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.

3. The committee on arrangements moved that the host church is to select elder to preach the introductory sermon.

4. The committee on arrangements moved that the pastor of the host church shall act as moderator until a moderator can be elected.
5. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M. on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1991 at Senter Church.
6. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights, September 6 and 7, 1991, with Senter Church.
7. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 250 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.
8. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.
9. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.
10. The finance committee is to handle the balance of the funds and distribution of the same to visiting elders.
11. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.
12. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR -- 1990

Received from Churches:

Beaver Creek	\$80.00
Big Helton	50.00
Horse Creek	30.00
North Fork	155.00
Riverview	155.00
Roans Creek	51.00
Senter	255.00
 Total Received from Churches	 \$776.00

TREASURY REPORT:

In Savings:

Balance	\$556.83
Paid out for Printing and Postage of Minutes	
Last Year	310.56
Treasurer Returned from Last Year	39.44
Received from Donations Saturday and Sunday ...	596.00
Total Received 1990	1,372.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	20.00
To the Assistant Moderator	20.00
To the Clerk	60.00
To the Assistant Clerk	20.00
Put in Treasury for Printing & Postage of Minutes ..	350.00

Miscellaneous:

Paid to Senter Church	50.00
Paid to Visiting Elders	852.00
Total Expenditures	1,272.00
Balance	\$596.27

13. Minutes read and approved.

14. That the Association adjourn through song and prayer by Elder Steve Douglas.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator

Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator

Brother Bobby H. Absher, Clerk

Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder C. O. Yates (introduced with prayer)
Elder Eugene Bennett (introductory sermon)
Elder Steve Douglas (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:

Elder C. O. Yates (introduced with prayer)
Elder Milton Gunter
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

Friday Night:

Elder Floyd South (introduced with prayer)
Elder F. W. Stack
Elder C. O. Yates (closed with prayer)

Saturday Morning:

Elder Jack McGinnis (introduced with prayer)
Elder Canbin Vass
Elder Franklin Oresta
Elder Norvel Mann

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder C. O. Yates (introduced with prayer)
Elder Gene Watson
Elder Paul Williams
Elder Tim Brooks
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

Saturday Night:

Elder F. W. Stack (introduced with prayer)
Elder Wayne Gibbons
Brother Paul Bare (closed with prayer)

Sunday Morning:

Elder C. O. Yates (introduced with prayer)

Elder Wayne Gibbons

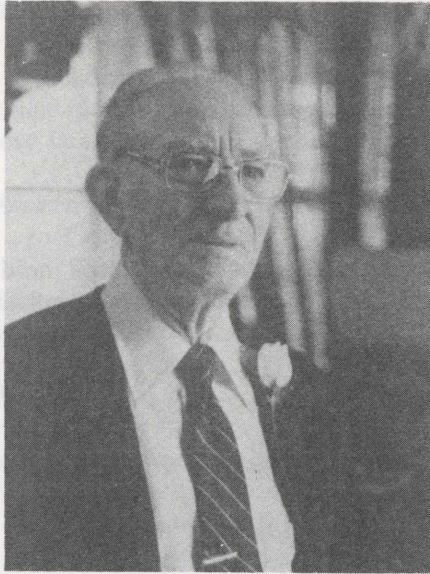
Elder F. W. Stack

Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting the second Sunday night of April and running through Friday night - April 14 - 19, 1991.

OBITUARIES



Wade Hampton Miller

Wade Hampton Miller, age 81, of Taylorsville, N.C., passed away on Tuesday, March 13, 1990. He was born in Ashe County on November 7, 1908. He was the son of Gordon and Matilda Faw Miller. He is survived by his wife Glennie St. Clair Miller, one son, Ralph Miller, four daughters, Peggy Bentley, Ruth St. Clair, Mary Bentley, and Martha Mecimore. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted on Friday, March 16, 1990 at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church in Ashe County by Elder James McNeil and Elder C. O. Yates. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He joined Riverview Primitive Baptist Church in September, 1963. He loved the church and attended as long as his health permitted. He was a loving husband and father and is greatly missed by his friends and loved ones.

by a daughter, Mary Bentley

In Loving Memory

Sister Maggie Sheets Miller was born January 3, 1894 in Ashe County, North Carolina. She departed this life June 13, 1989. The funeral was conducted in Ashe County with burial following in Riverview Cemetery. She was the daughter of Jacob and Alpha Houck Sheets.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert V. Miller and three of their four children. Survivors include one daughter, Alene Miller Parsons, and nine grandchildren. Also a host of great grandchildren.

Sister Miller joined Riverview Primitive Baptist Church at an early age and was a faithful member as long as health permitted. She spent the last years of her life confined to a nursing home, after losing her sight.

She loved the church and was a kind and good neighbor and friend to all. During sickness and trouble she was a constant source of strength and inspiration. She is greatly missed by the church and community. To know her was to love her. Her life of service was a great testimony to her love of her God and his people. We mourn her loss, but rejoice in her gain.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

- Elder C. O. Yates - Route 2, Fleetwood, NC 28626
 Elder Jack McGinnis - Route 1, Box 604, North Wilkesboro,
 NC 28659, Phone: (919) 670-3774
 Elder Floyd South - Route 2, West Jefferson, NC 28694
 Phone: (919) 246-7456
 Elder Steve Douglas - Route 1, Box 446, Crumpler, NC 28617
 Phone: (919) 982-2958
 Elder James D. McNeill - Route 1, Crumpler, NC 28617
 Phone: (919) 982-3802

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

- BEAVER CREEK** – Elder Floyd South
BIG HELTON – Elder Steve Douglas
HORSE CREEK – Elder Steve Douglas
NORTH FORK – Elder James McNeill
RIVERVIEW – Elder C. O. Yates, James McNeill
ROANS CREEK – Elder Floyd South
SENER – Elder James McNeill

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF MINUTES CLERK AND THEIR ADDRESSES

BEAVER CREEK: Don Walters	
Rt. 2, Box 129, Fleetwood, NC 28626	20
BIG HELTON: Grover Burchette	
Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693	20
HORSE CREEK: Grover Burchette	
Rt. 1 Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693	10
NORTH FORK: Grover Burchette	
Rt. 1 Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693	20
RIVERVIEW: C. O. Yates	
Rt. 2 Box 215, Fleetwood, NC 28626	30
ROANS CREEK: Elder Floyd South	
Rt. 2, West Jefferson, NC 28694	35
SENER: Bobby Absher	
Rt. 1, Box 120, Crumpler, NC 28617	45

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EBENEZER: Aubrey E. Utz Madison, Va. 22727	20
MOUNTAIN: Roy Truitt 102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA. 24333	20
BEAR CREEK: William J. Sparks 3540 Beroth Circle, Pfafftown, NC 27040	20
SILVER CREEK: Elder Gene Watson 145 Friendly Park, Lenoir, NC 28645	20
NORTH CAROLINA COLLECTION: The Library University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	2
THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST LIBRARY: Elon College Rt. 2, Elon College, NC 27244	2
THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620 ...	2
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY: The Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Box 7777, Reynolds Sta., Winston-Salem, NC 27109	2
THE CHRISTIAN BAPTIST LIBRARY: P.O. Box 68, Atwood, Tennessee	2
MT. ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION: Rt. 1, Box 14, Bluefield, W. Va. 24701	20

COMMUNION MEETINGS

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

- BEAVER CREEK** — 4th Saturday and Sunday in May
- SENER** — 2nd Saturday and Sunday in June
- RIVERVIEW** — 3rd Saturday and Sunday in June
- HORSE CREEK** — 4th Saturday and Sunday in June
- NORTH FORK** — 1st Saturday and Sunday in July
- BIG HELTON** — 3rd Saturday and Sunday in July
- ROANS CREEK** — 4th Saturday and Sunday in July

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 member 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 no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, 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 breaks the Rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several member of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Associations 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 reprov'd 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 the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Associations, at their annual meetings in A.C. 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 member 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 letters, excluded, and dead since last Association.

3. The Association will continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.

4. 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.

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

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

7. 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.

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

9. 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.

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

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

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

15. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

16. 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.

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

2. We believe that scriptures of the Old and New Testament as translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible is the written 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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Beaver Creek - Second Sunday morning, 11:00 A.M., and fourth Sunday, 2:00 p.m. A brick church building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 south about one mile to Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

Big Helton - Second Sunday, 11:00 A.M., third Sunday, 2:00 P.M. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgill, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from Lansing, NC, to Sturgill, NC. Turn left. The church is about one mile on the left side of the road.

Horse Creek - First and fourth Sundays, 11:00 A.M., following respective Saturdays. A white wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from West Jefferson, NC, to Lansing, NC. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile; turn left on 1324; follow 1324 to Joe Hampton Road; follow to end of pavement; turn left to church.

North Fork - Sunday, following first Saturday, at 2:00 P.M. A white asbestos shingle church building located about three miles west of Warrensville, NC. Located between Warrensville, NC and Trade, Tennessee. Take Hwy. 88 out of Warrensville, NC. About one mile you will come to the North Fork of the New River. Take first right-hand road. The church is about two miles on the right side of the road.

Riverview - The first and third Sundays, following respective Saturday, at 11:00 A.M. A brick church building located about eight miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one and a half mile toward Boone, NC. Turn left on state road No. 1147. Go about six miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

Roans Creek - Fourth Saturday night, 7:00 P.M., and the following Sunday, 11:00 A.M. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Laurel Springs, NC. Take Hwy. 88 out of Jefferson, NC, about seven miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

Senter - Second Saturday, 11:00 A.M., and Sunday following, 2:00 P.M. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Sparta, NC. Take Hwy. 221 out of Jefferson, NC, about eight miles. Located near Nathan's Creek School.

