

MINUTES

OF THE

Country Line Primitive Baptist

Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

SURL, PERSON COUNTY, N. C.

August 15th, 16th and 17th, 1891.

WILSON, N. C.

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S E T U M I M
PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, August 15th, 1891.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder James S. Dameron from Heb. 4: 1, 2.

2nd. The Association convened and after prayer by Elder M. F. Stubbs proceeded to business.

3rd. Elder James A Burch was chosen Moderator.

4th. Correspondents were invited to take seats with us whereupon the following were received:

From Kehukee—Elder W. A. Ross.

From Lower Canoochee—Eld. M. F. Stubbs.

From Black Creek—Elders P. D. Gold, J. T. Edgerton.

From Trinity River—Elder J. S. Collins.

From Little River—Elder J. E. Adams.

From Bear Creek—Elder J. C. Williams.

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

From Pigg River—Elders Z. T. Turner and Bro. S. Minter.

From Fisher's River—Elder J. D. Draughn (Visitor.)

From Mayo—Bro. J. W. Griggs, (Elder A. L. Moore visitor.)

From Eno—Elders, T. Y. Monk, S. P. Terry, Brethren W. A. Lea, G. C. Farthing, A. B. Williams (W. Farthing, J. M. Woods, J. M. Monk and B. H. Hill visitors.)

5th. Rules of Decorum were read.

6th. Letters from the several churches were read and their standing minuted in the statistical table.

7th. Petitionary Letters were called for, whereupon a new church named Roxboro was recieved.

8th. Brethren J. Clayton, D. R. Clayton, J. K. Duncan with the Moderator and Clerk were chosen a Committee of Arrangements and Brethren C. J. Terry, J. W. Neal a Committee of Finance.

9th. Elders J. E. Adams, J. C. Williams were appointed to preach in the afternoon to-day (Saturday.)

10th. Adjourned till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING 10 o'clock.

11th. Elder P. D. Gold opened the morning services from 1st. Cor. 7: 29-31. Elder M. F. Stubbs closed the morning services from 1st. Tim. 1: 15. Elder J. S. Collins opened the evening services from Romans 11: 7. Elder I. Jones closed the evening services from John 6: 53.

MONDAY MORNING 9 o'clock.

12th. The Association met according to adjournment and after prayer by Elder J. S. Collins proceeded to business.

13th. The Committee of Arrangements and Finance reported. Their report was received and they were discharged.

14th. Messengers appointed last year to visit sister Associations and Section Meetings generally attended and those who did not were excused.

15th. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations.

To Mayo—Elders D. R. Moore, W. C. Jones, Bro. S. J. Hall.

To Kehukee—Elder D. R. Moore, Bro. W. A. Warren.

To Little River—Elder D. R. Moore, Brother J. W. Terry.

To Contentnea—Brother J. A. Davis.

To Staunton River—Elders Y. I. Chandler, Bro. R. H. Britt, W. G. Dix, J. W. Gilliam.

To White Oak—Elder A. Blalock.

To Abbott's Creek—Elder W. C. Jones, Brother J. W. Gilliam.

To *Eno*—Elds. D. R. Moore, James S. Dameron, A. Blalock.

To *Black Creek*—Eld. J. M. Harriss.

To *Fisher's River*—Elder J. A. Burch.

16th. Agreed to send files of Minutes to Associations, Pigg River, Smith River, New River, Mill Branch and Mountain Associations.

17th. Elders A. Blalock, Y. I. Chandler, and J. S. Dameron were appointed to attend a Section Meeting at Flat River, commencing on Friday before 4th Sunday in April 1892 and Elders James S. Dameron, A. Blalock, F. L. Oakley were appointed to attend another at Wheeler's commencing on Friday before 2nd Sunday in April 1892.

18th. The Circular Letter prepared by Elder J. A. Burch was read and adopted.

19th. Eld. Y. J. Chandler was appointed to write a circular letter for next year.

20th. The Finance Committee reported as.....	
Received from the churches.....	\$25 60
Balance in hands of Clerk.....	17 65
Total.....	44 25

EXPENDITURES.

Clerk's Fee.....	10 00	
For printing 1300 copies of these minutes.....	16 00	26 00
Balance in hands of Clerk.....		18 25

21st. Elders W. A. Ross, J. D. Draughn, B. H. Wooten, J. T. Edgerton preached to-day (Monday) after 9 o'clock.

22nd. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Dan River in Rockingham Co. N. C., about six miles from Ruffin, N. C., commencing Saturday before 3rd Sunday Aug. 1892 and that Elder D. R. Moore preach the introductory sermon, Elder A. Blalock, Alternate.

JAMES S. DAMERON, Cl'rk.

C. A. HOWARD, Ass't Cl'k.

JAS. A. BURCH, Mod.

ADDRESS OF CLERKS.

- Arbor--J. E. Simmons, Anderson's Store, N. C.
Big Meadow--J. F. Buckner, Gravel Spring, N. C.
Camp Creek--H. Blalock, Lindover, N. C.
Country Line--Y. I. Chandler, Fitch's Store, N. C.
Deep Creek--J. Brooks, Iola, N. C.
Dan River--T. F. Ward, Nance, N. C.
Ebenezer--W. T. Royster, Roxboro, N. C.
Flat River--Preston W. Whitfield, Bushy Fork, N. C.
Gilliams--J. W. Gilliam, Morton's Store, N. C.
Harmony--M. C. Murray, Pleasant Grove, N. C.
Lynch's Creek--W. R. Hawkins, Corbett, N. C.
Lick Fork--C. A. Howard, Blackwells, N. C.
Mt. Zion---H. F. Wilkins, Diniston's Junction, Va.
Moon's Creek--J. W. Neal, Gatewood, N. C.
Prospect Hill--J. R. Hester, Prospect Hill, N. C.
Pleasant Grove--W. L. Walker, Ashland, N. C.
Roxboro--G. T. Burch, Roxboro, N. C.
Storie's Creek--J. A. B. Walter's, Roxboro, N. C.
Surl--James K. Duncan, Surl, N. C.
Tar River--L. D. Williford, Berea, N. C.
Wheeler--S. O. Bryant, Gordonton, N. C.
Wolf Island--J. H. Hall, Reidsville, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER

AUGUST 15th., 1891.

DEAR BRETHREN, SISTERS AND FRIENDS IN WHOSE HANDS THESE LINES MAY FALL:—I feel insufficient of myself to write under the above heading a letter subject to the judgment of the church of Christ and its friends, and the criticisms of its foes; but hope the Lord, the head of the church, may dictate and direct to his name's glory, and to the comfort of his people. We need his Spirit to guide us all the way through this life, for we acknowledge that we are carnally minded. The subject that appears to my mind with some degree of weight is the language of Paul to the church at Corinth, first Epistle, first chapter, and first three words of 13th verse, "Is Christ divided?" The same apostle tells us in Hebrews, 13:8th. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and to-day and forever;" and Jesus said, "I and my Father are one;" John 10:30 and 17:11. Paul to the church at Ephesus, 4:4-5. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, and through all and in you all. The above with all other Scriptures connected in the same subject prove to our minds that Jesus is the same and without a shadow of a turn from one eternal way of righteousness, the source from which comes all good and perfect gifts to the children of men according to his foreknowledge and unchangeable purpose. Though man sinned and became an enemy to God by wicked works, Jesus was not changed nor divided. The first Adam is changeable, and often divides upon the subject of religion, as the first two sons did. Therein we see the work of man's hands and faith in Christ brought to view, the first working for justification, the other looking unto Jesus the justifier from dead works. When all sacrifices for sin failed under the Law to save God's people without Christ, he came a holy sacrifice as prepared by the Father to show his eternal and undivided love that he had for his people in that holy obedience to the Law, which he fulfilled to a jot and tittle, and all the church of Christ which is his body is justified in the sight of the Father by the obedience of his son and clothed with his righteousness, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing in a spiritual sense; and it is in him, and by him we live and have our being. We find no division in him, yet as far back as the date 59 so soon after Christ ascended from earth to heaven we read of division in the Church, some for one and some another. Paul said to the Galatians, who hath bewitched you that you should not obey the truth? While there are some for one minister, and some for another, some for one practice, and some for another, are we not bewitched, that is deceived? We do not know any worse state of deception than to be deceived in ourselves. While we are in this condition the only remedy is to forgive as the Saviour does, who is not divided, but remains the same in love, purpose and power, and warns us of the danger of the house being divided. In this he shows his love to his people by being faithful to them, and as he forgave his servants so he requires his servants to forgive their fellow servants. Now all that profess his name should also walk as he walked, as much as in them is, looking diligently lest any root of bitterness spring up and thereby many be defiled. Before the Church's eye the above light has been made manifest, Christ not being divided, what excuse can his professed body render for dividing on anything, when he is not the author of confusion, but of peace as in all the churches of the saints. Then we conclude that all the peace of the church comes from him who is not divided, and all divisions must come of Old Man and his deeds.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Numbers.	NAMES OF CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Received by L'tr.	Restored.	Dismissed by L'tr.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Fellowship.	Finances.
1	Arbor	*Y. I. Chaudler, †S. T. Simmons, W. A. Florence.....	4	2	10	7	108	\$ 2 50		
2	Big Meadow.....	†W. C. Jones, L. Heath, †H. Johnston.....	4	2	2	1	92	1 00		
3	Camp Creek.....	*A. Blalock, *J. C. Hudgens, J. Akin.....	4	2	2	1	59	1 50		
4	Country Lane.....	By Letter.....	1	1	1	1	14	50		
5	Deep Creek.....	J. Brooks.....	1	1	1	1	28	75		
6	Dan River.....	R. H. Pruitt, J. H. Griffith, T. F. Ward.....	1	2	4	1	22	1 00		
7	Ebenezer.....	John Bowers, W. T. Royster.....	3	2	4	2	14	1 00		
8	Flat River.....	*D. R. Moore, J. D. Burch, J. A. Davis.....	1	1	5	1	65	2 00		
9	Gilliams.....	†W. I. Brooks, †W. T. Boyles, J. W. Gilliam.....	1	1	1	1	19	1 00		
10	Harmony.....	L. C. Murray, †B. G. Ward, †G. W. Brooks.....	7	1	1	1	20	70		
11	Lynch's Creek.....	W. Warren, W. R. Hawkins, †W. Miles.....	7	1	1	1	50	90		
12	Lick Fork.....	C. J. Terry, †W. B. Wright, C. A. Howard.....	7	1	1	1	61	2 00		
13	Mt. Zion.....	Geo. B. Hite, C. C. Hite, H. F. Wilkins.....	7	1	1	1	14	50		
14	Moan's Creek.....	*J. S. Dameron, J. W. Neal, J. B. Kennan.....	4	4	2	2	22	75		
15	Prospect Hill.....	E. L. Warren, S. J. Hall, J. O. Soegens.....	4	1	1	1	22	1 25		
16	Pleasant Grove.....	†J. H. Combs, E. L. Apple, B. B. McKinny.....	1	1	1	1	48	1 50		
17	Roxboro.....	J. S. Clayton, John O'Bryan, J. A. B. Walters.....	3	2	2	2	26	1 00		
18	Stories Creek.....	J. H. Clayton, J. T. Lee, J. K. Duncan.....	3	2	2	1	29	1 00		
19	Surl.....	J. M. Cochran, J. T. Lee, J. K. Duncan.....	3	2	2	1	29	1 00		
20	Tar River.....	W. H. Gordon, R. L. Newton, M. Dean.....	10	5	1	1	34	75		
21	Wheeler's.....	*J. A. Burch, E. S. Malone, W. A. Warren.....	5	5	1	1	116	3 00		
22	Wolf Island.....	J. H. Hall, †G. W. Carter, †T. R. Williams.....	5	5	1	1	60	1 50		
Totals.....			50	2	32	5	22	866	\$26 60	

Elders marked * Absentees † Licentiates ‡