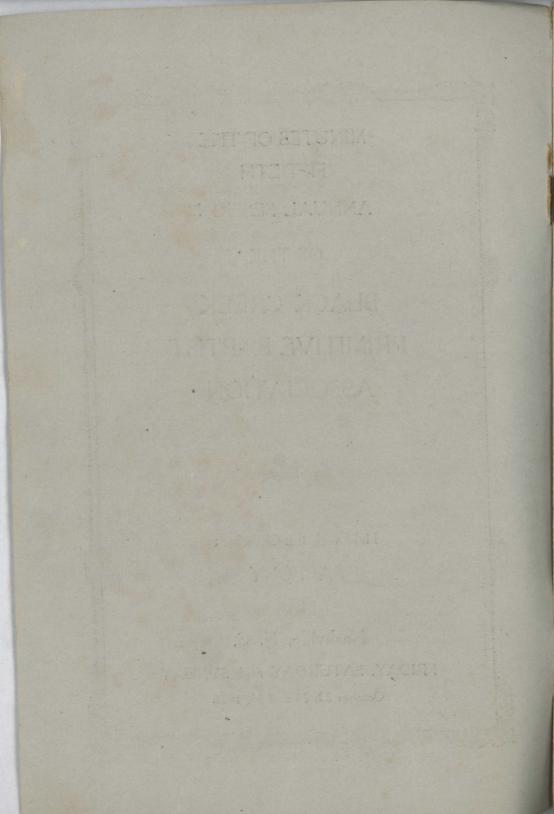
MINUTES OF THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



Held with the Church at SAPPONY NEAR Nashville, N. C. FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY October 23, 24 and 25, 1926



# PROCEEDINGS

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, 1926

1. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder R. H. Boswell.

2. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. T. Williams, and from the following text: 1st verse, 1st chapter John.

3. The conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder C. B. Hall.

4. On motion Elder J. C. Hooks was chosen moderator and Elder E. L. Cobb, clerk who called Brother I. A. Lamm to his assistance.

5. On motion visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats with us.

6. Elders D. A. Mewborn and A. B. Denson were sent to the stand to preach and they used the following texts, D. A. Mewborn, 2nd chapter Eph. 3, 9, 10 verses; A. B. Denson, 15th chapter Cor. 49, 50 verses.

7. Brethren W. C. Boyette and J. B. Murray were appointed a committee on finance.

8. Letters from 23 churches composing this association were called for and read.

9. Petitionary letters to join this association was called for, but none came forward.

10. Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations.

Contentnea-Minutes. Elders D. A. Mewborn, Bro. George Gardner and others.

Little River-Brethren J. T. Hinton, R. D. Langdon. Kehukee-Minutes. Elder A. B. Denson, Brother W. H. Worsley.

Seven Mile-Minutes. Bro. W. P. Griffin.

White Oak-Minutes. Bro. J. A. Hewitt.

Mill Branch—Minutes. Brethren F. C. Wright, E. L. Vaught.

Baltimore-Minutes.

Warwick-Minutes.

Delaware-Minutes.

Staunton River-No Minutes.

Lower Country Line—Minutes. Elders C. B. Hall, J. A. Herndon, Bro. M. G. Markham.

Upper Country Line-Minutes Elder M. B. Martin.

Salem-Minutes.

Fisher's River-No Minutes.

Zion-Minutes.

Delaware River-Minutes.

Mayo-No Minutes.

Abbott's Creek-No Minutes.

Oconee-Elder J. M. Adams.

11. Appointed our next session of our association to be held with the church at White Oak, to commence Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1927 at 11 o'clock A. M. The introductory sermon is to be preached by Elder S. B. Denny, and Elder R. H. Bos-Boswell to be his alternate.

12. The following were appointed to visit the sister associations:

Contentnea-Elder R. E. Adams, Brethren J. W. Ellis, J. S. Rogerson.

Kehukee-Elders R. E. Adams, S. B. Denny, Bro. J. S. Rogerson.

Little River-Elder R. H. Boswell, Bro. D. A. Thompson.

White Oak-Elder R. E. Adams, Bro. J. A. Stephenson.

Lower Country Line-Elders R. E. Adams, S. B. Denny, Bro. W. H. Burch.

Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Wyatt, Brethren W. H. Burch, L. H. Hill.

Seven Mile—Eld. Geo. Boswell, Brethren R. L. Scott, I. A. Lamm, D. A. Thompson.

Mill Branch-Elders J. C. Hooks, R. H. Boswell. Baltimore, Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Delaware-Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Delaware River-Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Warwick-Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Abbott's Creek-Elder R. H. Boswell, Bro. D. C. Vanhoy.

Mayo-Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Staunton River-Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Fisher's River-Elder S. B. Denny.

13. The officers of this association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee of arrangements. 14. Elders J. A. Herndon, M. B. Martin, J. L. Ross were appointed to preach Saturday morning, and they used the following texts, J. A. H., 10th chapter Romans, 10th verse, 11th chapter Matthew, 25th verse; M. B. M., 2nd chapter Daniels 8, 9, 10 verses; J. L. R., 9th chapter Matthew, 12th verse.

Elders J. S. Corbett, J. M. Adams, C. B. Hall were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon, and they used the following texts: J. S. C., 1st chapter 1st John, 1, 2 verses; J. M. A., 4th chapter 1st Timothy; C. B. H., 5th chapter 2nd Chronicles, 1st verse.

Elders A. M. Crisp, O. J. Denny, J. E. Mewborn, N. H. Harrison, were appointed to preach Sunday morning and they used the following texts: A. M. C., 34th chapter Psalms, 31st verse; O. J. D., 28th chapter Matthew, 19th and 20th verses; J. E. M., 17th chapter John, 8 to 10 verses. N. H. H., did not get text.

E.ders J. C. Moore and W. M. Monsees also attended our association at which we welcomed them but time and weather did not permit the use of them, so we ask you to come again as we were glad to have you.

15. The messengers were called for and the names present were entered in the statistical table.

16. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit the sister associations were called on to report and all those that failed to attend were excused.

17. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from churches	\$166.50
Paid for printing minutes\$	30.00
Allowed clerk for services	15.00
Given to visiting ministers	121.50

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18. The report was received and the committee was discharged after the disposing of the money to the proper ones.

19. Inasmuch as all our business is done on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association failed to report on Friday can make his report to the clerk any time during the meeting and the clerk is authorized to record same in the minutes. 20. Agreed that the constitution and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

21. The clerk is authorized to have 1500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and associations with whom we correspond and record one on our minutes or records.

22. The following brethren, Nick Joyner, W. B. Parker, W. N. Cockrell, were appointed to preserve order during the services Saturday and Sunday.

23. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of this community, who have so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that the moderator give public expression at the close of the association.

24. Agreed that this association adopt expressions of grief at the death of one of or beloved ministers, who has since our last sitting, departed this life, by having an obtuary written and made a part of our minutes, and copy be sent to the family and one printed in the Landmark. Obituary to be written by his brother, Elder S. B. Denny.

#### **OBITUARY OF ELDER C. F. DENNY**

Elder C. F. Denny, of Wilson, N. C., was born in Surry County, N. C., March 14, 1869, and united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Pilot Mountain, N. C., May 29, 1899.

The same day his first wife. Cora Mitchel Denny, was laid to rest, he stated, while sitting by her grave that he cou'd not return to his home without discharging his duty toward the church, as his companion expressed a desire so many times that they be baptized together, so he quietly related a sweet hope in a crucified Saviour and was baptized the same afternoon.

He was married the second time to Mollie B. Comer, of Surry County, who departed this life March 14, 1911, and is survived by his loving widow, Ora N. Denny, formerly Ora N. Jackson, of Macon. Georgia, and five children.

He was ordained to the full work of the ministry December 26, 1904, serving one to three churches constantly until his death which took place April 18, 1926, after an illness of some th ee months from heart affection.

It was the writer's privilege to visit him daily while in the hospital where he remained six weeks. Until just a few days before his death, he would request me to remember him in prayer, and ask the Lord to restore him to his loved ones and to his church: and, then realizing that death was near, he requested me in the presence of his companion and daughter to ask the Lord not to restore him to health, but to give him a sweet, peaceful dismission from time, saying that to depart and be with Christ was far better.

He emulated during his sickness, I feel, the very spirit of our Saviour, as he was made to gray constantly for his loved ones, his churches, his friends, and his enemies, and died as he had lived in that quiet, peaceful and gentle manner.

The funeral was conducted at the Primitive Baptist Church in Wilson at 4 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, by Elders C. B. Hall, and J. C. Hooks, and his remains were laid to rest in Maplewood Cemetery beneath a mound of beautiful floral offerings.

Written by request.

S. B. DENNY.

Th's association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for our next annual session, with praise and prayer by the moderator.

> ELDER J. C. HOOKS, Moderator. ELDER E. L. COBB, Clerk. BROTHER I. A. LAMM, Asst. Clerk.

## CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES AND THE TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS

1. Aycock's-Pastor Elder J. C. Hooks, Fremont, N. C. Clerk

W. G. Smith, Fremont, N. C., September 4th Sunday.
2. Beulah—Pastor, Elder J. T. Collier, Micro, N. C.; clerk,
A. B. Atkinson, Kenly, N. C.; J. W. Woodard, Kenly, N. C.; September 3rd Sunday

3. Contentnea—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; Clerk, F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., F. R. D. No. 3; October 3rd Sunday.

4. Cross Roads-Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, C. L. Gurley, Jr., Princeton, N. C., September 4th Sunday.

5. Creeches-Pastor, Elder J. T. Collier, Micro, N. C.; Clerk, G. G. Creech, Kenly, N. C.; August 4th Sunday.

6. Dudley-Pastor, Elder J. B. Roberts, Greenville, N. C.; Clerk, Carrie Potts, Mt. Olive, N. C., August 3rd Sunday.

7. Goldsboro-Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C. R. F. D. No. 1; Clerk, B. F. Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., June 1st Sunday.

8. Healthy Plains—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; Clerk, W. F. Boykin, Blackstone, Va., assist-

ant Clerk, Hilliard Boykin, Bailey, N. C., August 2nd Sunday. 9. Lower Black Creek—Pastor Elder J. C. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.; Clerk R. L. Lucas, Black Creek, N. C., September 2nd Sunday.

Memorial-Pastor, Elder J. C. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.; 10. clerk, M. R. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.; October 1st Sunday.

11. Mill Branch-Pastor, Elder A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount,

N. C.; clerk, Alford Joyner, Rocky Mount, N. C., R. F. D. No. August 1st Sunday. 1;

12. Nashville-Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C .: clerk, L. G. Edwards, Rocky Mount, R. F. D., No. 2; September 4th Sunday.

13. New Chapel-Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D., No. 1; clerk, Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1: September 2nd Sunday.

14. Peach Tree-Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Casta'ia, N. C., clerk, S. A. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C.; August 2nd Sunday.

15. Pittman's Grove-No pastor; clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.; July 2nd Sunday.

16. Sandy Grove-Pastor, Elder G. W. Eoswell, Wilson, N.

C.; clerk, J. B. Murry, Middlesex, N. C.; August 1st Sunday.
17. Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Casta ia, N. C.;
clerk, J. R. Lindsey ,Nashville, N. C.; R. F. D. No. 1, September 3rd Sunday.

18. Scott's-Pastor, Elder S. B. Denny, Wilson, N. C.; clerk, I. A. Lamm, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D., No. 2, October 2nd Sunday.

20. White Oak-Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; clerk, J. J. Eason, Walstonburg, N. C.; August 1st Sunday.

21. Wilson-Pastor, Elder J. C. Moore, Whitakers, N. C .; clerk, J. W. Thorne, Wilson, N. C.; August 4th Sunday. 22. Elm City—Pastor, Elder T. H. B. Pridgen, Wilson, N.

C., R. F. D. No. 3; clerk, J. J. Thorne, Elm City, N. C.

Little Vine-Pastor, Elder J. W. Wyatt, Selma, N. C.; 23. clerk, D. M. Morris, Selma, N. C., R. F. D. No 1; July 2nd Sunday

#### MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POSTOFFICE

Elder	R. H. Boswell	Wilson, N. C.
Elder	G. W. Boswell	R. F. D. No. 3, Wilson, N. C.
Elder	J. T. Collier	Micro, N. C.
Elder	S. B. Denny	Wilson, N. C.
Elder	John W. Gardner	Goldsboro, N. C.
Elder	J. C. Hooks	Fremont, N. C
Elder	T. H. Pridgen	-R. F. D. No. 3, Wilson, N. C.
Elder	J. T. Williams	Castalia, N. C.
Elder	J. W. Wyatt	Selma, N. C.
Elder	E. L. Cobb	Wilson, N. C
Elder	R. E. Adams	Wilson, N. C.

#### LICENTIATES

Brother	Joseph PittmanMicro,	N.	C.
Brother	Macon BrantleySpring Hope,	N.	C.
Brother	Johnnie JoynerSharpsburg,	N.	C.
Brother	W. R. HinesWilson,	N.	C.

# DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

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3. Contentnea-F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D 90
4. Creeches-G. G. Creech, Micro, N. C 40
5. Cross Roads-C. L. Perry, Jr., Princeton, N. C 30
6. Dudley-W. H. Eurch, Mount Olive, N. C 12
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8. Healthy Plains-Hilliard Boykin, Bailey, N. C 35
9. Lower Black Creek-Eld. J. C. Hooks, Fremont, N. C 70
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12. Nashville-L. G. Edwards, Rocky Mount, N. C 30
13. New ChapelAlbert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., R. 1 25
14. Peach Tree-Macon Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C 20
15. Pittman Grove-C. R. Bridgers, Micro, N. C 25
16. Sandy Grove-J. B. Murry, Middlesex, N. C 35
17. Sappony-J. R. Lindsey, Nashville, N. C., R. 1 40
18. Scotts-I. A. Lamm, Wilson, N. C., R. 2 35
19. Upper Elack Creek-Thomas Ferrell, Lucama, N. C 85
20. White Oak—Eld. E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C 15
21. Wilson, N. CJ. W. Thorne, Stantonsburg, N. C 90
22. Elm City-J. J. Thorne, Elm City, N. C 15
23. Little Vine-D. M. Morris, Selma, N. C 8

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#### CHURCHES AND DATES WHEN ASSOCIATIONS WERE HELD WITH THEM

1. Aycocks	1903-1924
2. Beulah	1902-1917
3. Contentnea	
4. Creeches	1913
5. Cross Roads	1911-1916
6. Dudley	
7. Goldsboro	
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10. Memorial	1904-1919
11. Mill Branch	1911
12. Nashville	1909-1920
13. New Chapel	
14. Peach Tree	
15. Pittman's Grove	1921
16. Sandy Grove	
17. Sappony	
18. Scott's	
19. Upper Black Creek	
20. White Oak	
21. White Oak	
22.Little Vine	
23. Elm City	1925

#### RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by praver.

Art. 2. The Moderator and the Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Art. 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 a speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and no wise reflect on the persons who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfection, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art.6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or application than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11.—The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires. Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

## CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and commun.on with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the fo lowing plan or form of government, viz:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members choson by the different churches in our union, duly sent to repreant them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from the irrespective churches certifying their appointment, they hall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the ules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be pressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, d.smissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

A t. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

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

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messages, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but in there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

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

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best meth-

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od of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

Art.12. The Minutes of this Association when prpinted, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 14. The Association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this Union.

Art. 15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract or Sunday School union, societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does feliowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

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