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SANDY GROVE CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE *
KEHUKEE PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

* OCTOBER, 1903. *

MINUTES

OF THE

138th Annual Session of the

KEHUKEE

Primitive Baptist Association,

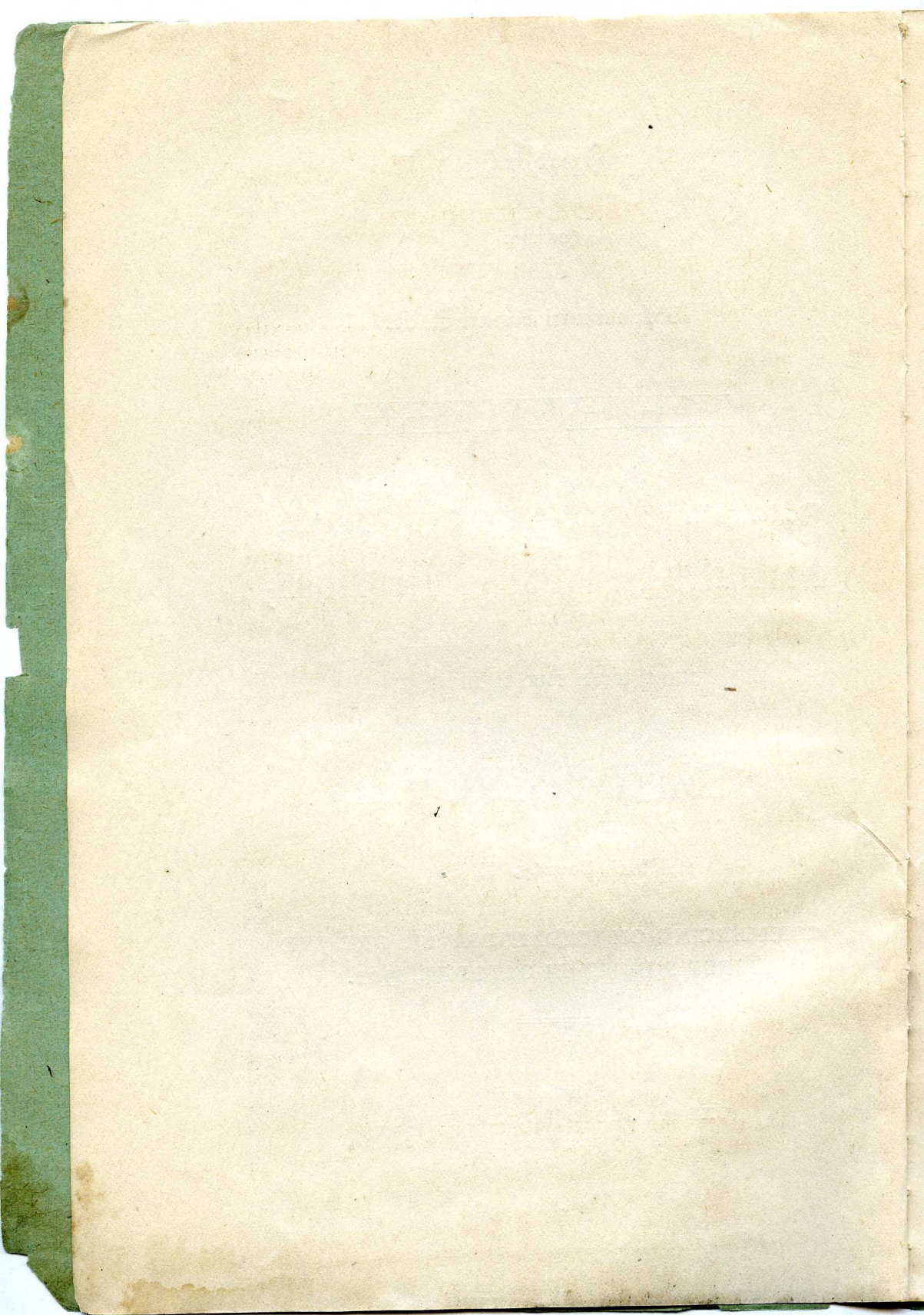
HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

❁SANDY GROVE❁

Nash County, N. C.

COMMENCING ON WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE
FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1903.

PRESSES OF
THE P. D. GOLD PUBLISHING CO.,
WILSON, N. C.



PROCEEDINGS.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder S. Hassell from epistle of Jude, 2nd verse.

After a short intermission the association came together and was organized by appointing Elder S. Hassell moderator, and Elder M. T. Lawrence, clerk, who called to his assistance Brothers J. C. Moore and T. W. Bass.

The following committees were appointed on finance: Brethren McBrantly and B. I. Allsbrook.

On arrangements of preaching—Moderator and Clerk, and Brethren Mc Brantly and Benj. Dew.

Visiting ministers and brethren from other Associations invited to seats with us.

Elders J. F. Farmer, J. A. Burch and W. A. Simpkins preached at the stand to-day.

Letters from thirty-eight churches were received and read and names of messengers and standing of churches enrolled in table of churches.

Called for correspondence when the following were received:

White Oak—Elders Isaac Jones and E. E. Lundy, and minutes.

Contentnea—Geo. W. Hales, Jno. R. Lindsay and Elders Williams and Hart, visitors.

Country Line—Elders J. A. Burch and Brother J. W. Gilliam, minutes.

Little River—Elders Adams (Simpkins and Brother S. D. Coley, and minutes.

Black Creek—Elders J. F. Farmer and P. D. Gold and Brethren J. B. Smith, and J. M. Harper, and minutes.

Eno—Minutes.

Center District—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.

Baltimore—Elder J. T. Rowe and minutes.

Mountain District—Minutes.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Upatoic—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Corresponding, Va.—Minutes.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

Salisbury—Minutes.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Seven Mile—Minutes.

Elder J. K. Booton visits from Ebenezer Association, Virginia.

Ocmulgee—

Staunton River—

Fisher's River—Brother H. C. Booker, and minutes.

Etcheconnee—Minutes.

Primitive Ebenezer—Minutes.

Little Hope Association—Elder G. W. Stewart, visitor.

Elder G. D. Roberson was appointed to write a corresponding letter to be attached to these minutes.

Elder A. J. Moore, visitor, from Toisnot Church.

Petitionary letters were called for—None received.

Resolved, That our next Association be held with the church at Nashville, N. C., and that Elder G. D. Roberson preach the introductory sermon, and Elder W. B. Strickland be his alternate, worship to begin to-morrow at 10 o'clock, then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1903.

Elder E. E. Lundy opened the service by singing and prayer.

Elder G. W. Stewart preached from 1st Peter, 1st chap. and 9th verse.

Elder J. K. Booton followed from Gal. 1st chapter, 1st to 6th verses inclusive.

Elder T. C. Hart, from Rom. 1st chapter, 1st verse.

After an intermission of half an hour Elder J. T. Rowe followed and preached from the 11th chapter Hebrews and 4th verse.

The Moderator closed the services of the day.

The Association assembled and was opened with praise and prayed by Elder E. E. Lundy and proceeded to business.

Names of messengers were called and over those absent marked in table of churches.

The corresponding letter was called for and read and ordered to be attached to these minutes.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

In hand of Clerk at the close of last Association	\$55 85
Paid for printing minutes and postage	\$32 50
Clerk's fees	15 00
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Balance on hand	\$ 8 30
Received from the churches	50 50
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In hand of Clerk	\$58 80

The following brethren were appointed messengers to sister Associations:

To Country Line to be held at Country Line, Caswell county—Elder G. D. Roberson and Brother I. W. Bass, and minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Contentnea—Elder Charles Meads and Brother M. H. Singleton, and minutes.

White Oak—Elder Charles Meads, and minutes.

Black Creek—Brother Bass, Trevathan and Lamb, and minutes.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Little River—Minutes.

Eno—Minutes.

The following appointments were made for South Key.

November—Elder W. B. Strickland.

December—Elder M. B. Williford.

January—Elder J. F. Farmer.

February—Elder J. W. Johnson.

March—Elder J. T. Ambrose.

April—Elder J. E. Adams.

May—Elder G. D. Roberson.

June—Elder W. T. Staton.

July—S. Hassell.

August—Elder J. N. Roberson.

September—A. D. Mizell.

All the churches reported themselves in peace.

Resolved, That we correspond by minutes with the following Associations:

Delaware, Delaware River, Corresponding, Va., Mountain District, Warwick, Salisbury, Mill Branch, Fisher's

River, Upatoic, Ocmulgee, Mayo, Ethiconnee, Primitive Ebenezer, Senter District and New River.

All the churches of the Association heard from reported themselves in peace.

The question of changing the time of holding the Association back to the first Saturday, Sunday and Monday in October, was considered. It was agreed to refer the matter to the churches and let them report in their letters to the next Association. Also to report whether or not they are willing to leave it discretionary with each church, to have it then or at the time it is now held.

It is agreed that any member of this Association visiting any Association with whom we correspond be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved 1. That we return thanks to God as much as in us is for the excellent weather, order and peace of our body and to the brethren, sisters and friends in this community for their liberal hospitality and kindness in the entertainment of this Association.

Resolved 2. That this Association discountenances, condemns and forbids all kinds of trading and misbehavior on or around the church grounds and will in the future punish the same to the full extent of the law and this Association recommends to the churches composing it that they have their places of meeting incorporated and protected against lawlessness.

It is agreed that our Clerk have 2,500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and the Associations with whom we correspond and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services. The Association then adjourned to the time and place appointed.

S. HASSELL, Moderator.

M. T. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

I. W. BASS,

J. C. MOORE,

Assistant Clerks.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1903.

Elder A. J. Moore opened the services and preached from 2nd Tim., 8th chap. and 10th verse.

Elder P. D. Gold followed from Psalms 27th chap., 8th verse.

Elder Isaac Jones preached the last sermon from Psalms 5th, 12th verse. Singing and benediction by the Moderator. We had sound and able preaching, excellent order and fine weather.

CORRESPONDING.

The Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association now in session with the church at Sandy Grove, Nash county, N. C., it being the 138th session of this kind, we, as our usual custom, send this, our annual epistle of love to the sister associations with whom we correspond. Dear brethren in the Lord, we are glad that the good Lord has been with us another year. We often wonder why he thus spares us. It surely is a manifestation of his wonderful goodness to us poor sinners. It should remind us how we should bear with one another in love and humanity of spirit. Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness to us the children of men. Brethren, we are glad when the time comes for us to meet together (as we trust) in the Lord, in our Association here on earth where there is such a manifestation of love and fellowship, where we can sit together in heavenly places in Christ and hear the glorious word proclaimed by the servants of our King. Yes, these who have been taught in the school of grace, brought up by his mighty power to deny themselves so that they are made willing to serve others. So, as the apostle says, if we do this willingly we have a reward. So that both they that preach and they that hear are both blessed of the Lord. But, brethren, we should not be a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the word, walking in love and speaking to each other of the things that make for peace. The preaching by our beloved brethren in the ministry has been good during the meeting, which we trust the Lord will bless to our good for many days to come. Our churches reported in peace, and some of them have been blessed (since our last to you) with many additions. We are glad to have your ministers and messengers with us on this occasion as we have had hertofore, and hope to have again. Our next Association is appointed to be held with the church at Nashville, Nash county, N. C., when and where we trust to be favored with your correspondence in the Lord. May our King in Zion bless

you all by his presence and grace to keep us all from falling, etc.
Farewell.

S. HASSELL, Moderator.

M. T. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

IN MEMORIAM

ELDER A. J. AUSTIN.

Elder Avery J. Austin was born on Roanoke Island, N. C., May 22, 1848, and lived there till 1875, when he moved to Kitty Hawk, Currituck county, N. C., and died of apoplexy at Paul Gamiel's Hill Life Saving Station, six miles north of Kitty Hawk, November 5, 1902. He married Miss Martha Perry May 25, 1869, and their five children preceeded him to the grave. He was a fisherman until 1878, when he was appointed by the United States government keeper of the above-named life saving station, and remained so till his death. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church in 1869 and was ordained to the ministry in January, 1883, and was called in 1884 to the pastoral care of Providence church, at Kitty Hawk, and afterwards to that of Elim church, at Powell's Point, and was pastor of these two churches at his death. He preached the fourth Saturday and Sunday in October, 1902, at Providence church, and was taken sick Monday, and died the following Wednesday week. When he was a school boy his teacher gave him a Bible for telling the truth. He was one of the humblest, kindest and gentlest of men; good to the poor and needy, never refusing them a favor, and loved by all who knew him, and resigned in his many and sore trials, to the will of the Lord. He was one of the best friends I ever had; helped me to pay the Church History debt, and entertained me repeatedly and most brotherly at his hospitable home. His life was a bright and shining light on the northwestern coast of North Carolina. He proved that he was what he professed to be—a child of God and a minister of Christ. When he was taken with a congestive chill, his wife, who was at her farm home, near Powell's Point, was sent for, and also Dr. Cogswell, a skillful physician at Kitty Hawk. All that could be done for him by human power was done. He remained conscious until almost the last. His faith was strong; as the elders

who obtained a good report by faith, all died in the faith, so did he. He became happy and preached and prayed, and seemed to converse with the Saviour, and then fell asleep in Jesus about half-past one o'clock p. m., November 5, 1902. May the Lord ever bless and comfort and sustain his bereaved companion our dear sister.

SYLVESTER HASSELL.

ELDER STEPHEN BIGGS.

The subject of this notice was born February the 9th. 1809 and lived a pious life as a citizen of his day. He always was a hard working man: never accumulated very much property. He lived honestly and honorably with his people. It pleased the Lord to call him out of darkness to serve him, and on the 11th of August, 1843 he united with the church at Concord, in Washington Co., N. C. and was baptised by G. W. Carrowan. Then the church seeing the talent the Lord had given him, on the 17 of January 1846 choose him for a deacon, and on the 10th. of May 1846 he was ordained deacon by Elders Puckett and Mott. The church being well pleased in seeing and realizing his gift on Saturday before the 4th. Sunday in March 1853, licensed him to preach, and on Saturday before the 4th. Sunday in August 1855 he was granted license to preach and on Saturday before the 4th. Sunday in January 1869 he was ordained by Elders Wm. Reynold and A. Cartwright. The church chose him to the pastoral care in 1873 for one year, and Saturday before the 4th. Sunday in January 1874 he was chosen to take charge of the church, and held him in high esteem for the same. He grew old and became afflicted, and on Saturday before the 4th. Sunday in June 1902 he resigned by reason of afflictions. He served the church faithfully as long as he could go. He was afflicted some six or more years so that he could not get out. Although his afflictions were severe he was steadfast in faith and in salvation by grace without the works of man. He did not travel very far away from home to preach many times, but his service was masterly in and around home. All who knew him loved him. He never was so busy, when he was called on to go and preach a funeral, be it far or near, but that he would go. Many a time he would be hindered himself and lose two or more days without reward, or hope of reward, on

this earth. He always said his reward was in heaven. Blessed hope in the Lord.

He was married to Nancy Ambrose in the year 1832. Of this union there were born eight children, five sons and three daughters, and two of them survive him; 30 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren, and on the 12th of October, 1902, the Lord saw fit to call him to leave his body of earth, and took him home, where we believe he is blessed forever more. His stay on earth was 93 years, 8 months and 3 days. We feel sad to part with our father at home and our father in Israel.

Written by request of his son, Wm. Biggs.

A. W. AMBROSE.

Cherry, N. C.

Names of Ministers and their Post-office Addresses.

MINISTERS.	POST-OFFICE.	MINISTERS.	POST-OFFICE.
J. I. Ambrose.....	Cherry Hill, N. C.	*John S. Meads....	Kehukee, N. C.
J. D. Armstrong..	Rocky Mount, N. C.	Samuel Moore.....	Bethel, N. C.
David Carter.....	Pungo River.....	Henry Peel.....	Amhurst, N. C.
*C. G. Dowdy.....	Harbinger	John L. Ross.....	Stokes, N. C.
N. H. Harrison....	Plymouth, N. C.	L. S. Ross.....	Rose Bay, N. C.
Sylvester Hassell..	Williamston, N. C.	Geo. D. Roberson..	Robersonville, N. C.
J. W. Johnson.....	Whitakers, N. C.	J. N. Rogerson....	Williamston, N. C.
Lawrence Johns'n	Tarboro, N. C.	W. F. Staton.....	Scotland Neck N. C.
James H. Latham	Acesville, N. C.	W. B. Strickland..	Scotland Neck N. C.
M. T. Lawrence....	Hamilton, N. C.	D. W. Topping.....	Pantego, N. C.
S. R. Ross.....	Oakley, N. C.	A. D. Mizzell.....	Amhurst, N. C.
McP. Smith.....	Robersonville, N. C.	M. B. Williford....	Rocky Mount, N. C.
*M. D. Twiford....	East Lake, N. C.	*S. R. Hardison....	Amhurst, N. C.
*W. H. Peal.....	Williamston, N. C.	W. H. Leggett....	Scotland Neck N. C.
L. J. Deberry.....	Bath, N. C.	A. L. Harrison....	Plymouth, N. C.
Charles Meads.....	Kehukee, N. C.	K. M. G. White....	Williamston, N. C.

Licentiates marked *.

Names of Churches, Clerks, and ther Post Offices.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Bear Grass.....	J H D Peal.....	Everett, N C
Bethlehem (Tyrrell).	C H Davenport.....	Columbia, N C
Beulah.....	J W Lupton.....	Sladesville, N C
Briery Swamp.....	W H Williams.....	Oakley, N C
Concord.....	A W Ambrose.....	Cherry, N C
Concho.....	N M Worsely.....	Concho, N C
Conetoe.....	W H Andrews.....	Conetoe, N C
Coinjock.....	Pierce Hampton.....	Coinjock Bridge, N C
Cross Roads.....	Mrs Bennie Snell.....	Tarboro, N C
Cypress Grove.....	B K Davis.....	Leachville, N C
Deep Creek.....	W P Roberson.....	Scotland Neck, N C
Elin.....	C C Aydlett.....	Harbinger, N C
Falls Tar River.....	I W Bass.....	Rocky Mount, N C
Flat Swamp.....	J C Andrews.....	Robersonville, N C
Flatty Creek.....	Charles Meads.....	Kehukee, N C
Great Swamp.....	D H James.....	Pactolus, N C
Hopeland.....	J C Moore.....	Whitakers, N C
Hamilton.....	Jesse Johnson.....	Hamilton, N C
Jamesville.....	Marcel'as Stubbs....	Jamesville N C
Kehukee.....	B I Allsbrook.....	Scotland Neck, N C
Lawrence.....	J M Howell.....	Speed, N C
Lebanon.....	Edward Twiford.....	East Lake, N C
Morrattock.....	Benj. Clifton.....	Plymouth, N C
Mt. Zion.....	F M Mizzell.....	Palmyra, N C
Nashville.....	L G Edwards.....	Nashville, N C
North Creek.....	J C Smith.....	Ransomville N C
Providence.....	Fred Perry.....	Kitty Hawk, N C
Pungo.....	John Carter.....	Pungo, N C
Rocky Swamp.....	J N Shearin.....	Heathville, N C
Sandy Grove.....	Mack Brantley.....	Spring Hope, N C
Singleton.....	D L Ross.....	Washington, N C
Skewarky.....	Eli Taylor.....	Williamston, N C
So. Mattamuskeet....	G F Benson.....	Lake Comfort, N C
South Quay.....	G A Johnson.....	Franklin, Va
Sparta.....	J A Cobb.....	onetoe, N C
Smithwick's Creek....	W H Daniel.....	Jamesville, N C
Spring Green.....	J T Grimes.....	Gold Point, N C
Salem.....	B B Ricks.....	Rocky Mount, N C
Tarboro.....	D T Billups.....	Tarboro, N C
Williams.....	W W Vick.....	Battleboro, N C
White Plains.....	H N Waters.....	Pine Town, N C

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Counties.	Names of Messengers.	Mo. Meetings	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Restored	No. Members.	Contributions.
Bear Grass	Martin	Eld J N Rogerson, J H D Peale	3	3	1	4	1	1	1	40	\$ 1 50
Bethlehem	Tyrell	By Letter	3	3	1	4	1	1	1	32	1 00
Beulah	Hyde	By Letter	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	20	2 00
Briery Swamp	Pitt	W H Williams, G W James*	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	22	1 00
Concord	Washington	By Letter	4	4	1	1	5	5	2	50	1 00
Conoho	Martin	Jesse Johnson	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	82	1 70
Conetoe	Edgcombe	By Letter	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	12	1 00
Cojuick	Currituck	No Intelligence	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	10	1 00
Cross Roads	Edgcombe	Eld Samuel Moore	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	9	50
Cypress Grove	Hyde	B K Davis, A T Liverman	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	27	1 50
Deep Creek	Halifax	J N Phelps, M T Strickland	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	15	1 00
Elnu	Currituck	By Letter	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	189	3 00
Falls Tar Riv.	Nash	W C Trevathan, I W Bass	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	74	1 50
Flat Swamp	Martin	D F Roberson, J B Roebuck	1	1	1	1	5	5	0	34	1 50
Flatty Creek	Pasquotank	Eld Chas Meads, Wm. Lowry	4	4	2	2	1	1	1	22	1 50
Great Swamp	Pitt	D H James, E S Phelps	4	4	2	2	1	1	1	26	1 00
Hamilton	Martin	Eld M T Lawrence, Whit Davis	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	59	1 50
Hopeland	Nash	I C Moore, Jas W Pittman*	1	1	6	6	1	1	1	29	1 00
Jamesville	Martin	Eld A D Mizzell, John Allen*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	68	2 00
Kehukee	Halifax	T L House, W R House, B I Allsbrook	3	3	1	1	1	4	4	40	2 00
Lawrences	Edgcombe	Eld W F Staton, J M Howell	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	10	50
Lebanon	Dare	By Letter	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	40	2 00
Mt Zion	Halifax	Eld W B Strickland, G B Bryant	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	1 50

Morattoek.....	Washington.....	Benj Clifton, John McNair.....	1	1	2	1	2	72 \$	1 00	
Nashville.....	Nash.....	J T Lamm, L G Edwards.....	4	2	1	1	1	28	2 00	
North Creek.....	Beaufort.....	By Letter.....	3	3	1	1	1	17	1 00	
Providence.....	Currituck.....	By Letter.....	4	2	2	4	4	66	2 00	
Pungo.....	Beaufort.....	Daniel Paul, * A T Paul*.....	4	2	2	2	2	28	1 00	
Rocky Swamp.....	Halifax.....	No Intelligence.....	4	4	4	4	4	13	1 50	
Sandy Gray.....	Nash.....	R Dew, Mack Brantley.....	4	4	4	4	4	26	1 50	
Singlet.....	Beaufort.....	H Singleton.....	3	2	3	3	3	14	50	
Skewarky.....	Marlin.....	Ed S Hassell, Eli Taylor.....	2	2	1	1	1	68	2 00	
So Mattamuskeet.....	Hyde.....	By Letter.....	1	1	1	1	1	74	1 50	
Salem.....	Nash.....	No Intelligence.....	2	2	2	2	2	7	50	
South Quay.....	Southamp, Va.....	By Letter.....	1	1	1	1	1	8	50	
Sparta.....	Edgecombe.....	Jno E Moore, * J A Cobb*.....	4	4	4	4	4	19	1 00	
SmithwickCk.....	Wartin.....	Simon D Ward, W H Daniel.....	4	4	4	4	4	80	1 50	
Spring Green.....	Martin.....	Eld G D Roberson, R L Taylor.....	4	5	1	1	1	69	1 50	
Tarboro.....	Edgecombe.....	G T Billups, J T Braswell.....	1	1	2	3	3	58	1 50	
White Plains.....	Beaufort.....	Eld J H Latham.....	1	1	1	1	1	46	1 00	
Williams.....	Edgecombe.....	W W Vick, C H Spivey.....	3	2	2	2	2	54	1 50	
Totals.....									1,027	\$50 50

Churches not heard from numbers stated as last reported.

Absentees marked thus *







