

MINUTES
OF THE
**One Hundred Twenty-Second
Annual Session**
OF THE
**Senter District
Primitive Baptist Association**
HELD WITH
RIVERVIEW CHURCH
ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 12, 13 and 14
- 1975 -

Next Session convenes with Senter Church, located between Jefferson, N. C. and Sparta, N. C. Take Highway 221 out of Jefferson, N. C. about eight miles, near Nathan's Creek School.

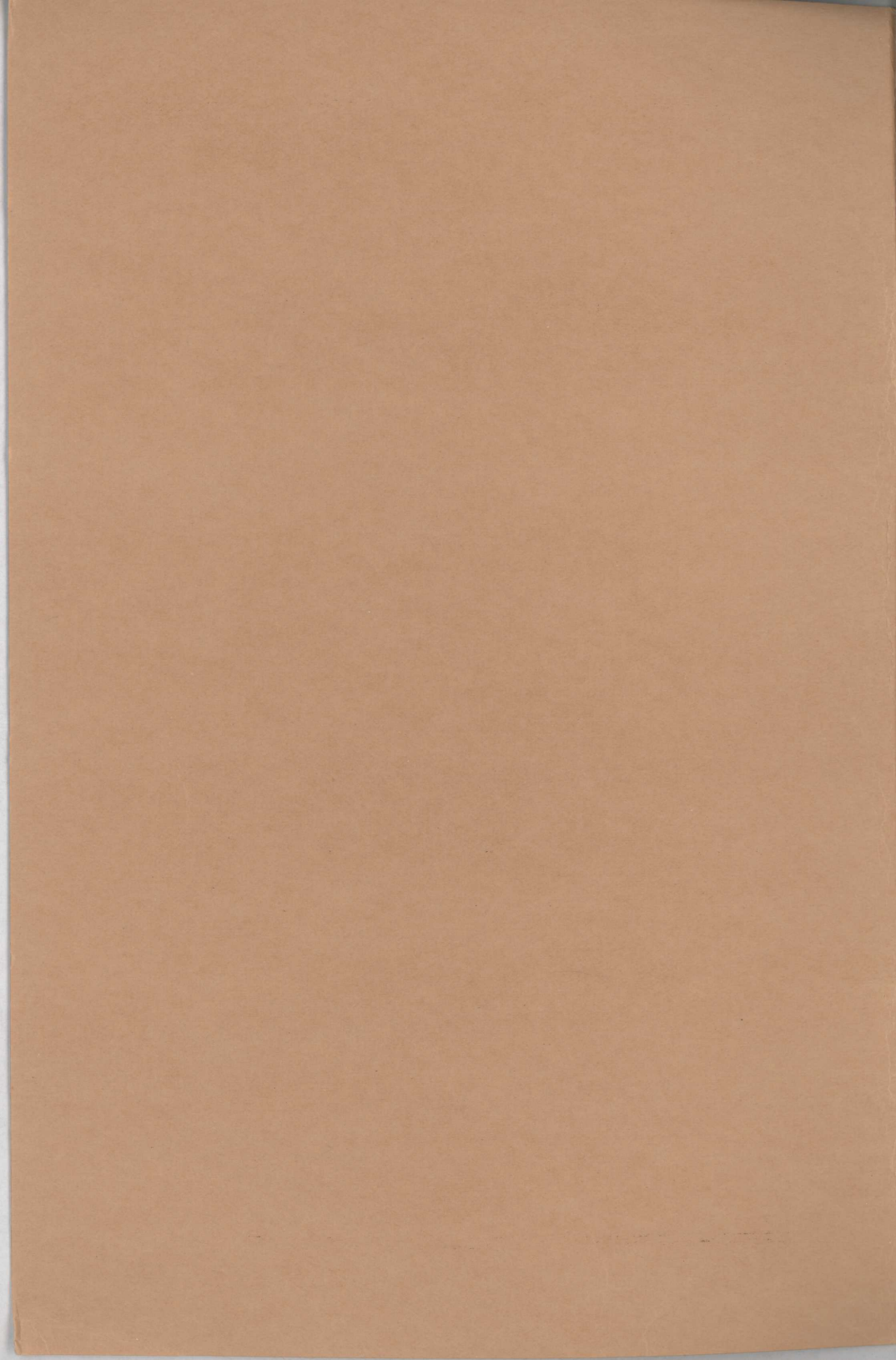
September 10, 11, and 12, 1976

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Proceedings of the
SENER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD AT RIVERVIEW CHURCH

FRIDAY — September 12, 1975

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder J. A. Langham of the Saint's Delight Church of Winston-Salem, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder George McNure of the Upper Canoochee Association of Georgia.

Opened Association Business with prayer by Elder Kemp Walker, of the Pine Primitive Baptist Church of N. C.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches read, correspondents seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator; Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk; and Sister Ruth Severt, Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for Petitionary letters, received none.
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 Curtis D. Hash
Elder Walter Evans
Sister M. A. Jenkins
Bro. Lon M. Reeves and Wife
Bro. J. Mack Osborne and Wife
Bro. Robert Cleary
Bro. Page Wagoner and Wife
Sister Grace Rector
Sister Lula R. Crouse
Bro. Randy Dillard and Wife
Sister Beatrice Watson
Bro. Garfield Dillard and Wife
Sister Thelma Edwards
Sister Lula Spaulding

Bear Creek Association of North Carolina

Sister F. W. Stacks, Jr.
Elder F. W. Stacks, Jr.
Sister Hazel Simpson
Elder E. H. Simpson
Lic. Richard T. Styers and Wife

Upper Canoochee Association of Georgia
Elder George McNure

Mt. Zion Association of West Virginia
Elder J. R. Lilly
Bro. Franklin Oresta and Wife
Sister Dorothy Marshall
Bro. Tommy Joe Pack

Silver Creek Association of North Carolina
Bro. Sam Hartley and Wife

Independent Churches:

Afton Road Church of Virginia
Bro. John Lawrence and Wife
Bro. Henry O. Winn and Wife

Saint's Delight Church of North Carolina
Elder J. A. Langham

Pine Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina
Lic. Kemp Walker
Sister Kemp Walker

Abbots Creek Church of North Carolina
Bro. B. R. Dillard

Troutdale Church of Virginia
Bro. Millard F. Greer
Sister Zenna Richmond
Sister Leona Adams

Salisbury Church of North Carolina
Lic. C. A. Livengood and Wife

St. Clair's Bottom Church of Virginia
Elder Dan Blevins
Elder Hugh Blevins

Walnut Cove Church of North Carolina
Bro. R. J. Snyder
Sister Trula Snyder
Bro. Guy Priddy
Sister Kizzie Joyce

Montview Church of North Carolina
Bro. F. A. King

Pine Grove Church
Elder Jess Higgins

5. The Moderator to make all temporary appointments in this session.
 - A. Committee on Finance:
Bro. Oscar Burgess
Bro. Bertie Bare
Bro. Wayne Severt
 - B. Committee on Arrangements:
Elder C. O. Yates
Bro. Ralph Miller
Bro. Norman Brown
 - C. Committee on Ministry:
Bro. Carl Ball
Bro. Don Walters
Bro. G. L. Mash
Delegates of Riverview Church
6. That the Committee on Arrangements meet after close of Business here at the church for conference.
7. To adjourn until 9:30 a.m. Saturday with song and prayer by Elder Curtis D. Hash of the Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia.

SATURDAY – September 13, 1975

The Association met as scheduled, called to order with song and prayer by Elder C. O. Yates of the Senter Association.

ON MOTION:

1. Roll call, omitted.
2. Reading of the Constitution, also Rules of Decorum omitted, but to be printed in minutes.
3. The Committee on Arrangements recommend that we continue seating all orderly, peace loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.
4. The next association to be held on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1976, at Senter Church.
5. That minutes be mailed to all visitors.
6. To appoint the Clerk as treasurer to oversee the printing of 600 copies of the minutes, also distribution of same.
7. That the Finance Committee handle the balance of the funds and distribution of same, to visiting Elders, etc.
8. That Obituaries be printed in minutes.
9. Move and second that seats and blocks be sold and money contributed to Beaver Creek Church for the rebuilding of the church.

10. Finance Committee Reported As Follows:

Received From Churches — 1975:

BEAR CREEK	\$ 33.00
BEAVER CREEK	34.00
BIG HELTON	65.00
ROANS CREEK	38.00
NORTH FORK	40.00
RIVERVIEW	60.00
HORSE CREEK	30.00
SENER	70.00
Total Received From Churches	\$ 370.00
Treasurer Returned From Last Year	168.00
Received From Donations Saturday & Sunday	192.50
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Total Received	\$ 730.50

Expenditures:

To The Moderator	\$ -0- ^(*)
To The Assistant Moderator	-0-
To The Clerk	40.00
To The Assistant Clerk	-0- ^(*)
Printing and Postage of Minutes, 1974	138.60
For Use of Beaver Creek School	40.00
To Visiting Elders	141.90
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Total Expenditures	\$ 360.50

Balance in Treasury

\$ 370.00

(*)Note: The Moderator Elder G. D. Roten and the Assistant Clerk Ruth Severt, were allowed \$30.00 (each) which was returned to the Finance Committee.

- Minutes to be read and approved.
- To adjourn through song and prayer by Elder Jess Higgins, of the Pine Grove Church.

Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator

Bro. Earl W. Severt, Clerk

Sister Ruth Severt, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:

Elder J. A. Langham (Opened with prayer)
Elder George McNure, (Introductory)
Lic. Kemp Walker (Opened Association work with prayer)
Elder Curtis D. Hash (Closed Association work with prayer)

FRIDAY EVENING:

Elder Walter Evans
Elder Curtis D. Hash

FRIDAY NIGHT AT BEAVER CREEK CHURCH:

Elder George McNure
Elder J. A. Langham

SATURDAY MORNING:

Elder C. O. Yates (Opened Association work with prayer)
Elder Jess Higgins (Closed Association work with prayer)
Elder Curtis D. Hash (Opened Preaching Service at Stand)
Elder E. H. Simpson
Elder F. W. Stacks, Jr.

SATURDAY EVENING:

Elder J. R. Lilly (Introduced)
Elder Dan Blevins
Elder Jess Higgins
Lic. Kemp Walker
Elder Hugh Blevins (Closed with prayer)

SATURDAY NIGHT AT BEAVER CREEK CHURCH:

Elder Jack McGinnis (Introduced)
Elder Hugh Blevins
Elder Walter Evans
Elder George McNure (Closed with prayer)

SUNDAY MORNING:

Lic. Richard T. Styers (Introduced)
Elder George McNure
Elder Hugh Blevins

SUNDAY EVENING:

Elder Walter Evans
Elder G. D. Roten

At the close of the service one came forward and asked for a home with the Beaver Creek Church, one with Bear Creek Church and three with Riverview Church.

Thus closed another Session of the Senter Association with Peace and Union felt by one and all. — Clerk.

OBITUARIES



BROTHER GEORGE ATISON MILLER

George Atison Miller, age 83, of West Jefferson, N. C. passed away July 5, 1974 at Ashe Memorial Hospital. The funeral was conducted at Badgers Chapel by the Elders Dewey Roten and Calvin Yates.

Brother Miller was a member of the Beaver Creek Primitive Baptist Church and served as a faithful member until his death.

He was born in Ashe County and became a school teacher. He was married to the former Mae Calloway.

Brother Miller is survived by his wife, Mae Calloway Miller, and nine children: Mrs. Georgia Lewis, Allen Miller, Mrs. Sallie Scott, Mrs. Hazel Hodge, Harry Lee Miller, Mrs. Silver Abernathy, Mrs. Mary Nell Weaver, Jim R. Miller, and Mrs. Betty Lou Monroe.

He was a kind husband and father and a devoted church member. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

By Mae C. Miller and Children

SISTER BESSIE McNIEL

Mrs. Bessie McNiel, 76, widow of the late Clifford McNiel passed away Saturday, December 28, 1974 at Ashe Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 30, 1974 at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church. Elder Dewey Roten officiated and burial followed in the Church Cemetery.

She was born in Ashe County to H. A. and Martha Bare.

Mrs. McNiel was a loving mother and housewife, and had a smile for all her loved ones and friends.

She is survived by one son James McNiel of Rt. 2, West Jefferson, N. C. and one daughter, Nora Griffin of Rt. 2, Fleetwood, N. C.; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She is sadly missed by all.

By her daughter Nora Griffin

BROTHER TOM FOWLER

Mr. Tom Fowler, age 89, of Crumpler, N. C. passed away May 9, 1975. He was the son of Jim and Bell Brown Fowler.

He was a member of Senter Primitive Baptist Church. He was a firm believer in the doctrine of Salvation by God's Sovereign Grace. His faith was deeply founded in these glorious principles.

All was done for him that could be done but God in His kind mercy saw fit to call him to his eternal home. Even in his last hours you could see God's Grace and Love in his face. Those of us that knew Brother Tom believe that his soul is in the Paradise of God, while his body lies quiet and still and at rest.

His funeral was held at Senter Primitive Baptist Church on May 12, 1975 at 2:30 p.m. by his Pastor, Elder Dewey Roten and Elder Walter Evans.

He leaves his wife, Annie Edwards Fowler; three daughters, Mrs. Pauline Richardson, Mrs. Lillian Richardson, and Mrs. Lula Baldwin; one son, Burl Fowler; thirteen grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and a host of friends and relatives.

SISTER MATTIE TELER MILLER

Sister Miller was born June 4, 1884 and died November 7, 1974. Service was held at Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church on Sunday, November 10, 1974 at 11:00 a.m. by Elder Dewey Roten and Rev. Reeves Jones. Burial was in the Mash Cemetery.

She was a member of the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church and attended faithfully as long as her health permitted.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Church will hold a week's meeting beginning on Sunday night after the second Saturday meeting in April, running through Friday night.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder G. D. Roten.....	Fleetwood, N. C. 28626
Elder Ed Severt	Ennice, N. C. 28623
Elder C. O. Yates	Rt. 2, Fleetwood, N. C. 28626
Elder Jack McGinnis	4380 Ogburn Ave. Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bear Creek – Elders Dewey Roten, Ed Severt, C. O. Yates	
Beaver Creek – Elder G. D. Roten	
Big Helton – Elders Dewey Roten, Jack McGinnis	
Horse Creek – Elder Dewey Roten	
North Fork – Elder Dewey Roten	
Riverview – Elders Jack McGinnis, C. O. Yates, G. D. Roten	
Roans Creek – Elders G. D. Roten, and Curtis Hash	
Senter – Elder Dewey Roten	

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and No. of Minutes – Clerks and their Addresses

Bear Creek: Margaret Jarvis, Ennice, N. C. 28623.....	25
Beaver Creek: Ralph Miller, Creston, N. C. 28615	25
Big Helton: B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C. 28643.....	60
Horse Creek: Carl Ball, P. O. Box 385, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694..	15
North Fork: Mrs. Kathleen Burchette, Rt. #1, Box 192A, Warrensville, N. C. 28693	30
Riverview: C. O. Yates, Rt. 2, Fleetwood, N. C. 28626.....	30
Roans Creek: G. L. Mash, Rt. 1, Box 56, Jefferson, N. C. 28640....	45
Senter: Annie Jones, Rt. 1, Crumpler, N. C. 28617.....	55

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Ebenezer: Aubrey E. Utz, Madison, Va. 22727.....	25
Mates Creek: Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. 41544.....	25
Mountain: Raymond R. Nichols, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 24333.....	25
Mt. Zion: Allen Mann, Rt. 2, Box 252, Ronceverte, W. Va. 24970.....	25
Bear Creek: Claude Parnell, 4244 Glennhigh Rd., Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107.....	25
Silver Creek: Johnny D. Freeman, 167 Friendly Park, Lenoir, N. C. 28645.....	25
North Carolina Collection: The Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. 27514.....	2
The Primitive Baptist Library, Rt. 2, Elon College, N. C. 27244.....	2

COMMUNION MEETINGS

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

Bear Creek — 1st Sat. and Sun. in May
Beaver Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. in May
Senter — 2nd Sat. and Sun. in June
Riverview — 3rd Sat. and Sun. in June
Horse Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. in June
North Fork — 1st Sat. and Sun. in July
Big Helton — 3rd Sat. and Sun. in July
Roans Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. 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 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 noway 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 reprovved 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 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 - 1975

CHURCHES	MESENTERS	Communion Month	Sat. of Meeting	Ordnained Elders	Rec. by Exp. & Bapt.	Received by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Bear Creek.....	Bro. Wayne Severt, Sister Ruth Parsons, Sister Ollie Severt, Sister Carrie Severt, Alt.	May	1	1	1					1	17	\$ 33.00
Beaver Creek	Bro. Ralph Miller, Bro. Don Walters, Sister Jean Walters, Sister Willa Grey Miller, Alt.	May	4	4	4		1		1	1	15	34.00
Big Helton.....	Bro. G. O. Blevins, Bro. B. O. Dolinger, Sister G. O. Blevins, Sister Emma Dolinger, Alt.	July	3								38	65.00
Roans Creek..	Deacon G. L. Mash, Bro. G. O. Burgess, Bro. Guy Reeves, Bro. F. O. Thompson, Alt.	July	4								40	38.00
North Fork....	Bro. Grover Burchette, Sister Hettie Sapp, Sister Carrie Miller, Sister Kathleen Burchette, Alt. ..	July	1								25	40.00
Riverview.....	Elder C. O. Yates, Bro. Willard Hartzog, Bro. Wade Miller, Bro. Claude Bare, Alt.	June	3	3						1	30	60.00
Horse Creek..	Bro. Carl Ball, Bro. Millard Davis, Bro. Calvin Barker, Sister Lessie Ball, Alt.	June	4	1	1						6	30.00
Senter.....	Bro. Bertie Bare, Bro. Norman Brown, Bro. Paul Bare, Bro. Steve Douglas, Alt.	June	2							4	65	70.00
TOTAL.....												\$370.00

CHURCH DIRECTORY

BEAR CREEK—Sunday (only) 11 a. m. following the first Saturday. A stucco cinder block building just off highway No. 16, at Glendale Springs, N. C. Note: Glendale Springs, N. C. is located between North Wilkesboro, N. C. and Jefferson, N. C. Highway 16. Traveling from North Wilkesboro, N. C., turn right at Glendale Springs, Traveling from Jefferson, N. C., turn left at Glendale Springs. Church in a small grove of pines on right in sight from Glendale Springs, N. C.

BEAVER CREEK—Fourth Saturday night 7 p. m., and Sunday 2 p. m. A brick church building just off Highway No. 221, about one mile southwest of West Jefferson, N. C. First paved road on left leaving West Jefferson, N. C., road No. 163.

BIG HELTON—Sunday (only) 2 p. m., following the third Saturday. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgill, N. C. Take Highway 194 from Lansing, N. C. to Sturgills, N. C., turn left, church about one mile on left side of road.

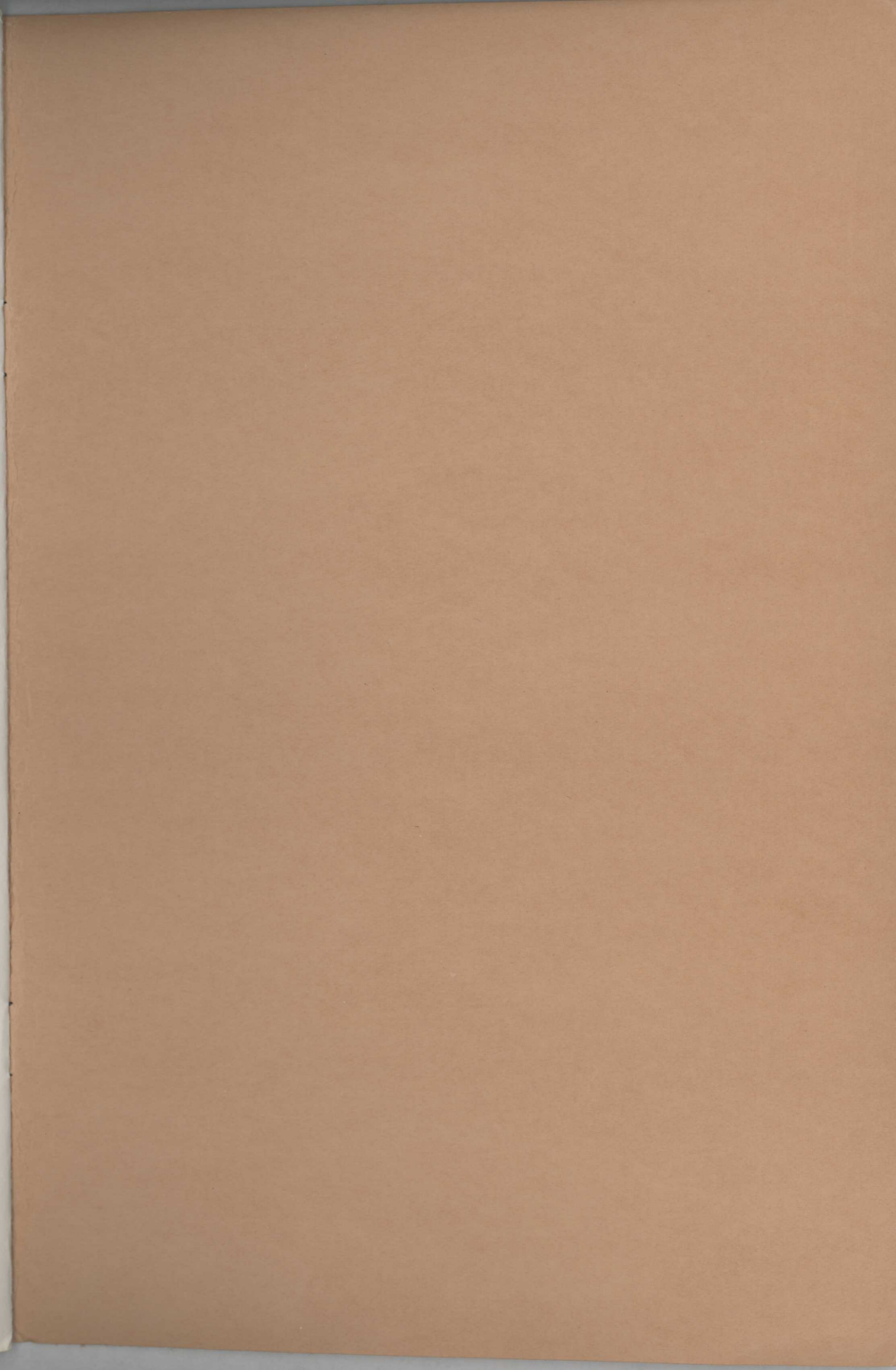
HORSE CREEK—Sunday (only) 11 a. m. following the fourth Saturday. A white wood frame building about four miles north-N. C., to Lansing, N. C. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile, west of Lansing, N. C. Take Highway 194 from West Jefferson, turn left on 1324, follow 1324 to Joe Hampton road, follow to end of pavement, turn left to church.

NORTH FORK—Sunday (only) 2 p. m. following the first Saturday. A white asbestos shingle church building, located about three miles west of Warrensville, N. C. Located between Warrensville, N. C. and Trade, Tenn. Take Highway No. 88 out of Warrensville, N. C., about one mile you will come to the North Fork of New River, take first right hand road, church about two miles on right side of road.

RIVERVIEW—Third Sunday following the third Saturday. A brick church building, located about eight miles from West Jefferson, N. C. Take Highway 221 about one mile and a half toward Boone, N. C. Turn left on state road No. 1147, go about six miles, church on left side of road.

ROANS CREEK—Fourth Saturday, 2 p. m. and Sunday, 11 a. m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, N. C., and Laurel Springs, N. C. Take Highway No. 88 out of Jefferson, N. C. about seven miles, church on left side of road.

SENER—Second Saturday, 11 a. m. and Sunday, 2 p. m. A brick church building, located between Jefferson, N. C. and Sparta, N. C. Take Highway 221 out of Jefferson, N. C. about eight miles, near Nathan's Creek School.



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