

MINUTES

Of The

NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

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Held With

THE CHURCH AT BEAR CREEK

Ashe County, North Carolina

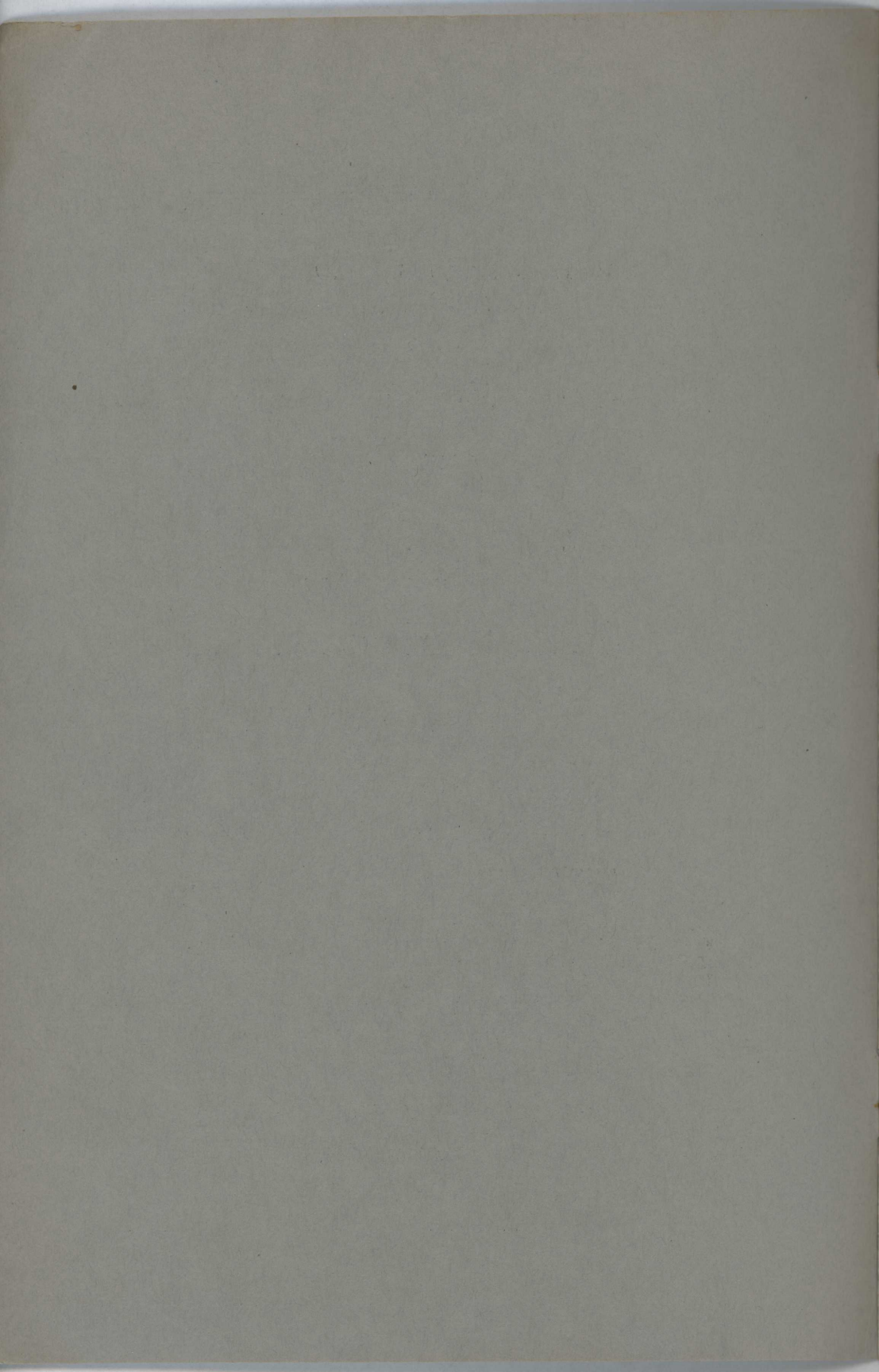
FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

September 12, 13 & 14, 1947

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ELDER ED DAVIS—Moderator

W. W. MILLER—Clerk



Proceedings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1947

The Association met pursuant to Adjournment of last year, and was called to order by praise and prayer by Elder C. D. Hall, visitor from Roaring River Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder G. D. Roten, Text 2nd. Peter, 1st. chapter, 3rd. verse.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by prayer by Elder Leo V. Bagley.

1st. On motion received and read letters from all our churches, and seated the messengers.

2nd. On motion, called for petitionary letters. Received none.

3rd. On motion that we accept the resignation of G. E. Kilby as clerk and organize the Association by electing Elder Ed Davis as moderator and W. W. Miller as clerk.

4th. On motion, called for correspondents from sister Associations. The following came forward and were seated and aided in council:

From St. Clairs Bottom, Bro. J. G. Perry.

From The Mountain, Elder C. B. Kilby.

From the Indian Creek, Eld. B. T. Jenkins and Eld. D. C. Stover.

From The Abbotts Creek, Elder D. P. Broadway.

From The Roaring River, Bro. D. F. Whittington and Bro. Fosco Pruitt.

From The Upper Mayo, None.

From The Fishers River, None.

5th. On motion, called for transient and visiting brethren. From sister Associations, the following came forward and were seated:

From The St. Clairs Bottom, Elder H. M. Blevins, Elder B. H. Blevins, Bro. A. F. Eller.

From The Mountain, None

From The Indian Creek, Bro. F. M. Canady, Bro. Wint McNeill.

From The Abbotts Creek, Bro. C. B. Owens.

From The Roaring River, Elder C. D. Hall, Bro. W. C. Hall, Bro. D. C. Long.

6th. On motion that we seat the correspondents and visiting brethren from sister Associations.

7th. On motion that the moderator make all temporary appointments during this session. He appointed to the stand, Elder D. C. Sover, from Indian Creek, no special text.

Elder C. D. Hall, from Roaring River, Text—My Master is Rich.

8th. He appointed a committee on the Ministry as follows: Bro. P. T. McNeill, Ben Dolinger and Felix Bare, together with the messengers of this church. For Friday night at Beaver Creek, Elder D. P. Broadway, Text—Ephesians, 1st chapter, 7th verse. For Saturday morning, 1st Elder B. H. Blevins to introduce 2nd

Elder B. T. Jenkins, Text—Act, 17th chapter, 21st verse, 3rd
Elder H. M. Blevins, Text—Rev. 16th chapter, 17th verse, 4th
Elder D. P. Broadway, Text—1st Cor. 3rd chapter, 11th verse

Saturday night at Beaver Creek, Elder C. B. Kilby, no
special text. Elder B. T. Jenkins, no special text.

9th. Appoint a committee on Finance as follows:

Bro. T. E. Hartsog, F. T. Miller and Carl Ball.

10th. Appoint a committee on arrangements as follows:

Elder G. D. Roten, Bro. J. F. Hartsog, Callie Severt, Elder
Leo V. Bagley and Tom Severt, together with the moderator
and clerk, Transient and visiting brethren to be seated with
them.

11th. Appoint a committee to appoint correspondents to
sister Associations as follows: Bro. Rex P. Jones, R. L. Speaks
and Sam Miller.

12th. On motion that the committee on arrangements sit
at Bro. Sam Miller's.

13th. On motion that we adjourn until tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1947

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yester-
day and was opened with prayer by Elder D. C. Stover, a cor-
respondent from Indian Creek.

1st. On motion, called on the committee on arrangements
to report. Report received and discharged the committee.

2nd. On motion, call the roll and erase absentees.

3rd. On motion that we omit reading the constitution and
rules of decorum.

4th. On motion that the correspondents that were appointed
to sister Associations report. Received the report and excused
those that failed to go.

5th. Called on the committee that was to appoint corres-
pondents to sister Associations to report. Their report is as fol-
lows:

To The Mounain: Elder Leo V. Bagley, Bro. P. T. McNeill,
Bro. G. A. Miller.

To the Roaring River: Elder G. D. Roten, Bro. Callie Severt,
Bro. Felix Bare.

To The Abbotts Creek: Elder Ed Davis, Elder G. D. Roten,
Bro. Callie Severt.

To The St. Clairs Bottom: Elder Ed Davis, Elder G. D. Ro-
ten, Bro. Tom Severt.

To The Upper Mayo: Elder G. D. Roten, Elder Leo V. Bag-
ley, Bro. P. T. McNeill.

To The Indian Creek: Elder Ed Davis, Bro. F. T. Miller,
Bro. J. F. Hartsog.

To The Fishers River: Bro. J. C. McNeill, Bro. Woodrow
Burgess, Bro. F. T. Miller

6th. That we continue to correspond with the New River,
Washington, Ebenezer, Kectocon and Powell's Valley Associa-
tion by Minutes.

7th. on motion that we have the constitution and rules of
decorum printed in this minute.

8th. On motion that we appoint the Clerk-Treasurer to su-

perintend the printing of these Minutes, to have 1000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

9th. On motion that the next session of this Association be held with the church at South Fork, 12 miles North East of Jefferson, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1943 and that Elder Leo V. Bagley preach the introductory sermon.

On motion, called on Finance committee to report.

The report is as follows:

Carried over from last year -----	\$ 5.00
Rec'd from all our churches -----	165.30
TOTAL -----	\$170.30
Allowed the Moderator -----	10.00
Allowed the Clerk -----	10.00
Allowed for printing Minutes and postage -----	50.00
Allowed for correspondents -----	100.30
TOTAL -----	\$170.30

Given at the stand on Sunday for correspondents and visiting Elders by Brethern, Sisters and Friends ---- \$111.10.

11th. On motion that we have obituary of Sister Bina Johnson printed in this Minute.

12th. On motion that we read the Minutes.

13th. On motion that the Minutes be received.

14th. On motion that we return thanks to God for his mercy and to the brethern, sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during this session and that we adjourn with prayer by Elder Ed Davis.

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator
W. W. MILLER, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder G. D. Roten, Text—2nd Peter 1st chapter, 3rd verse.

For Friday, Elder D. C. Stover, no special text. Elder C. D. Hall, Text—My Master is Rich.

Friday night at Beaver Creek, Elder D. P. Broadway, Eph. 1st chapter, 1st verse.

Saturday, 1st Elder B. H. Blevins, did not get text, 2nd Elder B. T. Jenkins, Text—Acts. 17th chapter, 21st verse. 3rd Elder H. M. Blevins, Text—Rev. 16th chapter, 17th verse. 4th Elder D. P. Broadway, Text—1st Cor. 3rd chapter, 11th verse.

Saturday night at Beaver Creek, Elder C. B. Kilby, no special text. Elder B. T. Jenkins, no special text.

Sunday, Elder Leo V. Bagley, opened by prayer. 1st Elder C. B. Kilby, no special text. 2nd Elder G. D. Roten, didn't get text, 3rd Elder B. T. Jenkins, no special text. 4th Elder Ed Davis, to close.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

Elder Ed Davis	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Elder G. D. Roten	West Jefferson, N. C.
Elder Blair Kilby	Rugby, Va.
Elder Leo V. Bagley	Crumpler, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Church and No. of Minutes	Clerks and their P. O.
Senter—35	Rex P. Jones, Crumpler, N. C.
Roans Creek—60	F. T. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Bear Creek—35	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Beaver Creek—35	P. T. McNeill, West Jefferson, N. C.
River View—30	T. E. Hartsog, Idlewild, N. C.
North Fork—65	W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.
Pond Mountain—85	J. H. Eldreth, Tuckerdale, N. C.
Horse Creek—45	Carl Ball, Lansing, N. C.
Big Helton—85	W. L. Perry, Whitetop, Va.
South Fork —	Kemper Douglas, Crumpler, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association and No. of Minutes	Clerks and their P. O.
St. Clairs Bottom—30	Elder C. R. Dancy, Marion, Va. Rt. 1.
Mountain—50	J. M. Rector, Galax, Va. Rt. 1.
Indian Creek—30	J. D. Bowling, Beckley, W. Va.
New River—50	Elder J. S. Harris, Wills, Va.
Fishers River—50	G. J. Keys, Ararat, N. C.
Washington—40	M. C. Sutherland, Haysi, Va.
Ketocton—30	Elder C. W. Miller, Roselyne, Va. Box 86
Ebenezer—20	O. F. Carpenter, Brightwood, Va.
Powell's Valley—30	Dewey Barnette, Knoxville, Tenn.
Abbotts Creek—25	T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.
Upper Mayo—25	J. W. Moorefield, 618 W. 28th St. Winston-Salem, N. C.
Roaring River—20	Fosco Pruitt, Laurel Springs, N. C.

Obituary

BINA JOHNSON CLIFTON, N. C.

Bina Johnson was born February 15, 1873, died February 21, 1947, making her stay on earth 74 years, 6 days.

She was married to W. A. Johnson, December 23, 1893. To this union were born 9 children, Adolphus Johnson, Clifton, N. C.; W. G. Johnson and Lesley Johnson, West Jefferson, N. C.; Clyde Johnson, Switch Back, W. Va.; Cloud Johnson, Pageston, W. Va.; Mrs. W. W. Roland and Mrs. Orren Weaver of Clifton, N. C. Two children died in infancy. She leaves her husband, W. A. Johnson and 7 children to mourn their loss.

She joined the Primitive Baptist church at North Fork September, 1920 and lived a faithful member until death, always filling her seat as long as she was able.

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 no wise 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 but 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 privilege 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 members who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved 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 from the Three Fork Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Fork Association, at the annual meetings in A. D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by their respective delegates in a convention with the Senter church, 21st October, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

ARTICLE 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 appointments, 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 bap-

tised, 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 classical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in this 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 in 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 members who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the number of the proceedings; the best method of 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 the 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 compensation yearly 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 change 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 principals of the Gospel.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES—Names of Messengers and Pastors.

Church Name	Sat. of Church Meetings	Ordnained Elders	Licentiates	Rec. by Ex. & Baptism	Restored	Rec'd. by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
SENER—John Reeves, Felix Bare and Rex Jones. Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and G. D. Roten	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	071	\$18.30
ROANS CREEK—F. T. Miller, Tom Severt and Fred Weaver. Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and G. D. Roten	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	352	18.00
BEAR CREEK—George Caudill, Callie Severt and S. J. Miller. Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	134	7.00
RIVER VIEW—T. E. Hartzog, J. C. McNeill and J. F. Hartzog. Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten.	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	027	9.00
NORTH FORK—Elder G. D. Roten, W. W. Miller and W. G. Johnson. Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	144	31.00
BIG HELTON—G. E. Kilby, B. O. Dolinger and G. O. Blevins. Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and Blair Kilby	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	078	40.75
HORSE CREEK—Carl Ball, Millard Davis and Arthur Eldreth. Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	028	10.00
POND MOUNTAIN—Elder Ed Davis, J. H. Eldreth and C. N. Davis. Pastor, Elder Ed Davis	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	067	12.25
SOUTH FORK—Kemper Douglas and Arthur Douglas. Pastor, Elder Leo V. Bagley	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	013	3.00
BEAVER CREEK—Elder Leo V. Bagley, P. T. McNeill and R. L. Speaks. Pastor, Elder Leo V. Bagley	4	1	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	039	16.00

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