

MINUTES OF THE
FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
BLACK CREEK
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION



Held With the Church at

WHITE OAK

SARATOGA, N. C.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

October 21, 22, 23, 1927

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 1927

1st The services were opened by praise and prayer by Elder C. B. Hall.

2nd The introductory sermon was preached by Elder S. B. Denny and from the following text: Gal. 6-14.

3rd The conference was opened by praise and prayer by Elder Isaac Jones.

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

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

6th Elders E. C. Jones, F. W. Keene, J. S. Corbett were appointed to preach this afternoon, and they used the following texts: E. C. J., Gal. 6-14; F. W. K., 7-1-16 and 8-16; J. S. C., did not get text.

7th Brethren W. C. Boyette and J. B. Murry were appointed a committee of finance.

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

9th Petitionary letters to join this association were called for.

10th Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations:

Contentnea—Minutes, Brethren G. W. Gardner, J. J. Eason, Frank Brown and others.

Little River—Minutes, Elder E. C. Jones, Brother R. D. Langdon.

Kehukee—Minutes, Elder A. B. Denson, Elder B. S. Cowan, Elder J. L. Ross.

Seven Mile—Minutes, Brethren W. P. Griffin, L. D. Reaves, Elder W. G. Turner.

White Oak—Minutes, Elders Isaac Jones, E. F. Pollard and others.

Mill Branch—Minutes, Elder B. H. Harrelson, Brother H. Hinson.

Baltimore—Minutes, none.

Warwick—Minutes, none.

Delaware—Minutes, none.

Delaware River—Minutes, none.

Staunton River—Minutes, none.

Lower Country Line—Minutes, Elder C. B. Hall,
Brother J. H. Gooch.

Upper Country Line—Minutes, Elder M. B. Martin.

Salem—Minutes, Elders G. M. Trent, D. A. O'Bryant.

Fishers River—Minutes, none.

Zion—Minutes, none.

Mayo—No Minutes, Elder D. G. Staples.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes. Elders Sam McMillan, H.
S. Williams.

Oconee—No Minutes, Elder J. H. Stewart, Brethren
C. T. Carter, E. H. Ingram.

Miami—No Minutes, Elder Isaac R. Greathouse.

North Burwick Church in Maine—No Minutes, Elder
F. W. Keene.

11th Appointed our next session of the association
to be held with the church at Upper Black Creek to
commence Friday before the fourth Sunday in October
1928 at 11 o'clock. The introductory sermon to be
preached by Elder J. C. Hooks and Elder J. T. Collier
to be his alternate.

12th The following messengers were appointed to
visit the sister associations that we correspond with.

Contentnea—Elder J. T. Williams, Brethren W. H.
Burch, J. S. Rogerson.

Kehukee—Elders R. E. Adams, S. B. Denny, and
Bro. J. B. Murry.

Little River—Elders J. T. Williams, J. W. Gardner,
Bro. G. C. Coleman.

White Oak—Elders R. E. Adams, J. T. Williams.

Lower Country Line—Elder H. F. Hutchens, J. W.
Wyatt.

Upper Country Line—Elders H. F. Hutchens, J. W.
Wyatt.

Seven Mile—Elder R. E. Adams, Bro. W. H. Burch.

Mill Branch—Elders H. F. Hutchens, J. C. Hooks,
J. T. Williams, R. H. Boswell.

Baltimore—Elders E. L. Cobb, J. W. Wyatt.

Delaware—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Warwick—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Abbotts Creek—Elders R. E. Adams, R. H. Boswell, S. B. Denny.

Mayo—Elder H. F. Hutchens, R. E. Adams.

Staunton River—Elders H. F. Hutchens, R. E. Adams.

Fishers River—Elders S. B. Denny, J. C. Hooks,
H. F. Hutchens.

13th The officers of this association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee of arrangements.

14th Elder M. F. Westbrook opened the meeting Saturday morning, Elders H. S. Williams, M. B. Martin, E. F. Pollard, C. B. Hall, were appointed to preach Saturday morning, and they used the following text: H. S. W., Isear 40-1-2; M. B. M., Come See the Works of God; E. E. P., Gen. 4-16; C. B. H., no text.

Elders Sam McMillian, O. J. Denny, I. R. Greathouse, D. A. O'Bryant, D. G. Staples, J. L. Ross, were appointed to preach at the stand.

Elders W. G. Turner, G. M. Trent, J. H. Stewart, M. F. Westbrook and L. E. Bryant were appointed to preach in the house and they used the following texts that I was able to get, S. Mc. St. John 9-1-3; C. J. D., St. John 5-24-25-26; J. R. G., Reb. 1-1; D. A. B., Acts 26-1; D. G. S., noo text; J L R., did not get text, and those that preached in the house I failed to get their texts.

Elder J. C. Moore opened the meeting and Elders B. H. Harrelson, N. H. Harrison, Isaac Jones, B. S. Cowan were appointed to preach at the stand. Elder Joshua Mewborn opened the meeting in the house, and Elders J. P. Tingle, A. B. Denson, A. M. Crisp were appointed to preach in the house and the following texts were used: B. H. H., Acts 10-33; N. H. H., no text; I. J. no text; B. S. C., Rev. 21-9; J. P. T., did not get text; A. B. D., As the Father raiseth whom He will and so on; A. M. C., Rom. 8-31.

15th The messengers of the churches were called for and those that were present were entered in the statistical table.

16th The messengers that were appointed last year to visit sister associations were called upon to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17th The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from churches -----	\$167.85
Paid for minutes -----	\$ 30.00
Allowed clerk for services -----	15.00
Given to visiting ministers -----	122.85
Total -----	<u>\$167.85</u> \$167.85

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

19th Inasmuch as all our business is done on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association failed to report can make his report to the clerk any time during the meeting, and the clerk is authorized to record same in our minutes.

20th Agreed that the constitution and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

21st The Clerk is authorized to have printed 1500 copies of these minutes and distribute them among the churches and associations with whom we correspond and record one on our books.

22nd The following brethren, J. M. Walston, J. I. Reason, J. G. Owens and Frank Whitley, were appointed to preserve order during the services Saturday and Sunday, also Mr. Eason of near Walstonburg was appointed to look after the parking, and secure the services of the Boy Scouts to assist him in taking care of the parking of the cars.

And we wish to state to Mr. Eason and Mr. Stuckey, the Scout Master, we do heartily thank you for the services and want to say that it was a grand success and much to our comfort and pleasure.

23rd Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of this community, and other sections who so kindly prepared for and entertained

us and that the moderator give public expression at the close of the association.

24th After reading the minutes and approved, the association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for our next 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 MEETING**

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., R. F. 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, assistant 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.
10. Memorial—Pastor, Elder J. C. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.; 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. 1; August 1st Sunday.
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, Castalia, N. C.; clerk, S. A. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C.; August 2nd Sunday.
- 15 Pittman's Grove—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C. clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.; July 2nd Sunday.
- 16 Sandy Grove—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; clerk J. B. Murry, Middlesex, N. C.; August 1st Sunday.
- 17 Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Castalia, 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.
- 19 Upper Black Creek—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; clerk, J. S. Rogerson, Kenly, N. C.; September 4th 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.
- 23 Little Vine—Pastor, Elder J. W. Wyatt, Selma, N. C.; 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. B. Pridgen	----- R. F. D. No 3,	Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. T. Spencer	-----	Hopewell, Va.
Elder J. T. Williams	-----	Castalia, N. C.
Elder J. W. Wyattt	-----	Selma, N. C.
Elder E. L. Cobb	-----	Wilson, N. C.
Elder R. E. Adams	-----	Wilson, N. C.
Elder H. F. Hutchens	-----	Selma, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Brother Joseph Pittman	-----	Micro, N. C.
Brother Macon Brantley	-----	Spring Hope, N. C.
Brother Johnnie Joyner	-----	Sharpsburg, N. C.
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CHURCHES AND DATES WHEN ASSOCIATIONS WERE
HELD WITH THEM

1. Aycocks -----	1903-1924-1925
2. Beulah -----	1902-1917

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on 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 communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

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

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

Art. 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 for 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 if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

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

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 printed, 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 collecting 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 fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of Messengers

Churches

Churches	Name of Messengers	Baptised	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Dis. by letter.	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members.	Contribution
Aycocks	W. G. Smith, S. H. Blow, W. A. Bogue	4					1	73	8.00
Beulah	J. W. Bailey, L. B. Boyette, J. W. Woodard	3	1		2		3	106	11.00
Contentnea	W. C. Boyette, Iva Lucas, Eddie Nichols	6	1	1			7	95	10.00
Cross Roads	Andrew Brewer, C. L. Gurley, B. P. Parrish						1	26	10.00
Dudley	Carrie Potts, R. E. Fields	1	2					16	3.00
Goldsboro	W. H. Evans, A. H. Herrin, D. C. Vanhoy							28	8.00
Lower Black Creek	R. L. Lucas, J. G. Mercer, W. L. Smith	10				1		93	8.00
Healthy Plains	Hilliard Boykin, D. A. Fulghum, G. C. Colman	4					1	56	5.00
Memorial	R. L. Hooks, P. H. Barnes, Larry Aycock		1				5	98	8.00
Mill Branch	J. H. Adams, Johnnie Joyner, E. P. Weaver						1	49	6.00
Nashville	G. W. Womble, J. H. Whitfield, A. J. Price							25	8.25
Peach Tree	W. B. Walker, W. C. M. Sykes, S. A. Walker	1						20	3.00
New Chapel	Andrew Gurley, C. A. Sasser, O. J. Smith					1	1	27	8.00
Pittman's Grove	Lee Pope, D. M. Bridgers, J. T. Evans					1	2	22	5.00
Sandy Grove	J. B. Murry, W. R. Edwards, J. R. Powell	4						70	5.00
Scotts	David Bryant, I. A. Lamm, S. A. Lamm, Leonard Raper	1					3	34	6.00
Upper Black Creek	J. S. Rogerson, W. R. Boones, R. P. Kirby	12					4	105	10.00
White Oak	J. G. Owens, J. I. Reason, J. M. Walston	3					2	20	10.10
Wilson	T. D. Thomas, W. H. Keaton, J. A. Stephenson			1			2	80	12.00
Elm City	Roscoe Page, C. C. Williams, A. M. Whitehead		1			1		18	5.00
Little Vine	D. M. Morris, L. H. Hill, Eld. J. W. Wyatt		2				1	10	6.25
Sappony	E. B. Barnes, W. M. Cockrell, J. D. Baker				2			43	6.00
Creeches	J. H. Creech, N. R. Creech, R. M. Hodge						1	48	6.25

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