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Proceedings

Of The Senter District Primitive Baptist Association
Held At Roans Creek Church

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1962

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year, and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Teddy Ball, visitor from the Mates Creek Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Dewey Roten. Text: 12th chapter of Samuel, verses 1 through 8.

After one hour interval the messengers assembled in church, called to order by Elder D. C. Stover from the Mt. Zion Association, who led in prayer.

Due to the deceased Moderator Elder Edd Davis, Elder Charlie Kilby moderated temporarily until Moderator was chosen.

On Motion:

First: Letters from the churches read, correspondents seated, except Pond Mountain who withdrew from the Association.

Second: The Association appointed Elder Wiley Hester, Moderator; Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk.

Third: Call for petition letters, received none.

Fourth: Called for correspondents from Sister Associations, the following were seated, given the right hand of welcome.

Fishers River Association:

Brother Raymond Smith

Mountain Association:

Elder Walter Evans

Elder C. B. Kilby

Brother Lon M. Reeves

Brother Eddie Hoppers

Mt. Zion Association:

Elder D. C. Stover

Brother Luther Easter

Fifth: Call for transient and visiting brethren from sister Associations. The following were seated, given the right hand of welcome:

Fishers River Association:

Elder and Sister Chester Collins
Brother Carroll Gardner
Brother and Sister H. J. Hill
Brother and Sister O. W. Sisk
Brother Arnold Fulp
Brother Sam Holder

Mates Creek Association:

Elder Teddy Ball
Elder H. W. Prater
Brother and Sister Garland Childers

Mountain Association:

Elder R. E. Douglas
Brother and Sister Reeves Douglas
Brother and Sister R. C. Gambill
Brother Arthur Gambill
Brother and Sister Jack Reeves
Brother and Sister John Watson
Brother Clifford Holiway
Sister Carrie Edwards
Sister Lilia Crouse
Sister Madge R. Reeves
Brother and Sister Mart Jenkins
Brother Raymond Nichols
Brother John C. Paisley
Brother and Sister Roscoe Williams
Sister Carrie Hoppers
Brother Troy Clerry
Brother and Sister Arol Choate
Brother Robert Clerry
Brother and Sister Willie Joines
Sister Myrtie Halsey
Sister Matilda Farmer

Mt. Zion Association:
Sister Luther Easter

New Liberty Association: W. Va.
Elder J. M. Whaling and Sister J. M. Whaling

Echeeconee Association: Macon, Ga.
Elder C. E. Darity

Prince William Association: S. C.
Elder C. J. Deloach
Elder W. H. Anderson
Brother Charlie Crapse

Union Association: Ga.
Brother and Sister E. A. Tison
Elder J. A. Bonnard and Sister J. A. Bonnard

Pilgrims Rest Association: Fla.
Elder J. R. World

Independent Churches:
Worlds Memorial Church: Fla.
Elder Wilmer World

Piney Ridge Church:
Brother William Johnson

St. Clairs Bottom Church:
Brother R. C. Price
Brother Don Blevins
Brother John Crest

Sixth: The Moderator make all temporary appointments
in this session. The appointments are as follows:

1. To preach at stand:
Elder J. A. Bonnard
Elder J. M. Whaling
Elder Edd Douglas

2. Committee on Ministry:
Brother T. E. Hartzog

Elder Edd Severt
Brother J. B. Roten

3. Committee on Finance:

Brother G. E. Kilby
Brother Bob Speaks
Brother Gaither Johnson

4. Committee on Arrangements:

Elder G. D. Roten
Brother Tom Severt
Brother Ralph Miller
Brother Clifford McNeill

Seventh: That the committee on arrangements meet in church after Association work closes.

Eighth: To adjourn until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow with song and prayer by Elder G. D. Roten.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1962

The Association met as scheduled, called to order with song and prayer by Elder J. A. Bonnard, visitor, from the Union Association, Ga.

On Motion:

First: Roll called, absentees excused.

Second: Reading of Constitution, also Rules of Decorum omitted.

Third: The committee on arrangements recommends on the account of the present trouble of our correspondence we drop all correspondence and seat all orderly peace loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.

Fourth: That correspondents to Sister Associations report. Reports acknowledged, those who failed excused.

Fifth: Continue correspondence with Powell's Valley Association through minutes approved.

Sixth: Rules of Decorum and Constitution to appear in Minutes.

Seventh: To appoint the Clerk as treasurer for over-

seeing printing for six hundred minutes, also the distribution of same.

Eighth: The Finance committee handle the balance of the funds and distribute same, to corresponding and visiting Elders.

Ninth: Next Association to convene at River View Church. Beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1963.

Elder Wiley Hester to deliver introductory sermon.

Elder Edd Severt, alternate.

Tenth: Obituaries to appear in minutes.

Eleventh: Minutes be read and approved.

Twelfth: Finance committee reported, as follows:

Returned from last year	\$ 33.00
Received from Churches	135.50
Total revenue	\$168.50

Expenditures:

Moderator	\$ 10.00
Clerk	10.00
Printing and postage of minutes	70.00
Total expenditures	\$ 90.00

Thirteenth: Adjourned through prayer led by Elder Edd Severt and with the Lord's blessings shall gather at the church named above, next session.

Elder Wiley Hester, Moderator

Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday, August 17, 1962. Introductory sermon delivered by Elder G. D. Roten. Text: 12th chapter of Samuel, verses 1 through 8.

Friday Afternoon:

Elder J. A. Bonnard

Elder J. M. Whaling

Elder Edd Douglas

Friday Night at Senter Church:

Elder C. E. Darity

Elder Teddy Ball

Saturday Morning:

Elder J. M. Whaling (opened service)

Elder Walter Evans

Elder C. E. Darity

Elder Teddy Ball

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder D. C. Stover

Elder C. J. Deloch

Elder W. H. Anderson

Saturday Night at Beaver Creek Church:

Elder J. A. Bonnard

Elder C. E. Darity

Sunday Morning:

Elder J. R. World

Elder J. M. Whaling

Elder C. E. Darity

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder J. A. Bonnard

Elder Wilmer World

Elder H. M. Willard from Sandy Creek Church, Greensboro, N. C. closed the three day session through song and prayer.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder W. E. Hester	.....	Wilbar, N. C.
Elder Blair Kilby	.....	Peach Bottom, Penn.
Elder G. D. Roten	.....	West Jefferson, N. C.
Elder Edd Severt	.....	Laurel Springs, N. C.

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

Churches	Clerks and Addresses	Church Messengers
Bear Creek	— Earl W. Severt, Rt. 2	Eld. W. E. Hester

West Jefferson, N. C.	Eld. Edd Severt
	Bro. Earl W. Severt
Beaver Creek — G. A. Miller	Bro. R. L. Speaks
West Jefferson, N. C.	Bro. Gaither Johnson
	Bro. Ralph Miller
Big Helton — B. O. Dolinger	Bro. G. E. Kilby
Lansing, N. C.	Bro. R. J. Blevins
	Bro. B. O. Dolinger
Horse Creek — Carl Ball	Bro. Carl Ball
West Jefferson, N. C.	Bro. Millard Davis
	Bro. Lee Landreth
North Fork — L. V. Johnson	Bro. L. V. Johnson
West Jefferson, N. C.	Bro. J. B. Roten
	Bro. Frank Miller
River View — T. E. Hartzog	Bro. J. C. McNeill
Fleetwood, N. C.	Bro. C. O. Yates
	Eld. G. D. Roten
Roans Creek — F. T. Miller	Bro. F. O. Thompson
Sparta, N. C.	Bro. Tom Severt
	Sister Millie Lee Burgess
Senter — Rex Jones	Bro. Rex Jones
Crumpler, N. C.	Bro. Bertie Bare
	Bro. Jim Walters

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and No. of Minutes — Clerks and Their Addresses

Bear Creek — 25	Earl W. Severt, West Jefferson, N. C.
Beaver Creek — 25	G. A. Miller, West Jefferson, N. C.
Big Helton — 60	B. O. Dollinger, Lansing, N. C.
Horse Creek — 25	Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.
North Fork — 30	L. V. Johnson, West Jefferson, N. C.
Riverview — 30	T. E. Hartzog, Fleetwood, N. C.
Roans Creek — 45	F. T. Miller, Sparta, N. C.
Senter — 55	Rex Jones, Crumpler, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association and No. of Minutes — Clerks and their Addresses

Ebenezer — 15	Carroll R. Shuler, Stanley, Va.
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Fishers River — 20	Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C.
Mates Creek — 20	Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.
Mountain — 25	.....	Lon Mac Reeves, Sparta, N. C.
Mt. Zion — 15	.....	J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va.
Piney Ridge — 15	.....	S. O. Shelton, Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.
Powells Valley — 15	.....	Clarence Hensley, Pineville, Ky.
Roaring River — 25,		John D. Hall, 278 South St., Elkin, N. C.
St. Clairs Bottom — 15	—	Quintin P. Dancy, Chilhowie, Va.
United P. B. In Va. — 20	.....	Elder E. S. Salmons, Floyd, Va.
Washington — 25	.....	Elder L. S. Street, Grundy, Va.

WISHING WELL

To our visiting brethren and friends we of the Senter Association wish at this time to thank you most heartily for your grand display publicly in personally attending our recent gathering. We feel and now know you also want to continue in furthering the word of God. There is no better way than was affected by your gracious turnout.

In unity there is strength. Clerk.

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our sister churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order to commune with us at the following churches. The dates also listed for your convenience.

Bear Creek	.....	1st Sat. and Sun., May 4th and 5th, 63
Beaver Creek	.....	4th Sat. and Sun., May 25th and 26th, 63
Senter	.....	2nd Sat. and Sun., June 8th and 9th, 63
River View	.....	3rd Sat. and Sun., June 15th and 16th, 63
North Fork	.....	1st Sat. and Sun., July 6th and 7th, 63
Big Helton	.....	3rd Sat. and Sun., July 20th and 21st, 63
Horse Creek	.....	4th Sat. and Sun., July 27th and 28th, 63
Roans Creek	.....	4th Sat. and Sun., July 27th and 28th, 63

LEST WE FORGET

In our everyday life of hustle we continually find ourselves forgetting — yes occasionally forgetting even those who when on earth meant so much to us. Especially when

in our trials and tribulations they and they alone seemed the only one of all the people we knew that we could turn to.

Now since through God's Grace they are resting, can but we take time out if only just once a year to make amends for this forgetfulness by sending to us the names you so dearly loved, whereby we all will remember those who preceded us in God's merited slumber.

Do unto others as we would want them to do unto us.
... Clerk.

Obituaries

IDA MAE JOHNSON

Ida Mae Johnson was born December 13, 1896, departed this life December 25, 1961, making her stay on earth 65 years and 12 days.

She was united in marriage to Adolpus Marion Johnson 19th day of November 1915.

To this union was born five children. Mrs. Edna York, Freeman, W. Va.; Mrs. Lillie Hodge, Switchback, W. Va.; Mr. Paul Johnson, Warrensville, N. C.; and Roscoe Johnson, West Jefferson, N. C. One son, Charlie, died in infancy.

One half brother, Rev. Frank Tucker; 21 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren.

She united with the North Fork Primitive Baptist Church about 37 years ago. Where she remained a most faithful member until her death.

It is hard to give one up who has meant so much to her family and friends, and to the community.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

GEORGE W. CAUDILL

George Washington Caudill, 97, of Glendale Springs, N. C. died February 9, 1962, at his home after a brief illness.

He was born in Ashe county to Jerry Caudill and Mary Koontz Caudill.

His wife, the former Rosie Severt, died in 1961.

Surviving are six sons, Ted and Todd Caudill, both of Glendale Springs, N. C.; Robert Caudill of Powell, Wyo.; Felix Caudill of Columbus, Ohio.; Darius Caudill of Concord, N. C.; Ed Caudill of Greensboro, Md.; and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Burgess of West Jefferson, N. C.

Mr. Caudill was a member of Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church for 50 years. His deep-seated principles of Christian faith made him outstanding in the church, never deviating but always strong in expressing salvation by the Grace of God.

He is missed by all, but we feel our loss is His Eternal Gain.

S. J. MILLER

S. J. Miller was born November 23, 1874, departed this life January 1, 1957.

Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Adelaide Phillips March 31, 1909, to this union was born five children, two of which preceded him in death in infancy. Surviving are three sons, Presley Miller and Paul Miller of West Jefferson, N. C., Carl Miller of Glendale Springs, N. C.; six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren. A host of other relatives and friends to mourn our loss.

Mr. Miller joined the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church in 1913, where he, a few years later, became clerk of the church who remained a good faithful and devoted member and clerk until death. Also he was firm in his belief, never deviating, but always strong in expressing salvation alone by the Grace of God.

We feel that our loss is His Eternal Gain.

ELDER ED DAVIS

Lansing, N. C.

August 14, 1962

Brethren and Sisters,

We wish to thank the members of the Senter Association and many friends who made a contribution to the monument of the late Elder Ed Davis and especially to Brother G. E. Kilby and Elder G. D. Roten for this kind and devoted service during these hours of trouble. Also we would like to thank all those for their kind and sympathizing words and for the many flowers

We believe that Elder Davis was a man who gave much to the welfare and being of this Association and was a man worthy of our remembrance. We believe that he fought a good fight, that he kept the faith; that in matters concerning the church he was free from the blood of all men.

Thank you,

Ed Davis Family.

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 nowise 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 him-

self 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 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 their 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 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 classical 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 number 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 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 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 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 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.

CHURCHES — PASTORS

Bear Creek — Elder Dewey Roten, Elder Wiley Hester, Elder Ed Severt.

Beaver Creek — Elder Dewey Roten.

Big Helton — Elder Dewey Roten.

Horse Creek — Elder Dewey Roten.

North Fork — Elder Dewey Roten, Elder Mathis, Elder Wiley Hester.

Riverview — Elder Dewey Roten.

Roans Creek — Elder Wiley Hester and Elder Ed Severt.

Senter — Elder Dewey Roten and Elder Mathis.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Sat. of Church Meeting	Orained Elders	Licenates	Rec'd by Exp. and Bap.	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Bear Creek	1	2							1	24	\$ 10.00
Beaver Creek	4			3						23	10.00
Big Helton	3	1							2	62	22.50
Horse Creek	4									23	8.00
North Fork	1			2					3	28	30.00
River View	3	1		1	1		2			29	16.00
Roans Creek	4								1	50	19.00
Senter	2		1			1			2	70	20.00
Total		4	1	6	1	1	2		9	309	\$135.50



