

MINUTES
of the
One Hundred Fortieth Annual Session
of the
SENER DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With
SENER CHURCH
Ashe County, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 10, 11, 12, 1993

The next session will convene with Sener Church, located between Jefferson, NC and Sparta, NC. Take Highway 221 out of Jefferson, NC about eight miles; on Nathan's Creek School Road.

SEPTEMBER 8, 9, 10, 1994

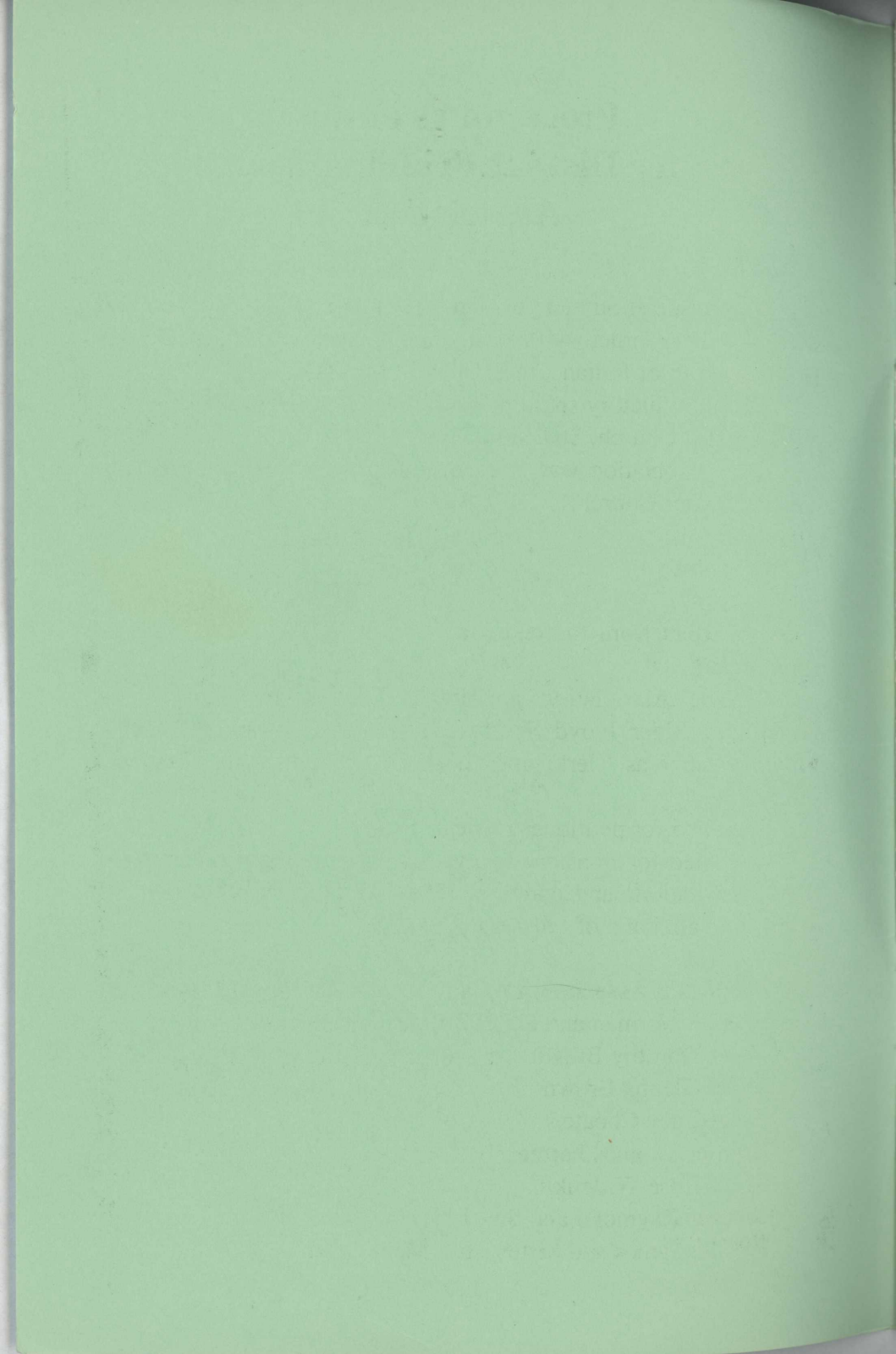
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Proceedings of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Denver Hollingsworth of Indian Creek Church, Moultrie, Ga.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Harvey Carpenter, Pleasant Hill Church, Statesville, NC.

The Association was opened with prayer by Brother Bobby Absher, Senter Church.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator; Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator; Brother Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for petitionary letters.
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:

Brother Norman and Sister Zola Brown

Sister Dorothy Brown

Sister Glenna Brown

Sister Lucy Choate

Brother Thomas Farmer, Jr.

Sister Rose W. Jenkins

Brother Raymond and Sister Nonnie Nichols

Brother James and Sister Rose Mabe

Brother Blake and Sister Elizabeth Roberts
Brother Page and Sister Hazel Wagoner
Brother Carl Williams
Brother Greene Ward

St. Clair Bottom Association of North Carolina and Virginia:

Elder Leonard Barton
Elder Eddie G. Lyle
Sister Maggie Barton

New Liberty Association of West Virginia:

Elder Monroe Hamon
Brother Kenneth and Sister Elizabeth Jennings

Mt. Zion Association of West Virginia:

Brother Finley and Sister Bernice Ratliff
Elder Franklin Oresta

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Chilhowie Primitive Baptist Church, Chilhowie, Va.:

Brother Howard, Sr., and Sister Sibyl Davis
Sister Jessie Adams

Indian Creek Church of Moultrie, Ga.

Elder Denver and Sister Nina Hollingsworth

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church of Danville, Va.:

Elder Dan Parker
Brother John S. Lawrence and Sister Lawrence
Brother Thomas Lawrence and Sister Lawrence

Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church of Statesville, NC:
Elder Harvey Carpenter

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church:
Brother Paul V. Lemons

Martin Primitive Baptist Church of Hillsville, Va.:
Sister Ethel A. Vass

Community Primitive Baptist Church of Stuart, Va.:
O'Bain Hylton

Mount Olive Primitive Baptist Church of Roanoke, Va.:
Sister Joyce V. Hodges

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Brother George Severt
Deacon Willard Hartzog
Deacon Larry Davis

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:

Brother Elmer Ham
Brother Clyde Johnson
Brother Donnie Cox
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Asst. Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:

Deacon Bobby Absher
Deacon Paul Miller
Deacon Don Walters
Brother Vernon Roten
Elder Floyd South

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association business until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Dan Parker.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1993

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Dan Parker.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.
2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.
3. The committee on arrangements moved that the host church is to select elder to preach the introductory sermon.
4. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M. on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1994 at Senter Church.
5. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights, September 8 and 9, 1994 with Senter Church.
6. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.
7. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

8. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.

9. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

10. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 1993

Reported from Churches:

Beaver Creek.....	\$75.00
Big Helton.....	40.00
Horse Creek	15.00
North Fork.....	105.00
Riverview	190.00
Roans Creek.....	65.00
Senter	295.00
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Total Received from Churches.....	\$785.00

Received from Donations Friday & Saturday.....307.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	20.00
To the Assistant Moderator.....	20.00
To the Clerk	60.00
To the Assistant Clerk.....	20.00
Paid to Senter Church	50.00
Paid to visiting elders	630.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes....	360.00

13. Minutes read and approved.

14. That the Association adjourn through song and prayer by Elder Floyd South.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator
Brother Bobby Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder Monroe Hamon (introduced with prayer)
Elder Harvey Carpenter (introductory sermon)
Brother Bobby Absher (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Dan Parker (introduced with prayer)
Elder Monroe Hamon
Elder Eddie Lyle
Elder C.O. Yates (closed with prayer)

Friday Night:

Elder Eddie Lyle (introduced with prayer)
Elder Dan Parker
Elder Franklin Oresta (closed with prayer)

Saturday Morning:

Elder Eddie Lyle (opened with prayer)
Elder Denver Hollingsworth
Elder Franklin Oresta
Brother Bobby Absher (closed with prayer)

Saturday Afternoon:

Brother Bobby Absher (opened with prayer)
Elder Eddie Lyle
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

Saturday Night:

Lic. Jimmy Haynes (opened with prayer)
Elder Denver Hollingsworth
Brother Don Walters (closed with prayer)

Sunday Morning:

Elder C.O. Yates (introduced)
Elder Leonard Barton
Elder James McNeill
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting the second Sunday night of April and running through Friday night - April 10-15, 1994.

IN MEMORIAM



ELLA MAE BARE

AUGUST 4, 1916 - JULY 6, 1993

Funeral services for Ella Mae Bare, 76, were held at Senter Primitive Baptist Church. The Elders James McNeill and Elder Floyd South officiated with burial following in the Senter Cemetery.

She was born in Ashe County to Lee O. and Betty Dickson Bare and passed away at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte. She was a member of Senter Primitive Baptist Church and a housewife.

She is survived by her stepmother, Cordie Denny of Jefferson; a daughter, Anne Caraway of Lancaster, SC; sisters Betty Nagel of Easton, MD; and Ethel Bare of Jefferson; brothers Harper Bare of Idaho Falls, Idaho and Dallas Bare of Jefferson; a grandson, Bo Caraway of Lancaster, SC; and a granddaughter, Kimberly Caraway of Lancaster, SC. She is preceded in death by her husband, Bertie L. Bare.

Brother and Sister Bare united with Senter Primitive Baptist Church on May 13, 1951; they were baptized the same day. In August, 1956, Brother Bare was ordained deacon at Senter Church; they served faithfully as deacon and wife until his death in July, 1986. Sister Bare remained an active member who always gave her full support to her church.



IDA HARLESS

Ida Craft Harless of Fleetwood, NC was born July 15, 1901, to John Andrew and Malinda Bare Craft and died March 27, 1993. Her funeral was conducted on March 29th at Bethel Baptist Church by Elders Calvin Yates and Jack McGinnis, and Rev. Bill Ballou. She was buried in the church cemetery with many friends, neighbors, and relatives present.

She was married to George Monroe Harless on June 24, 1924, and to this union was born eight children. Her husband and three children, Johnny, Lane and Maggie preceded her in death. Surviving are five children, Rex of the home, Rev. Ross Harless of West Jefferson, Doris Story of Lenoir, Joseph Harless of West Jefferson, and Maggie Fielding of Mesquite, TX; twenty-eight grandchildren, thirty-nine great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Sister Ida received a hope in the finished work of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ at an early age and was baptized into the fellowship of Riverview Primitive Church and lived a Christian life until her death. She had many friends and was loved by all who knew her. Our loss is her eternal gain.

Elder Calvin Yates



ORBY YATES

Orby Craft Yates, Fleetwood, North Carolina, was born in Ashe County, July 14, 1908, to John Andrew and Malinda Bare Craft and passed away at her home June 10, 1993. Her funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon, June 13, at 3:00 pm at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church by Elders E.W. Hooven, James McNeill and Jack McGinnis, with a large crowd of friends and loved ones present. Her body was laid to rest in the church cemetery to await the second coming of Jesus and the glorious resurrection.

She was united in marriage to Calvin Oscar Yates August 20, 1924, and to this union were born five children. Lorraine Lange, Newport News, VA, Otis Yates, Hamptonville, Clara Rogers, Statesville, Evelyn Holland, Cary, and Donna Duncan of Fleetwood, NC. Also surviving are two sisters, Ruby Johnson of West Jefferson and Maggie Fielding of Mesquite, TX; seventeen grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Orby was a sweet, loving wife and a wonderful mother, always having the welfare of her children, her companion and many friends and neighbors at heart. She had a strong faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. She joined Riverview Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized September 22, 1963. She was a faithful member and supported her church financially and with her presence. Her greatest joys were to hear the gospel preached and taking care of God's servants. She was loved by all who knew her. We know our loss is her eternal gain.

Elder Calvin Yates and family

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder C.O. Yates

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Elder Floyd South

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Elder Steve Douglas

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Elder James D. McNeill

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Crumpler, NC 28617
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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Beaver Creek

Elder James McNeill

Big Helton

Elder Steve Douglas

Horse Creek

Elder Steve Douglas

North Fork

Elder James McNeill

Riverview

Elders C.O. Yates, James McNeill

Roans Creek

Elder Floyd South

Senter

Elder James McNeill

**DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES
AND NUMBER OF MINUTES;
CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES**

Beaver Creek: <i>Don Walters</i>	
Rt. 2, Box 129, Fleetwood, NC 28626	20
Big Helton: <i>Elmer Ham</i>	
Rt. 3, Box 50, Lansing, NC 28643	20
Horse Creek: <i>Grover Burchette</i>	
Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693.....	15
North Fork: <i>Grover Burchette</i>	
Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693.....	20
Riverview: <i>C.O. Yates</i>	
Rt. 2, Box 215, Fleetwood, NC 28626	30
Roans Creek: <i>Elder Floyd South</i>	
Rt. 2, West Jefferson, NC 28694	35
Senter: <i>Bobby Absher</i>	
Rt. 1, Box 120, Crumpler, NC 28617.....	45

**DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES
TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS**

Ebenezer: <i>Aubrey E. Utz</i>	
Madison, VA 22727	20
Mountain: <i>Roy Truitt</i>	
102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 24333.....	20
Bear Creek: <i>Allen Copple</i>	
Route 4, Asheboro, NC 27203	20

Silver Creek: <i>Elder Gene Watson</i>	
145 Friendly Park, Lenoir, NC 28645	20
North Carolina Collection: <i>The Library</i>	
<i>University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514</i>	<i>2</i>
The Primitive Baptist Library: <i>Elon College</i>	
Rt. 2, Elon College, NC 27244.....	2
The American Baptist Historical Society	
1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620.....	2
Wake Forest University: <i>The Z. Smith Reynolds Library</i>	
Box 7777, Reynolds Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109...	2
The Christian Baptist Library	
PO Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220	2
Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Association:	
Rt. 1, Box 14, Bluefield, WV 24701	20
The Primitive Baptist Library:	
416 Main Street, Carthage, IL 62321	2

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peac-loving Baptists of our faith and order an invitation to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

- Beaver Creek:** 4th Saturday and Sunday in May
- Sender:** 2nd Saturday and Sunday in June
- Riverview:** 3rd Saturday and Sunday in June
- Horse Creek:** 4th Saturday and Sunday in June
- North Fork:** 1st Saturday and Sunday in June
- Big Helton:** 3rd Saturday in July
- Roans Creek:** 4th Saturday and Sunday in July

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Moderator shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the member 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 way 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 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 breaks the Rules of 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 reprov'd by the Association as they shall think proper.

14. The pastor of the host church shall act as moderator until a moderator can be elected.

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 Associations, at their annual meetings in A.C. 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 letters, excluded and dead since last Association.

3. The Association will continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.

4. 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 have any internal right over any church in the union.

5. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

6. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

7. 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.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

9. 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.

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

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

15. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

16. 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.

17. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

18. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

19. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Convention deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are One.

2. We believe that scriptures of the Old and New Testament as translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible is the written 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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Beaver Creek - Second Sunday morning, 11:00 AM, and fourth Sunday, 2:00 PM. A brick church building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 south about one mile to Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

Big Helton - Third Sunday, 11:00 AM, Second Sunday, 11:00 AM. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgills, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from Lansing, NC, to Sturgills, NC. Turn left. The church is about one mile on the left side of the road.

Horse Creek - First and fourth Sundays, 11:00 AM, following respective Saturdays. A white wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from West Jefferson, NC, to Lansing, NC. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile; turn left on 1324; follow 1324 to Joe Hampton Road; follow to end of pavement; turn left to church.

North Fork - Sunday, following first Saturday, at 2:00 PM. A white asbestos shingle church building located about three miles west of Warrentonville, NC. Located between Warrentonville, NC and Trade, TN. Take Hwy. 88 out of Warrentonville, NC. About one mile you will come to the North Fork of the New River. Take first right-hand road. The church is about two miles on the right side of the road.

Riverview - From the intersection of 221 and 163 near West Jefferson, go south on 221 approximately .3 mile. Turn left on Nettle Knob Road, go three miles to the Lower Nettle Knob Road. Go 3.5 miles to me Phillips Gap Road, turn right about 1 mile. The brick church is on the left of the road.

Roans Creek - Fourth Saturday night, 7:00 PM, and the following Sunday, 11:00 AM. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Laurel Springs, NC. Take Hwy. 88 out of Jefferson, NC, about seven miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

Senter - Second Saturday, 11:00 AM, and Sunday following, 2:00 PM. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Sparta, NC. Take Hwy. 221 out of Jefferson, NC, about eight miles. Located on Nathan's Creek School Road.

STATISTICAL TABLE

1993

Church Organized	CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Month	Sunday of Meetings	Ordained Elders	Liberated	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
1785	Beaver Creek	Brother Don Walters, Elder Floyd South, Brother Larry Davis, Brother Gordon Severt, Alt.	May	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	\$75.00
1840	Big Helton	Elder Steve Douglas, Brother Elmer Ham	July	2 3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	40.00
1840	Horse Creek	Elder Steve Douglas	June	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	15.00
1785	North Fork	Brother Doughton Roten, Brother Paul Miller Brother Paul Roten, Elder James McNeill, Alt.	July	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	105.00
1898	Riverview	Brother Donnie Cox, Brother Clyde Johnson, Brother Pual Miller, Brother Willard Hartzog, Alt.	June	1 3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	30	190.00
1898	Roans Creek	Brother Millard Bare, Brother Richad Bare, Alt.	July	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	32	65.00
1829	Senter	Brother Vernon Roten, Brother Paul Bare, Brother Bobby Absher, Brother Virgil Brown, Alt.	June	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	52	295.00
TOTAL.....														785.00

