

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
UPPER COUNTRY LINE
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH
AT
OAK GROVE, CASWELL COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA
July 21, 22, and 23, 1928



OFFICERS

ELDER B. F. MCKINNEY, Moderator Hurdle Mills, N. C.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk Altamahaw, N. C., R. 1
ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Clerk Reidsville, N. C., R. A

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the messengers of the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association, agree, for the satisfaction of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor with the help of the Lord to maintain.

1. We believe in the being of God as Almighty, Eternal, Unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word which Word we believe to be of divine authority and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of man. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of his own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man he was good and upright, but by his own transgression he fell from that good and upright state, and being the head and representative of the whole human race, they being his natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself, and they were partakers of, and exposed to, the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly, or to truly repent of his sins, or believe in Christ, except he be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they can utterly refuse the call; but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith.

8. We believe that God's elect will be converted and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that those that are called by grace and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in all God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

11. We believe baptism by immersion, and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believer.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline and that associations, councils and conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church, the keeping, holding or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and final judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

16. Lastly, we believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an association capacity wherein each church ought to be represented by the messengers to advise with each other in conference.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.
3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and shall in no way reflect on any other brother.
4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.
5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.
6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.
7. No messengers shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he violates the rules of this decorum.
8. No messengers shall address another in any other term or appellation other than the title of brother.
9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views, after any messenger, having a right to speak, may reply to any new matter introduced by the Moderator.
11. Any member who shall violate any of the rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION—SESSION, 1928

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. A. Stanfield, from Isa. 38:1-6; followed by Elder B. F. McKinney, from 2nd Timo. 2:19.

2. After an intermission for dinner, the Association convened, and after praise and prayer by Elder N. H. Harrison proceeded to business.

(a) Moved that the Clerk call the roll of the churches and mark all absentee messengers, which was agreed. Absentees marked (*) in statistical table.

(b) Moved that we elect a Moderator for this session, whereupon Elder B. F. McKinney was elected.

(c) Moved that the Committee on Arrangements shall consist of the Moderator, the Assistant Moderator, the Association Clerk, the Assistant Association Clerk, and the Messengers from Oak Grove Church, which was agreed.

(d) Moved that the Moderator appoint any necessary committees, which was agreed, and the Moderator appointed on Committee of Finance Brethren Elder W. C. King and Deacon J. E. Neal.

3. Petitionary Letters were called for, none received.

4. Messengers and visitors from corresponding associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated, to-wit:

Little River: Minutes—Brother G. H. Roberts.

Black Creek: Minutes—Elders J. W. Wyatt, Hutchens, and R. E. Adams.

Fisher's River: Minutes.

White Oak: Minutes—Elder Isaac Jones.

Mayo: Minutes—Elders J. F. and D. V. Spanger and James Trent.

Kehukee: Minutes—Elder N. H. Harrison and wife, Brother H. L. Travathan and wife.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Dr. H. E. Satterfield, J. M. O'Bryant, F. D. Long, and others.

Abbott's Creek: Minutes—Brother G. H. Cornelson and Brother E. Sykes.

Contentnea: Minutes—Elder J. P. Tingle and Brother T. G. Travathan and wife.

Pig River: Minutes—Elder J. F. Stigall, Brother G. R. Mintor, Elder J. B. Wade, Brother A. W. Plunket, and others.

Smith's River: Minutes—Elder J. D. Cochran.

Staunton River: Minutes—Brothers J. H. Hutcher, M. W. Pickerel, Floyd Williams, and Brother B. F. Evans.

New River: Minutes—Brother H. M. Beamer.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

Baltimore Association: Not represented.

Salem: Minutes—Elder C. A. Davis, and Sister Bessie Idol.

Mountain Association: Correspondence report by Elder M. B. Martin, see Upper Country Line Minute, 1927, page 4. Report received, and moved that we suspend correspondence with Mountain Association until they drop the J. R. Wilson disorder.

Maine Conference: (Elder F. W. Keene of the Maine Conference has joined our Association, uniting with the Church at Gilliam's by letter).

Seven Mile: Not represented.

Zion: Not represented.

Durham Association, (Col.): Minutes.

Hunting Quarter's Church, by Elder L. H. Hardy and wife.

Received a file of Minutes from Brother J. W. Jones, Clerk of the Bear Creek Association, session of 1927, and moved to mail him a file of Minutes.

5. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line were received, read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table of this minute.

6. On motion the Association adjourned to meet again Monday morning, July 23, 1928, at 9:00 o'clock.

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator.

ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.

ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Association Clerk.

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 23, 1928, AT 9 O'CLOCK

7. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder Isaac Jones, proceeded to business.

8. The Messengers, who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations, were called upon for a report. All reports were carefully noted, and those who could not attend were excused.

9. Messengers, who took appointment to visit sister Associations at their next sitting, are as follows:

Little River: Minutes—Elder F. W. Keene.

Black Creek: Minutes—Elder M. B. Martin, Elder F. W. Keene.

Fisher's River: Minutes.

White Oak: Minutes—Elders F. W. Keene, M. B. Martin, B. F. McKinney.

Mayo: Minutes—Brothers W. G. Dix and T. W. Rice.

Kehukee: Minutes—Elders B. F. McKinney, F. W. Keene, and Elder T. A. Stanfield.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Elders J. W. Gilliam, W. C. King, B. F. McKinney, W. C. Jones, and F. W. Keene.

Abott's Creek: Minutes—Elders J. W. Gilliam, T. A. Stanfield, M. B. Morton, and Brother T. W. Rice.

Pig River: Minutes—Brethren T. W. Rice and W. G. Dix, and Elders B. F. McKinney and J. W. Gilliam.

Smith's River: Minutes.

Staunton River: Minutes—Elder J. W. Gilliam and Elder K. W. Keene.

New River: Minutes.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

Baltimore: Minutes—Sister Anna Watlington.

Salem: Minutes—Elders W. C. Jones, T. A. Stanfield, and Brother J. H. Dye.

Mountain: Minutes—Correspondence suspended.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

Durham Association (Col.) Minutes.

(Insert) On motion it was agreed to insert the following Letter of Correspondence, to-wit:

The Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, now convened in session with the Church at Oak Grove meeting-house, in Caswell County, North Carolina, on July 21, 22, and 23, 1928, doth send greetings and Christian salutations to our sister Associations and Meetings with whom we correspond. Once again we have been favored to meet and greet, and receive your correspondence, which we greatly enjoy, and for which we desire to be thankful to the Lord, and we earnestly solicit a continuation of your correspondence, to the end that we may be edified and comforted and built up in the faith once delivered to the saints. In this blessed faith we desire to worship God, and to be kept by his mighty power through faith unto salvation,

ready to be revealed in the last time. Our next session will convene with the Church at Lynches Creek meeting house, beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1929, and continue three days, at which time we hope to receive your correspondence again.

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Asso. Clerk.

10. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Lynches' Creek, in Caswell County, North Carolina, to begin at 10:00 o'clock on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1929, and continue three days. Elder B. F. McKinney was requested to preach the introductory sermon and Elder W. C. King to be his alternate.

11. The Finance Committee made the following report to the Association:

Contribution from the churches	\$154.00
Contribution from friends in the congregation	84.20
To the credit of the Association in hand of her Clerk.....	10.65
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Total funds available for distribution	\$248.85
Recommendation for disbursements:	
For printing, postage, and mailing 1,000 copies....	\$42.00
For Clerk's service	15.00
For officers of the Civil Law	12.00
For expenses incurred in preparing seats, furnishing water, lights, etc.	20.00
For visiting ministers	149.20
Left in the hands of the Clerk.....	10.65
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Total distributions as above named\$248.85

Moved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and the Committee excused, which was agreed.

12. Moved that the Clerk have 1,000 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed with the churches of our Association and among sister Associations with whom we correspond, which was agreed.

13. Whereas, our brethren have been well favored in preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and many have been blessed to hear and enjoy same, and now that our Association is drawing to a close, be it resolved:

- (a) That we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed;
- (b) That we extend thanks to the brethren, sisters, and friends for having been so kind and hospitable in caring for the Association;

(c) On motion the Association adjourned to meet next year (1929) with Lynches' Creek Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1929.

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Asso. Clerk.

MINISTERS

Elders in our Association and their addresses:
Elder W. F. Keene, Raleigh, N. C., 501 Cleveland St.
Elder B. B. McKinney, Reidsville, N. C., Route A.
Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.

Elder O. J. Denny, Winston-Salem, N. C.
 Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.
 Elder B. F. McKinney, Hurdle Mills, N. C.
 Elder W. M. Monsees, Reidsville, N. C.
 Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C., Route #1.
 Elder J. P. Johnson, Danville, Va., Route #3.
 Elder T. A. Stanfield, Reidville, N. C., Route A.
 Elder M. B. Martin, Burlington, N. C., Route #2.
 Elder John R. Smith, Reidsville, N. C., Route #5.

**CORRESPONDING AND VISITING ELDERS AT THIS
 SESSION OF OUR ASSOCIATION**

Elder N. H. Harrison, Kehukee Association.
 Elder C. A. Davis, Salem Association.
 Elder E. C. Oakes, Lower Country Line Association.
 Elder J. F. Spangler, Mayo Association.
 Elder D. V. Spangler, Mayo Association.
 Elder H. F. Hutchens, Black Creek Association.
 Elder L. H. Hardy, Hunting Quarters Church.
 Elder R. E. Adams, Black Creek Association.
 Elder J. F. Stigall, Pig River Association.
 Elder C. Thompson, of Texas. (Did not get name of his Asso.)
 Elder J. C. Sykes, Union Association, Texas.
 Elder Isaac Jones, White Oak Association.
 Elder J. W. Wyatt, Black Creek Association.
 Elder J. P. Tingle, Contentnea Association.
 Elder J. D. Cockram, Smith's River Association.
 Elder J. O. Pruitt, Mayo Association.
 Elder J. W. Flinchum, Mayo Association.
 Elder T. W. Walker, Staunton River Association.
 Elder Roy Monk, Lower Country Line.
 Elder G. M. Trent, Salem Association.
 Elder D. A. O'Briant, Salem Association.
 Elder W. R. Dodd, Staunton River Association.

DEACON E. R. HARRIS, MODERATOR, RESIGNS

Be It Resolved, That whereas our beloved Moderator, Deacon E. R. Harris, who has faithfully and efficiently served as Moderator of this Association for many years, and whose distinguished service, able counsel, and timely advice on matters requiring the consideration of this Association have won for him the confidence, love, and high esteem of all our brethren, and now that he feels that he can't serve us longer, owing to advanced age and afflictions, that we accept his resignation with sincere regrets, and that we extend to Brother Harris the hearty appreciation of the brethren, sisters, and friends of this Association for his faithful service, and pray the blessings of God's grace upon him in his afflictions and declining age.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

Resolved that we extend thanks to Mr. Edgar King, of the Home Light Co., Burlington, N. C., for furnishing the Association with a light plant for this session, which was a fine service and highly appreciated.

Resolved that we extend thanks to Mr. Jim White and Mr. R. W.

Wilson for furnishing water for the Association, and to Producer's Warehouse of Danville, Va., for ice, and to all others who showed kindness and hospitality to our brethren, sisters, and friends.

PREACHING

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. A. Stanfield from Isaiah 38:1-6; and he was followed by Elder B. F. McKinney from II Tim. 2:9; and followed by Elder B. B. McKinney, no special text; followed by Elder F. W. Keene, Eph. 2:22.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder J. F. Stigall—Text Jer. 10:14-16.

Elder J. D. Cokram—Jude 1-3.

Elder J. F. Spangler—Heb. 10:9-14.

At 4:00 O'clock:

Elder C. Thomas—Failed to get his text.

At 8:00 O'clock:

Elder M. B. Martin—Text, Acts 8:32.

Elder W. C. King—Text, Isa. 40:1.

Sunday Morning—10:00 O'clock:

Elder Isaac Jones—Text, Zec. 13:1.

Elder N. H. Harrison—Text, Rom. 3:8-10.

Elder C. A. Davis—Text, Isa. 32:1.

Elder W. R. Dodd—General remarks.

Sunday After at 2:00 O'clock:

Elder J. C. Sykes—Text, Heb. 2:10.

Elder L. H. Hardy—No special text.

Elder J. W. Wyatt—Text, Psa. 23:1-2.

At 4:00 O'clock:

Elder G. M. Trent—Text, Isa. 32:1.

Elder V. D. Spangler—Text, I Cor. 15:10.

At Night, 8:00 O'clock:

Elder H. F. Hutchens—Text, Matt. 25:14.

Elder Roy Monk—Text, Luke 2:10-11.

Monday Morning:

Elder R. E. Adams—Text, II Sam. 17:19.

Elder E. C. Oakes—Text, Acts 8:35.

Elder J. O. Pruitt—Text, Psa. 34:19.

Elder J. W. Flinchison—Text, Rev. 22:13.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND ROTATION

List of the churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of rotation of sessions since the Country Line Association divided into Upper and Lower Country Line Associations in 1906, as follows:

*Lynches Creek	1911-1929
Lick Fork	1912
Pleasant Grove	1913
McCray	1914
Greensboro	1915
Dan River	1916
New Hope	1917
Moon's Creek	1918
Monticello	1919

Prospect Hill	1920
Wolf Island	1921
Push Arbor	1922
Big Meadows	1923
Country Line	1924
Harmony.....	1907-1925
Reidsville.....	1908-1926
Gilliam's.....	1909-1927
Oak Grove	1910-1928

*Appointed to be held.

MAILING LIST OF CHURCHES

	No. Minutes
Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Yanceyville, N. C., R. 2.....	60
Big Meadows—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.....	25
Country Line—Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C.....	15
Dan River—Mrs. L. K. Wilson, Ruffin, N. C., Route No. 3.....	40
Gilliam's—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. No. 1.....	40
Harmony—W. A. Ward, Cedar Grove, N. C.....	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Saunders, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 5.....	30
Lynch's Creek—Wm. Warren, Corbett, N. C.	25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. No. 3.....	25
Moon's Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. No. 5.....	25
Pleasant Grove—Elder T. A. Stanfield, Reidsville, N. C., Star Rt.....	50
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C.	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Wolf Island—J. R. Stone, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 3.....	55
Oak Grove—Robt. H. James, Yanceyville, N. C., R. No. 1.....	20
New Hope—J. S. Knowles, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 6.....	50
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C.....	25
Greensboro—I. E. Neal, Greensboro, N. C.....	38
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, N. C.....	20
Abbott's Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C.....	18
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.....	18
Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.	20
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. No. 1.....	25
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.....	27
Little River—Robert Smith, Benson, N. C.	
Mayo—S. G. Dobbins, Claudville, Va.....	20
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Roanoke, Va.....	20
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.....	18
Smith's River—Elder J. D. Cockram, Stuart, Va.....	18
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, 147 Broad St., Danville, Va.....	18
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.....	20
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.....	20
Mountain—J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.....	15
Pig River—Elder E. L. Blankenship, Boon's Mill, Va.....	15
Seven Mile—Elder L. A. Johnson, Benson, N. C.....	15
Mill Branch—W. C. Brown, Tabor, N. C.....	20
Durham (colored)—Brother Joe Graves, Reidsville, N. C., R. 5.....	20

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Dismissed by Letter	Received by Letter	Rec'd by Hx. & Bap.	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Bush Arbor	Eld. M. B. Martin, Bros. W. A. McKinney & J. E. Simmons.			1			1	44	\$ 13.15
Big Meadows	Eld. W. C. Jones, Pastor, & Bro. Crutchfield.						1	11	2.00
Country Line	Eld. W. C. King, Pastor, by request of the Church.								6
Dan River	Brethren W. G. Dix, T. W. Rice & L. B. Strader.		2					25	5.00
Gilliam's	Eld. J. W. Gilliam & Bros. L. J. Saunders & T. W. Saunders.		3					28	20.00
Harmony	Bro. Dewey Walker & Sister W. T. Wilson.						2	10	2.00
Lick Fork	Eld. Jno. R. Smith, Bro. Perkins & Sister Hooper.		1				2	22	12.25
Lynche's Creek	Brother William Warren						1	3	4.50
McCray	Bros. A. G. Porterfield, Robert Cates & Sister Aldridge.			1			1	9	20.25
Moon's Creek	Sisters Sallie Travis, Mattie Hodges & Belle Neal.							5	1.00
Oak Grove	Bros. Jones & Poteat, & Sisters Jones & Gunn.							6	3.00
Pleasant Grove	Elds. McKinney & Stanfield, & Bros. Walker & Ware.	2					3	46	8.85
Prospect Hill	Bros. W. P. Warren, W. D. Blalock, W. D. Burch, H. T. Oakley		1	2				22	13.00
Reidsville	Bro. J. B. Gardner, Sisters Kate Mitchell, & Sallie Bennett.						1	24	10.00
Wolf Island	Bros. R. A. Smith, W. S. Smith, J. R. Stone & J. H. Dye			1				43	6.00
New Hope	Bros. G. R. Robertson, Frank Walker & J. J. Somers.						1	13	9.00
Monticello	Bros. J. J., H. W. and W. D. Lambeth.							13	8.00
Greensboro	Elder O. J. Denny*, Bros. J. H. Combs & I. E. Neal.		1					39	10.00
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Absentees marked*

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