

# MINUTES

—of the—

## 158th Annual Session

—of the—

# KEHUKEE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With

### THE CHURCH AT

## Smithwicks Creek

MARTIN COUNTY, N. C.

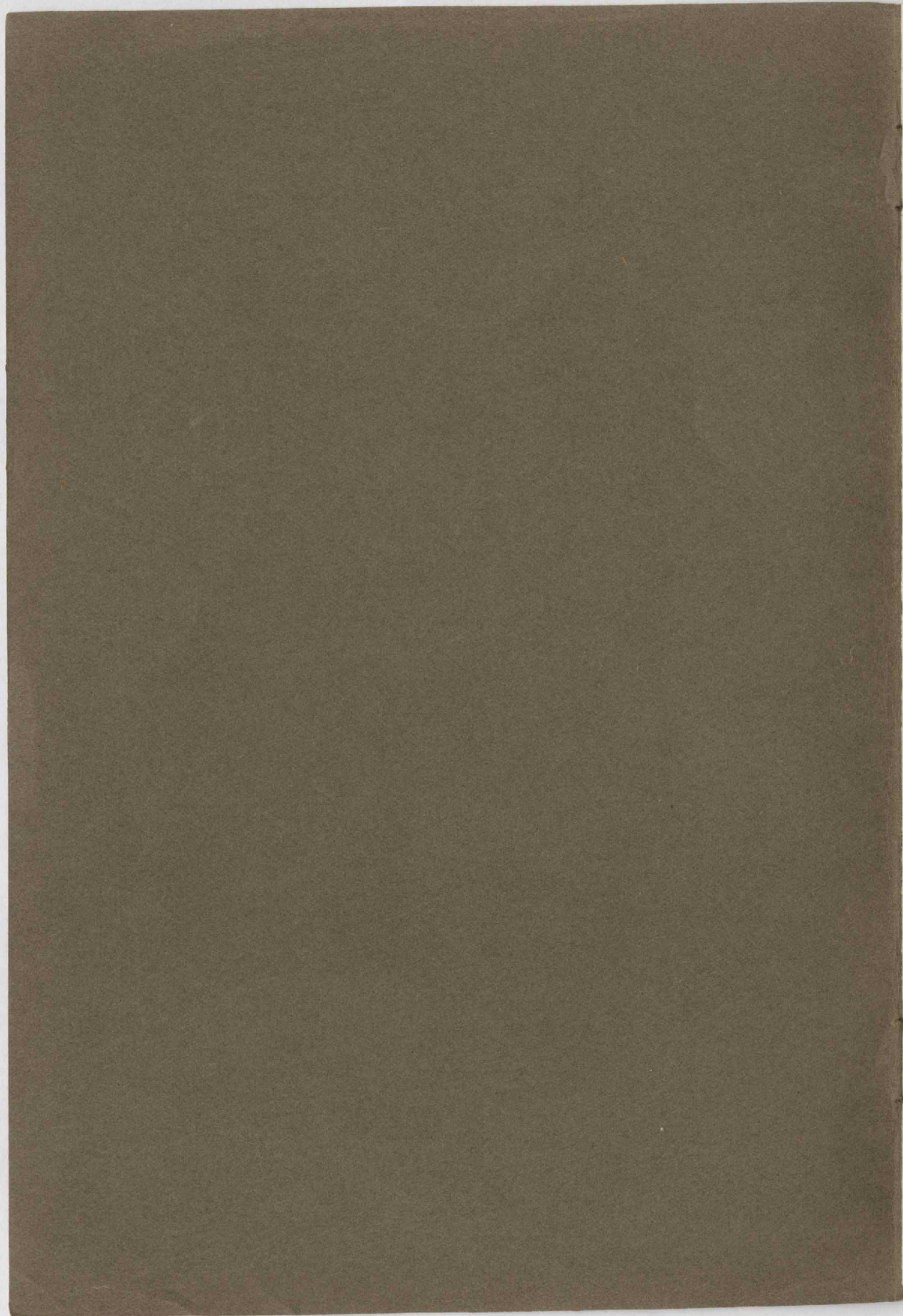
October 6th, 7th and 8th, 1923.

SYLVESTER HASSELL, Moderator..... Williamston, N. C.

B. S. COWIN, Clerk..... Williamston, N. C.

W. H. DANIEL, Assistant Clerk..... Jamesville, N. C.

R. A. BAILEY, Assistant Clerk..... Robersonville, N. C.



## PROCEEDINGS

The 158th Annual Session of the Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association was held with the Church at Smithwicks Creek, Martin County, North Carolina, October 6th, 7th and 8th, 1923.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder N. H. Harrison, from Romans 8:28-31.

After an intermission of one hour the Association met, and after prayer by Elder J. P. Tingle, was organized with Elder Sylvester Hassell Moderator and B. S. Cowin clerk, who called to his assistance Bretheren W. H. Daniel and R. A. Bailey.

It was agreed that visiting brethren from sister Associations be invited to seats with us.

The following committees were appointed: On finance, Elder J. C. Moore and Brother J. J. Manning. On arrangements for preaching, Moderator, Clerk, Sylvester Peel and Elder W. B. Harrington.

The following visiting elders were present: C. F. Denny, J. E. Newborne, L. H. Stevenson, T. C. Hart, D. A. Mewborn, J. E. Adams, E. C. Jones, J. T. Rowe, G. M. Corbitt, J. S. Corbitt, J. W. Wyatt, M. B. Martin, J. P. Tingle, J. T. Williams, W. R. Craft, R. H. Pittman, G. M. Trent, R. E. Adams and E. L. Cobb.

The following elders were present from Kehukee Association: Sylvester Hassell, N. H. Harrison, J. N. Rogerson, E. C. Stone, A. B. Denson, W. M. Stubbs, J. B. Harrell, W. B. Harrington, Tighman Sawyer, T. R. Sawyer, J. A. Shaw, D. W. Topping, W. E. Grimes, J. C. Smith, and B. S. Cowin.

The following elders preached at the stand this P. M.: Elder J. E. Adams, from Ephesians 3:8; Elder J. W. Wyatt, from Psalms 102:10; Elder W. R. Craft, from no particular text.

### **Sunday A. M. at Stand**

Elder C. F. Denny, from Isiah 35.  
Elder J. T. Rowe, from First Peter 2:7-9.  
Elder M. B. Martin, Isiah 37:30.

### **Sunday P. M. at Stand**

Elder R. H. Pittman from St. John 3:7.  
Elder D. A. Mewborn from Genesis 1:1.  
Elder J. P. Tingle, from Isiah 1:1-2.

### **Sunday in House**

Elder J. E. Mewborn, from St. John 11:25.  
Elder L. H. Stevenson, from St. John 10:30.  
Elder T. C. Hart, from Psalms 90:1.  
Elder E. C. Jones, from Genesis 7:16.  
Elder J. S. Corbitt, from St. John 14:3.  
Elder J. T. Williams, from Hebrews 4:12.

### **Monday at Stand**

Elder R. E. Adams, from Isiah 53:1-8.

Elder G. M. Trent, from Collosians 3:2.

Elder G. M. Corbitt, from St. John 1:5.

Elder E. L. Cobb, from Genesis 41:1-7.

Letters from 35 churches were received and read, and the names of messengers and standing of churches were enrolled in the table of churches.

Called for correspondence, when the following was received:

Contentnea: Elder J. S. Corbitt, Elder J. P. Tingle.

White Oak: Minutes.

Upper Country Line: No intelligence.

Lower Country Line: J. H. Gooch

Black Creek, Elder J. W. Wyatt and J. S. Rogerson.

Little River: Elder J. E. Adams and Elder L. H. Stevenson.

Baltimore: Elder J. T. Rowe.

Center District: Minutes.

Mayo: Minutes.

De'aware: Elder G. M. Trent.

Ocmulgee: Minutes.

Mountain District: Elder M. B. Martin.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

Upatoie: No intelligence.

New River: No intelligence.

Notaway: No intelligence.

Corresponding, Va.: Minutes.

Abbotts Creek: Minutes.

Warwick: Minutes.

Roaring River: No intelligence.

Salisbury: Minutes.

Delaware River: Minutes.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

Salem: Minutes.

Echecome: No intelligence.

Staunton River: Minutes.

Fishers River: Minutes.

Primitive Ebenezer: No intelligence.

White Water: No intelligence.

Ketocan: Elder R. H. Pittman and Minutes.

Maine Conference: No intelligence.

Cuivre Siloam: Minutes.

Zion: Minutes.

The following brethren agreed to visit the following Associations:

Contentnea: Elder W. B. Harrington and E. C. House.

Black Creek: Elder N. H. Harrison, Elder J. B. Harrell, J. C. Coburn.

Little River: L. R. Roberson.

R. A. Bailey was appointed to write a corresponding letter to be attached to these minutes.

Petitionary letters called for None received.

It was agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Kehukee, Halifax county, North Carolina, first Sunday in October, 1924, Saturday before and Monday after. Elder B. S. Cown was appointed to preach introductory sermon, and Elder A. B. Denson, alternate; worship to begin at 11 o'clock.

The Association then adjourned to meet again Monday, at 9 o'clock. Worship to begin tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

### Monday, A. M.

The Association pursuant to adjournment met at 9 o'clock and was opened with praise and prayer by Elder E. L. Cobb and proceeded to business. The names of messengers were called over and those absent marked in the table of churches.

The corresponding letter was called for and read and ordered to be attached to these minutes.

The finance committee reported as follows:  
In hands of clerk at close of last Association

tion -----	\$77.50
Paid for printing -----	\$50.00
Postage -----	5.20
Clerk's fees -----	25.00
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	\$80.20
Received from churches -----	\$94.00
Leaving in hands of clerk -----	\$91.30

The following elders agreed to preach for the church at South Quay: Elder R. E. Adams in May; Elder C. F. Denny, 3rd Sunday in June; Elder Hassell in July; Elder J. A. Shaw in August.

It was agreed that our articles of faith and decorum be printed in these minutes.

It was agreed that if any member of this Association be present with any association with which we correspond, that he is authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved: First. That this Association discountenances, condemns and forbids all kinds of trading and misbehavior on or around the Association grounds while in session, and will endeavor to punish same to the full extent of the law; and that it recommends to the churches composing this Association that they have their places of worship incorporated to protect them from lawlessness.

It is agreed that this Association return thanks to God for excellent weather and all other blessings, and to the brethren and friends of the entire com-

munity for their liberal hospitality in the entertainment of this Association.

It is agreed that our clerk have 2,000 copies of these minutes and 300 church letters printed and sent to him for distribution among the churches of this Association, and the Association with which we correspond; that he record a copy on our records, and that he be paid \$25.00 for his services.

There being no other business before the Association it was adjourned to the time and place appointed with singing and benediction by the Moderator.

SYLVESTER HASSELL, Moderator.

B. S. COWIN, Clerk

W. H. DANIEL and R. A. BAILEY,  
Assistant Clerks.

### CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Kehukee Association now in session with the church at Smithwicks Creek, Martin County, North Carolina, to the Members, Messengers and Ministers composing the association with whom she corresponds, sendeth greetings:

Very Dear Brethren:

Another year with its joys and sorrows has passed, and we are reminded by its lessons that we are hastening to that bourne from which no traveler returns, but amid all the conflicts through which we have passed for the last year. We feel that we yet have much for which we desire to offer thanks, to the Giver of all precious gifts.

We yet desire to continue steadfastly in the doctrine of the Apostles, worshiping the God of our fathers, believing that Jesus is the one and only name given among men whereby we must be saved.

We know that we have been comforted and encouraged by the ministers and messengers who have come among us, testifying to the precious truths of the Holy Scriptures, and being the gladsome sound of salvation alone through the sovereign grace of God, and how sweet the peace of such doctrine to a believer's ear.

The weather has been fine, behavior excellent, and hospitality unexcelled.

The next session of the Association is appointed to be held with the church at Kehukee, Halifax County, North Carolina.

Commencing Saturday, before the first Sunday in October, 1924, when and where we hope to meet you all in love.

R. A. BAILEY.

S. Hassell, Moderator.

B. S. Cowin, Clerk.

### List of Ministers and Their Addresses

N. H. Harrison, Pinetown, N. C., R. No. 2.  
Sylvester Hassell, Williamston, N. C.  
W. B. Strickland, Hobgood, N. C.  
J. N. Rgerson, Williamston, N. C.  
A. J. Moore, Whitakers, N. C.  
J. C. Moocre, Whitakers, N. C.  
J. A. Shaw, Elizabeth City, N. C.  
D. W. Topping, Pantego, N. C.  
E. C. Stone, Williamston, N. C.  
E. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.  
W. B. Harrington, Jamesville, N. C.  
T. R. Sawyer, Ransomville, N. C.  
A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.  
J. B. Harrell, Oak City, N. C.  
W. E. Staton, Scotland Neck, N. C.  
Tighlman, Sawyer, Grimesland, N. C.  
W. M. Stubbs, Pinetown, N. C.  
W. E. Grimes, Williamston, N. C.  
J. C. Smith, Bath N. C.

### List of Licentiates

J. W. Harrison, Plymouth, N. C.  
T. F. Holladia Columbiā, N. C.  
W. B. Atkins, Heathville, N. C.  
M. D. Twiford, East Lake, N. C.  
W. B. Clifton, Plymouth, N. C.

### List of Clerks and Their Addresses

Bear Grass; J. H. D. Peel, Williamston, N. C.  
Bethlehem; J. B. Hollidia, Jury, N. C.  
Beulah; Caddie McKinney, Scranton, N. C.  
Eriery Swamp, C. L. James, Stokes, N. C.  
Conetoe; D. W. Cobb, Tarboro, N. C.  
Concord; A. W. Ambrose, Creswell, N. C.  
Conoho; B. L. Johnson, Oak City, N. C.  
Cross Roads, Mrs. Bennie Snell, Hobgood, N. C.  
Deep Creek; Bennett Moore, Scotland Neck, N. C.  
Falls Tar River; W. H. Worsley, Rocky Mound, N. C.  
Flat Swamp; E. C. House, Robersonville, N. C.  
Flatty Creek; W. W. Eves, Weeksville, N. C.  
Great Swamp, Mrs. Nana Brown, Greenville, N. C.  
Hopeland; Jarrett White, Whitakers, N. C.  
Hamilton; Jesse Johnson, Robersonville, N. C.  
Jamesville; J. B. Allen, Jamesville, N. C.  
Kebukee; C. C. Al'sbrook, Hobgood, N. C.  
Lawrence; A. Strickland, Scotland Neck, N. C.  
Lebanon; Wilsn B. Harrell, East Lake, N. C.  
Morattock; W. B. Clifton, Plymouth, N. C.  
Mt. Zion; A. M. Hyman, Hobgood, N. C.  
North Crek; J. C. Smith, Bath, N. C.

Pungo; J. H. Carter, Pungo, N. C.  
 Providence; Fred Perry, Kitty Hawk, N. C.  
 Rocky Swamp; J. H. Warren, Heathville, N. C.  
 Singleton; Sarah T. Alligood, Washington, N. C.  
 Skewarkey, Eli Taylor, Williamston, N. C.  
 South Matamuskeet; D. M. Carawan, Swan Quarter, R. 2, Box 37.  
 South Quay; Mrs. Lucy Savage, Franklin, Va.  
 Sparta; E. P. Williamson, Tarboro, N. C., R. 5.  
 Smithwicks Creek; W. H. Daniel, Jamesville, N. C.  
 Spring Green; S. L. Grimes, Robersonville, N. C.  
 Tarboro; Mrs. Mary Braswell, Tarboro, N. C.  
 Williams; C. H. Spivey, Tarboro, N. C.  
 White Plains; W. W. Bowen, Pinetown, N. C.  
 Robersonville; R. A. Bailey, Robersonville, N. C.  
 Norfolk; W. E. Brickhouse, Norfolk, Va.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

I. We believe in the being of a God, as almighty, e'ternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth; and that this God has revealed Himself, in His word, under the characters of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

II. 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 men and women. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

III. 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 unconditioned on the creature's part.

IV. We believe that, when God made man at first, he was perfect, holy and upright, able to keep the law, but liable to fall, and that he stood as a federal head, or representative, of all his natural offspring, and that they were to be partakers of the benefits of his obedience, or exposed to the misery which sprang from his disobedience.

V. We believe that Adam fell from this state of moral rectitude, and that he involved himself and all his natural offspring in a state of death; and for that original transgression, we are both guilty and filthy in the sight of our holy God.

VI. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men, as fallen creatures, to keep the law of God perfectly, repent of their sins truly, or believe in Christ, except they be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

VII. We believe that in God's own appointed time and way (by means which he has ordained) the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible they can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing, by Divine grace, to receive the offers of mercy.

VIII. We believe that justification in the sight of God is o'ly by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith alone.

IX. We believe, in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, borne again, and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

X. We believe that such as are converted, justified and called by His Grace, shall persevere in holiness, and never fall finally away.



XI. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in good 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.

XII. We believe Baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believers; and that persons who are sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptized according to God's word, and that such ought to be baptized after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

XIII. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline; and that Associations, Councils and Conferences, of several ministers or churches, are not to impose on the churches the keeping, holding or maintaining any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

XIV. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

XV. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and the joys of the righteous are eternal.

XVI. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

XVII. Lastly, we do 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 way, wherein each church ought to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as is necessary to advise with the several churches in conference; and that the decision of matters in such Associations are not to be imposed, or in anywise binding, on the churches without their consent, but only to sit and act an advisory council.

## RULES OF CHURCH DECORUM

Preamble. From a long series of experiences we the Church of Christ, are convinced of the necessity of coming together as often as may be in order to hold conference, and to discharge our duty in watching over each other as Christ has commanded.

Ordered therefore that the following decorum be a rule for the church to conduct herself by in her future conferences. We will not forsake the house of God or the assembling of ourselves together. Neh. X 39. Heb. X. 25.

Article I. The conference shall be composed of the members of this church, together with any member of sister churches that are present in fellowship, of the same faith and order, who have liberty to seath with us. Acts IV. 23: XV. 6.

Article II. Conference shall be opened and closed with prayer to Almighty God. 1st Timothy 11:1 1st Thes. V. 17, 18.

Article III. One shall be chosen to preside, who shall be addressed under the appellation of Bro. Moderation, and to whom every speech shall be particularly addressed. 1st Cor. XIV, 26-40.

Article IV. The members names, being regularly enrolled, shall by the clerk be regularly called over, and a significant mark put to the names of all absent members. Acts 1, 15. Neh. 11, 18: IV, 20.

Article V. A door shall be opened (when thought necessary) for the admission of new members into the church; but none shall be admitted but by unanimous consent, and who shall first verbally relate their experience, or give an account of the work of God on their souls; and secondly, of their faith and principles (if the church shall require it) and thirdly the church shall make diligent inquiry respecting their moral conduct, and when full satisfaction shall be obtained, the Pastor, Deacon or Moderator shall manifest the same by giving them the right hand of fellowship, thereby receiving them in form, 1st Peter 3:15 Gal. 2:19.

Article VI. No complaint shall be brought into conference

against transgressing brethren respecting crimes of a private nature, until the aggrieved party has complied with the directions given by our Lord in Matthew XVIII, 15-17.

Article VII. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of conference unless withdrawn by the member who made it. 1st Cor. XIV, 40.

Article VIII. Every query presented shall be thrice read, and before it is received, the Moderator shall take a vote, and accordingly as there is a majority for or against debating it, it shall be answered or not, but the querist may withdraw it at any time, provided also that no intricate query shall be imposed or asked.

Article IX. If the minority be grieved, at any time, at the determination of the majority, they are directed to make the same known immediately to the church; and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, it may be necessary in that case to call for help from sister churches.

Article X. All the business of conference shall be recorded by the clerk, and, before conference rises, the same shall be distinctly read if need be.

Section I. Any member refusing to attend conference, the same is disorder.

Section 2. Any member absenting himself or herself from conference, without leave, the same is disorder.

Section 3. Any member whispering or laughing in time of public speech, the same is disorder.

Section 4. If two or more shall speak at one time, or any member speak without rising up and addressing the Moderator, the same is disorder.

Section 5. Any member speaking more than three times on one subject without leave obtained, the same is disorder.

Section 6. Any member being grieved at anything done in conference, and shall hold his or her peace, and shall not let the same be known until conference rises, and shall afterwards speak of it, as it manifestly tends to confusion, it is hereby deemed disorder.

Section 7. Any member speaking or acting in wrath or anger, or in a threatening, degrading manner, as it shames religion, wounds the cause of Christ, and grieves true Christians, is hereby deemed disorder.

Section 8. If the Moderator shall neglect to plainly and timely reprove any member transgressing any of these rules, or in behaving in any manner irreverently in time of conference, the same is disorder in him, and himself is for the same liable to be reprov'd.

Section 9. The woman hath not right by the law of Christ to usurp authority over the men, and therefore ought not to speak in the church, only in case of conscience, or in such particular circumstances that the nature of the thing may require it.

Section 10. Amendments to these rules may be made at any time when conference shall deem it necessary.

CHURCH	COUNTY	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Total	Contribution	Excluded	Deceased	Restored	Dis. by letter	Rec. by letter	Baptized	Mo. Meeting
Bear Grass	Martin	J. N. Rogerson, B. S. Cowin	74	8.00	2					2	3
Behlehem	Tyrell	J. B. Holladia, C. C. Reynolds	29	7.00	2					1	2
Beulah	Hyde	C. C. Cullipher, W. B. Harrington	32	2.00	3					6	4
Briery Swamp	Pitt	C. L. James, G. N. Warren	45	5.00	1					2	2
Concord	Washington	J. B. Ambrose, W. A. Furlough	33	8.00	2					4	4
Conoto	Martin	J. B. Harrel, J. S. Johnson	37	6.00	1					3	3
Conoto	Edgecombe	C. C. Dawson, D. W. Cobb	10	2.00	1					3	3
Cross Roads	Edgecombe	W. N. Curry, M. O. Jones	6	1.50	1					2	2
Deep Creek	Halfax	Bennett Moore, S. E. Moore	7	1.50	1					2	2
Falls Tar River	Nash	G. M. Bunn, W. W. Thomas	132	8.00	8			2		10	21
Flat Swamp	Martin	Z. D. F. White, Lester House	49	8.00	4					4	1
Flaty Creek	Pasquotank	Eld. J. S. Corbit, Wm. Lowry	22	8.00	1					4	3
Great Swamp	Pitt	Marcellus Fleming, J. I. Allen	24	15.00	1					4	4
Hamilton	Martin	No Intelligence	50	5.00	2					1	1
Hopeand	Nash	Eld. J. C. Moore, H. L. Alcock	17	5.00	1					1	1
Jamesville	Martin	W. O. Lee, Luther Hardison	34	8.00	1					3	1
Kenuke	Halfax	T. L. House, J. W. Butts	21	5.00	1					1	1
Lawrence	Edgecombe	Eld. W. E. Staton, A. Strickland									
Lebanon	Dare	No Intelligence	18	3.00						1	1
Mt. Zion	Halfax	A. M. Hyman, G. B. Bryant	36	3.00	3					3	3
Morattock	Washington	I. W. Harrison, W. R. Clifton	29	3.00						2	3
North Creek	Beaufort	George Slade, C. A. Morselder	18	7.00						3	3
Norfolk	Norfolk, Va.	A. C. Outbell	48	6.00	1					4	4
Providence	Currituck	B. F. Perry, I. M. Perry	14	2.00	1					1	2
Pungo	Beaufort	D. C. Davis, J. W. Paul	40	6.00	1					4	2
Robersonville	Martin	J. L. Roberson, R. A. Bailey	23	2.00	1					2	2
Rocky Swamp	Halfax	J. H. Warren, J. W. Atkins	19	3.50			1			2	2
Singleton	Beaufort	Eld. T. Sawyer, J. D. Ward	42	5.00	3					2	2
South Matamukeet	Hyde	I. L. Rowen, C. F. Benson	1	.50						2	2
South Quay	Southampton Co., Va.	By Letter	26	5.00	2					1	2
Skewankey	Martin	Eli Taylor, Sylvester Hassell	11	2.00	1					4	4
Sparta	Edgecombe	E. P. Williamson	101	15.00	2					3	4
Smithwick's Creek	Martin	W. H. Daniel, Kader Lilley	65	10.00	1					4	4
Spring Green	Martin	S. L. Grimes, W. F. Grimes	25	4.00	3					1	3
Tarboro	Edgecombe	W. A. Armstrong, Eld. E. G. Stone	40	3.00	2					1	1
White Plains	Beaufort	Eld. W. M. Stubbs, R. Z. Boyd	25	3.00	3					1	1
Williams	Edgecombe	Van R. Vick, C. H. Seiver	25	5.00	1					1	2
Total			1875	1205	51	4	1	4	47	1	47

