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## FRIDAY'S SESSION.

1. The Association met in the grove adjoining Naked Creek Church, Friday, Aug. 25, 1922, at 10:30 A. M. After singing several selections and prayer, the Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. B. Jenkins. Text: Acts 20:28.

2. After an intermission for lunch, the Association was called together by singing. Eld. Sylvester Hassel offered prayer, following which, the letters from the various churches composing the Association were called for, read and statistics noted.

3. The Moderator, Eld. R. H. Pittman, and Clerk, W. L. Carpenter, were both re-elected.

4. No application for any new churches to join the Association.

5. Corresponding Associations were called for, and were represented as follows:

Ketocton—Elds. T. S. Dalton, A. L. Harrison, T. W. Alderton, C. W. Miller, and brethren Morris Schwab, J. W. Power, W. J. Butler, B. S. Atwood and others.

Paterson Creek—Eld. J. T. Power.

Juniatti—Eld. C. L. Funk and Jonathan Peck.

Yellow River—Eld. T. J. Head.

New River—Eld. Joel E. Marshall.

Kehukee—Eld. Sylvester Hassell.

Mayo—Eld. S. A. Thompson, and by Minutes.

Salem—By Minutes.

6. The Circular Letter, written by Eld. J. B. Jenkins, was read, and referred to the following committee for approval, Eld. T. S. Dalton, M. V. Gander and the writer.

7. The following brethren were appointed a committee on arrangement of preaching: E. L. Yates, D. B. Coffman, M. V. Gander, I. F. Shuler, L. T. Brumback and B. B. Stephenson.

8. Brethren E. B. Coffman, D. R. Hall, E. L. Gay, J. B. Aleshire, E. L. Kiblinger, L. T. Utz and Benton Koontz were appointed to serve as a finance committee.



9. The Clerk appointed to write the Letter of Correspondence, to be published in the Minutes of this Association.

10. A committee of three, Eld. T. S. Dalton, Eld. J. B. Jenkins and W. L. Carpenter, was appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of our esteemed Brother B. F. Coffinan, who departed this life August 10, 1922. Same to be ready for approval at Saturday's session.

11. Adjourned by singing a hymn, followed by a short sermon by Elds. T. J. Head and T. S. Dalton.

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### SATURDAY'S SESSION.

1. The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 9:30 A. M., and services opened with prayer by Eld. R. T. Strickler.

2. The following brethren agreed, D. V., to attend the following Associations next year.

Ketocton—Elds. J. B. Jenkins, R. H. Pittman, J. A. Frazier and R. T. Strickler, and brethren M. V. Gander, G. R. Varner and B. B. Stephenson.

Paterson Creek—Elds. J. A. Frazier and J. B. Jenkins.

Juniatti—Elds. J. A. Frazier, J. B. Jenkins and R. T. Strickler.

3. The Association agreed to continue to correspond by Minutes with Salem, Fishers River and Mayo Associations.

4. The Letter of Correspondence prepared by the Clerk is ordered to be published in the Minutes.

5. The committee on the Circular Letter, and the Association by vote, recommends its adoption and orders its publication in the Minutes, also in Zion's Advocate and Messenger of Truth. Committee discharged.

6. Bro. J. H. Booton appointed to write the Circular for 1923

7. It was agreed to hold the next session of the Association with Thorntons Gap Church, in Rappahannock Co., Va.

8. The pastor of Thorntons Gap Church is appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon.

9. The resolutions of respect to the memory of Bro. B. F. Coffman were read by Eld. T. S. Dalton and adopted, and same ordered to be published in these Minutes.

11. The Clerk was instructed to publish 500 copies of the Minutes and distribute as last year, including copies to the visiting ministers; Clerk to retain the balance of funds for services.

12. After singing hymn No. 385, adjourned with benediction by Eld. C. L. Funk, to meet with Thorntons Gap Church, August, 1923.

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#### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS PRESENT

T. S. Dalton, 2524 Keyworth Ave., Baltimore, Md.  
Thos. W. Alderton, Fredericksburg, Va.  
A. L. Harrison, Front Royal, Va.  
C. L. Funk, Needmore, Pa.  
T. J. Head, 215 Gordon St., Atlanta, Ga.  
J. T. Power, Creekvale, W. Va.  
Sylvester Hassell, Williamston, N. C.  
S. A. Thompson, Stuart, Va.  
C. W. Miller, Box 1267, Washington, D. C.  
J. A. Frazier, Orlean, Va.  
R. T. Strickler, Luray, Va.  
R. H. Pittman, Luray, Va.  
J. B. Jenkins, Luray, Va.  
J. E. Marshall, Meadows of Dan, Va.

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#### ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday, A. M.	J. B. Jenkins, Text: Acts 20:28.
Friday, P. M.	T. J. Head, Text: II Timothy 1:8-10.
Friday, P. M.	T. S. Dalton, Text: John 21:21.
Saturday, A. M.	T. W. Alderton, Text: II Thessalonians 2:13.
Saturday, A. M.	J. T. Power, Text: St. John 6:47.
Saturday, P. M.	J. T. Head, Text:
Saturday, P. M.	S. A. Thompson, Text: Ephesians 2:1-10.
Sunday, A. M.	S. Hassell, Text: John 1:14.
Sunday, A. M.	J. E. Marshall, Text: John 21:21-22.
Sunday, P. M.	A. L. Harrison, Text: John 10:27.
Sunday, P. M.	T. S. Dalton, Text: I Thessalonians 1:4-5.



### A RESOLUTION.

Whereas, God in his alwise Providence has seen fit to remove from our assemblies here, our dear and venerable Bro. Benjamin F. Coffman since the last meeting of this body (died Aug. 10, 1922), we desire to express something of our grief and irreparable loss, and to mingle our tears of sympathy with his dear family, and share with them the sweet assurance that our loved one sweetly rests in the bosom of Jesus, therefore, "we sorrow not as others who have no hope", for we believe when Jesus comes to make up His jewels our dear father and brother will be raised from the grave in the full image of Jesus, when we hope to meet him in that blessed home where sorrows never enter.

Committee.

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### NOTE

Naked Creek Church of Primitive Baptists was organized on the 17th day of July, 1869. Elds. Paul W. Yates and F. M. Perry assisted in this organization. The membership at that time was composed of the following brethren and sisters: Philip Koontz, Minerva Koonts, (his wife) W. D. Covington, Bettie L. Covington, Martha Sanford, Christian Burner, Hannah Deering, Milton H. Drummonds, Catharine Drummonds and Peter Sherman (colored). Eld. Chas. Yates served as first pastor, and W. D. Covington as church clerk.

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### Letter of Correspondence

The Ebenezer Association convened with Naked Creek Church, Rockingham County, Va., August 25, 26 and 27, 1922.

To the Sister Associations with whom she corresponds—Greeting:

This the 94th session of the Ebenezer Association is blest to be able again to meet in peace and brotherly love. No mention in the letters from the different churches is made of any grievances or dissensions among the several churches composing this body.

Our elders attending all preach the same doctrine of Salvation by Grace and the atoning blood of Christ.

Whilst this letter is not intended to be of a personal nature, yet we feel impressed to mention the spirit of sadness prevailing in the hearts of the brethren and sisters over the recent death of our beloved Brother B. F. Coffman, whose heart and home was always open to this church and the Association. He was a strong and valuable pillar in his church (Naked Creek church) since his connection with it. It had been his great desire that he should be permitted to live to see this another Association held with his home church and he would



then be ready to go, yet having already reached a ripe old age, the Lord in His divine wisdom saw fit to call him hence just two weeks previous to this time.

Pray, brethren, that our younger brethren may sincerely feel the duty and responsibility resting upon them; to take the place of this dear old soldier in the church; to take up the cross that he has just laid down, that his place should not be vacant, so to speak; otherwise, it may be said of us that we are not fulfilling our duty as we should.

We invite you to send your messengers and minutes to our next session in 1923, and pray for our guidance and keeping.

R. H. PITTMAN, Moderator.  
W. L. CARPENTER, Clerk.

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## Circular Letter

Ebenezer Association of Primitive or Old School Baptists, Assembled with Naked Creek Church. To the Churches Composing her Body, Greeting.

Dear Saints in Christ:

It has pleased our heavenly Master to permit us once more, a few of His saints to meet together as a band of worshippers and sing the sweet songs of Zion, and enjoy the sweet fellowship of God's little children. We trust that our meeting and mingling together may strengthen us and build us up in the faith which was once delivered to His saints. May peace and harmony prevail and the true worship of God be our only aim. May we have no big I's and little U's among us; let none feel to be above the other. If we prove our faith by our works blessings will attend our Association and our meeting will not be in vain.

I am glad to know that the Old Baptists are free from the nickname of "Soul Savers", but are content with such titles as: Meek and lowly followers of Christ, Saints of God, Little Children, My Sheep and My Lambs. May our dear ministers ever stand firm and contend earnestly for the pure, unadulterated Gospel which always has stood and will stand through the ceaseless ages of eternity. Christ is the way, the truth and the life. John says in speaking to God's people: My little children, sin not. But he also tells us if we do sin we have an Advocate with our Father (Jesus Christ). Were it not for this we would be miserable indeed, for we find ourselves so many times walking in forbidden paths. Oh, what a loving Saviour we have to be willing to lay down His precious life and to be willing to be nailed to the cross—all for the love He had for His people, all of whom will be sure to reach the sunny climes of eternal glory and

bliss. Not one of God's chosen vessels will fail to reach heaven for this would mean part failure in the redemption through Christ. We praise God that our salvation is sure and complete. Christ says no man can come unto me except the Father which sent me draw him. He doesn't try to draw him and make a failure as the so called Soul Savers of today, but where he begins a work He will complete it. John 10:14-19. I am the good Shepherd and know my sheep and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me even so know I the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold, them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice and there shall be one fold and one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me because I lay down my life that I may take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. Primitive Baptists are willing to leave the salvation of sinners with God the Father who gave His only Son, the meek and lowly Jesus, to suffer and die on the cross to redeem all that will ever reach the Celestial City of God. True Primitive Baptists will always contend for the eternal truth of God. If we are what we profess to be we will honor our precious Saviour by walking in duty's pathway and by a faithful attendance at church and by showing our love for our pastor, and our brothers and sisters in the faith. The children of God are not naturalized into His kingdom, but are born into His kingdom, and glory is theirs because they are begotten of His love. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He did foreknow He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son. Moreover, whom He did predestinate, them He also called; and whom He called them He also justified; and whom He justified, them He also glorified." Let us walk in our Father's ordinances because we love His smile and because we love to do the will of Him we love, "For it is God that worketh in us both to will and to do His good pleasure."

L. H. PAINTER.

















