MINUTES OF THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

BLACK CREEK
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

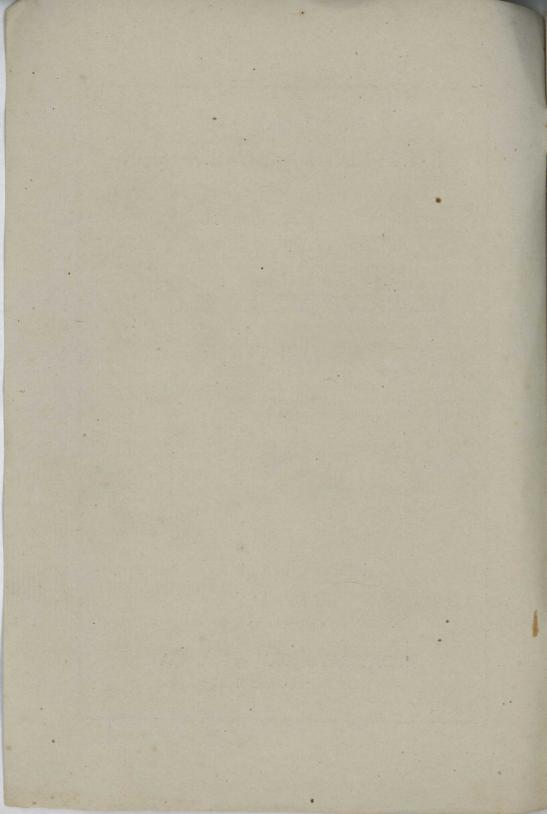


Held with the Church at

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ELM CITY, N. C.

FRIDAY SATURDAY and SUNDAY October 23, 24, 25 1925



PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings Friday, October 23rd, 1925

1st. The services were opened by praise and prayer by Elder J. W. Gardner.

2nd. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. C. Hooks from the following text: 20th and 21st verses of the 2nd chapter of 2nd Cor.

3rd. The conference was opened by Elder J. T.

Collier with praise and prayer.

4th. On motion Elder J. C. Hooks was chosen moderator, and Elder E. L. Cobb clerk, who called to his assistance Brother I. A. Lamm.

5th. On motion visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats with us.

6th. Elders W. E. Grimes, D. A. Mewborn, Geo. Corbett and J. A. Shaw were sent to the stand to preach this afternoon, and they used the following texts: W. E. Grimes, 1st verse Epistle of John; D. A. Mewborn, 1st and 2nd verses 1st Chapter 1st Peter; Geo. Corbett, 6th verse of 14th chapter John; J. A. Shaw, 1st verse of 12th Chapter of Heb.

Elders J. S. Corbett, W. R. Craft, J. W. Gilliam, Jr., H. F. Hutchens preached Friday night and from the following texts: J. A. Shaw, Luke 17th chapter; W. R. Craft, 1st chapter of 1st Peter; J. W. Gilliam, Jr., 2nd chapter of Acts; H. F. Hutchens, 14th and 15th verse 4th chapter Song of Sol.

7th. Brethren W. C. Boyette and J. B. Murray were appointed on committee of finance.

8th. Letters from 23 churches composing this association were called for an read.

9th. Petitionary letters to join this association was called for.

10th. Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations.

Contentnea, Minutes, J. J. Eason, H. L. Brake, E. A. Stanfield and Eld. Geo. Corbett.

Little River, D. L. Godwin and R. D. Langdon. Kehukee, Minutes, Elders W. E. Grimes, J. B. Harrell, J. A. Shaw.

Seven Mile, Minutes, J. W. Stancil, Jason Allen and others.

White Oak, Minutes, Elders Isaac Jones, E. F. Pollard, Bro. J. D. Brown.

Mill Branch, None.

Baltimore, Minutes. None.

Warwick, Minutes, Bro. J. L. Thompson.

Delaware River, Minutes, none.

Staunton River, Minutes. None. Lower Country Line, Minutes, Elder C. B. Hall, Brethren A. L. Galloway and M. G. Markham.

Upper Country Line, Minutes, Elders T. A. Stan-

field, J. W. Gilliam, M. B. Martin.

Salem, Minutes. None.

Fisher's River, Minutes, Elder J. S. Morrison.

Zion, Minutes. None.

Delaware, Minutes. None. Mayo, Elder H. F. Hutchens.

Abbott's Creek, Elder Sam McMillian, Bro. A. C. Vanhov.

Elkhorn, Elder J. M. Wyatt. Rowan River, Elder W. R. Craft.

Hunting Quarter Church, Elder L. H. Hardy.

11th. Appointed our next session of the association to be held with the church at Sappony to commence Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1926, at 11 o'clock A. M. Elder J. T. Williams to preach the introductory sermon and Elder R. H. Boswell to be his alternate.

12th. The following were appointed to visit sister associations:

Contentnea, Elders R. E. Adams, C. F. Denny and Brother E. B. Barnes.

Kehukee, Elders R. E. Adams, T. H. B. Pridgen and Bro. E P. Weaver.

Little River, D. A. Thompson, I. A. Lamm, J. B. Murry, Charley Bridgers.

White Oak, Elders R. E. Adams, C. F. Denny, J. T.

Collier.

Lower County Line, Elder C. F. Denny, Brethren J. J. Thorne, W. H. Burch.

Upper Country Line, Elders R. E. Adams, R. H. Bos-

well, E. L. Cobb.

Seven Mile, R. L. Scott, C. R. Bridgers, B. F. Smith.

Mill Branch, Elders R. H. Boswell, J. C. Hooks, C.F. Denny.

Baltimore, Elder J. W. Wyatt. Delaware, Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Delaware River, Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Warwick, Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Abbott's Creek, Elder R. H. Boswell, Bro. J. B. Murry.

Mayo, Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Staunton River, Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Fisher's River, Brethren D. M. Morris, F. W. Boswell. 13th. Elders L. H. Hardy, T. A. Stanfield, J. M. Wyatt, J. W. Gilliam, N. H. Harrison, J. P. Tingle, M. B. Martin, E. F. Pollard, J. B. Harrell, J. S. Morrison preached Saturday and at night from the following texts: L. H. Hardy, 1st and 4th verses 97 Psalms: T. A. Stanfield, 10th verse, 35th chapter Psalm; J. M. Wyatt, 1st verse, 17th chapter John; E. F. Pollard, Loaves and Fishes; J. W. Gilliam, Isaiah 7th-26; N. H. Harrison, 10th Chapter Acts; J. P. Tingle, 23rd Psalms; M. B. Martin, 4th and 5th verses 111 Psalms; J. B. Harrison, 1st and 4th verses 17th Matt.; J. S. Morrison, 1st verse 26th chapter Isaiah.

Elders J. L. Ross, Sam McMillian, Isaac Jones, W. B. Kearney, J. E. Mewborn, J. H. Stephenson, F. W. Keene, C. B. Hall preached Sunday morning and eve-

ning from the following texts.

J. L. Ross, 5-17 Matt; S. McMillian, Upon all the hills; Isaac Jones 20th chapter Rev.; W. B. Keene, 9 and 20th verses 5th chapter Acts; J. E. Mewborn, By Man Came Death, etc.; L. H. Stephenson, 10th verse 10th chapter Heb.; F. W. Keene, 21st and 22nd verse 25th chapter Exodus; C. B. Hall, 19th verse, 2nd chapter Phil.

14th. Brother W. C. Boyette was appointed together with the deacons of this church on a committee

of arrangements.

The messengers were called for and the names of those present were entered in the statistical table.

The messengers that were appointed last 16th. year to visit the sister associations were called upon to report, and those who failed to attend were excused.

The committee on finance made the follow-17th.

ing report:

Received from churches _____\$184.95 Paid for printing minutes and postage \$30.00 Allowed clerk for services _____ 15.00 Given to visiting ministers _____\$139.95

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18th. The report was received, and the committee was discharged after disposing the funds to the proper ones.

19th. In as much as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association failed to attend on Friday, make his report to the clerk who is authorized to receive same and record his name.

20th. Agreed that the constitution and rules of de-

corum be printed with these minutes.

21st. The clerk is authorized to have 1500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and associations with whom we correspond, and record one on our record.

22nd. The following Brethren, Roscoe Page and Culley Pridgen were appointed, together with the deacons of this church, to reserve order during the services

Saturday and Sunday.

23rd. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of this community, who have so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that the moderator give public expression at the close of the association.

24th. This association adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed for our next annual session,

with praise and prayer by the moderator.

ELDER J. C. HOOKS, Moderator. ELDER E. L. COBB, Clerk. BROTHER I. A. LAMM, Asst. Clerk.

Brethren and friends made ample preparations in every way for this meeting, and kindly entertained us, and the dear Lord blessed us with a large number of His servants who came in the fullness of the Gospel of Christ, proclaiming "His unsearchable riches" to the comfort and consolation of His people.

ELDER E. L. COBB, Clerk. er, returning thanks to the brethren and friends for their kinder, returning thinks to the brethren and friends for their kindness extended to us during the entire meeting.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES AND THE TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETING

 Aycock's—Pastor Elder J. C. Hooks, Fremont, N. C. Clerk W. G. Smith, Fremont, N. C., September 4th Sunday.

2. Beulah—Pastor, Elder J. T. Collier, Micro, N. C.; clerk, A. B. Atkinson, Kenly, N. C.; J. W. Woodard, Kenly, N. C.; September 3rd Sunday.

3. Contentnea—Pastor, Elder G. W. Foswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; clerk, F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No 3;

October 3rd Sunday

- 4. Cross Roads—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.; clerk, C. L. Gurley, Jr., Princeton, N. C., September 4th Sunday.
 - 5. Creeches—Pastor, Elder J. T. Collier, Micro, N. C.; clerk

G. G. Creech, Kenly, N. C., August 4th Sunday.

6. Dudley-Pastor, Elder J. B. Roberts, Greenville, N. C.;

clerk, Carrie Potts, Mt. Olive, N. C., August 3rd Sunday.

- 7. Goldsboro—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C. R. F. D. No. 1; clerk, B. F. Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., June 1st Sunday.
- 8. Healthy Plains—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; clerk, W. F. Boykin, Blackstone, Va., assistant clerk, Hilliard Boykin, Bailey, N. C., August 2nd Sunday.
- 9. Lower Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. C. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.; clerk, R. L. Lucas, Black Creek, N. C., September 2nd Sunday.

10. Memorial-Pastor, Elder J. C. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.;

clerk, M. R. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.; October 1st Sunday.

11. Mill Branch—Pastor, Elder A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.; clerk, Alford Joyner, Rocky Mount, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; August 1st Sunday.

12. Nashville—Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; clerk, L. G. Edwards, Rocky Mount, R. F. D. No. 2, September

4th Sunday.

13. New Chapel—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; clerk, Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; September 2nd Sunday.

14. Peach Tree—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Castalia, N. C. clerk, S. A. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C.; August 2nd Sunday.

15. Pittman's Grove—Pastor, Elder Jesse Barnes, Smithfield, N. C.; clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.; July 2nd Sunday.

16. Sandy Grove—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N.

C.; clerk J. B. Murry, Middlesex, N. C.; August 1st Sunday. 17. Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Castalia, N. C.; clerk, J. R. Lindsey, Nashville, N. C.; R. F. D. No. 1, September 3rd Sunday.

18. Scott's—Pastor, Elder S. B. Denny, Wilson, N. C.; clerk, I. A. Lamm, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, October 2nd Sunday.

19. Upper Black Creek—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; clerk, J. S. Rogerson, Kenly, N. C.; Sepetmber 4th Sunday.

20. White Oak—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.;

clerk, J. J. Eason, Walstonburg, N. C.; August 1st Sunday. 21. Wilson—Pastor, Elder C. F. Denny, Wilson, N. C.; clerk,

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22. E	lm City—Pastor, Elde	er T. H. B. Pri	dgen, Wilson, N.	
C., R. F.	D. No. 3; clerk, J. J.	Thorne, Elm Cit	y, N. C.	
23. Li	ittle Vine—Pastor, El	der J. W. Wya	tt, Selma, N. C.;	
	M. Morris, Selma, N.	C. R. F. D. No.	1; July 2nd Sun-	
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Elder S.	B. Denny		Wilson, N. C.	
Elder Joh	nn W. Gardner	*	Goldsboro, N. C.	
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Elder T.	H. Pridgen	R. F. D. No.	3. Wilson, N. C.	
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Elder J.	T. Williams		Castalia, N. C.	
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23. Little Vine—D. M. Morris, Selma, N. C.

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Art. 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 a speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and no wise reflect on the persons who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfection, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another

is any term or application than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as

the Association requires.

Art. 12.—The Moderator shall be the last person who shall spea kto the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of member chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from the irrespective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate

the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

- Art 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage for the members present.
- Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messages, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.
- Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.
- Ar.. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.
- Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.
- Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.
- Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this association, who shall be accountable to the Association.
- Art. 12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.
- Art. 13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.
- Art. 14. The Association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this Union.
- Art. 15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of

any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

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