

MINUTES
OF THE
Ninety-Sixth Annual Session
OF THE
Fisher's River
Primitive Baptist
Association

HELD WITH
The Church at Liberty
Friday, Saturday and Fourth Sunday
OCTOBER 26, 27, and 28, 1928



Officers

W. H. ATKINSON Moderator
Round Peak, N. C.
F. P. STONE Clerk
Francisco, N. C., R. 1.
G. J. KEY Assistant Clerk
Ararat, N. C.

CHURCHES AND MODERATORS

Ararat.....	Elder Geo. Denny
Boyles Chapel	Elder S. H. Reid
Deep Creek.....	Elder J. M. Royal
Dover.....	Elder A. B. Key
Fishers River.....	Elders R. H. Riggans and J. W. Beasley
Fishers Gap.....	Elder W. C. Brooks
Franklin	Elder W. H. Atkinson
Hagans Creek	Elders Geo. Denny and J. W. Creed
Hollingsworth Grove.....	Elders F. P. Stone and R. F. Anderson
Laurel Springs.....	Elder J. C. Dunbar
Liberty.....	Elder J. W. Creed
Little Vine.....	Elder W. C. Brooks
Mulberry.....	Elder J. C. Dunbar
Mitchells River	Elder R. H. Riggans
Pilot Mountain.....	Elders G. O. Key and Geo. Denny
Rock House.....	Elder D. Collins
State Road.....	Elders J. M. Royal and W. C. Brooks
Stoney Creek.....	Elder F. P. Stone
Stewarts Creek.....	Elders G. O. Key and J. C. Dunbar
Toms Creek.....	Elders G. O. Key and F. P. Stone
Union.....	Elders J. C. Dunbar, J. W. Creed and C. W. Stone
Volunteer.....	Elder C. W. Stone

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

G. O. Key.....	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson.....	Round Peak, ,,
J. M. Royal	Thurmond, ,,
J. S. Purtle.....	Kernersville, ,,
F. P. Stone.....	R. 1, Francisco, ,,
Geo. Denny.....	R. 3, Pinnacle, ,,
J. W. Creed	R. 1, Ararat, ,,
D. Collins.....	R. 2, Pinnacle, ,,
R. H. Riggans	Mount Airy, ,,
J. C. Dunbar.....	R. 4, Mount Airy, ,,
J. W. Beasley	R. 5, Mount Airy, ,,
J. S. Morrison.....	R. 1, Mount Airy, ,,
G. W. Harris.....	R. 3, Mount Airy, ,,
C. W. Stone.....	R. 1, Rockford, ,,
W. C. Brooks.....	R. 1, Dobson, ,,
A. B. Key.....	R. 1, Rusk, ,,
Charley Adams.....	R. 2, Pilot Mountain, ,,

LICENTIATES

W. J. Key.....	Ararat, N. C.
J. D. Key	Winston-Salem, ,,
C. J. Draughn.....	White Plains, ,,

PROCEEDINGS

1. Services were introduced by Elder J. M. Williams by song and prayer. Then the introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Royal. Text, "That which was written aforetime," &c.

2. After intermission the association assembled in the house and was opened by prayer by Elder R. H. Riggins.

3. Then the letters from the churches were presented, read, received and messengers seated.

4. Elders J. A. Preston from Mountain, M. P. Spencer from Roaring River, and R. C. Martin from Rock Springs, Ky., was appointed to the stand to preach this afternoon.

5. Then the association organized. Elder W. H. Atkinson was elected moderator, Elder F. P. Stone clerk, and Bro. G. J. Key assistant clerk.

6. Then called for correspondents and visitors:

Roaring River—Elders R. T. Monday, J. A. Preston, M. P. Spencer correspondents; J. W. Lyon visitor, and minutes.

Mayo—Elders J. W. Tuttle and S. A. Thompson correspondents; Elder J. A. Fagg visitor, and minutes.

Zion—Elders J. D. Easter and J. F. Fulk and A. M. Jennings correspondents; H. P. Stoneman, W. T. Goad, H. W. Easter, L. H. Easter and W. W. Sumner visitors, and minutes.

Mountain—Elders J. M. Williams and J. A. Moxley correspondents; J. E. Joines and I. C. Reynolds visitors, and minutes.

Abbotts Creek—Elder A. C. Key and H. W. Johnson correspondents; J. A. Edwards visitor, and minutes.

Union Association of Ky.—Elder R. C. Martin visitor.

Rock Springs of Ky.—Elder E. L. Tackett, J. M. and P. H. Caudill.

Salem—R. Snider, L. V. Smith and Ellis Tate correspondents; Elder G. W. Hill visitor, and minutes.

Bear Creek—J. M. Taylor, Sam Reams and minutes.

Upper Country Line—Elder O. J. Denny visitor, and minutes.

A file of minutes from Ebenezer, Senter, Lower Country Line, Ketocton, Pig River, New River, Contentnea, Little River, Staunton River, Silver Creek, White Oak, Kebukee, and Smith River.

7. Called for a petitionary letter. None recieved.

8. The moderator was requested to appoint all committees, and they appointed three committees as follows:

9. Elders Geo. Denny, J. W. Creed and G. J. Key to serve with moderator and clerk as a committee on arrangements.

10. Brethren R. Willmoth and E. D. Slate a committee on finance.

11. Brethren E. M. Goins and R. F. Cox a committee to distribute corresponding minutes.

12. Elders J. M. Royal, D. Collins and C. W. Stone was appointed to serve with the moderator and messengers of this church as a committee on preaching and they appointed:

Elders A. C. Key, J. F. Fulk, R. T. Monday, E. L. Tackett and J. W. Tuttle for Saturday.

Elders J. M. Williams, O. J. Denny, S. A. Thompson,

G. W. Hill and E. L. Tackett for Sunday.

13. Then adjourned until 9:00 A. M. Saturday. Preaching to begin at 10:00 A. M. each day.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1928, 9:00 A.M.

1. The business session of the association was opened by song and prayer by Elder G. O. Key.

2. Called the roll of messengers.

3. Called for the report of the committee on arrangements; their report received and committee discharged.

4. Read the rules of decorum and articles of faith.

5. Called for the report of correspondents; the report of those who attended was received and those who did not were excused.

6. On account of the controversy between New River and Zion, we took under consideration the propriety or impropriety of withholding correspondence with Zion for the time being, and after some discussion a vote was taken and a small majority voted to continue same; then it was made unanimous.

7. Then appointed correspondents as follows:

Mayo—Elders G. O. Key, F. P. Stone, J. W. Creed and Brethren J. F. Nunn, J. D. Key and W. L. Wood. Salem—Elders G. O. Key, J. M. Royal, Geo. Denny and F. P. Stone. Zion—Elders D. Collins, W. H. Atkinson, W. C. Brooks and J. S. Morrison. Mountain—Elders A. B. Key and J. W. Creed. Roaring River—Elders A. B. Key, W. H. Atkinson, R. H. Riggins and J. W. Creed. New River—Elder G. O. Key. Abbotts Creek—Elders J. W. Creed, J. M. Royal, J. S. Morrison and Bro. J. D. Key. Bear Creek—Elders J. W. Creed, J. M. Royal, J. W. Beasley and J. S. Morrison.

8. Received the report of the ordination of J. S. Anderson, and S. L. Arrington to the office of Deacon in Hollingsworth Grove church, also of Bro. R. S. Jones in Conners Grove church.

9. Agreed to O. K. the circular letter written by the clerk, but failed to have it with him.

10. The obituaries of Elders Gabriel Denny and H. D. Mickey were read, approved and ordered attached to these minutes, and the clerk was appointed to write the obituaries of Deacons W. A. Dunbar and J. L. Lowe and attach same to the minutes.

11. Elder Geo. Denny was appointed to write the next circular letter.

12. It is unanimously agreed to hold the next session of this association with the church at Ararat (known as Cedar Hill), four miles west of Pilot Mountain, Surry county, N. C., to convene on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1929, and continue for three days.

13. The clerk is ordered to have 1200 copies of minutes printed and distributed as usual.

14. It is unanimously agreed that we give our clerk the usual fee of \$15.00 for his services.

15. Also agreed that we give our moderator \$10.00.

16. The finance committee reported:

Received from the churches	\$54.35
Balance in clerk's hands	17.52
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	\$71.87
Paid for printing and postage.....	\$35.00
Gave clerk.....	15.00
Gave moderator.....	10.00
Stationery and postage.....	.30
Total.....	\$60.30
Balance in clerk's hands.....	\$11.57

17. The association voted unanimously to unite in giving thanks to God for preserving us to meet again and to thank the brethren, sisters and friends for their generous hospitality shown in caring for this association.

18. Then adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

W. H. ATKINSON, MODERATOR, Round Peak, N. C.

F. P. STONE, CLERK, Francisco, N. C., R. 1.

G. J. KEY, ASSISTANT CLERK, Ararat, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

F R I D A Y—	J. A. Preston.....	Clerk failed to get text
	M. P. Spencer.	
	R. C. Martin.	
SATURDAY—	A. C. Key.....	Text, John 10 : 16
	J. F. Fulk	Text, Timothy 1 : 9
	R. T. Monday.....	Text, Eccl. 3 : 15
	E. L. Tackett	Text, John 3 : 6
	J. W. Tuttle	Text, John 17 ch
SUNDAY—	J. A. Fagg	No special subject
	J. M. Williams.	
	O. J. Denny.....	Text, Isa. 9 : 26
	S. A. Thompson.....	Text, Rev. 20 : 6
	G. W. Hill	No special subject

CIRCULAR LETTER

The Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association now in session with the church at Liberty, Surry Co., N. C.—To the churches composing her body and the Associations with which we correspond send greetings:

Dear Brethren: We will call your attention to the Epistle of Paul to Titus, 2 : 11 - 15. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee."

Now, brethren, the grace of God is unconditional on the part of man or woman, but if God has made his grace known to us it is the cause of the good fruit that grows on the good tree. I understand that grace is a favor that God has blessed his little children with here in this present world, and when you see brethren begin to devour one an-

other it is because there is no grace. Grace is the cause of God's children being able to look over one another for good. If we have the love of God in our hearts we have love also for our brethren and sisters who follow our Saviour in precept and example. God's humble children love good works, for God himself is the author and finisher of all good deeds. He is the giver of all good and perfect gifts. Then give all the glory to his holy name; to him all glory is due. Be yours the high pleasure to sound fourth his fame and crown him in each of your songs King of kings and Lord of all.

F. P. STONE.

OBITUARY

ELDER GABRIEL DENNY

Elder G. Denny was born Dec. 20, 1842, was married to Sarah D. B. Stone Jan. 14, 1868. To this union was born 14 children, eleven living to be grown. Beginning life as a young man coming home from the Civil War to help build up the country, as many others, he had what would be called in this day a hard time. Being a cripple made labor more burdensome, however, he was industrious and with the help of his good wife and later his children he was blessed to provide a good living. He served his churches and answered the calls to ministerial work in a very commendable way.

He joined Ararat church Nov., 1866, was licensed Sep., '68, ordained Dec., '69, served his home church 50 years as moderator, together with many others during this period. He baptized numbers of our good brethren and sisters, always manifesting a deep interest in the welfare of our churches. He enjoyed fairly good health up to a few weeks before his death. He was taken very ill, being confined until the end came. He was most tenderly cared for in his sickness, seeming to be much resigned to his departure. He passed away July 14, 1927, but his influence still lives and will be long remembered by the people in this section of the country, and a name that will sound familiar to our brethren and sisters for many years to come.

Written by

ELD. GEO. DENNY.

ELDER H. D. MICKEY

Having been asked by the association in session at Franklin church, 1927, to write the obituary of Elder H. D. Mickey, I make the attempt in compliance to the request feeling a deep sense of unfitness. Elder Mickey was born April 8, 1849, died May 5, 1927, age 78 years and 27 days. He was married to Miss Juliney Boyles Nov. 21, 1869, to this union was born seven children, three of which preceded him to the grave—two daughters and one son. His companion also died and left him to spend his last days without her. He joined the Primitive Baptist church at Volunteer, Stokes county, N. C., in 1890, was ordained to the office of elder Dec. 17, 1893. He lived a consistent member until death. Strong in the faith and sound in doctrine, a man of moral habits, a good farmer, a good mechanic and provided well for his family, a good husband, father and citizen, and is badly missed by his children, churches and community in which he lived, all of which mourn his loss, but can surely say with Job: "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Eld. Mickey was a man above the average in many respects; so we are glad to say the world has been made better by his good, kind and Godly life and we miss him everywhere, but console ourselves with the thought that our loss is his eternal gain. I was personally acquainted with him and esteemed him highly as a man, a Christian and an able preacher.

G. O. KEY.

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Association	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min
Abbotts Creek.....	A. L. Owens.....	R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.....	16
Black Creek.....	Eld. E. L. Cobb.....	Wilson, ,,	23
Bear Creek.....	J. W. Jones.....	Peachland, ,,	15
Contentnea.....	H. L. Blake.....	Rocky Mount, ,,	22
Ebenezer.....	W. L. Carpenter.....	Brightwood, Va.	20
Kehukee.....	B. S. Cowin.....	Williamston, N. C.....	25
Ketocton.....	Eld. C. W. Miller.....	Bx 1267, Washington, D.C.....	18
Lower Country Line.....	J. H. Gooch.....	Stem, N. C.....	17
Mountain.....	J. M. Rector.....	Baywood, Va.	17
Mayo.....	Eld. S. A. Thompson.....	Stuart, Va.	25
New River.....	Eld. J. M. Dickerson.....	Floyd, Va.	25
Pig River.....	Eld. E. L. Blankinship.....	Boone Mill, Va.	20
Roaring River.....	J. D. Hall.....	Halls Mills, N. C.....	11
Silver Creek.....	T. H. Bently.....	Stanley, ,,	10
Salem.....	J. H. McKaughan.....	Kernersville, ,,	10
Senter.....	J. F. Hartzog.....	Idlewild, ,,	12
Staunton River.....	Eld. W. R. Dodd.....	Whitnell, Va.	17
Smiths River.....	Eld. J. D. Cockram.....	Stuart, Va.	20
Upper Country Line.....	Eld. J. W. Gilliam.....	Altamahaw, N. C.....	18
White Oak.....	Eld. Isaac Jones.....	Maple Hill, ,,	16
Zion.....	A. M. Jennings.....	Galax, Va.	11

Distribution of Minutes to the Churches

Church	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Ararat.....	Eld. Geo. Denny.....	R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.....	34
Boyles Chapel.....	W. A. Palmer.....	R. 1, King, ,,	35
Comers Rock.....	T. J. Gates.....	R. 2, Box 22, Mt. Airy, ,,	32
Deep Creek.....	J. D. Spencer.....	East Bend, ,,	25
Dover.....	J. M. Creed.....	White Plains, ,,	10
Fishers River.....	Geo. Wilson.....	White Plains, ,,	14
Fishers Gap.....	S. S. Lowe.....	Low Gap, ,,	30
Franklin.....	E. M. Goings.....	Round Peak, ,,	40
Hagans Creek.....	Joc Key.....	Siloam, ,,	35
Hollingsworth Grove.....	S. L. Arrington.....	R. 1, Mt. Airy, ,,	25
Laurel Springs.....	C. T. Hall.....	Round Peak, ,,	18
Liberty.....	R. S. Poindexter.....	Crutchfield, ,,	25
Little Vine.....	Jacob Mitchell.....	Dobson, ,,	40
Mulberry.....	J. M. Eldridge.....	State Road, ,,	34
Mitchells River.....	J. A. Coleman.....	Dobson, ,,	14
Pilot Mountain.....	J. H. Sheets.....	Pilot Mountain, ,,	42
Rock House.....	R. F. Cox.....	R. 1, Westfield, ,,	40
State Road.....	W. F. Nixon.....	R. 2, State Road, ,,	35
Stoney Creek.....	E. F. Simmons.....	R. 1, Mt. Airy, ,,	40
Stewarts Creek.....	R. W. Mosley.....	R. 3, Mt. Airy, ,,	60
Toms Creek.....	J. F. Nunn.....	R. 1, Westfield, ,,	70
Union.....	G. J. Key.....	Ararat, ,,	70
Volunteer.....	Mrs. Bettie Gordon.....	Pilot Mount'n, ,,	20



STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Church Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dismiss. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No in Fellowship	Contributions
Ararat	J. M. Jones, J. D. Key and Geo. Denny	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	27	\$2.00
Boyles Chapel	W. S. Denny, W. A. Palmer and J. P. Slaughter	1	0	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	37	6.50
Connors Grove	Elder J. W. Beasley, R. L. Jones and T. J. Gates	2	1	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	33	1.50
Deep Creek	J. H. Spencer, J. R. Hall and M. M. Flinn	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	27	2.00
Dover	Geo. Wilson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.60
Fishers River	Wesley Branch, Fred Hodge, B. Jenkins	1	0	0	10	0	0	1	0	0	16	1.50
Fishers Gap	W. W. Woodson, Mahlon Lowe and S. S. Lowe	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	35	2.10
Franklin	Elder R. H. Riggins, E. M. Goings and J. Glipsie	3	2	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	51	1.50
Hagans Creek	Joe Key, S. D. Key and S. Pender*	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	2.00
Hollingsworth Grove	J. F. Anderson and Cephus Childress*	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	2.00
Laurel Springs	C. T. Hall, L. B. Dumbar and John Creed*	2	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	2	19	2.00
Liberty	J. W. Wilson, R. S. Poindexter and H. Ashburn	1	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	24	1.00
Little Vine	J. D. Freeman, J. W. Haines and Elder W. C. Brooks	4	1	1	10	0	0	0	0	4	53	2.50
Mulberry	Lester Wood and A. B. Key	1	1	1	30	0	0	0	0	0	34	1.40
Mitchells River	J. A. Coleman and P. H. Snow	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	1.00
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets, L. G. Tucker and J. P. Simmons*	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	45	3.00
Rock House	Elder D. Collins, E. E. Cox and T. R. Sams*	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	52	2.10
State Road	R. Winmoth, Elder J. M. Royal and H. Stonestreet	3	1	0	10	0	0	1	2	40	2.25	
Stoney Creek	E. F. Simmons, J. M. Hunter and J. H. Barnes*	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	4.25
Toms Creek	J. F. Nunn, A. D. Hunter and Sid Cook*	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	96	3.70
Stewarts Creek	Elder G. W. Harris, R. W. Mosley and T. A. Jones*	3	2	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	75	4.00
Union	G. F. Kiddle, G. T. Jones and G. J. Key	4	3	1	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.00
Volunteer	D. I. Bennett and Franklin Chandler*	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	1.55

* Absentees.