

✓  
DUPLICATE

**MINUTES**  
—OF THE—  
**THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
—OF THE—  
**UPPER COUNTRY LINE PRIMITIVE**  
**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT  
REIDSVILLE, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

**JULY 15, 16, 17, 1944**

AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE 1945 SESSION  
TO BE HELD (D. V.) WITH THE CHURCH AT  
GILLIAM'S, ALAMANCE COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA

---

**OFFICERS**

ELDER W. C. KING, Moderator ..... Greensboro, N. C.  
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk ... Elon College, N. C.  
ELDER D. V. SPANGLER, Asst. Asso. Clerk ..... Danville, Va.





PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE UPPER COUNTRY LINE  
ASSOCIATION—1944

---

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. C. King from John 1; followed by Elder D. V. Spangler, theme, the Grace of God.

2. After an intermission for lunch, the Messengers and Correspondents assembled in the house. The Moderator called the Association to order, and asked Elder Golden Harriss of the New River Association to open the Association with song and prayer, after which the Association proceeded to business as follows:

(a) The Clerk called the roll of the Churches composing the Upper Country Line Association, and all the Churches were instructed to answer present to the roll call, if represented, reserving their letters until called for, which was done.

(b) On motion it was agreed that the Moderator appoint all necessary committees, and the following committees were appointed, to-wit:

Committee on Finance—Brother T. W. Saunders, Chairman; Brothers A. T. DeBruler and J. D. Simmons.

Committee of Preaching and Preaching Arrangements—The Moderator the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk, together with the Messengers from Reidsville Church, and Brother A. C. Byrd, of Bush Arbor Church.

(c) Moved that the "Letters" from the several Churches be brought forward, read, and statistical record made in the "Statistical Table" in this Minute.

(d) Moved that the Moderator call for Petitionary Letters, which was done, and none received.

3. Regular Correspondence called for, and corresponding sister associations seated as follows:

Lower Mayo: Minutes—Brothers Jerry Lewis, T. W. Tilley, Elders Emmett Stone, Jack Pulliam, W. A. Freeman.

Little River: Minutes—Not Represented at this session.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Brother F. D. Long, Lester Williford, O. Y. Clayton, Andrew Hill, and others.

Pig River: Minutes—Elder J. F. Stegall and others.

Smith River: Minutes—Not represented at this session.

New River: Minutes—Brother Early Harriss, Elder Golden Harriss, J. S. Phillips.

Salem: Minutes—Elders D. A. O'Briant, Letcher Martin and others.

Seven Mile: Minutes—Not represented at this session.

Staunton River: Minutes—J. F. Williams, Elder W. R. Dodd and others.

White Oak: Minutes—Elders R. W. Gurganus, L. L. Yopp, Frederick W. Rhodes. and others.

Bear Creek: Minutes—Not represented at this session.

Black Creek: Minutes—Not represented at this session.

Abbott's Creek: Minutes—Not represented at this session.

Contentnea: Minutes Not represented at this session.

Elk Horn Association: Minutes—Not represented at this session.

Yellow River Primitive Baptist Association of Georgia: Minutes— Not represented at this session.

Kehukee: Minutes—Not represented at this session.

Laurel Springs: Minutes—Elder Ed. Hall.

Mill Branch: Minutes—Not represented at this session.

Moved that our regular "Letter of Correspondence" prepared by our Clerk be read at this time, which was agreed, and the letter read and adopted and appears herewith, as follows, to-wit:

The Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association sendeth greetings and Christian Salutations to all her Correspondence. We are glad to greet and seat your correspondents with us. So far as we know there is no doctrinal strife or confusion among our ministry or laity. However, we are commanded to watch and pray. We need to be on the alert. The tares which sprang up among the wheat were sown by the enemy while men slept. I am not saying that the Church is free from error, either in doctrine or practice. That would be too much to claim, when we know that the Church is composed of human beings of like weaknesses. It is, indeed, a mercy, that our gracious Heavenly Father has seen fit to bless us to know and to realize, from time to time, our unprofitableness in this life, together with a knowledge of our depravity and our sins, and may this knowledge, coupled with a desire of heart and the leadership of the unerring spirit of our God keep our hearts inspired, and may we be given grace to walk humbly and softly before Him, ever looking unto Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith. May the same work of grace be wrought in the hearts of the laity and officers of our churches. May we all be made willing and anxious to lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily best us, and run with patience the race set before us, ever looking unto Jesus, who is the source of all our strength and the storehouse of all our mercy.

My own feelings brethren are: that surely there is none so weak, so unprofitable, so unworthy of the confidence, love and esteem, and of the fellowship of the Lord's humble poor, as I know I am. I am often made to

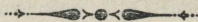


loathe and hate my own life in the flesh. Instead of growing better, it seems that I have grown worse all the time. My leanness and weakness has just about swallowed me up, and at times, I am made to fear that I will be a castaway. I feel that I need your prayers and intercession in my behalf, to a gracious heavenly Father, that His arms may be underneath and around about me, together with you, and all the household of faith, to the end that our feet may not slip, and that we may not turn either to the right or to the left, and that we may be given to journey on toward our heavenly home, that we may walk in that strait and narrow way that leadeth unto life eternal, that we may be blessed of Him to enter in through the gates into the City of God, and may be given to hear Him say unto us, Come in, ye blessed of the Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, and be presented before His Majesty without spot, or wrinkle, or anything that will mar our peace, love and delight, and may we join with that heavenly throng to sing His praises to an endless eternity, is our humble prayer for ourselves and for you. Amen.

We hope to meet your correspondents again next year, if the Lord will, when the Association is appointed to be held with my home Church at Gilliam's, located on state highway No. 87, ten miles out of Burlington and seventeen out of Reidsville, on the same highway, the time of the meeting will be the same as this year. Come to see us.

Yours in hope,

J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk



I move, Brother Moderator, that our motion of last year, That any and all members of the Churches of our Association, who may visit sister Associations of our Correspondence during the coming year may be considered Messengers from our Association to Corresponding Associations visited, with request to represent us and make their report at our next sitting, when the Association convenes with the Church at Gilliam's, on highway 87, in Alamance County, N. C. Motion adopted.

4. Agreed that the next session of our Association be held with the Church at Gilliam's, on highway 87, ten miles northwest of Burlington, N. C., and the time of meeting to be the same as this year, and that Elder W. C. King be requested to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Elder D. V. Spangler, chosen as his alternate.

Moved that our Association now adjourn until Monday morning, and reconvene at 9:30 a. m., which was agreed.

ELDER W. C. KING, Moderator

ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Asso. Clerk

ELDER D. V. SPANGLER, Ass't. Clerk

MONDAY MORNING—met according to appointment.

Conference opened by song and prayer by Brother J. F. Stegall, after which the business of the Association was attended to in the following order, to-wit:

5. Messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called upon for report. Also, others of our laity who attended sister associations were called upon for a report of their visits. All reports were very satisfactory, and those who could not attend were excused.

6. Messengers taking appointments to visit sister Associations at their next sitting are as follows:

Lower Mayo: Minutes—Brother Robert Shreve.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Elders W. C. King, D. V. Spangler and Brethren Nathan Massey and A. C. Cox.

Little River: Minutes—Elders W. C. King and D. V. Spangler.

Pigg River: Minutes—Elder W. C. King.

Smith River: Minutes—None appointed.

Salem: Minutes—Elders W. C. King, D. V. Spangler.  
Brethren A. C. Cox and A. L. French.

Seven Mile: Minutes—None appointed.

Staunton River: Minutes—Elder W. C. King, Brethren H. T. Weatherford and Robert Shreve.

White Oak: Minutes—Elder D. V. Spangler.

New River: Minutes—Elder W. C. King and Brother DeBruler.

Bear Creek: Minutes—Robert Shreve.

Abbot's Creek: Minutes—Brother Nathan Massey.

Contentnea: Minutes—Elder D. V. Spangler.

Black Creek: Minutes—None appointed.

Yellow River Primitive Baptist Association of Georgia: Minutes—None appointed.

Kehukee: Minutes—None appointed.

Laurel Springs: Minutes—Elder W. C. King, Brother J. C. Hall.

Mill Branch: Minutes—None appointed.

7. The Finance Committee was called upon for its report, which is as follows:

Contributions from other sources .....	24.50
Contributions from our Churches .....	\$275.50
Total Funds received for Contributions .....	\$290.00



Recommended for Disbursement as follows:

For Printing, Postage and Mailing 1,000 copies of our Minutes .....	\$60.00
Contribution to Moderator .....	5.00
For Clerk's Services .....	15.00
For Sundry and Incidental Expenses paid by the Finance Committee, and to visiting Elders to help defray expenses in coming to see us .....	167.00
Note: Carry over Funds in charge of Brother J. D. Simmons for 1942 and 1943,—see Minutes for 1943, page 5, amount .....	\$78.50


Moved that the Finance Committee's report be received, and that the Committee be returned our thanks for their services, which was done.

8. Moved that the Clerk proceed and publish 1,000 copies of this Minute as usual, and that distribution among the Churches and also among sister Corresponding Associations be continued.

9. Resolved, That we return thanks to our Heavenly Father, the God of all our mercies and the giver of all the blessings we enjoy, for the spiritual comfort that has been ours to enjoy since the convening of this Association, and for natural blessings, too, none of which we deserve, but which come as a token of His mercy and His grace, and that this Association express her thanks and appreciation to Reidsville Church for their splendid hospitality and interest in caring for this Association, and for her many tokens of kindness so graciously extended during the session of this Association, and to the many members and friends who live in Reidsville and in adjoining communities, who have lent a helping hand in taking care of the Association, and to the Superintendent of Schools of this City, Professor L. G. Perry, and to his School Board, for the use of this school property, grounds, and premises for which we feel deeply grateful, and wish to extend to them our hearty appreciation and thanks, and to the Civic Clubs of Reidsville, who have offered their services and help, in making our stay here pleasant in every way, and to Mr. Robert Allen, Chief of Police, for the co-operation and services rendered by his department, in helping to direct the traffic and looking after order on the grounds, all of which has been a fine service well rendered, and for which reception given us in their splendid City during this Session of our Association and for all other services and kindnesses rendered, by individuals or groups, we thank you most heartily.

10. That the Association now stands adjourned for preaching, and when dismissed at the close of the services of this date, to meet again next year, 1945, with the Church at Gilliam's, in Alamance County, located on highway 87, ten miles northwest of Burlington, N. C., services to begin on Saturday before third Sunday in July at 11 o'clock a. m., and continue three days, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and Elder W. C. King is requested to preach the Introductory Sermon.

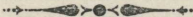
Signed: ELDER W. C. KING, Moderator.  
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Asso. Clerk.  
ELDER D. V. SPANGLER, Ass't. Clerk.



#### "A STANDING REQUEST"

First: That any Church composing the Upper Country Line Association who has one or more ministerial gifts whom she has liberated to the exercise of his gift report same to the Association, furnishing the full name and address of the gift, or gifts;

Second: That any information covering the full status of her gifts, including their name and address, shall be furnished the Association in each Annual Report.



#### ORDER OF PREACHING

Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. C. King from John 1., followed by Elder D. V. Spangler, theme—the Grace of God.

Saturday Afternoon: Elder J. F. Stegall, Isa. 53; Elder Jack Pulliam, no special text; Elder D. A. O'Brian, The Kingdom is not mine to give; Elder L. L. Yopp, Heb. 8.

Saturday night: Elder Emmett Stone, Jessie Paschal and W. H. Freeman, (failed to get texts).

Sunday Morning: Elder G. P. Harris, 1 Thess. 11-14; Elder R. W. Gurganus, Rev. 22. 13-17; Elder W. J. Berry, John 6:27-35 The true Bread from heaven.



Sunday Afternoon: Elder F. W. Rhodes, As I have Thought, so shall it be; Elder Lester Lee, no special text; Elder O. J. Denny, Rev. 22:13; Elder W. R. Dodd, Who can curse that which God has not cursed?; Elder W. B. Stadler, Isa. 60. Who is he among you that fears God?; Letcher Martin, 1 Jn. 4:8-12.

Sunday Evening, 8 o'clock: Elder Oscar Broom, Jn. 14: I go to prepare a place for you; Elder S. T. Atkinson, no special text.

Monday Morning: Elder G. M. Trent, no special text; Elder T. W. Walker, Rev. 21:11-12; Eld. A. B. Barham, Jn. 17: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do; Elder N. B. Gilbert, no special text; Elder G. W. Hill, Salvation is of the Lord.

#### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS IN THE UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION

Elder W. C. King, Greensboro, N. C. ; Elder Samuel McKinney, Ruffin, N. C.; Rt. 2; Eld. J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C., Rt. 1.

#### LIST OF CHURCHES AND ORDER OF ROTATION

List of the churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of Sessions since the Country Line divided in 1906, as follows:

Harmony .....	1943-1925-1907
Reidsville .....	1944-1926-1908
*Gilliam's .....	1945-1927-1909
Oak Grove .....	1928-1910
Lynches Creek .....	1929-1911
Lick Fork .....	1930-1912
Pleasant Grove .....	1931-1913
McCray .....	1932-1914
Greensboro .....	1933-1915
Dan River .....	1934-1916
New Hope .....	1935-1917
Moon's Creek .....	1936-1918
Monticello .....	1937-1919
Prospect Hill .....	1938-1920
Wolf Island .....	1939-1921
Bush Arbor .....	1940-1922
Big Meadows .....	1941-1923
Country Line .....	1942-1924

\*Appointed to be held in 1945.

## MAILING LIST OF CHURCHES

Bush Arbor—J. D. Simmons, Elon College, N. C., Route 2 .....	60
Big Meadows—W. H. Crutchfield, Siler City, N. C., Route 1. ....	15
Country Line—Bro. A. P. Dabbs, Yanceyville, N. C., Route 1 .....	5
Dan River—Mrs. L. K. Wilson, Ruffin, N. C., Route 2 .....	80
Gilliam's—Eld. J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C., Route 1 .....	96
Harmony—Mrs. T. W. Wilson, Gilbert St., Greensboro, N. C. ....	15
Lick Fork—C. L. Saunders, Reidsville, N. C., Route 5 .....	30
Lynches Creek—Mr. W. A. Nelson, Prospect Hill, N. C. ....	5
McCray—A. T. DeBruier, Burlington, N. C., Route 3 .....	30
Moon's Creek—Mrs. Mattie Hodges, Danville, Va., Route 5 .....	5
Pleasant Grove—Mrs. T. A. Stanfield, 828 S. Hawthorne Rd., Winston-Salem, N. C. ....	60
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill .....	40
Reidsville—Mrs. Kate Mitchell, Reidsville, N. C. ....	50
Wolf Island—J. R. Stone, Reidsville, N. C., Route 3 .....	50
Oak Grove—Mrs. Robert H. Jones, Pelham, N. C., Route 1 .....	5
New Hope—J. J. Somers, Reidsville, N. C., Route 1 .....	30
Monticello—Mrs. Hilliary Green, Reidsville, N. C., Route 2 .....	30
Greensboro—Mrs. I. E. Neal, Greensboro, N. C., 412 N. Cedar St. ....	40
	646

## DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Bear Creak—J. W. Jones, Peachland, N. C. ....	20
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C. ....	18
Contentnea—Elder J. E. Mewbern, Snow Hill, N. C., Rt. 1 .....	20
Little River—Elder T. F. Adams, Willow Springs, N. C., Rt. 1 .....	20
Lower Mayo—Elder W. B. Stadler, Martinsville, Va. ....	20
New River—Guy B. Phillips, Indian Valley, Va. ....	20
Smith River—Elder S. L. Moran, Pilot, Va. ....	18
Staunton River—Floyd Williams, Keeling, Va. ....	20
Lower Country Line—Brother J. J. Whitley, Durham, N. C. ....	20
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, Beulahville, N. C., Rt. 1 .....	20
Pig River—Eld. John D. Wood, Roanoke, Va., c-o Floyd Star Route .....	25
Mill Branch—M. Mears, Tabor, N. C. ....	20
Salem—Elder Z. L. Rhue, Winston-Salem, N. C., Rt. 6 .....	28
Yellow River, Ga.—T. R. Breedlove, Clerk, Monroe, Ga. ....	28
Durham (Col.)—Albert Graves, Reidsville, N. C., Rt. 5 .....	20
Laurel Springs—Elder J. C. Dunbar, Mt. Airy, N. C. ....	20
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C., Rt. 1 .....	20
G. A. Daniely, Burlington, N. C. Rt. 4 .....	2
Wake Forest College Library, Wake Forest, N. C. ....	5
University of North Carolina Library, Chapel Hill, N. C. ....	5
Old Faith Contender, Elon College, N. C. ....	5
Signs of the Times, P. O. Box 70, Rutherford, N. J. ....	5



## 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 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 all God's children 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 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.

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

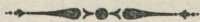
12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline and that associations, councils and conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church, the keeping, holding or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

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.



### EXPOSITION OF THE DOCTRINE

An Exposition of the Doctrine relating to God's Decree, His Purpose, Predestination, Providence, Good Works, and Obedience, as approved by a majority of our Churches in the Upper Country Line Association in their Church Conferences in 1932, and now authorized, forms or constitutes a part of the Articles of Faith of this Association, as follows, to-wit:

Our position and contention on certain controverted questions of doctrine disturbing many of our people at this time is as follows: London Confession, Chapter three, of God's decree, section one,



"God hath (Isa. 46:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:17; Rom. 9:15, 18) decreed in Himself from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His will, freely and unchangeably, all things whatsoever come to pass; yet so as thereby is God neither the author of sin (James 1:15, 17; 1 John 1:5), nor hath fellowship with any therein; nor is violence offered to the will of the creature, nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27, 28; John 19:11) established, in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree; section two, "Although God knoweth whatsoever may or can come to pass upon all (Acts 15:18) supposed conditions, yet hath He not decreed anything (Rom. 9, 11, 13, 16, 18) because he foresaw it as future, or as that which would come to pass upon such conditions"; Chapter five, Divine Providence, section one, "God, the Creator of all things, in His infinite power and wisdom, doth (Heb. 1:3; Job 38:11; Isa. 46:10-11; Psa. 13:5-6) uphold, direct, dispose and govern all creatures and things, from the greatest even to the (Matt. 10:26, 30, 31) least, by His most wise and holy providence, to the end for which they were created, according unto His infallible fore-knowledge and the free and immutable counsel of His (Eph. 1:11) own will; to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, infinite goodness and mercy"; second, "Although in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God, the first cause, all things come to pass (Acts 2:23) immutably and infallibly, so that there is not anything befalls any (Prov. 16:23) by chance or without His providence; yet by the same providence he ordereth them to fall out according to the nature of second causes, either (Gen. 8:22) necessarily, freely or contingently"; thirdly, "God in His ordinary providence (Acts 27, 31, 44; Isa. 55:10, 11) maketh use of means; yet is free (Hosea 1:7) to work without (Rom. 4:19, 21), above and (Daniel 3:27) against them at His pleasure"; fourthly, "The Almighty power, unsearchable wisdom and infinite goodness of God so far manifest themselves in His providence, that His determinate counsel (Rom. 11:32-34; 2 Sam. 24:1; 1 Chron. 21:1) extendeth itself even to the first fall, and all other sinful actions both of angels and men (and that not by a bare permission); which also He most wisely and powerfully (2 Kings 19:28; Psa. 76:10) boundeth, and otherwise ordereth and governeth, in a manifold dispensation to His most holy (Gen. 1:20; Isa. 10:6, 7, 12) ends; yet so as the sinfulness of their acts proceedeth only from the creatures, and not from God, who being most holy and righteous, neither is nor can be the author or (Psa. 1:21; John 2:16) approver of sin; \* \* \* \* Of Good Works, Chapter 16, section one, Good Works are only such as God hath (Micah 6:8; Heb. 13:21) commanded in His holy word, and not such as without the warrant thereof are devised by men, out of blind zeal (Matt. 15:9; Isa. 19:13), or upon any pretense of good intentions. N. B. "We believe that God has



wrought all the works of His children in them (Isa. 26:12), and they as His workmanship, are created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that they should walk in them (Eph. 2:10), and that their ability to do good works is not of themselves, but wholly of the spirit, and according as God works in them both to will and to do of His own good pleasure (Phil. 2:13), and that as the branches are in the vine, so are His children in Him, and have their fruits unto holiness and the end everlasting life (Rom. 6:22), and that it is of God that His children are in Christ, who, of God, is made unto them, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, and hence God not only puts them in this way, which is Christ, but they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Peter 1:5), and "that the preservation of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of (Rom. 8:30; Rom. 9:11, 16) election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father, upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:9, 10; John 14:19) and union with Him, the (Heb. 6:17, 18) oath of God, the abiding of His Spirit and the (1 John 3:9) seed of God within them, and the nature of the (Jer. 22:40) covenant of grace, from all which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof", and in our conclusion, join with Elder Hassell in saying that, "While the sinner has destroyed himself, all his salvation, from first to last, is of the pure, unmerited, almighty and unchanging grace of God."—H. History, Page 942.

Now, upon the subject of obedience, our faith lays hold on Christ Jesus, the Saviour of sinners—the obedient one, for strength and every necessary help in time of need, confessing that of myself I can do nothing, but all things through Christ that strengtheneth me. When God works the will, He, also works the strength, and obedience always follows. David said unto the Lord, When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord will I seek (Psa. 27:8), and again, Paul declares, having received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations (Rom. 1:5), his obedience, saying, So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also (Rom. 1:15), and we believe, as God has said, My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I send it (Isa. 55:11); and when Jesus was exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death, we hear his words, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt (Matt. 26:39); hence, concerning His people (the children of obedience) He says, Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power (Psa. 110:3), and all the promises of God in him are yea, and

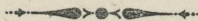


in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us (2 Cor. 1:20). All obedience is based on love—God's love toward us, which causes our love toward Him, and with His mind in us, His will and pleasure becomes our will and pleasure—acquiescence,—obedience.

Submitted by Elder J. W. Gilliam.

N. B.—The above expression of the Doctrine was adopted by the Churches of our Association in 1932, and ordered inserted as part of our Articles of Faith.

Signed: Elder J. W. Gilliam, Clerk.



#### 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 messenger shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he violates the rules of this decorum.
8. No messenger 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.







# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	CONTRIBUTION	CHURCH MEETINGS	ORDAINED MINIS.	LICENSED MINIS.	REC'D BY EX. & B.	REC'D BY LETTER	RESTORED TO FBL.	INCREASE TOTAL	DIS. BY LETTER	NO. EXCLUDED	DECEASED	DECEASED TOTAL	NO. IN FBL.
Bush Arbor	Eld. King, Bros. Simmons, Apple, Dabbs, and Byrd	\$48.75	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	62
Big Meadows	No report		4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Country Line	Brother A. P. Dabbs	1.00	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dan River	J. M. Griffith, H. T. Weatherford, N. H. Alverson, A. C. Co.	22.00	4	1	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	3	3	79
Gilliam's	L. J. Saunders, G. L. Rudd, N. T. Massey, J. S. Blalock	37.75	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	31
Harmony	No report		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Lick Fork	Brother T. I. Saunders and wife, Earnest Chilton, Sister Lee	10.00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Lynches Creek	J. A. Smith and W. A. Nelson	4.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
McCray	A. G. Porterfield, A. T. Debruler, Robert Cates	30.00	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moon's Creek	Sister Mattie Hodges, Emma Sartin, Hermon Hodges	9.00	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Oak Grove	No report		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Pleasant Grove	R. F. Walker, A. B. Page, L. L. Paschal	26.00	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	61
Prospect Hill	S. M. Pulliam, W. D. Blalock and W. D. Burch	12.00	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	18
Reidsville	C. T. DeLancey, J. W. Moorefield, Alonzo Somers,	21.00	3	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	1	1	30
Wolf Island	R. D. Shreve, W. S. Smith, J. R. Stone, Alt. J. W. Delaney	11.00	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	36
New Hope	Daniel Tate and J. J. Somers	9.00	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Monticello	Brother and Sister Hilliary Green, Will Lambeth	10.50	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Greensboro	H. L. Walker, C. W. Cagle, Sister Bessie Gwyn	21.50	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	37



