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MINUTES

Of the Ninety-Fifth Annual Session of the

Abbott's Creek Union

Primitive Baptist Association

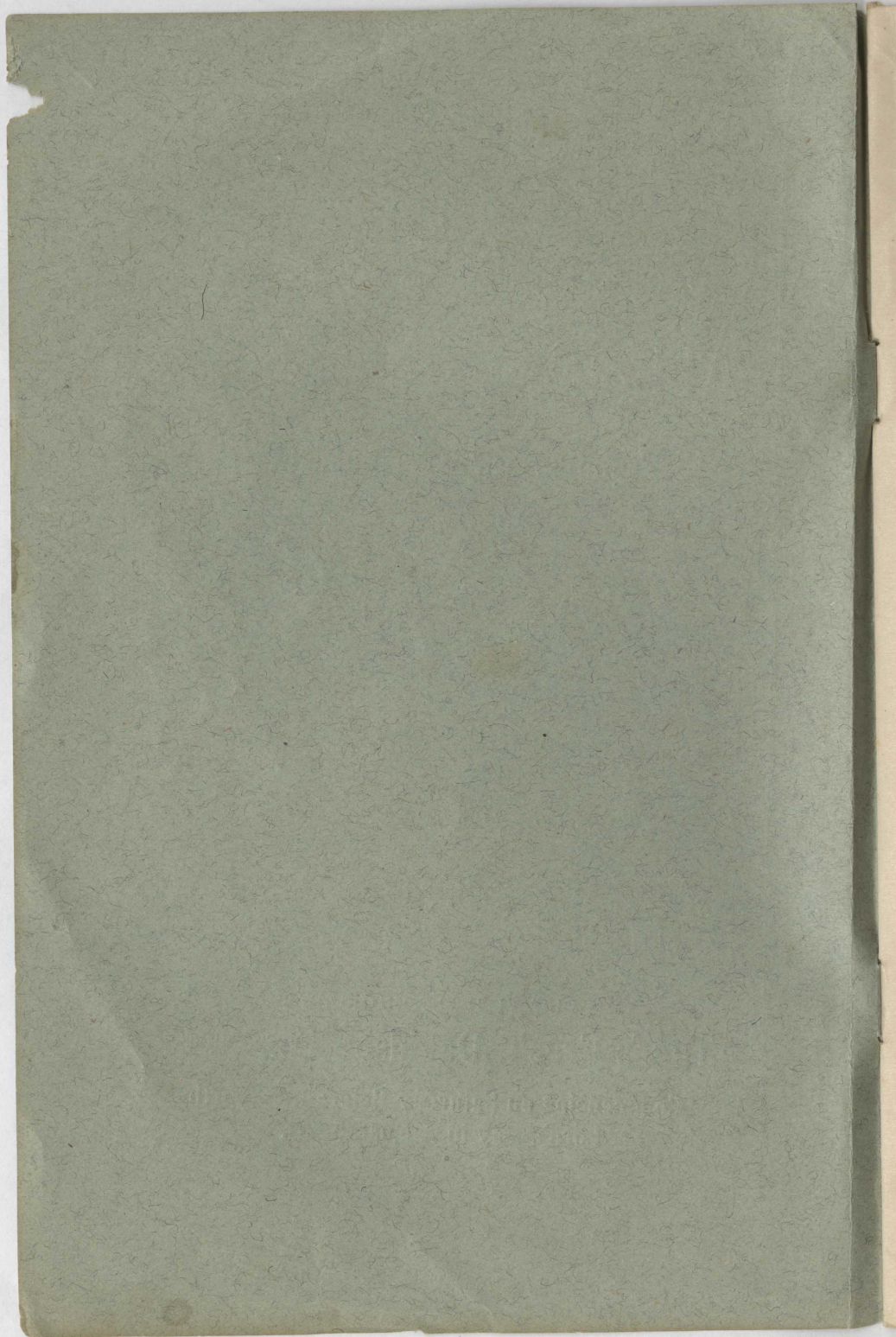


SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY
Wake Forest, North Carolina

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Tom's Creek, Davidson Co., N. C.

Commencing on Saturday Before the Fourth
Lord's Day in August, 1920.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE
Abbott's Creek Association

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1920.

1. By the request of Elder Samuel M. Millon and after praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Fagg, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. B. Kilby, from John 15:6.

2. After an intermission of one hour the delegates from the different churches met in the house of worship and after praise and prayer by Elder D. S. Staples the letters from the several churches were called for and read their state minutes. (See statistical table).

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. Reading the rules of decorum were omitted.

5. Chose Elder Sam McMillon moderator.

6. Invited visiting ministers to seats. The following were present and seated: Elders W. C. Jones, Isaac Jones, D. S. Jones, C. A. Davis, F. W. Keene, W. W. Roberds, C. B. Kilby, H. M. Williams, S. J. Reich, J. A. Fagg, W. R. Helms, J. F. Mills, D. G. Staples, and B. L. Treece. Licentiate, W. A. Helms.

7. Called for corresponding messengers and the following offered:

From Upper County Line—Elder W. C. Jones, Bro. T. A. Snider and a file of minutes.

From Lower County Line—A file of minutes.

From Bear Creek—Elders H. M. Williams, J. F. Mills and Bro. R. Burris, messengers; Elders W. R. Helms, B. L. Treece and others. Visitors, with a file of minutes.

From Black Creek—None.

From Fisher River—A file of minutes.

From Mill Branch—None.

From Salem—Elders C. A. Davis, S. J. Reich; Brothers T. J. Greer, Jim Snider and a file of minutes.

From Kehukee—A file of minutes.

From Little River—A file of minutes.

From White Oak—Elders Isaac Jones, W. W. Roberds, Brother Garner and a file of minutes.

From Mayo—Elders J. A. Fagg, D. G. Staples and a file of minutes.

From Nolachuckey—A file of minutes.

From Contentnea—A file of minutes.

From New River—A file of minutes.

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Elders F. W. Keene from the main conference in the State of Maine, and Elder C. B. Kilby, from the Center Association, were present and seated.

8. Call for circular letter, which was handed in and referred to committee on arrangements.

9. Appointed Brethren J. M. Williams, L. A. Wright and R. T. Strange with the moderator and clerk, as a committee on arrangements to report Monday morning.

10. Appointed Brethren H. T. Tucker and H. W. Johnson as a committee on finance.

11. Appointed the committee of arrangements as a committee on preaching, who appointed for Sunday Elders S. J. Reich, F. W. Keene, Isaac Jones, W. W. Roberds, C. B. Kilby and C. A. Davis. Worship to commence at 10 o'clock.

For Monday—Elders J. F. Mills, B. L. Treece and Isaac Jones.

12. Adojourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Dismissed by the moderator.

SATURDAY EVENING

The following brethren were appointed to preach at the stand as follows: Elder J. A. Fagg, who preached from 1 Tim. 5:24; Elder W. C. Jones, who preached from Eph. 2, 4-9; he was followed by Elder D. S. Jones, from no certain text.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder D. G. Staples preached from the 19th Psalm; followed by Bro. W. A. Helms, no special text.

FOURTH LORD'S DAY IN AUGUST, 1920

Those appointed to preach met at the stand. Services were opened by praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Helms. Elder S. J. Rieh preached from Zac. 9:9; followed by Elder F. W. Keene, from Songs of Solomon, 2:3; he was followed by Elder Isaac Jones. Location of text was not stated. Recess one hour. Elder W. W. Roberds continued the services and preached from 1 Tim. 4:16; followed by Elder C. B. Kilby, from Gal. 3:21-23; followed by Elder C. A. Davis from Heb. 8 ch. Elders W. R. Helms, H. M. Williams and J. A. Fagg preached Sunday night. Clerk failed to get text.

THIRD DAY—MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1920

13. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder J. F. Mills.

14. Called on committee on arrangements to report. Report received and committee discharged.

15. Called messengers names and noted absentees.

16. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended. Those who failed were excused.

17. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister Associations as follows:

To Upper County Line—E. Sikes, G. H. Cornelison and a file of minutes.

To Lower County Line—C. E. Gallimore and a file of minutes.

Mayo—J. R. Garner and file of minutes.

To Little River—A file of minutes.

To Bear Creek—Elders W. R. Gallimore, Samuel McMillon, Brother T. R. Fesperman and a file of minutes.

To Fisher's River—A file of minutes.

To Mill Branch—E. Sikes and a file of minutes.

To Salem—E. Sikes, J. M. Williams, Elder W. R. Gallimore and a file of minutes.

To White Oak—Elder Sam McMillon and minutes.

To Black Creek—A file of minutes.

To Contentnea—A file of minutes.

To Nolachuckey—Elder Sam McMillon and minutes.

18. Called for circular letter which was read and ordered printed with these minutes.

19. Appointed Brother T. R. Freeman to write a circular letter for our next year's minutes.

20. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows:

In Hands of Clerk	\$	3.00
Sent in from the Churches		85.70
Contributed by Brethren and Friends		68.00
Allowed for Printing Minutes	\$	25.00
Gave Clerk for Services		10.00
Paid Clerk for Postage		2.46
Gave to Visiting Ministers		119.24

Totals\$156.70 \$156.70

Committee discharged.

21. Appointed Brethren H. T. Tucker and H. W. Johnson with the moderator and clerk to distribute \$119.24 among the preachers.

22. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Pierce's Chapel, Randolph county, N. C., 15 miles southeast of Thomasville, and 15 miles west of Asheboro. To commence on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in August, 1921. Elder W. R. Gallimore to preach the introductory sermon. Elder Sam McMillon alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

23. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes and to have 800 copies printed.

24. The clerk was allowed \$10.00 for his services.

25. Called on presbyteries to report. No report.

26. Resolved that we return thanks to God and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity for their kindness shown us during this meeting.

27. After the minutes were read and received, the Association adjourned to time and place mentioned. Dismissed by Elder Isaac Jones.

ELDE RSAMUEL McMILLON, Moderator.

A. L. OWEN, Clerk. R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Spies, N. C., July 25, 1920.

Dear Brethren, Ministers and Messengers, who may compose the ninety-fifth session of the Abbots Creek Association which was appointed to be held with the church at Tom's Creek, Davidson county, N. C., together with many brethren and sisters in relation with and according to the love and purpose of God through Christ.

When I was appointed by the association of last year to write a circular letter for our minutes of this session, August, 1920, it shocked me so I could not render an excuse, feeling I was so short in comprehending the deep mysteries of the Scriptures.

This scripture which I will use came on my mind shortly after I was appointed to write this letter. It will be found in Second Peter, third chapter and eleventh verse: "What manner of persons ought ye to be." This is, I understand, to the child of God, one who has put on Christ with an open profession, and gone home to his friends, the church, not to tell what he has done for the Lord, but what the Lord has done for him, if we believe that the sinner before he is changed is dead in sin and condemnation and can not come out within himself and we go to the church telling our little hope, that God for Christ sake has pardoned our sins. "What

manner of person ought ye to be." This scripture as I understand has reference to how the child of God should act, walk and talk.

I remember before I joined the church I would go to meeting and while waiting for the preacher, the brethren would talk to one another on spiritual things and when the preacher would drive up, the brethren would go out to meet him and shake each other's hand.

Now brethren let us keep in memory what one of the old writes commands was, calling for the old paths, speak often to one another, forget not the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is.

Brethren let us examine ourselves and see if we are in the faith, if we so find, let us be ever ready to help in anything pertaining to the church militant. If we hear the Armenian world speaking against the doctrine of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, speak out brethren, don't be ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believe.

Preaching of the gospel is not as the world says, to save dead sinners if they will accept the terms of the gospel; but to save them that has been killed to the love of sin who in time past drank sin down as a greedy ox drinketh water and at a time unexpected to him God visits him and turned him right about, then belief set in. This is the only way a man comes in possession of the belief and when God calls and qualifies a man and sends him forth with a message and he comes loaded with the good things from a far country, this man is ready to receive it.

We read in the scriptures that there are false teachers in the world so we should be careful how we follow even a gifted and qualified minister of the gospel of Christ, for all are subject to vanity and are liable at any time to drift into covetousness and idolatry.

Finally, brethren, farewell, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind. Live in peace, and the God of love shall be with you. The grace of our Lord and Saviour, and the love and communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

H. T. TUCKER.

MONDAY'S PREACHING

Elders J. F. Mills, B. L. Treece and Elder Isaac Jones preached at the stand. The clerk was busy in the house and did not get their texts. Dismissed by the moderator.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR MINISTERS

Elder Samuel McMillon, High Point, N. C.
Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

To White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.	20
To Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Marshville, N. C.	25
To Black Creek—Elder J. C. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.	25
To Little River—Elder J. A. Jones, McCullers, N. C.	25
To Mill Branch—Elder Thomas Bell, Wampee, S. C.	15
To Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.	40
To Contentnea—B. D. Rowe, R. 2, Aurora, N. C.	25
To Fisher's River. Elder F. P. Stone, R. 1, Francisco, N. C.	25
To Mayo—S. G. Dobyms, Claudville, Va.	20
To Upper County Line—S. J. Hale, Cedar Grove, N. C. . . .	15
To Lower County Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	20
To Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.	15
To New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va.	15
To Nolachucky—Elder W. C. McMillon, Newport, Tenn. . .	15
Total	300

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

Flat Creek—A. M. Surratt, R. 2, Richfield, N. C.	20
Tom's Creek—U. L. Peacock, Denton, N. C.	75
Pine M. H.—W. P. Williamson, R. 2, Linwood, N. C.	70
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C.	10
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C.	25
Big Creek—L. W. Morgan, Martock, N. C.	15
Suggs' Creek—T. W. Manee, Allreds, N. C.	45
Gaine's Grove—J. W. Gaines, R. 2, Sanford, N. C.	15
Rock Hill—M. H. Hill, R. 2, Seagrove, N. C.	15
White Oak Springs—Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	40
Salisbury—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C. R. 2.	53
Pierce's Chapel—A. H. Trogdon, R. 3, Asheboro, N. C. . .	15
Lexington—Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C. . .	29
Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C.	73
Total	500

Statistical Table For 1920

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec by Exp. and Bap.	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Flat Creek	Represented by Contribution	1					1	13	\$ 2 00
Tom's Creek	D. Woodie, A. A. Snider, J. R. Garner	2	1				3	26	17 65
Pine M. H.	H. A. Williams, R. F. Snider, J. H. W. Wilson				1	1	8	62	11 00
Mt. Tabor	Not Represented								
Sandy Creek	Not Represented								
Brush Creek	J. L. Hicks, x H. W. Johnson, E. F. Saunders							8	4 00
Big Creek	Not Represented								
Sugg's Creek	E. Sikes, T. W. Maness, G. H. Cornelison							86	8 00
Gaines Grove	Contribution by Contribution							13	1 50
Rock Hill	T. R. Maness, N. Tucker, H. T. Tucker		4					18	50
White Oak Springs	Ed. St. McMillan, R. F. Strange, C. B. Owen, x — H. Pence x							14	12 25
Salisbury	W. F. Snider, T. L. Small, A. H. Troorden					1		23	9 00
Pierce's Chapel	C. E. Gallimore, Levi Troorden, J. M. Williams					1		7	2 55
Lexington	L. A. Wright, J. A. Maness, T. L. Maness	1		2				10	5 00
Cotton Creek								21	13 75
	TOTALS	4	5	2	1	1	6	244	\$87 20

Absentees marked thus—X

