

**Minutes**  
of the  
**One Hundred Thirty-first**  
**Annual Session**  
of the  
**Senter District**  
**Primitive Baptist Association**  
held with  
**Senter Church**  
**Ashe County, North Carolina**  
**September 7, 8, and 9**  
**1984**

The next session will convene with Horse Creek Church located about four miles northwest of Lansing, N.C. Take Hwy. 194 from West Jefferson, N.C. to Lansing, N.C. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile; turn left on 1324; follow 1324 to Joe Hampton Road; follow to end of pavement; turn left to church.

**September 6, 7, and 8, 1985**



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# **PROCEEDINGS**

of the

## **SENER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Held at Senter Church

Friday, September 7, 1984

The association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Jack McGinnis, of the Senter Association of North Carolina.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Billy Yates of the Senter Association of North Carolina, text: 1 Corinthians, Chapter 15, verse 3.

The Association was opened by prayer by Elder C. O. Yates of the Senter Association of North Carolina.

### **ON MOTION:**

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder Billy Yates as Moderator; Elder Steve Douglas as Assistant Moderator; Brother Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Elder Floyd F. South as Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for petitionary letters. None were received.
4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

**MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION of North Carolina and Virginia:**

Brother Arthur Gambill  
Brother Carl R. Williams  
Brother Garfield Dillard and wife  
Brother B. R. Douglas and wife  
Brother Thomas Farmer and wife  
Brother Greene Ward  
Sister Lena R. Crouse  
Sister Elma W. Reeves  
Sister Mary G. Lineback  
Sister Beulah Reeves  
Sister Bina E. Poole  
Sister Marjorie Caudill  
Sister Maude Gambill

**ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina**

Elder Joe C. Helms  
Brother Gradon Helms

**SILVER CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina**

Elder Gene F. Watson  
Brother L. J. Anderson  
Sister Dolly Wagner  
Sister Dashie E. Whittington

**INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:**

**Pine Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina**

Elder Kemp H. Walker  
Sister Edith P. Walker

**Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia**

Brother John Lawrence and wife  
Sister Eva Chrismon

**Community Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia**

Brother O' Bain Hylton  
Brother Willie Hylton  
Sister Virginia Hylton

**Laurel Fork Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia**

Sister Imogene Turman

**Chilhowie Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia**

Brother Howard M. Davis, Sr.

Sister Sibyl Davis

Brother Glenn Blevins

**Mt. Carmel Primitive Baptist Church of Maryland**

Brother Letcher McMillian

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. Committee on finance:

Deacon Bertie Bare

Deacon Willard Hartzog

Deacon Don Walters

B. Committee on arrangements;

Deacon Paul Miller

Brother Clyde Johnson

Deacon G. L. Mash

Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

C. Committee on Ministry:

Brother Norman Brown

Elder Steve Douglas

Elder Floyd South

And Delegates of Senter Church

6. That the Committee on Arrangements meet after service here at Senter Church for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association business until 10:00 A.M., Saturday, with song and prayer by Elder Steve Douglas of the Senter District of North Carolina.

## Saturday - September 8, 1984

The association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Steve Douglas of the Senter Church, Senter Association, North Carolina.

### ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.
2. The reading of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted, but they are to be printed in the minutes.
3. A. The committee on arrangements recommended that we continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.  
3. B. Finding no move from Bear Creek Church to make reconciliation, the committee recommend that we withdraw from Bear Creek Church.
4. Committee to meet next April at regular meeting time at Senter church to make decision on building a shelter for serving meals.
5. That the moderator preach the introductory sermon next year, Elder Billy Yates.
6. The next association is to be held starting at 10:00 a.m., on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1985, at Horse Creek Church.
7. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 400 copies of the minutes and distribution of same.
8. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.
9. Deacon Bertie Bare was appointed as treasurer to hold the funds for printing and postage of minutes.

### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON:**

Elder Steve Douglas, (introduced with prayer)  
Elder Floyd South, (text: Romans, Chapter 8, verse 31)  
Elder Billy Yates, (text: Lamentations, Chapter 2,  
verse 15)  
Elder C. O. Yates, (closed with prayer)

### **SATURDAY NIGHT:**

Elder Floyd F. South, (introduced)  
Elder Steve Douglas, (text: Acts)  
Elder Billy Yates, (closed with prayer)

### **SUNDAY MORNING:**

Elder C. O. Yates, (introduced)  
Elder Steve Douglas  
Elder Floyd South, (text: Hebrews, Chapter 11)  
Elder Billy Yates, (closed with prayer)

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting on Sunday night after the second Saturday meeting in April, running through Friday night.

## **MEMORIAL**

In Memorial of Brother George Alison Miller (died 1974) and his wife, Sister Mae Calloway Miller (died 1976), long time members of the Beaver Creek Primitive Baptist church.

We should pause to remember the life and works of our two friends, who were taken into God's Kingdom only recently.

Their faith in God and love for each other exemplify the fullness of Christian life. Their legacy of God's work lives on through the recent gift of \$1,000 to the Church family at Beaver Creek in their names, by their daughter, Georgia Lewis.

Written by:  
Elder Floyd F. South

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## CHURCHES AND PASTORS

- Beaver Creek** -Elders Billy Yates and Steve Douglas
- Big Helton**-Elder Steve Douglas
- Horse Creek**-Elder Steve Douglas
- North Fork**-Elder Steve Douglas
- Riverview**-Elders Jack McGinnis, and C. O. Yates
- Roans Creek**-Elders Floyd F. South and Billy Yates
- Senter**-Elders Dewey Roten and Steve Douglas

## DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

### Churches and No. of Minutes - Clerks and Their Addresses

<b>Beaver Creek:</b> Willa Grey Miller, Rt. 2 Box 40, Creston, NC 28615 . . . . .	20
<b>Big Helton:</b> Mrs. Kathleen Burchette, Rt. 1 Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693 . . . . .	30
<b>Horse Creek:</b> Grover Burchette, Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693 . . . . .	10
<b>North Fork:</b> Mrs. Kathleen Burchette, Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693 . . . . .	20
<b>Riverview:</b> C. O. Yates, Rt. 2, Box 215, Fleetwood, NC 28626 . . . . .	30
<b>Roans Creek:</b> G. L. Mash, Rt. 1, Box 56, Jefferson, NC 28640 . . . . .	35
<b>Senter:</b> Bobby Absher, Rt. 1, Box 120, Crumpler, NC 28617 . . . . .	45



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<b>Mountain:</b> Jack Nichols, Rt. 1, Box 446, Sparta, NC 28675 . . . . .	20
<b>Bear Creek:</b> William J. Sparks, 3540 Beroth Circle, Pfafftown, NC 27040 . . . . .	20
<b>Silver Creek:</b> Johnny D. Freeman, 167 Friendly Park, Lenoir, NC 28645 . . . . .	20
<b>North Carolina Collection:</b> The Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 . . . . .	2
<b>The Primitive Baptist Library:</b> Rt. 2, Elon College, NC 27244 . . . . .	2
<b>The American Baptist Historical Society:</b> 1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620 . . . . .	2
<b>Wake Forest University:</b> The Z. Smith Renyolds Library, Box 7777, Reynolda Sta., Winston-Salem, NC 27109 . . . . .	2
<b>The Christian Baptist Library:</b> P.O. Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220 . . . . .	2

## COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order an invitation to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

- Beaver Creek**-4th Saturday and Sunday in May
- Senter**-2nd Saturday and Sunday in June
- Riverview**-3rd Saturday and Sunday in June
- Horse Creek**-4th Saturday and Sunday in June
- North Fork**-1st Saturday and Sunday in July
- Big Helton**-3rd Saturday and Sunday in July
- Roans Creek**-4th Saturday and Sunday in July

## **RULES OF DECORUM**

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
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 his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfection, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Associations shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he give his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Convention deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

## **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are One.

2. We believe that scriptures of the Old and New Testament as translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible, is the written work of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in Man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the sicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**BEAVER CREEK**—Fourth Saturday night, 7 p.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m. A brick church building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one mile toward Boone, NC. Turn left on Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

**BIG HELTON**—Sunday, 2:00 p.m., following the third Saturday. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgill, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from Lansing, NC, to Sturgill, NC. Turn left. The church is about one mile on the left side of the road.

**HORSE CREEK**-Sunday (only), 11 a.m., following the fourth Saturday. A white, wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from West Jefferson, NC, to Lansing, NC. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile; turn left on 1324; follow 1324 to Joe Hampton Road; follow to end of pavement; turn left to church.

**NORTH FORK**-Sunday (only), 2 p.m., following the first Saturday. A white asbestos shingle church building located about three miles west of Warrentonville, NC. Located between Warrentonville NC, and Trade, TN. Take Hwy. 88 out of Warrentonville, NC. About one mile, you will come to the North Fork of New River. Take first right-hand road. The church is about two miles on the right side of the road.

**RIVERVIEW**-The third Sunday following the third Saturday. A brick church building located about eight miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one mile and a half toward Boone, NC. Turn left on state road no. 1147. Go about six miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

**ROANS CREEK**-Fourth Saturday, 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC, and Laurel Springs, NC. Take Hwy. 88 out of Jefferson, NC, about seven miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

**SENER**-Second Saturday, 11 a.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC, and Sparta, NC. Take Hwy. 221 out of Jefferson, NC, about eight miles near Nathan's Creek School.

## Statistical Table

Church Organized	Churches	Messengers	Communion Month	Saturday of Meetings	Ordained Elders	Liberated	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
1785	Beaver Creek	Elder Floyd South, Deacon Don Walters, Brother Robert Koontz; Willa Gray Miller, Alt.	May	4	1							1	17	\$40.00
1840	Big Helton	Sister Stella Helms, and all other the other sisters that able to attend.	July	3									14	95.00
1840	Horse Creek	All brother and sister able to attend.	June	4									4	30.00
1785	North Fork	Brother Grover Burchette, Sisters Kathleen Burchette, Hettie Sapp, and Dillie Miller Alt.	July	1									17	100.00
1898	Riverview	Deacons, Willard Hartzog, Paul Miller, Brother Clyde Johnson, Alt. Brother Geroge Dewey Roten.	June	3	3		1						29	75.00
1869	Roans Creek	Brother Guy Reeves, Millard Bare, Deacon G. L. Mash, Alternate, Keith Noblett	July	4	1							1	39	82.00
1829	Senter	Deacons, Bertie Bare, Paul Bare, Brother Norman Brown, Brother Bobby Absber, Alternate	June	2	1		3	1					63	132.00
		TOTALS			6		4	1				2	178	\$554.00

See Directory For Time of Meetings



