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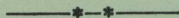
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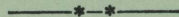
ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SENER DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

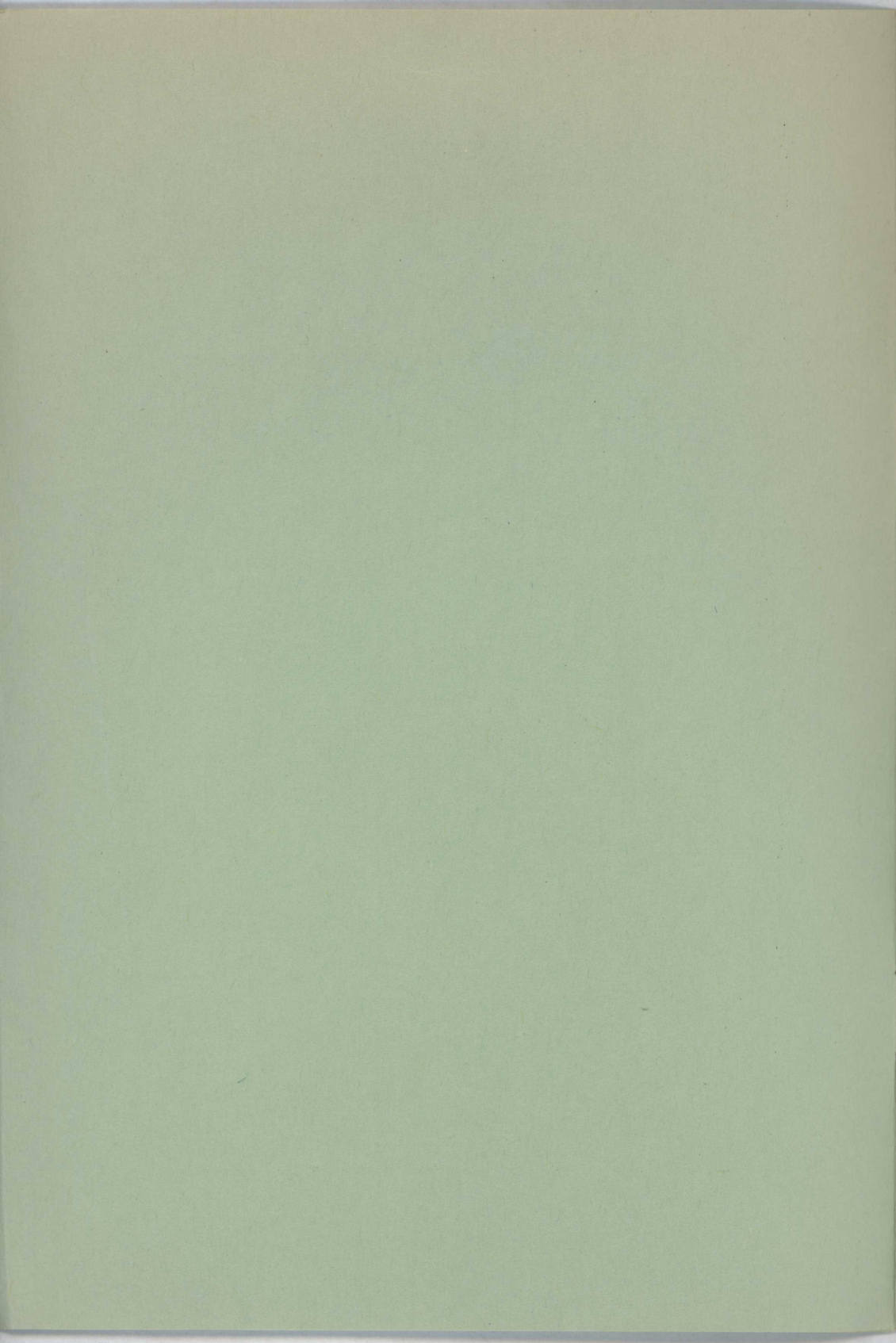


Held With
POND MOUNTAIN CHURCH,
Ashe County, North Carolina
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,
September 10, 11, 12, 1954



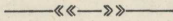
OFFICERS

Elder Ed Davis, Moderator.....Tuckerdale, N. C.
W. W. Miller, Clerk.....Warrensville, N. C.



PROCEEDINGS

OF SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1954

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order by prayer and praise by Elder Ed Davis.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Leo Bagley; Text: first chapter and first verse of St. Luke.

After a short intermission, the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by prayer by Elder H. B. Thomas.

1st. On motion, received and read letters from all our churches and seated the messengers.

2nd. On motion, call for petitionary letters. Received none.

3rd. On motion, organize the Association by electing Elder Ed Davis, moderator, and W. W. Miller as clerk.

4th. Call for correspondents from sister associations. The following came forward and were seated:

St. Clair's Bottom—None.

Mates Creek—Elder Fonso Justice, Elder Tedy Ball, Ira Smith, John Stiltner.

Mountain—L. E. Carrico, Elder Ed Douglas.

Indian Creek—Refrain from seating correspondents.

Roaring River—Carl Francis, Fasco Pruitt.

Fisher's River—Elder H. B. Thomas.

5th. On motion, called for transient and visiting brethren from sister associations. The following came forward and were seated:

From St. Clair's Bottom: Brother Rosco Price and wife.

From Mountain: Lon McReeves and wife, Reeves Douglas and wife, Mrs. Carrico, J. I. Pasley and wife, C. D. Murry and wife, Raymond Nichols and wife, Stella Wilson, Reed Island, F. W. Stockner.

From Pine View: E. C. Thompson.

From Roaring River: W. C. Hall, J. F. Coffee.

From Fisher's River: Oak Grove Church—Elder L. J. Martin, Jim Goade.

From Powell's Valley: Minutes.

From Baypine Church: Joel Simmons and wife, F. O. Shelton.

We will recognize the churches from New River and Mayo Associations, as far as it will not conflict with our correspondents.

6. On motion, we seat the correspondents and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations.

7. On motion, the moderator make all temporary appointments during this session.

8. Appointed a Committee on Ministry as follows: Fred Weaver, G. E. Kilby, Clifford McNeil, with the messengers of this church.

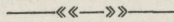
9. He appointed a Committee on Finance as follows: F. T. Miller, G. A. Miller, Edwin Hartzog.

10. He appointed a Committee on Arrangements as follows: Elders G. D. Roten, Ed Severet, Brother B. O. Dolinger, with moderator and clerk.

11. He appointed a Committee to appoint correspondents to sister associations as follows: Brethren Bob Speeks, Rex Jones and Millard Davis.

12. On motion, the Committee on Arrangements sit at Elder Ed Davis'.

13. On motion, we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.



SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1954

1st. The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and was opened with prayer by Elder Tedy Ball.

2nd. Call the roll and erased the absentees.

3rd. On motion, we omit reading the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4th. On motion, the correspondents who were appointed to sister associations to report and excuse those who failed to go.

5th. On motion, call on committee that was to appoint correspondents to sister associations to report. This report is as follows:

St. Clair's Bottom: To begin on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1954, and to be held with St. Clair's Bottom Church—Elder P. T. McNeil, Elder Ed Severt, Brother J. C. McNeil.

Mates Creek: To be held with the Louise Church, Pike Co., Ky., to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1955; go by Abingdon, Va. and Grunday, take 460 to association—Elders Ed Davis, G. D. Roten, Brethren Millard Davis, Callie Severt.

The Mountain: To begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1955 and to be held with Antaoch Church, 7 miles west of Sparta, on Jefferson Road—Fred Weaver, J. C. McNeil, Felix Bore, Rex Jones.

Fisher's River: To be held with the Mitchell's River Church, Surry County, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1955; come

to Dodson, county seat of Surry, turn west to Capps Mill—Brethren Bob Blevins, Tom Severt, B. O. Dolinger, W. W. Miller.

Roaring River: To begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1954; and to be held with the church at Double Creek—Brethren G. A. Miller, F. T. Miller, R. L. Speeks, G. E. Kilby.

6th. On motion, that we continue to correspond with Ebenezer, Powell's Valley and Washington Associations by minutes.

7th. That we omit the Constitution and Rules of Decorum in this minute.

8th. On motion, we appoint the clerk treasurer, and to superintend to the printing of these minutes; and to have 500 copies printed and distributed as usual.

9th. On motion, the next Association be held with the River View Church, 10 miles south of West Jefferson; to begin on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1955; that Elder G. D. Roten preach the Introductory; Elder E. Davis, Alternate.

10th. On motion, call on Finance Committee to report. Their report is as follows:

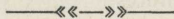
Received from all the churches	\$148.00	
Allowed the Moderator		\$ 15.00
Allowed the Clerk		15.00
Allowed for Minutes		35.00
Allowed Correspondents		83.00
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Total	\$148.00	\$148.00
Received at the stand Sunday	\$ 84.00	

11th. On motion, the minutes be read.

12th. On motion, that we return thanks to God for His mercy and to the brethren, sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during this session, and that we adjourn with prayer by the moderator.

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator.

W. W. MILLER, Clerk.



ORDER OF PREACHING

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Leo Bagley; Text: 1st chapter and 1st verse St. Luke.

Friday Night—at Beaver Creek—Elders Tedy Ball and Fonso Justice.

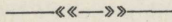
Saturday Morning—Elder Fonso Justice; Text, 7th chapter Romans. Elder J. L. Martin; no special text.

Saturday Evening—Elder Tedy Ball; Text: Remove not the ancient landmark.

Saturday Night—at Beaver Creek, Elder Ed Douglas.

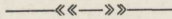
Sunday Morning—Elder Ed Davis to Introduce, Elder H. B. Thomas; Text: Exodus 1st. chapter. Elder G. D. Roten; Text: Matt. 1:21. Elder Coy Walker; Text: Gen. 8th. chapter.

Sunday Evening—Elder Ed Douglas; Text: John 5:24. Elder Ed Davis to close.



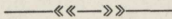
ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Ed Davis, Tuckerdale, N. C.
 Elder G. D. Roten, Idlewild, N. C.
 Elder Ed Severt, Laurel Springs, N. C.
 Elder P. T. McNeil, West Jefferson, N. C.
 Elder Blair Kilby, Rugby, Va.



DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and Number of Minutes	Clerks and Post Office
Senter—60	Rex Jones, Crumpler, N. C.
Roans Creek—25	F. T. Miller, Laurel Springs, N. C.
Beaver Creek—30	G. A. Miller, West Jefferson, N. C.
River View—25	T. E. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.
North Fork—40	W. W. Miller, Warrensville, N. C.
Pond Mountain—55	C. N. Davis, Whitetop, Va.
Horse Creek—20	Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.
Big Helton—60	B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C.
South Fork—20	Ben Weaver, Piney Creek, N. C.
Bear Creek—20	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.



DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association and Number of Minutes	Clerks and Their Post Office
St. Clair's Bottom—15	Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.
Mountain—25	Elder C. B. Kilby, R. 3, Sparta, N. C.
Mates Creek—20	Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.
Fishers River—15	O. W. Sisk, King, N. C.
Washington—15	Harmon Kiser, Cleveland, Va.
Ebenezer—15	W. C. Wynham, Brightwood, Va.
Powells Valley—20	M. V. Browning, Box 52, Maynardsville, Tenn.
Roaring River—20	A. T. Whittington, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.

OBITUARIES

EDIE MILLER SHEETS.

She was born Jan. 19, 1860; died April 16, 1954; age 84 years, two months, 16 days. She was first married to John Miller. To this union was born one child: Mary Pennington, Apple Grove, N. C. She then married T. Reed Sheets. To this union were born three children: two boys, one girl—Author, R. D., and Victora Sheets. Preceding in death, Victora Eldrith, of Tuckerdale, N. C. Also, 21 grandchildren, 69 great-grandchildren, 22 great great-grandchildren, survive. She has been a member of Horse Creek Church for 74 years and a very devoted member; going to church as long as she was able.

She was loved by all who knew her. Our loss is her eternal gain. Sleep on, dear one, till the Lord awakes you in His likeness.

J. H. ELDRITH.

He was born September 19, 1865; died June fourth, 1953; age 88 years, five months, four days. He was married to Amanda Davis Eldrith, May sixth, 1885. To this union were born four children, three boys, one girl—Grover C. Eldrith, Tuckerdale, N. C., W. M. A. Eldrith, Tuckerdale, N. C., Ora Sheets, Tuckerdale, N. C., John C. Eldrith, who preceded him in death; 15 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren. He joined the church at Horse Creek over 65 years ago. Later moved his membership to Pond Mountain, where he remained a devoted member until death. He served as a deacon for 60 years. He fought a good fight and kept the faith, and loved by all.

The church has lost a good and devoted member. The children and grandchildren a good father. Our loss is his eternal gain. Brother Dock has gone home to live with Jesus for ever more.

CICIRO W. SPENCER.

Ciciro W. Spencer was born February 22, 1866; departed this life September 29, 1953: age 87 years, 7 months, 7 days. He was the son of William and Ala Spencer. He was married to Jettie Osborn in early life. To this union were born five children—four girls, one boy. He leaves two Brothers, one Sister, 18 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren to mourn.

He was a strong believer in the Primitive Baptist Doctrine. He never failed to go to church as long as he was able. The church has lost a faithful member and the home a loving father. So sleep on, dear father, until the blessed Lord awakes you in His likeness.

MARY JANE HARTZOG

Mary Jane Hartzog was born January 7, 1863; departed this life March 29, 1953. She was married to J. F. Hartzog December 11, 1884. To this union were born three sons—Wiley G., Edwin, and B. K. She was baptized by Elder H. B. Miller in 1893. She was devoted and faithful to the cause of our blessed Master until death. Sleep on, dear Mother, until the Lord awakes you in His blessed likeness.

Written by Edwin and Lizzie.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	ADDRESS OF CLERKS	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Exp & Bap	Received by Letter	Rec'd by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contributions	
BEAVER CREEK	G. A. Miller, West Jefferson, N. C.	R. L. Speeks, G. Johnson, G. A. Miller					1			34	4	\$ 15.00	
BEAR CREEK	S. J. Miller, N. C. Wagoner, N. C.	Callie Severt, Earl Severt, S. J. Miller	2						1	27	1	14.00	
BIG HELTON	B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C.	G. E. Kelby, B. O. Dolinger, Bob Blevins							3	75	3	25.00	
HORSE CREEK	Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.	Carl Ball, A. Davis Eldrith, M. Davis				1				24	4	14.00	
POND MOUNTAIN	C. N. Davis, Whiteton, Va.	Eld. E. Davis, C. N. Davis, G. C. Eldrith		1					1	67	1	18.00	
NORTH FORK	W. W. Miller, Warrens ville, N. C.	W. W. Miller, M. Roton, L. Johnson								86	1	12.00	
RIVER VIEW	T. E. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.	Elder G. D. Robert Clifford McNeil, T. E. Hartzog								25	3	15.00	
ROANS CREEK	F. T. Miller, Laurel Springs, N. C.	F. T. Miller, T. O. Thompson, Fred Weaver					2			55	4	8.00	
SEENTER	Rex Jones, Grumpler, N. C.	Felix Bare, H. M. Bare, John Woodruff							2	84	2	22.00	
SOUTH FORK	Ben Weaver, Finey Creek, N. C.	Ben Weaver, Kemper Douglas, Roy Douglas					3			1	21	4	5.00
TOTALS			2	1			5	2	8	448		\$148.00	

