

MINUTES

Of The

LOWER COUNTRY LINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

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DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

August 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 1918

OFFICERS:

W. A. WARREN, Moderator, Hurdles Mills, N. C.
J. H. GOOCH, Clerk, Stem, N. C.
G. C. FARTHING, Assistant Clerk, Durham, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. C. Oakes, from 1st. Cor. 2:2, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

1. After an intermission of one and one-half hours, the messengers from the several churches met at the stand and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy, from White Oak Association, after which the Association proceeded to business. On motion Brother W. A. Warren was chosen Moderator, and Brother J. H. Gooch, Clerk, and Brother G. C. Farthing, Assistant Clerk.

2. Petitionary letters called for, none presented.

3. Messengers and visitors from Sister Associations, were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were received:

From Abbott's Creek—Elder W. R. Gallimore.

From Black Creek—Elders Jesse Barnes, J. W. Wyatt, J. W. Gardner, and Dr. C. B. Hall.

From Contentnea—Elder T. B. Lancaster, and Brethren L. J. H. Mewborn, J. H. Dawson, R. H. Temple, and A. P. Turnage.

From Fisher's River—Elder Gabriel Denny.

From Kehukee—Brother H. L. Adcock.

From Little River—Elders J. E. Adams, J. T. Coats, L. H. Stephenson and Brethren R. D. Langdon, R. F. Smith and D. L. Godwin.

From Mayo—Minutes.

From Mill Branch—Minutes.

From New River—Minutes.

From White Oak—Elder L. H. Hardy.

From Salem—Brethren C. T. Hudgins and T. J. Greer.

From Smith's River—Minutes.

From Staunton River—Minutes.

From Upper Country Line—Elders B. F. McKinney, W. F. Pruitt and Brethren A. G. Porterfield, S. J. Hall and W. P. Warren.

From Seven Miles—Elder W. G. Turner.

Elder M. B. Martin, from Mountain Association, and Elder F. W. Keene, from Maine Conference.

4. The messengers from Eno Church with the Moderator and Clerks were chosen a committee of arrangements and Brother J. M. O'Briant and Elder C. F.

Denny, a committee of finance.

5. Elders C. B. Hall and J. W. Wyatt were appointed to preach at the stand this afternoon.

6. Letters from the several churches composing the Association, were read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table hereunto annexed.

7. Circular letter called for, Brother A. V. Moore, who was appointed to write the same, failed to comply with the request, and asked to be excused, which was granted.

8. On motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning August 5th, 1918, at 9 o'clock.

Monday Morning, August 5th, 1918.

The Association met according to arrangements. After praise and prayer by Elder F. W. Keene, from Maine Conference, proceeded to business.

9. The committee on finance reported as follows:

Cash in hands of clerk from 1917 sessions	_____	.00
Cash received from Churches	_____	\$215.00
Cash received from friends	_____	18.50
Total	_____	\$233.50

Expenditures

For printing minutes, and postage on same	_____	\$ 30.00
Allowed Clerk for services	_____	10.00
Amount given visiting ministers	_____	193.50
Total	_____	\$233.50

10. Report of Committee of Arrangements received and approved and the committee discharged.

11. Messengers appointed at our last session to visit Sister Associations, were called upon to make their reports, reports were satisfactory, those failing to attend were excused.

12. Dr. H. E. Satterfield and Brother J. M. O'Briant were appointed a committee to purchase a suitable tent, for the use of the officers of the law, on the Association grounds during the coming sessions of this Association.

13. Messengers were appointed to visit Sister Associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

Black Creek—Elder T. Y. Monk and Brother G. C. Farthing.

Contentnea—Elder T. Y. Monk and Brother J. D. Dupree.

Fishers River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Brother J. T. Lamm.

Little River—Elder T. Y. Monk and Brethren G. C. Farthing and J. D. Dupree.

Mayo—Minutes.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

White Oak—Dr. H. E. Satterfield.

Salem—J. W. Terry.

Smith's River—Minutes.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Upper Country Line—G. P. Allen.

14. As no brother has taken appointments with a number of the Associations with whom we correspond, and feeling that they would be glad to hear from us by some personal representative, and whereas Elder L. H. Hardy, of the White Oak Association, has visited us for a number of years and feeling that he is loved by the Baptists generally, therefore we hereby instruct and authorize the said Elder L. H. Hardy, to say to the brethren composing the Associations with whom we correspond, when no messenger or visitor of our Association is present, that we appreciate their correspondence, and messengers who have come to see us, and will be glad for a continuance of the same.

15. Elders E. C. Oakes, T. Y. Monk and J. J. Hall were chosen to attend a section meeting to be held with the Church at Mt. Lebanon in Durham County on the first Sunday and Saturday before in May, 1919, and Elders C. F. Denny, J. A. Herndon and E. C. Oakes were chosen to attend another section meeting to be held with the church at Wheelers in Person County on the second Sunday and Saturday before in May, 1919.

16. Brother I. H. Harris was chosen to write a circular letter to be read at our next session.

17. Agreed that our next annual session be held with the Church at Shiloh, in Person County, North Carolina, commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in August, 1919, and to continue three days. Elder J. J. Hall was chosen to preach the introductory sermon and Elder C. F. Denny alternate.

18. Ordered that our Clerk have one thousand of these minutes printed and distributed with the Churches and Associations with whom we correspond.

19. Feeling that we have been wonderfully favored and blessed by the presence of such able and gifted ministers of Christ, who have been enabled to proclaim to us the gospel of Christ with no uncertain sound, Therefore be it resolved:

1. That we return thanks to God for this and all other unmerited blessings.

2. That we extend to the brethren, sisters and friends of this Church and neighborhood, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for their many acts of kindness and generous hospitality in helping us entertain this Association, and especially to Mr. D. B. Cameron and W. T. Mangum for lumber furnished in seating this vast audience.

4. That this Association discountenances and forbids any and all kinds of trading and trafficking and any other misbehavior, on or near the Church grounds, when and where the same is being held, and will endeavor to punish such according to special act of the General Assembly of North Carolina.

The above proceedings were read by the clerk, after which the Association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for our next session.

W. A. WARREN, Moderator.

J. H. GOOCH, Clerk.

G. C. FARTHING, Asst. Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

We, the members and messengers of the Lower Country Line Association now in session, wish to send Christian salutation to our dear brother, Elder P. D. Gold, who, owing to the infirmities of advancing years, is prevented from being with us.

While the same brotherly kindness and Christian fellowship has been in evidence in our assembly, your absence after an annual attendance of forty-seven years (save one) has caused a feeling of profound sorrow, and our hearts go out to you in tenderness and affection, and we pray to the Father of all mercies, that in your declining years His presence and blessed promises may be with you, and that this message may convey in some measure the high esteem in which we hold you.

Also to Elder Isaac Jones, who has met with us annually for forty-three years (with one exception) we express regret at his

absence caused by affliction, or otherwise. We do very much miss the company, good preaching and wise counsel of these two brethren, and we desire to bow with reverence to God's holy will, and to thank him for his tender mercies, in blessing us with such gifts of the ministry, and we do pray He will remember and bless our brethren in their affliction.

Therefore be it resolved,

That a copy of this letter be spread upon the record of this Association. Adopted by a rising vote, and signed by the Moderator and Clerks.

Done by order of the Association, August the 5th, 1918.

W. A. WARREN, Moderator

J. H. GOOCH, Clerk.

G. C. FARTHING, Asst. Clerk.

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SERVICES

Saturday Afternoon 2:30 O'clock.

Preaching at the stand by Elder C. B. Hall from Heb. 12:1, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, etc., closed by Elder J. W. Wyatt from Psa. 8:4, "What is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visiteth him?"

Saturday Evening 5 O'clock.

Preaching by Elder W. J. Gallimore from 1st Peter 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc., followed by Elder W. J. Turner from 1st Cor. 1:18, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

Saturday Evening 8 O'clock.

Services again at the stand by Elder J. T. Coats from Ezra 6:4, "With three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber; and let the expenses be given out of the King's house."

Sunday Morning 10 O'clock, August 4, 1918.

Services were opened at the stand by Elder T. B. Lancaster from Luke 5:18-19, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, etc." Closed by Elder F. W. Keene from Psa. 107:23-24, "They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters," etc.

Sunday Afternoon 1:30 O'clock.

Services again at the stand by Elder M. B. Martin from Isa.

49:15, "Can a woman forget her suckling child," etc. Closed by Elder L. H. Hardy from Luke 14:15-24, "A certain man made a great supper and bade many," etc.

Sunday Afternoon 4:30 O'clock.

Services were continued by Elder J. E. Adams from Rev. 14:6-7, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth," followed by Elder J. T. Coats from Matt. 22:42, "What think ye of Christ? Whose Son is He?"

Sunday Evening 8 O'clock.

Services were again at the stand by Elder B. F. McKinney, from John 15:9, "As the Father hath loved me," etc. Closed by Elder L. H. Stephenson, from no special text, but with much liberty, which was enjoyed by many present.

Monday Morning 10 O'clock, August 5, 1918.

Services were opened at the stand by Elder W. F. Pruitt, from Acts 21:22, "Follow thou me," etc., followed by Elder Gabriel Denny from Jer. 31:3, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love," etc. Closed by Elder J. W. Gardner, who spoke very feelingly, and comfortingly to the many present, telling of his first visit to this Church, and Association many years ago, after which we were dismissed to meet again at the time and place for our next annual meeting.

NOTE.

About 1832, or the first year after the division between the Baptists, our Association was held at a Church of small membership, located in a section where the people were hostile to us, and entertained so much enmity towards us, that a number of the messengers and visiting brethren had to go from ten to twelve miles, many of them on horseback, others in wagons, before they could get lodging.

Feeling that such might occur again at the next year, when they met the following day, they decided to come at the next session in covered wagons, with tents, provisions, etc., arranged to care for themselves and others on the Church ground. They did this, and found much enjoyment therein, and each successive year has added to the number who "tent." Fearing that some disturbing element from the outside might mar the comfort and pleasure of those camping, and of the immense throng of people attending the services, the high Sheriff of the County in which the Association was to be held, has each year been asked to furnish or deputize sufficient officers to maintain order, es-

pecially during the night. For a number of years, at the suggestion and request of the present clerk a resolution has been adopted and spread upon our minutes, expressing our appreciation of this kindness and courtesy, and a copy mailed the High Sheriff of each County in which the Association was held. We have no record of a Sheriff ever failing to willingly comply with our request, and furnish or deputize as many as we thought sufficient, until this recent session at Eno, three and one-half miles from Durham.

We greatly deplore the lack of interest shown by those in authority; and pray that in the future the Lord may bless us, with officers of the law who are God-fearing men and who will use their energies to prevent lawlessness and disorder everywhere, specially about those who are gathered to worship. We feel that we are not asking too much when we ask for protection at our meetings.

J. H. GOOCH, Association Clerk.

Stem, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS.

Abbotts Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C.-----	18
Black Creek—Eld. J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C.-----	18
Contentnea—Eld. J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.-----	25
Fishers River—Eld. F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C. R. 1-----	30
Kehukee—Eld. Sylvester Hassell, Williamston, N. C.-----	38
Little River—Eld. J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C.-----	29
Mayo—Eld. E. M. Barnard, Peter's Creek, Va.-----	29
Mill Branch—C. W. Brown, Tabor, N. C.-----	17
New River—Eld. P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va.-----	29
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.-----	18
Smith's River—Eld. Q. D. Weeks, R. 2, Willis, Va.-----	18
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, Va.-----	18
Upper Country Line—Eld. J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw-----	20
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.-----	22

Ordained Ministers and Their Postoffices.

Elder T. Y. Monk-----	Durham, N. C.
Elder J. J. Hall-----	Roxboro, N. C.
Elder J. A. Herndon-----	Durham, N. C.
Elder E. C. Oakes-----	Semora, N. C.
Elder C. F. Denny-----	Durham, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	Names of Messengers	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in fellowship	Contributions
Camp Creek	R. D. Hill, A. J. Hill and W. H. Aiken	0	0	0	2	0	2	31	\$ 7.65
Dutchville	I. H. Harris, W. M. Moss and Lucius Perry	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	10.00
Durham	W. G. Markham, G. C. Farthing and Dr. H. E. Satterfield	7	4	1	5	2	5	92	57.05
Ebenezer	Elder E. C. Oakes and H. A. Clayton	0	0	0	0	1	0	15	5.00
Eno	W. H. McFarland and Elder C. F. Denny	1	0	0	0	0	4	29	30.75
Flat River	D. A. Hix, W. A. Blalock and Devero Davis	0	0	2	1	0	1	59	3.70
Helena	J. M. Clayton, T. D. Aiken and J. Blalock	9	4	0	0	0	1	26	5.80
Mt. Lebanon	Elder T. Y. Monk, J. W. Garrard and W. T. Bacon	2	0	0	0	0	0	28	10.75
Mt. Zion	Elder E. C. Oakes, J. J. Falkner and H. F. Wilkins	0	0	2	0	0	0	14	3.50
Roxboro	F. D. Long, J. J. H. Perkins and J. M. O'Briant	5	0	1	0	0	1	45	32.55
Shiloh	C. T. Hall, S. F. Harris and R. D. Bailey	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	7.50
Stortles Creek	W. D. Yarbo, W. G. Clayton and S. M. Clayton	3	0	0	0	1	0	28	5.00
Surl	John G. Chandler, W. T. Clayton and Grover Pulliam	4	0	1	0	0	2	66	10.00
Tar River	Elder J. J. Hall, T. H. Jones and D. W. Oakley	1	0	0	0	0	0	19	5.75
Wheeler	W. K. Moore, G. P. Allen and W. A. Warren	1	0	1	1	2	1	85	20.00
Totals		35	8	8	9	6	17	567	\$215.00

Table of Churches, Clerks, Postoffices, Pastors and Time of meetings, also Distribution of Minutes.

Churches and Clerks	Postoffices	Pastors, Time of Meetings and No. of Minutes
Camp Creek—J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C.	Eld. J. A. Herndon, 2nd Sun. and Sat before-----70.
Dutchville—Miss Bettie Green	North Side, N. C.	Eld. C. F. Denny, 4th Sunday-----25
Durham—G. C. Farthing.	Durham, N. C.	Eld. P. D. Gold, 3rd Sun. and Sat. before, Eld. C. F. Denny 1st. Sunday.-----95
Ebenezer—S. M. Pulliam	Leasburg, N. C.	Elder E. C. Oakes, 4th Sunday and Saturday before-----20
Eno—J. M. Wood	R. F. D. Durham, N. C.	Elder C. F. Denny, 2nd Sunday-----35
Flat River—W. R. Blalock	Roxboro, N. C., R. No. 1	Elder J. J. Hall, 4th Sunday and Saturday before-----80
Helena—J. P. Tingen	Timberlake, N. C.	Elder J. J. Hall, 1st Sunday and Saturday before-----20
Mt. Lebanon—J. W. Garrard	Durham, N. C., R. F. D.	Elder J. W. Wyatt, 1st Sunday and Saturday before-----33
Mt. Zion—Thos. M. Chandler	Virgilina, Va., R. No. 3	2nd Sunday and Saturday before-----20
Roxboro—J. M. O'Briant	Roxboro, N. C.	Elder J. A. Herndon, 1st Sunday and Saturday before-----50
Shiloh—R. D. Bailey	Woodsdale, N. C.	Eld. J. A. Herndon, Eld. C. F. Denny, 3rd Sun. and Sat. before 20
Stories Creek—W. D. Yarboro	Woodsdale, N. C., R. No.	Elder J. J. Hall, 3rd Sunday and Saturday before-----35
Surl—J. E. Dean	Moriah, N. C., R. No. 1	Elder J. J. Hall 1st Sunday and Saturday before-----75
Tar River—D. W. Oakley	Berea, N. C.	Elder *-----3rd Sunday and Saturday before-----25
Whealers—W. A. Warren	Hurdles Mills, N. C.	Elder J. J. Hall, 2nd Sunday and Saturday before-----95

*Elder J. J. Hall and B. F. McKinney are pastors at Tar River alternately, 3rd Sunday and Saturday before.

