

MINUTES

of the

LOWER COUNTRY LINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

DUTCHVILLE

Granville County, North Carolina

July 31st, August 1st and 2nd, 1920

OFFICERS:

W. A. Warren, Moderator, Hurdles Mills, N. C.

J. H. Gooch, Clerk, Stem, N. C.

C. T. Hall, Assistant Clerk, Woodsdale, N. C.



PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Morning, July 31st, 1920

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. F. Denny from Romans 5:12, "Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, &c."

Closed by Elder T. C. Hart from no special text.

1st. After an intermission of one and one-half hours the messengers from the several churches met in the meeting house where the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder John McConnell from the Warwick Association of New York.

After which the Association proceeded to business.

On motion Brother W. A. Warren was chosen moderator, and Brother J. H. Gooch clerk and Brother C. T. Hall assistant clerk.

2nd. Petitionary letters were called for, none presented.

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

From Abbotts Creek, Minutes.

From Black Creek, Elders Jesse Barnes, Ernest Cobb, C. B. Hall and J. T. Williams and Brethren W. H. Burch and J. W. Godwin.

From Contentnea, Elders T. B. Lancaster, T. C. Hart and G. W. Gardner and Brethren L. J. H. Mewborn and R. D. Pate.

From Fishers River, minutes.

From Kehukee, Elders A. B. Denson and J. A. Shaw and Brethren H. L. Trevathan and H. L. Adcock.

From Little River, Elder J. E. Adams and Brethren J. W. Powell, B. F. Young and J. B. Hardee.

From Mayo, Elders H. F. Hutchins and D. G. Staples and Brother A. O. Barker.

From Mill Branch, minutes.

From New River, minutes.

From White Oak, Elder L. H. Hardy.

From Salem, minutes.

From Smith's River, minutes.

From Staunton River, minutes.

From Upper Country Line, Elder B. F. McKinney and Brethren A. G. Porterfield, W. P. Warren and W. D. Blalock.

Elder John McConnell and Brother R. L. Dodson

Elder H. H. Lefferts from the Virginia Corresponding meeting.

Elder J. T. Rowe from the Baltimore Association.

Elder W. H. Schenck from the Danville Association of Indiana.

Elder M. L. Riner from Lotts Creek Association of Georgia.

Elder F. W. Keene from the Maine Conference.

Elder M. B. Martin from Mountain Association.

Brother Arthur F. Jones from the Echeconnee Association of Georgia.

4th. The messengers from Dutchville Church with the moderator and clerks were chosen a committee of arrangements and Brethren J. M. O'Briant and Dr. H. E. Satterfield a committee of finance.

5th. Elders C. B. Hall and H. F. Hutchins were appointed to preach at the stand this afternoon.

6th. Letters from the several Churches were read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table hereunto attached.

7th. Circular letter called for, presented, and referred to the committee of arrangements.

8th. On motion, the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning, August 2nd, 1920, at 9 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 2ND, 1920

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

9th. The committee of finance reported as follows:

Cash in the hands of clerk from 1919	-----	.00
Received from Churches	-----	\$223.35
Received from friends	-----	119.48

Total ----- \$342.83

Expenditures

For printing minutes and postage on same	---	\$ 25.00
Amount paid for ice, hauling water, &c.	---	44.00
Allowed Clerk for his services	-----	15.00
Given visiting ministers according to distance traveled	-----	249.57
Balance in hands of Clerk	-----	9.32

Total ----- \$342.83

Report received and the committee discharged.

10th, Report of the committee of arrangements re-

ceived, and approved, and the committee discharged.

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

12th. Circular letter read and approved, and ordered to be annexed to these minutes.

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

Abbott's Creek, Brother J. W. Terry and minutes.

Black Creek, Brother J. H. Gooch and minutes.

Contentnea, Brother M. G. Markham and minutes.

Fishers River, minutes.

Kehukee, J. H. Gooch and minutes.

Little River, Elder T. Y. Monk and Brother J. D. Dupree and minutes.

Mayo, minutes.

Mill Branch, minutes.

New River, minutes.

White Oak, minutes.

Salem, Brethren J. H. Gooch and J. W. Terry and minutes.

Smith's River, minutes.

Staunton River, minutes.

Upper Country Line, Brethren W. A. Warren, J. H. Gooch and Dr. H. E. Satterfield.

14th. As no brother from this Association has taken appointments to several of the Associations with whom we correspond, and being anxious that we be represented by some personal representative, we hereby authorize and instruct Elders J. E. Adams and L. H. Hardy to say to the Associations with whom we correspond when no messenger or visitor of this Association is present, that we appreciate their correspondence and messengers who have come to see us, and that we desire a continuation of the same.

15th. Elders J. J. Hall and C. L. Wood were chosen to attend a section meeting to be held with the Church at Tar River, Granville county, North Carolina, on third Sunday and Saturday before, in April, 1921, and Elders J. A. Herndon and E. C. Oakes were chosen to attend another section meeting to be held with the Church at Flat River, Person county, North Carolina, on the Fourth Sunday and Saturday before, in April, 1921.

16th. Brother M. G. Markham was chosen to write circular letter to be read at our next annual session.

17th. Agreed that our next annual session be held with the Church at Mount Zion, Halifax county, Virginia, commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in August 1921, and to continue three days. Elder J. J. Hall was chosen to preach the introductory sermon and Elder E. C. Oakes alternate.

18th. Ordered that our Clerk have printed by the P. D. Gold Publishing Co., of Wilson, N. C., one thousand of these minutes and distributed with the Churches and Associations with whom we correspond.

19th. Feeling that we have been wonderfully blessed and favored by the presence of such able and gifted ministers of Christ who have met with us from several different states, all preaching the same glorious doctrine of Salvation by Grace, without any discordant note. Therefore, be it resolved:

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

Second: That we extend to the brethren, sisters and friends of this church and neighborhood our heartfelt thanks and appreciations for their many acts of kindness and generous hospitality, in helping us entertain this Association, especially to W. L. Carrin, manager of the Delco Light Co., of Oxford, N. C., for furnishing lights; also to E. D. Hunt, sheriff of this county and his deputies for their presence and in helping us maintain order, which has been all that we could expect with such a large crowd.

Third: 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 same is being held and will endeavor to punish such, by special act of the General Assembly of North Carolina.

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

W. A. WARREN, Moderator,

J. H. GOOCH, Clerk,

C. T. HALL, Assistant Clerk.

SERVICES

Saturday Afternoon 2:00 O'clock.

Preaching at the stand by Elder C. B. Hall, from Romans 6:2, "Shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein etc."

Closed by Elder H. F. Hutchins, from Romans 1:6; "Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ, etc."

Saturday Evening 4:00 O'clock.

Preaching by Elder G. W. Gardner, from 1st. John 3:18; "Little children let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth etc."

Closed by Elder T. B. Lancaster, from 1st. Cor. 1; 30 and 31st." But of him are ye in Christ Jesus etc."

Saturday Evening 8:00 O'clock.

Services again at the stand by Elder M. L. Riner, from Romans 1:7 and 8; "To all that are in Rome, -beloved of God etc."

Closed by Elder A. B. Denson, from Phil. 1:6; "Being confident of this very thing etc."

Sunday Morning 9:30 O'clock. August 1st. 1920.

Services were opened at the stand, in prayer by Elder H. H. Lefferts, preaching by Elder L. H. Hardy, from Romans 8:11; "But if the spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead etc." Followed by Elder John McConnell, from Romans 8; 16 and 17; "And if children, then heirs of God etc."

Closed by Elder M. B. Martin, from Songs of Solomon, 8:8 and 9th. verses. "We have a little sister etc."

Sunday Afternoon 2:00 O'clock.

Services again at the stand by Elder H. H. Lefferts from Hebrews 12: 28 and 29; "Therefore we receiving a Kingdom which can not be moved etc." Followed by Elder J. T. Rowe, from John 6:37, 38 and 39; "All that the Father giveth to me shall come to me etc."

Closed by Elder Ernest Cobb, from John 5:2-8; "Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool etc."

Sunday Evening 4:30 O'clock.

Services were again at the stand by Elder F. W. Keene, from Rev. 2:4; Never the less I have somewhat against thee etc." Followed by Elder J. E. Adams from Jer. 3:2; "Truly in vain is Salvation hoped for from the hills etc."

Closed by Elder D. G. Staples from no special text.

Sunday Evening 8:30 O'clock.

Services were held in the meeting house by Elder W. H. Schenck, from John 3:9; "How can these things be etc."

Closed by Elder Jesse Barnes from 11 Cor. 5:17; "Therefore if any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature etc."

Monday Morning 10:00 O'clock, August 2nd. 1920.

Services were opened at the stand by Elder J. A. Shaw from Matthew 5:13 and 14; "Ye are the salt of the earth etc." Followed by Elder J. T. Williams from Gen. 1:1; "In the begin-

ning God created the heaven and the earth etc." Continued by brother R. Lester Dodson, from 1st. Cor. 3:11; "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid etc."

Closed by Elder B. F. McKinney with very appropriate remarks.

MEMORIAL, UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

Whereas, it hath pleased the Master to call up higher our dearly beloved Father in Israel Elder P. D. Gold of the Black Creek Association, who first attended the Country Line Association at Camp Creek in August 1870, (only a few months after uniting with the Church), and who for fifty years, with but two exceptions has been present at its sessions. During all this time his deportment and preaching has met the hearty approval and endorsement of every Church and member of this Association.

Therefore be it resolved:—

First, That we desire to bow in humble submission to the stroke which removes from us one of our most beloved minister. One who stood firm, and failed not to "preach the word; be instant in season, and out of season; reprove and rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine" (II. Tim. 4:2); who was blessed with a meek and quiet spirit and spoke the truth in love. A man favored of God and worthy of double honor, in that he followed peace with all men, and labored faithfully in word and doctrine, and to do good to all men, especially unto them who "are of the house-hold of faith", whose ministrations of comfort was not confined to public service only, but in a great measure given to the aged and afflicted. One who was an honored and welcome guest, having visited the home of most of the members of this Association.

Second. As he was enabled through Grace to spend the greater part of his life in such patient, faithful, acceptable and loving service to the brethren and Churches, contending for the simplicity of the Gospel, unmixed with man's efforts, and considering him endowed above ordinary measure with the Graces of the Spirit.

Now therefore be it further resolved,

That we desire to render thanks to God for the gracious manifestation of his spirit expressed in the life of our dear brother "a sinner saved by grace" which caused him to live to the praise and honor of Jesus' name, and that we endeavor to emulate his Godly walk and conversation, striving first of all for the things of the Kingdom.

Third. We sorrow because we shall see his dear face no more, yet we rejoice that he fought a good fight, kept the faith and is entered into his rest, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give, not to him only, but to all them that love his appearing.

Therefore be it further resolved:

That we the members and messengers of the Lower Country Line Association now in conference with the Church at Dutchville, Granville County, North Carolina, do adopt the foregoing memorial, and order that a copy be spread upon the minutes of this Association, a copy sent to the bereaved family,

and a copy published in Zion's Landmark.

Unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

July 31, 1920.

W. A. WARREN, Moderator,

J. H. GOOCH, Clerk,

C. T. HALL, Assistant Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Churches composing the Lower Country Line Association:
Dear Brethren in Christ:

Again the Lord has permitted us to meet in the capacity of an association where we may sing together and relate our experiences of brotherly love for the many blessings that we have received since we last met.

Having been appointed by you to write a circular letter, I shall now make the attempt.

Brethren, I feel that you have made a mistake in calling on such a worm as I for I don't feel that I can write much that will be to the comfort and edification of your soul. In thinking over a subject, the sweetest passage of scripture to my soul and the one at all times most dear to me, came to mind: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit." Brethren, one of the happiest moments of my life was when I felt that this passage of scripture applied to me, and now, when I pick up my Bible I feel that I must read the eighth chapter of Romans before I stop. It seems that it means more to me than any other chapter in the Bible. Never before could I feel as sure that I was a christian, although I had been a church member for ten years. Since that time I have had more liberty in prayer, because I feel that I am free from the law of sin and death. Yet, there are two forces at work in us which to the natural man are confusing; he cannot understand them, because he has not been changed from nature to grace. It is a wheel within a wheel, each working in the same time. When we would do good evil is present, but here is our hope—"It is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me". So we see that what the law could not do, in that it was weak, the Merciful God has done for us. Now, here comes the devil and says that this thought or feeling is only a state of mind, and that our religion is due to our environment, for it is said "The mind is its self and in its self can make a heaven of hell or a hell of heaven". Brethren, is it possible that we can be deceived in this all important matter? God forbid, for tis He who works in us both to will and to do of His own good pleasure, and He gives us the mind to worship Him in spirit and in truth. If it were a matter of the mind and environment, then it would be up to the creature and he would be a free agent. I pity the man who worships his God because his mind tells him it is the proper thing to do. If we have the love of God in our hearts, and have tasted of the riches of His love we will be able to give a reason of the hope that dwells within us, "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other crea-

ature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Your brother in hope of eternal glory,

C. T. HALL.

Churches in Lower Country Line Association

Showing the year when section meeting and Association were last held:—

Camp Creek.—Section Meeting, 1917; Association, 1914.
 Dutchville.—Section Meeting, 1915; Association, 1920.
 Durham.—Section Meeting, 1918; Association, 1912.
 Ebenezer.—Section Meeting, 1913; Association, 1909.
 Eno.—Section Meeting, 1920, Association, 1918.
 Flat River.—Section Meeting, 1914; Association, 1916.
 Helena.—Section Meeting, 1916; Association, 1910.
 Mt. Lebanon.—Section Meeting, 1919; Association, 1915.
 Mt. Zion.—Section Meeting, 1918; Association, 1906.
 Rozboro.—Section Meeting, 1916; Association, 1913.
 Shiloh.—Section Meeting, 1920, Association, 1919.
 Stories Creek.—Section Meeting, 1917; Association, 1911.
 Surl.—Section Meeting, 1913; Association, 1908.
 Tar River.—Section Meeting, 1914; Association, 1907.
 Wheelers.—Section Meeting, 1919; Association, 1917.

Distribution of Minutes to Associations.

Abbotts Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C. -----	13
Black Creek—Elder Ernest Cobb, Wilson, N. C. -----	18
Contentnea—Elder J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C. -----	25
Fishers River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C. Rt 1. ---	30
Kehukée—Elder Sylvester Hasell, Williamston, N. C. ----	38
Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C. -----	20
Mayo—Elders E. M. Barnard, Peter's Creek, Va. -----	20
Mill Branch—C. W. Brown, Tabor, N. C. -----	17
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va. -----	20
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston Salem, N. C. -----	18
Smith's River—Elder Q. D. Weeks, Rt. 2, Willis, Va. -----	18
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, Va. -----	18
Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Atlamahaw ---	20
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C. -----	22

Ordained Ministers in Lower Country Line Association 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. -----	Wilson, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches and Clerks	Names of Messengers	Rec. by Bap.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Camp Creek—J. H. Gooch	J. H. Gooch, R D. Hill and I. C. Chambers	0	0	0	0	0	2	29	\$ 10.00
Dutchville—Miss Bettie Green	I. H. Harris, P. L. Thomasson and Lucous Perry	2	0	0	0	0	0	27	15.00
Durham—M. G. Markham	Elder J. A. Herndon, J. D. Dupree and M. G. Markham	4	0	3	4	0	2	104	60.10
Ebenezer—S. M. Pulliam	S. M. Pulliam, J. A. Carter and Willie Nutt	4	0	0	0	0	0	19	3.00
Eno—Mrs. T. S. Belvin	W H. McFarland, Elder C. L. Wood	0	0	0	0	0	1	28	10.00
Flat River—W. R. Blalock	Devere Davis, Davis Allen and W. R. Blalock	0	0	0	0	0	1	58	5.75
Helena—J. P. Tingen	J. M. Clayton, Thomas Aiken and J. L. Monk	2	0	0	0	0	1	20	6.50
Mt. Lebanon—J. W. Garrard	W. T. Bacon, J. W. Terry and J. W. Garrard	0	0	0	0	3	1	22	8.00
Mt. Zion—C. C. Hite	C. C. Hite, C. F. Wilkins and T. M. Chandler	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	6.00
Roxboro—J. M. O'Briant	W. A. Whitfield, J. M. O'Briant and J. J. H. Perkins	3	0	0	0	0	3	46	40.00
Shiloh—R. D. Bailey	C. F. Harris, R. D. Bailey and C. T. Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	10.00
Stories Creek—W. D. Yarboro	W. D. Yarboro, E. M. Clayton and Zack Oakley	0	0	0	2	0	0	30	6.00
Surl—J. E. Dean	J. G. Chandler, Grover Pulliam and J. E. Dean	1	0	0	1	1	1	65	7.50
Tar River—D. W. Oakley	D. W. Oakley, R. L. Oakley and L. A. Bullock	2	0	0	0	0	2	20	8.00
Whealers—W. A. Warren	G. P. Allen, R. T. Bowes and W. A. Warren	3	2	0	0	0	2	85	27.50
		21	2	3	7	4	16	581	223.35

Table of Churches, Clerks, Postoffice, Pastors and Time of Meetings, also Distribution of Minutes

Churches and Clerks	Postoffices	Pastors, Time of Meetings, and Number of Minutes	
Camp Creek—J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C.	Elder J. A. Herndon, 2nd Sunday and Saturday before	70
Dutchville—Miss Bettie Green	North Side, N. C.	Elffider J. A. Herndon, 4th Sunday and Saturday before	25
Durham—M. G. Markham	Durham, N. C.	Elder C. B. Hall, 3rd Sunday and Saturday before and Elder C. F. Denny 1st Sunday	25
Ebenezer—S. M. Pulliam	Leasburg, N. C.	Elder E. C. Oakes, 1st Sunday and Saturday before	20
Eno—Mrs. T. S. Belvin	Durham, N. C. R.F.D. 2	Elder C. L. Wood, 1st Sunday and Saturday before	35
Flat River—W. R. Blalock	Roxboro, N. C. Rt. 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.	No regular pastor 1st Sunday and Saturday before	33
Mt. Zion—C. C. Hite	Virgilina, Va.	Elder E. C. Oakes, 2nd Sunday and Saturday before	30
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.	Elder J. A. Herndon, 3rd Sunday and Saturday before	20
Stories Creek—W. D. Yarboro	Woodsdale, N. C., Rt. No.	Elder J. J. Hall, 3rd Sunday and Saturday before	35
Surl—J. E. Dean	Moriah, N. C., Rt. 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
Wheelers—W. A. Warren	Hurdles Mills, N. C.	Elder J. J. Hall, 2nd Sunday and Saturday before	95

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