

THE PIG RIVER
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

Held with the Church at Martinsville,
Henry County, Virginia, May, 7th, 8th
and 9th, 1907; and, also, with the
Church at Leatherwood, Henry Coun-
ty, Virginia, August 23, 24, 25, 1907.



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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR
POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

Peter Corn,-----Ferrum, Franklin Co., Va.
W. S. Minter,----Mountain Valley, Henry Co., Va.
B. L. Stultz,-----Leatherwood, Henry Co., Va.
John McGhee, R. R. 1., Alumine, Franklin Co., Va.
S. O. Plybon, R. R., Taylors Store, Franklin Co., Va.
Z. T. Turner, R. R. 2., Martinsville, Henry Co., Va.
A. B. Philpott,-----Philpott, Henry Co., Va.
Geo. F. Dyer,-----Ferrum, Franklin Co., Va.
C. L. Ross,-----Alumine, Franklin Co., Va.
E. L. Blankenship, Boone Mill, Franklin Co., Va.
J. W. Coleman,-----N. C.
W. H. Shields,-----Thurman, Bedford Co., Va.
J. C. Hurst, 508—15th Ave. S. W., Roanoke, Va.
S. N. Hurst,----328—8th Ave. S. E., Roanoke, Va.



PROCEEDINGS.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. A. B. Philpott: Text: "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."--Rom. 5:19.

2. After a short recess, the Association convened with praise and prayer by Elder Asa. D. Shortt, from Smith's River, and letters from the several churches were handed in, read, and names of messengers enrolled as follows: Leatherwood, J. D. Pace, T. W. Griggs, and W. S. Minter; Snow Creek, Fountain Kingry and J. P. Brock; Bethel, J. H. Holland, J. T. Low, W. R. Johnson and D. S. Brooks; Bellview, L. R. Metts and Preston Webster; Black Rock, letter, but no messengers; Campbranch, R. H. Turner, H. C. Pace and T. C. Stultz; Canton Creek, J. W. McGee Jr. and J. P. Miles; Chestnut, F. R. Woody and L. E. Scott; Chapel, J. J. Oaks; Ephesus, Eld. B. L. Stultz, B. W. Ashworth and James Ferguson; Fairfield, not represented; Fairview, Eld. W. H. Shields, H. M. Hodges and J. L. Ferguson; Goose Creek, not represented; Gill's Creek, J. W. Roberson; Little Creek, Elder E. L. Blankenship, L. F. Jamison and L. T. Webster; Lynville, Eld. S. O. Plybon, L. R. Plybon and C. T. Robertson; North Fork, Eld. W. S. Minter, G. Richardson and G. A. Giles; Pig River, J. Y. Sloan, J. C. Roberson, J. Prillaman, and P. P. Jones; Republican, Eld. Peter Corn and W. L. Ingram; Reed Creek, Eld. Z. T. Turner, J. M. Davis, G. W. Davis and T. J. Cahill; Riverview, Eld. A. B. Philpott, Thomas Turner, J. W. Ramsey and W. B. Stone; Roanoke, J. W. Davis, M. W. Gray and Robert Tompkins; Town Creek, T. H. Nunn, S. J. Prilliman, S. Shumate and A. M.

McGuffin ; Martinsville, B. F. Winn, P. I. Hodnett, D. T. Minter and J. W. Cheshire.

3. Called for correspondents and visitors, when Eld. P. G. Lester, from New River ; Elder Asa D. Shortt, Elder J. T. Turner, I. W. Helms, I. E. Canaday, M. A. Thomas, from Smith's River ; Elder A. L. Moore, Elder J. J. Beck, J. W. Griggs, J. A. Leake, J. H. Burgess, J. D. Roberson and Wm. Fitz, from Mayo; A. H. Hynes, Wm. Tompkins, from Staunton River ; Green Dix, Willis Aaron, Elder T. W. Walker and H. E. Satterfield, from Country Line ; Elder P. D. Gold, from Black Creek ; Elder P. W. Williard, from Abbott's Creek, severally presented themselves, and were cordially invited to seats.

4. The association appointed the following brethren a Committee on Preaching : P. I. Hodnett, D. T. Minter, J. W. Cheshire, and added Elder A. L. Moore. Tuesday evening Elder P. D. Gold and P. G. Lester occupied the stand. Tuesday night, Elder S. N. Hurst and E. L. Blankenship preached.

5. Elders P. D. Gold, P. G. Lester and A. D. Shortt, with moderator and clerk, were chosen a Committee on Arrangements.

6. Adjourned till Wednesday, 9 o'clock a. m.

Wednesday morning, May 8, 1907.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and the deliberations were opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, from Black Creek.

1. Called the roll of messengers, correspondents and visitors.

2. Read the Rules of Decorum.

3. The Committee on Arrangements reported and were discharged.

4. The committee on Preaching reported that Elders P. W. Williard and T. W. Walker preach in the forenoon; Elder P. D. Gold and Bro. J. R. Wilson preach in the afternoon on Wednesday; and Elders A. D. Shortt and P. G. Lester at night, Thursday morning, Elders P. D. Gold and P. G. Lester; Thursday evening, Elders P. W. Willard and S. N. Hurst.

5. Correspondents to sister associations reported satisfactorily and were discharged.

6. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations, as follows: To Mayo, Elders Peter Corn and Z. T. Turner; To Staunton River, Elders W. S. Minter, A. B. Philpott, B. L. Stultz, Z. T. Turner and J. T. Law; To Country Line, Elder A. B. Philpott.

7. Appointed Elder E. L. Blankenship to write the next Circular Letter.

8. Agreed to hold our next session with the church at Leatherwood, Henry Co., Va., to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1907, and continue three days; and that Elder G. F. Dyer preach the introductory sermon, with Elder E. L. Blankenship his alternate.

9. A vote of thanks were unanimously given by the Association to the brethren, sisters and good citizens, of the town of Martinsville, for their kind and hospital treatment shown to us during the meeting.

10. Dismissed in order by Elder A. L. Moore.

PETER CORN, Moderator.

Z. T. TURNER, Clerk.

THE FALL SESSION—AUGUST 23, 1907.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld.

G. F. Dyer. Text: "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."—Ps. 127: 1.

2. After one hour recess, the Association convened in the house, and deliberations opened with praise and prayer by Elder A. L. Moore, from Mayo Association.

3. Letters from the churches were called for, received, read and the messenger's names enrolled as will appear in the Statistical Table.

4. Correspondents and visitors were called for, when Elder H. V. Cole, from New River; Bro. W. B. Gray from Smiths River; Elders A. L. Moore J. M. Lewis and J. F. Spangler, and brethren J. R. Wilson, J. H. Burgess, W. J. Earls, T. P. Cox, S. J. Corn, J. W. Corn and R. W. Golden, from Mayo; Elder J. J. Beck and G. W. Hundley, from Staunton River; Elder W. T. Clayton, from Cypress Creek, (Ky.) Association were kindly received and invited to seats in our body.

5. Appointed G. R. Minter, M. L. McBride, J. D. Pace and M. E. Minter, with moderator and clerk, a Committee on Preaching.

6. Appointed a Committee on Finance, to wit: J. T. Law and J. W. Ramsey.

7. Appointed Elders W. S. Minter, A. L. Moore and H. V. Cole, with the moderator and clerk, a Committee on Arrangements.

8. Elder J. M. Lewis preached in the afternoon.

9. Adjourned till Saturday morning, 9o'clock.

Saturday morning, August 24, 1607.

The Association met according to appointment; and, after praise and prayer by Elder H. V. Cole,

from New River, proceeded to business.

1. Called the roll of messengers, correspondents and visitors.

2. Read the Rules of Decorum.

3. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was read and the committee discharged.

4. Correspondents reported satisfactorily and were discharged.

5. Eld. S. O. Plybon and W. S. Minter occupied the stand in the morning, and Elder Peter Corn, W. H. Shields and W. T. Clayton in the evening.

6. Appointed correspondents. Elder S. N. Hurst, C. M. Turner and M. W. Gray, to New River; Eld. B. L. Stultz, Eld. C. L. Ross, T. H. Nunn. and C. M. Turner, to Smith's River; and Elders Peter Corn, Z. T. Turner and G. F. Dyer, to Mayo.

7. Called for Circular Letter which was read and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

8. Committee on Finance reported :

Received from the churches.....	\$33.05
Paid for printing minutes.....	\$15.00
Paid to clerk.....	10.00
Gave to traveling preachers.....	8.00

Totals\$33.05 \$33.05

9. Elder E. L. Blankenship, H. V. Cole and A. L. Moore occupied the stand Sunday morning, and Elder J. J. Beck preached in the evening.

10. Then agreed to hold our next Association with the church at Snow Creek, Franklin Co., Va., to commence on Friday before the first Sunday in May, 1908, and continue three days.

11. Were dismissed in order by Elder C. L. Ross, to time and place appointed.

PETER CORN, Mod.

Z. T. TURNER, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Dear Brethren : I desire to offer a few remarks on the following scripture.

"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you : but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him,"—1 John 2:27.

The apostle John is evidently speaking of something which the church, or "little children," as he terms them, has in possession ; and, when we search to find out what that "*something*" is, it is to be understood that he is speaking in a spiritual manner, or by inspiration ; and that it is, therefore, seen by a spiritual eye. This apostle seems always to deal, in a great degree, with the very principles of the virtue and power of Jesus Christ. We hear him say, "In the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God, and the Word was God." He goes right to the spiritual part of things to begin ; and, in his epistle, we see him right to the spiritual import. Now the anointing which God's people receive from the Holy One is an abiding something, and what shall we call that "*something*?" It is something that is true, something that teaches, something that has taught those who have been anointed, something that supplies the anointed so perfectly and completely that it is not necessary to have any other teacher. The name that we give that "*something*" is "The Holy Ghost" or "Holy Spirit" that God sends in the name of Jesus Christ that shall guide them in all truth. Jesus promised his disciples, when he left them, that he would tread the wine press of the wrath of God, and to send the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, and that Comforter should guide them into all truth. Therefore the guide is safe ; it is true ; it is powerful ; it does accomplish that

which the Father designed and desires. And the very principle that moves in the heart of the redeemed, and prompts them to action, and shows them the imperfection of humanity, and the perfections of God and of his Son Jesus Christ, and makes known their redemption to them, and their deliverance from sin and condemnation, is the very thing that anoints them, and covers them up, so to speak, and so completely outshines anything that they know of, that they are ready to exclaim, with all the powers in their possession, saying, It is too high! too wonderful! I cannot attain unto it. It is too grand to be taught by the spirit of man. And, not only so, it is the work of God's own hand; and whatsoever he doeth shall be, and there can be nothing added to it, or taken from it.

So great is that teaching, that the humblest creature can learn; the most ignorant can discern, because it just gets hold of the heart and soul, and just leads it in the paths of truth and righteousness, and displays so much glory that there can be no failure in the matter. And the little one, forgetting his own knowledge and power, just takes hold of that guide, and is marching at a flying speed toward the Celestial City wherein dwells righteousness, and needs no one to look for bumps in the road: for all obstacles are erased by the finger of the Lord, and the power and knowledge of man is not in sight.

Think, O people, redeemed of the Lord, how much you could have been taught in regard to your sin and condemnation by the power and knowledge of man? Should he have said, All is well; come and join us, would it have satisfied you? You may not have known the first letter of the alphabet, but you know too much to take comfort from words of this kind. Why? Because the anointing teaches

you the truth, and is no lie, and all such comfort is miserable. And your cry would have been, You cannot tell me that : for something speaks louder and with more knowledge and power than your words, and I am compelled to adhere to it.

Again, when you were delivered from sin and condemnation, should some one have said, O ! it is all nonsense and imagination with you, however much he may have known, and however little you may have known, your very cry would have been, You cannot teach me that. Why ? Because the anointing within is too wonderful to be blotted out ; and it is that that cheerishes my soul and is my all and in all.

The love of God shed abroad in the heart teaches more than all human knowledge. The understanding being enlightened shows more than tongue can express, and greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.

When I think of its teaching in every phase, I am made to exclaim, How great and wonderful its power ! Its teachings being followed, how many prisons could be turned to temples ? How many lawyers to quit the practice ? How many judges to vacate the benches ? How many dollars to give the poor ? How many wrongs to be exchanged for rights ? How many wounds to have the oil of gladness ? Not only so ; to come nearer home, How many churches to flourish and bloom ? How many daughters of men to be rejected ? How many members' hearts bound closer together ?

O ! brethren and sisters, may we all be brought more feelingly and sensibly nearer to the knowledge of the truth ; and may we feel that, what is my interest is my brother's interest, and what is our interest is the interest of the church of Christ. Be ware of the devices of men.

Your brother in hope,

E. L. BLANKENSHIP.

CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

W. H. Perdew,.....	Taylor's Store, Franklin Co., Va.
J. W. Ramsey,.....	Bassett, Henry Co., Va.
J. M. Davis,.....	R. R. 1, Sidnorsville, Franklin Co., Va.
J. W. Cheshire,.....	Martinsville, Henry Co., Va.
G. A. Giles,.....	Mingo, Franklin Co., Va.
J. P. Dudley,.....	Union Hall, Franklin Co., Va.
J. F. Johnson,.....	Thurman, Bedford Co., Va.
P. P. Jones,.....	Pig River, Franklin Co., Va.
L. T. Webster,.....	R. R. 1, Boone Mill, Franklin Co., Va.
M. E. Minter,.....	Dyers Store, Henry Co., Va.
Reed McGhee,.....	Sydnersville, Franklin Co., Va.
J. J. Oaks,.....	Rivermount, Franklin Co., Va.
J. G. Tinnel,.....	R. R. 2, Box 15, Salem, Roanoke Co., Va.
W. W. Blankenship,.....	Penhook, Franklin Co., Va.
J. P. McGuire,.....	Taylor's Store, Franklin Co., Va.
C. F. Ross,.....	Ferrum, Franklin Co., Va.
C. M. Turner,.....	R. R. 4, Roanoke, Roanoke Co., Va.
W. C. Hodges,.....	R. R. 3, Box 17, Rocky Mount, Franklin Co., Va.
Edwin Tench,.....	Snow Creek, Franklin Co., Va.
T. C. Stultz,.....	Shady Grove, Franklin Co., Va.
G. W. Wood,.....	Taylor's Store, Franklin Co., Va.
C. M. Turner, Jr.,.....	Alumina, Franklin Co., Va.
H. B. Fuller,.....	Callands, Pittsylvania Co., Va.
J. M. Johnson,.....	786 Peaks St. Bedford City, Va.



Chuchres	Names of Messengers	Church Meetings	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Rec'd by Experience	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Snow Creek.	Fountain Kingry and J. P. Brock.	1									10	.75
Leatherwood.	G. R. Martin, M. L. McBride, J. D. Pace and M. E. Minter.	4	2					3	1		58	2.00
Martinsville.	B. F. Winn, J. W. Cheshire, P. I. Hodnett and D. T. Minter.	3	1					2			22	2.00
Chapel.	W. B. Shorter, Willie Powel, A. F. Davidson and A. F. Moore.	2	1								36	1.50
Fairfield.	H. B. Fuller.	4									4	.50
Fairview.	Elder W. H. Shields, J. F. Johnson and W. T. Hodges.	4	1	2							30	1.75
Lynville.	Elder S. O. Plybon and T. R. Plybon.	3	1								28	1.00
Chestnut.	W. H. Hodges.	4		1					1		40	1.50
Riverview.	J. W. Ramsey and Thomas Turner.	4	2	1				2	1		46	1.50
Pig River.	T. M. Willis, J. P. Holladsworth and John Prillaman.	4		2				1			73	2.00
Republican.	Elder Peter Corn, J. T. Carter and W. J. Carter.	3	1	2						2	47	1.50
Canton Creek.	Elder George F. Dyer.	1	1								24	1.15
Black Rock.	Letter, but no messenger.	4									9	.90
Goose Creek.	Letter, but no messenger.	1									14	.65
Reed Creek.	Elder Z. T. Turner, J. M. Davis, Geo. Davis and J. H. Metts.	2	1	1				1	2		79	2.00
Gills Creek.	H. R. Plybon.	2						1			24	1.20
Camp Branch.	R. H. Turner, T. C. Stultz, H. C. Pace and J. J. Young.	3		1							29	1.00
Town Creek.	Elder C. L. Ross, A. McGuffin and T. H. Nunn.	1	1	1					1		42	1.50
Little Creek.	Elder E. L. Blankenship.	1	1	1					1	1	34	1.50
Bellview.	J. G. Tinnel.	3		1							30	1.50
North Fork.	Elder W. S. Minter, Granville Richardson and G. A. Giles.	2	1								18	.75
Bethel.	J. T. Law, W. J. Mathew, Pleasant Mattox and J. C. Martin.	1		10				1	2		167	2.50
Ephesus.	Elder B. L. Stultz and A. A. Ferguson.	3	1	1							24	1.00
Roanoke.	M. W. Gray and James A. Minter.	1	2	6	18			4	5		84	2.00
Totals.		13	00	34	18	00	16	6	18	9	8	\$33.65