

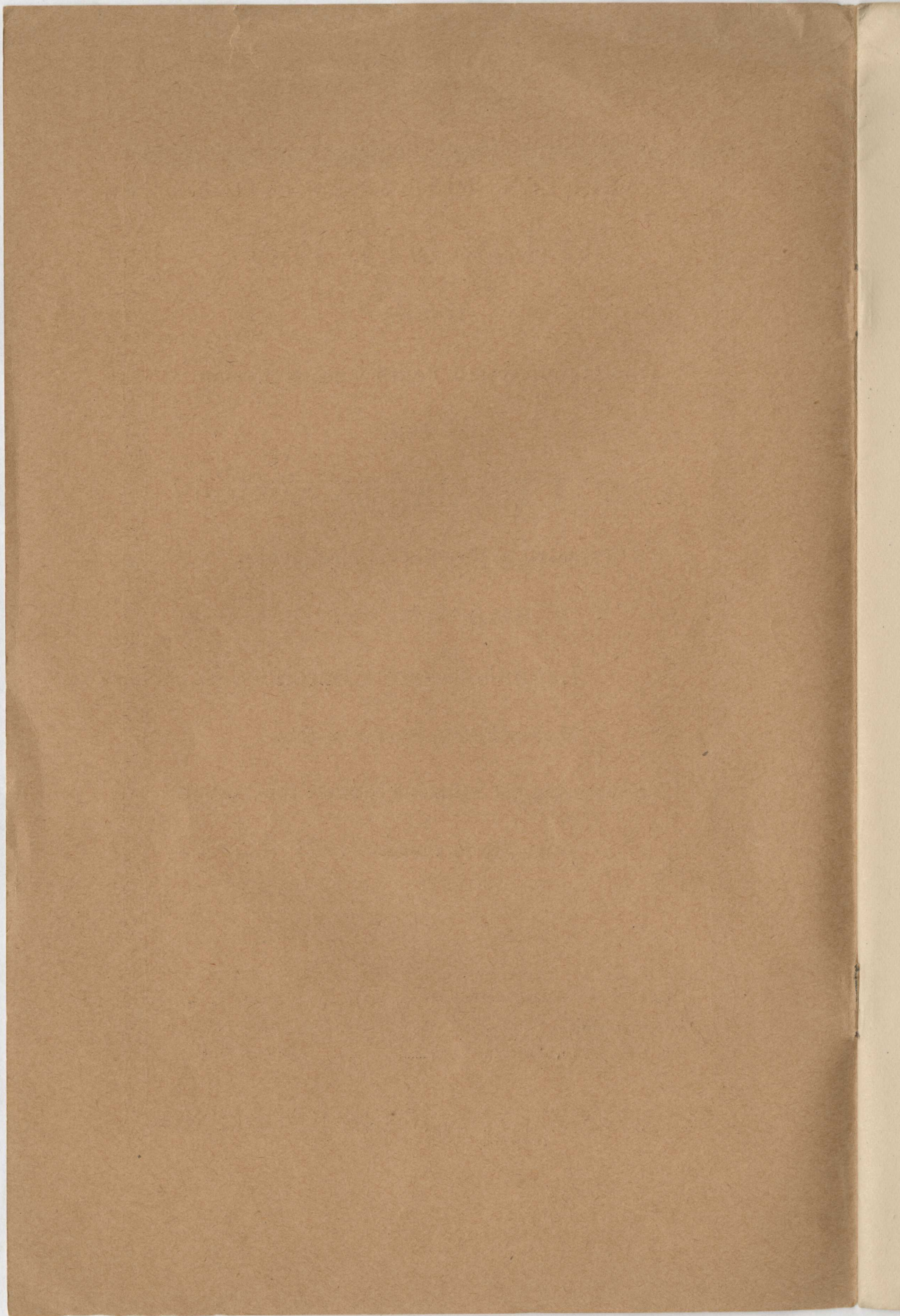
MINUTES  
OF THE  
One Hundred and Tenth Annual Session  
OF THE  
ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION  
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE  
Lamm's Grove Church  
Moore County, North Carolina  
Commencing on Saturday Before the Fourth  
Sunday in August, 1935

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 110th SITTING OF THE  
**ABBOTT'S CREEK ASSOCIATION**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1935

1. After praise and prayer by Elder J. W. Wyatt the introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. F. Fulk from Deu. 23-11.

2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers from the several churches met in the house and after praise and prayer by Elder D. V. Spangler the letters from the several churches were called for, read and their contents **noted**.

3. Called for petitionary letters—None.

4. The rules of decorum were read.

5. Elder H. S. Williams was re-elected Moderator.

6. Jesse Trogdon was re-elected Clerk who called Bro. B. I. Harrison to his assistance.

7. Invited visiting ministers and messengers to seats. The following were present and seated.

From Upper Country Line: Elders M. B. Martin, F. W. Keene, John R. Smith and others, messengers.

From Lower County Line: Elder L. J. Chandler, Brethren J. D. Dupree, F. D. Long, J. J. Whitley and others, messengers.

From Black Creek: Elders R. H. Boswell, E. L. Cobb, and others, messengers.

From Salem: Elders L. T. Tucker, S. J. Reich, G. W. Hill and Bro. A. M. Paine and others, messengers.

From Little River: Elders L. H. Stevenson, E. C. Jones, Floyd Adams and others, messengers.

From White Oak: Elder R. W. Garganus, Brethren W. B. Houston, G. R. Shepherd and others, messengers.

From Seven Miles: Brethren N. T. Whittenton, W. J. Tew, L. W. Turner and others, messengers.

From Pig River: Bro. J. G. Tinnell, visitor.

From Lower Mayo: Elders D. V. Spangler, J. W. Wyatt, J. F. Spangler and others, messengers.

From Bear Creek: Elder Oscar Broom, brethren J. W. Jones, J. L. Williams and W. A. Harwood, messengers. Elders J. A. Eudy, F. E. Honeycutt, Brethren J. T. Jones, C. C. Curlee and others, visitors.

From Elk Horn: Elder S. J. Priddy, visitor.

From Contentnea: None.

From New River: Elder J. F. Sumner, visitor.

From Mill Branch: Brother E. L. Vaught, F. C. Wright and T. W. Vaught, messengers.

From Smith River: None.



Elder Jesse Dunbar from the orderly body of Union Church was present and seated.

8. Elders, F. W. Keene, W. H. Freeman, L. J. Chandler and John R. Smith were sent to the stand to preach but clerk failed to get their text.

9. We received a file of minutes from sister associations as follows: Lower Mayo, Kehukee, Seven Miles, Smith's River, White Oak, Little River, Bear Creek and Mill Branch.

10. Appointed Elder J. F. Fulk, Brethren H. W. Johnson, Clarence Gallimore, together with the Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements to report Monday morning.

11. Appointed Brethren Enos Sykes, R. L. Comer and Henry Tucker as committee on finance.

12. Appointed Brethren A. H. Trogdon, W. N. Lanier and Lee Snider to arrange the preaching for the remainder of the association.

13. Called for the circular letter which was handed in and referred to the committee on arrangements.

14. The Association adjourned until Monday morning at nine o'clock.

#### **SATURDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 24, 1935**

Elders N. D. Teasley and L. T. Tucker were appointed to preach at the church but Clerk failed to get their text.

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY IN AUGUST, 1935.**

After praise and prayer by Elder S. J. Reich, Elder D. V. Spangler preached from Exo. 33-12. He was followed by Elder E. L. Cobb from Gen. 2-7. He was followed by Elder M. B. Martin from St. Mark 8-27. He was followed by Elder S. J. Reich from Gen. 50-24, which closed the morning services.

After an intermission of one hour the services were continued by Elder R. H. Boswell from St. Luke 23-43. He was followed by Elder J. F. Spangler from St. John 11-50. He was followed by Elder S. J. Priddy from Deu. 32-29. He was followed by Elder J. W. Wyatt from Gen. 7-1, which closed the afternoon services.

#### **SUNDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 25, 1935.**

Elder Jesse Dunbar preached first from no certain text. He was followed by Elder F. E. Honeycutt from Romans 10-10. He was followed by Elder J. F. Sumner from Isaiah 40-12.

#### **MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 26, 1935**

15. The Association met according to arrangements opened by praise and prayer by Elder J. F. Sumner.

16. Called on committee on arrangements to report. The report was received and the committee discharged.



17. Called messengers names and noted absentees.
18. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some reported; those who failed were excused.
19. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows:

Sent in from churches, .....	\$ 76.50	
Given by brethren, sisters and friends, .....	43.00	
Allowed for printing of minutes, .....		\$ 30.00
Gave Clerk, .....		10.00
Gave Moderator, .....		10.00
Distributed among visiting elders, .....		69.50
Total, .....	\$119.50	\$119.50

The report was received and the committee ordered to be held until the close of the Association.

20. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Seven Miles: Elders A. F. Nance and H. S. Williams. Brethren B. I. Harrison, A. H. Trogdon and Lee Snider.

To Bear Creek: Elders H. S. Williams, J. T. Fulk and A. C. Key. Brethren Lee Snider, W. N. Lanier, B. I. Harrison and W. P. Williams.

To Upper County Line: Elder J. F. Fulk and H. S. Williams. Brethren W. E. Jerrell and B. I. Harrison.

To Lower Country Line: Elder A. F. Nance. Brethren Lee Snider and B. I. Harrison.

To Lower Mayo: Elder A. F. Nance. Brethren W. E. Jerrell and C. W. Anthony.

To Mill Branch: Elders A. C. Key, A. F. Nance, J. F. Fulk and Brother Lee Snider.

To Salem: Elders J. F. Fulk, A. F. Nance, H. S. Williams and A. C. Key, Brethren R. L. Comer and Enos Sykes.

To Pig River: Elders H. S. Williams and J. F. Fulk. Brethren W. E. Jerrell, Lee Snider and B. I. Harrison.

To White Oak: Elders J. F. Fulk, H. S. Williams and A. F. Nance. Brethren A. H. Trogdon, Lee Snider, B. I. Harrison, J. N. Trogdon and Jesse Trogdon.

To Black Creek: Elders A. C. Key, H. S. Williams and J. F. Fulk. Brethren P. Bullock and B. I. Harrison.

To Staunton River: Elders H. S. Williams and J. F. Fulk.

To Contentnea: Minutes.

To Little River: Elders A. C. Key, A. F. Nance, J. F. Fulk and H. S. Williams. Brethren P. Bullock, H. M. Southern, B. I. Harrison, Jesse Trogdon and Lee Snider.

To Kehukee: Minutes.

21. The circular letter was read and received and ordered to



be printed in these minutes.

22. Appointed Brother W. P. Williams to write the circular letter for our next year's minutes.

23. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of eight hundred copies of these minutes and thirty dollars be allowed for same.

24. On motion the Clerk and Moderator were allowed ten dollars each for their services.

25. Called on presbyteries to report. None reported.

26. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Pine meeting house, Davidson County, N. C. The church is located in the Churchland School community, about ten miles west of Lexington, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1936, and continue through Sunday and Monday. Elder H. S. Williams to preach the introductory sermon and Elder A. F. Nance his alternate.

27. Resolved that we extend thanks to God for his tender mercies and blessings and for the fellowship shown among the brothers and sisters during this Association, and to the J. L. Curry Lumber Co. for lumber furnished and to R. Lee Comer and F. E. Grogan for ice and water furnished and to the brothers, sisters and friends of this community for their kindness and support to this Association.

28. Monday morning services. Elders O. C. Hawkins, R. W. Garganus, E. C. Jones were sent to the stand to preach. They were followed by Elder Floyd Adams. He was followed by Elder George Hill but Clerk failed to get their text. Elder Oscar Broom followed from St. John 14-1. He was followed by Elder J. S. Sumner from Romans 5-20, which closed the preaching services.

29. After the minutes were read and approved the Association adjourned to time and place appointed.

ELDER H. S. WILLIAMS, Moderator, Spencer, N. C.

JESSE TROGDON, Clerk, P. O. Box 81, Asheboro, N. C.



## CIRCULAR LETTER

To the ministers, messengers and members who may compose the one hundred and tenth session of the Abbotts Creek Union Primitive Baptist Association to convene with the church at Lamm's Grove on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1935.

At our last association I was appointed to write the circular letter for this session. I feel too unworthy to attempt to interest the wisest people on earth in regard to doctrine and discipline. While seeking a subject these words, addressed to John the Apostle, came to me, "The poor shall have the gospel preached to them." Two questions arise in my mind: "Who are the poor?" and "What is the Gospel?" "My doctrines shall drop as the rain and my speech distill as the dews." The rains and the dews come from above and are the works of God. "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes." Then the poor must be the true believer, who believes that salvation is the gift of God as the rain, and the dews and not contaminated with any of the works of men. Its origin is divine; its application through the mercy of God. This preaching of the gospel would not benefit them unless they could hear it. Along with the promise of the gospel He says the lame shall walk, the dumb shall speak and the deaf hear. He reveals to us these sacred truths, takes away the hard and stony heart, and gives us a heart of flesh making us a fit subject to receive this wonderful message.

The promise is not to those who are able to help themselves, but to the poor dependent creatures not able to extricate themselves from sin and condemnation, passed upon them in the Garden of Eden, and made sensible of it by the office work of the Holy Spirit.

These are the poor that have the Gospel preached to them, and not one of them will fail to understand and rejoice in its saving power.

"My word shall not return unto me void but shall accomplish that whereunto I sent it." "I will leave in the midst of you a poor and afflicted people and they shall trust in the name of the Lord." This people has been with us in all ages, not many as in Gideon's day, and will remain to the end of time. For they are a fountain enclosed; a garden wall all around. They are the Church of God. "When the poor and needy seek water and there is none, and their tongues faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them and the God of Israel will not forsake them."

We are not different from our forefathers; we have passed through the "Red Sea" of deliverance, are wandering in the wilderness of this wicked and unfriendly world, constantly in touch with sickness, sorrow, pain and death, but we will soon pass over the Jordan of death and meet with the blood-washed saints who have gone on before and be able to render perfect praise to Him who has redeemed us and washed us in his precious blood.

May our association be conducted so that the ties of fellowship now existing with churches, correspondents and visitors will be strengthened and bound together in the strongest bonds of Christian love.

Brethren and sisters, I will not attend many more associations, for my time of departure is near at hand, but in passing, I want to say that the doc-



trine of salvation by grace and grace alone is dearer to me than life and that your fellowship and love is a precious heritage.

Yours in Hope,

B. I. HARRISON, Denton, N. C.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
4. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.
5. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the earth.
6. We believe that God's elect who are sinners of Adam's fallen family are in His good time effectually called and justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received by faith alone which faith is productive of good works.
7. We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.
8. We believe baptism by immersion according to the scriptures, and the Lord's Supper are both ordinances of Jesus Christ, and belong to the believers only.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead both of the just and the unjust and in the final judgment.
10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinance but such as are regularly baptized and come under the imposition of hands of the presbytery.
11. We also believe that an association has no right to assume any authority over churches, but only to sit as an advising council, and shall not impose any measures on churches without their knowledge and consent.



## RULES OF DECORUM

1.. The Association shall be opened by singing and prayer by the Moderator or some person by him chosen, letters to be called for and the Association organized.

2. A Moderator shall be chosen by the members of the Association at each meeting, whose duty it shall be to keep good order, explain and put questions, administer reproof and announce decisions.

Call for corresponding letters or ministers. Invite the messengers to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges in the Association with members composing it, except in appointing the place to hold the Association.

4. Inviting ministering brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges with corresponding messengers.

5. Any members in the Association shall have liberty to speak by rising and addressing the Moderator, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless called to order by the Moderator, or some member, and if called to order may appeal to the Association for their decision for the propriety of the call.

6. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

7. During the sitting of the Association a respectable decency becoming saints shall be preserved, forbearing to disrespect or interrupt each other while speaking. Proper attention shall be paid to the speaker. All walking about, whispering or taking in time of conference is to be avoided. Members may leave by consent of the Association.

8. It shall be the duty of every member to vote on a question when put except the Moderator who shall vote only when the Association is equally divided, then he shall give the deciding vote.

9. A majority shall decide on all matters which may come before them.

10. No query to be debated except sent in from a church or brought in by the committee on arrangements

11. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, and the minutes distributed in proportion to the contribution.

12. These rules are subject to alteration or amendment when two-thirds of the Association may think necessary.

13 .The Association may appoint a clerk as often as they may deem it necessary, whose duty it shall be to enroll the names of the messengers, minute the state of the churches and keep a regular record of the transactions of the Association.



Names of ordained ministers in this Association and their postoffice addresses:

Elder A. C. Key .....	Carthage, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2
Elder H. S. Williams .....	Spencer, N. C.
Elder J. F. Fulk .....	Vass, N. C., Rt. No. 1
Elder A. F. Nance .....	Seagrove, N. C.

#### Names of Churches and Time of Communion

Churches	Time of Communion
Tom's Creek .....	Fourth Sunday in May
Brush Creek .....	Second Sunday in July
Gaines' Grove .....	Third Sunday in May
Rock Hill .....	Third Sunday in June
Pierce's Chapel .....	Third Sunday in July
Lexington .....	Fourth Sunday in June
Lamm's Grove .....	First Sunday in June
Suggs Creek .....	Second Sunday in May
White Oak Springs .....	First Sunday in July
Pine Meeting House .....	Second Sunday in May and Sept.

#### MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Upper Country Line—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C. ....	20
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryant, Pink Hill, Route 2 .....	25
Mill Branch—M. Meares, Tabor, N. C. ....	20
Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C. ....	20
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, Rt. 2, N. C. ....	30
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C. ....	20
Little River—Elder L. H. Stephenson, Willow Springs, N. C. ..	20
Lower Country Line—J. J. Whitley, Durham, N. C. ....	20
Lower Mayo—A. J. Lemons, Madison, N. C., Rt. 1 .....	15
Seven Miles—W. V. Blackman, Benson, N. C., Rt. 2 .....	15
Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Endicott, Va. ....	20
Pig River—Elder E. L. Blankenship, Boone Mill, Va. ....	20
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamstown, N. C. ....	20
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C. ....	20
Staunton River—Elder W. R. Dodd, 201 Broad St., Danville, Va.	20

#### MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

Tom's Creek—B. I. Harrison, Denton, N. C. ....	50
Fine M. H.—W. P. Wililams, Rt. 1, Linwood, N. C. ....	50
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Bennett, N. C. ....	30
Big Creek—J. N. Henderson, Eldorado, N. C. ....	5
Gaines Grove—C. S. Gaines, Goldston, N. C. ....	20
Rock Hill—Jesse Trogdon, Asheboro, N. C. ....	30
Pierce's Chapel—M. L. Wood, Fullers, N. C. ....	30
Lexington—Mattie Godfrey, Lexington, N. C. ....	25
Lamm's Grove—R. L. Comer, Carthage Rt. 2, N. C. ....	60
Suggs Creek—H. A. Lucas, Pisgah, N. C. ....	40
White Oak Springs, Maude Johnson, Bennett, N. C., Star Route	40







