

MINUTES

OF THE

**One Hundred Twenty-Fourth
Annual Session**

OF THE

**Senter District
Primitive Baptist Association**

HELD WITH

SENER CHURCH

ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 9, 10, and 11

- 1977 -

Next Session convenes with Beaver Creek Church, located about three miles from West Jefferson, N. C. Take highway 221 about one mile toward Boone, N. C. turn left on highway 163 about 2 miles, Church on left side of highway.

September 8, 9 and 10, 1978

OFFICERS:

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Proceedings of the
SENER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD AT SENTER CHURCH

FRIDAY — September 9, 1977

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and called to order with song and prayer by Elder Gene F. Watson of the Silver Creek Association of North Carolina.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder G. D. Roten of the Senter Association of N. C.

Opened Association Business with prayer by Elder Allen Whittington of the Meadow Fork Church.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches read, correspondents seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator, Earl W. Severt, Clerk, Ruth Severt, Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for Petitionary Letters, Received Meadow Fork Church of Aleghaney County, North Carolina into the Senter Association.
4. Called for transient and visiting Brethren and Sisters from Sister Associations and Churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia:

Elder Curtis D. Hash
Brother Lon M. Reeves and Wife
Sister Madge W. Rhudy
Brother Green Ward
Sister Mrs. M. A. Jenkins
Brother Clarence Ward
Brother J. Mack Osborne and Wife
Elder Walter Evans
Brother Claude McBride and Wife
Brother Cleve Gambill And Wife
Brother Arol Choate
Brother Paul Hash
Brother H. Bayne Caudill

Silver Creek Association of North Carolina:

Elder Gene F. Watson
Sister Doshie E. Whittington
Sister Dolly Wagoner
Brother Roy G. Chason and Wife

Upper Canoochee Association of Georgia:
Elder George McNure and Wife
Brother Neuburn Hutchuson

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Afton Road Church of Va.
Brother Henry O. Winn and Wife
Brother Thomas Lawrence and Wife
Brother John Lawrence and Wife

Pleasant Grove Church of Va.
Elder J. Ray White

Troutdale Primitive Baptist Church of Va.
Sister Zenna Richmond
Sister Leona Adams

St. Clairs Bottom Church of Va.
Sister Ada E. Davis
Sister Jessie Adams
Sister Margaret Hayden
Sister Sarah Sadler
Brother Karl Sadler
Brother Glenn Blevins
Brother Fred W. Cress
Elder Everett Blevins
Elder Daniel Blevins

Salisbury Primitive Baptist Church of N. C.
Brother Reid I. Blevins

Abbots Creek Primitive Baptist Church of N. C.
Brother B. R. Dillard

Cold Springs Primitive Baptist Church of Ky.
Brother J. D. Bolt and Wife

Pine Primitive Baptist Church of N. C.
Elder Kemp H. Walker and Wife

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church of W. Va.
Elder Norvel P. Mann

5. The Moderator to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. Committee on Finance:
Brother Oscar Burgess
Bro. Bertie Bare
Bro. Wayne Severt

B. Committee on Arrangements:

Elder Billy Yates
Brother Paul Miller
Elder C. O. Yates
Moderator Elder G. D. Roten
Clerk Brother Earl W. Severt

C. Committee on Ministry:

Lic. Sammie Whittington
Brother Norman Brown
Brother Don Walters
also messengers from Senter Church
Brother Bertie Bare
Brother Bobby Absher
Brother Norman Brown
Brother Paul Bare

6. That the Committee on Arrangements meet in church after service today for business conference.
7. To adjourn until 9:30 a.m. Saturday with Song and Prayer by Elder George McNure of the Upper Canoochee Association of Georgia.

SATURDAY — September 10, 1977

The Association met as scheduled, called to order with Song and Prayer by Elder Kemp H. Walker of the Pine Primitive Baptist Church of N. C.

1. Roll call, omitted.
2. Reading of the Constitution, also Rules of Decorum, omitted, but to be printed in minutes.
3. The Committee on Arrangements recommend that we continue seating all orderly, peace loving Primitive Baptist as Visitors. To continue Non-fellowship with the St. Clair's Bottom Association due to some of the Churches receiving and holding excluded members from Sister Churches, until amends have been made.
4. The Next Association to be held on Friday before the Second Sunday in September, 1978, at Beaver Creek Church.
5. That minutes be mailed to all Visitors.
6. To appoint the Clerk to oversee the printing of 600 copies of the minutes and distribution of same.
7. To appoint Brother Bertie Bare as Treasurer to hold Funds for printing of Minutes and Postage.
8. To Discontinue Mailing Minutes to Mates Creek Association and Mt. Zion Association.

9. That the Finance Committee handle the balance of the funds and distribution of same, to Visiting Elders.
10. That Obituaries be printed in Minutes.
11. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

Year 1977

Received From Churches:

BEAR CREEK	\$ 60.00
BEAVER CREEK	37.00
BIG HELTON	90.00
HORSE CREEK	25.00
MEADOW FORK	84.00
NORTH FORK	54.00
RIVER VIEW	75.00
ROANS CREEK	66.00
SENER	113.00

Total Received From Churches\$ 604.00

Treasury Report:

Balance From Last Year	\$415.00
Interest Received From Bank	12.00
Paid out for Printing and Postage of Minutes Last Year	190.00

Treasurer Returned From Last Year 237.00
 Received From Donations Saturday and Sunday 216.00

Total Received\$1,057.00

Expenditures:

To The Moderator	\$ 40.00
To The Assistant Moderator	—0—
To The Clerk	50.00
To The Assistant Clerk	10.00
To The Treasurer	10.00
Misc. Nathans Creek School	35.00
Misc. Light Bill Senter Church	20.00
To Visiting Elders	515.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 680.00</u>

Balance in Treasury\$ 377.00

Treasurer. Brother Bertie Bare Treasurer (982-2921)

12. Minutes to be read and approved.
13. To adjourn through Song and Prayer by Elder Everett Blevins of the St. Clair's Bottom Church of Virginia.

Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator
 Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk
 Sister Ruth Severt, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:

Elder Gene F. Watson (opened Association with Prayer)
Elder G. D. Roten (Introductory)
Elder Gene F. Watson (preached)
Elder George McNure (closed with prayer)

FRIDAY NIGHT AT SENTER CHURCH:

Elder George McNure (opened with prayer)
Elder J. Ray White (preached)
Elder Dan C. Blevins (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY MORNING:

Elder Kemp H. Walker (opened Association with prayer)
Elder Everett Blevins (closed Association with prayer)

AT STAND:

Elder Walter Evans (opened with prayer)
Elder George McNure (preached)
Elder Dan Blevins (preached)
Elder Everett Blevins (preached)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder J. Ray White (preached)
Elder Curtis D. Hash (preached)
Elder Walter Evans (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY NIGHT AT SENTER CHURCH:

Elder Kemp H. Walker (opened with prayer)
Elder Walter Evans (preached)
Elder George McNure (closed with prayer)

SUNDAY MORNING:

Elder Billy Yates (opened with prayer)
Elder Kemp H. Walker (preached)
Elder George McNure (preached)
Elder Norvel P. Mann (preached)

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder Walter Evans (preached)
Elder Allen Whittington (preached)
Elder C. O. Yates (closed with prayer)

Thus closed another Session of the Senter Association with Peace and Union felt by one and all. —Clerk.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Church will hold a week's meeting beginning on Sunday night after the second Saturday meeting in April, running through Friday night.

OBITUARIES

SISTER CARRIE W. MILLER

Funeral Services held on December 6, 1976 at Ashelawn Memorial Chapel, Jefferson, N. C. by Elder G. D. Roten. Burial followed in Ashelawn Cemetery.

Survivors include one Sister Mavis Gachnaues and one Brother Oren Weaver.

Sister Carrie was a devoted member at North Fork Primitive Baptist Church for 36 Years.

She was a Faithful member as long as she was able to attend.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder G. D. Roten.....	Fleetwood, N. C.	28626
Elder Ed Severt	Ennice, N. C.	28623
Elder C. O. Yates	Rt. 2, Fleetwood, N. C.	28626
Elder Jack McGinnis	4380 Ogburn Ave. Winston-Salem, N. C.	27105
Elder Calvin Whittington	Wilbar, N. C.	
Elder Allen Whittington, Rt. 2, Box 229, Millers Creek, N. C.		28651
Lic. Samuel Whittington, Rt. 2, Box 231, Millers Creek, N. C.		28651
Elder Billy Yates, Rt. 1	Sparta, N. C.	28675

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bear Creek — Elders Dewey Roten, Ed Severt, C. O. Yates
Beaver Creek — Elder G. D. Roten
Big Helton — Elders Dewey Roten, Jack McGinnis
Horse Creek — Elder Dewey Roten
Meadow Fork — Elders Allen Whittington and Edd Severt
North Fork — Elder Dewey Roten
Riverview — Elders Jack McGinnis, C. O. Yates, G. D. Roten
Roans Creek — Elders G. D. Roten, Dan Blevins and Billy Yates
Senter — Elder Dewey Roten

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and No. of Minutes — Clerks and their Addresses

Bear Creek: Margaret Jarvis, Ennice, N. C.	28623.....	30
Beaver Creek: Ralph Miller, Rt. # 2, Box 40, Creston, N. C.	28615.....	30
Big Helton: B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C.	28643.....	60

Horse Creek: Carl Ball, P. O. Box 385, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694..	15
Meadow Fork: Mabel Johnson, Laurel Springs, N. C. 28644.....	30
North Fork: Mrs. Kathleen Burchette, Rt. #1, Box 192A, Warrensville, N. C. 28693	30
Riverview: C. O. Yates, Rt. 2, Fleetwood, N. C. 28626.....	30
Roans Creek: G. L. Mash, Rt. 1, Box 56, Jefferson, N. C. 28640....	45
Senter: Annie Jones, Rt. 1, Crumpler, N. C. 28617.....	55

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Ebenezer: Aubrey E. Utz, Madison, Va. 22727.....	25
Mountain: Raymond R. Nichols, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 24333.....	25
Bear Creek: Claude Parnell, 4244 Glennhigh Rd., Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107.....	25
Silver Creek: Johnny D. Freeman, 167 Friendly Park, Lenoir, N. C. 28645.....	25
North Carolina Collection: The Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. 27514.....	2
The Primitive Baptist Library, Rt. 2, Elon College, N. C. 27244.....	2
The American Baptist Historical Society 1106 South Goodman Street, Rochester, New York 14620.....	2

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peaceloving Baptists of our faith and order to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

- Bear Creek — 1st Sat. and Sun. in May
- Beaver Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. in May
- Senter — 2nd Sat. and Sun. in June
- Riverview — 3rd Sat. and Sun. in June
- Horse Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. in June
- North Fork — 1st Sat. and Sun. in July
- Big Helton — 3rd Sat. and Sun. in July
- Roans Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. in July
- Meadow Fork — 2nd Sat. and Sun. in August

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfection, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Association, at their annual meetings in A.D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, excluded, and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceed-

ings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected; if need be and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

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 election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

BEAR CREEK—Sunday (only) 11 a. m. following the first Saturday. A stucco cinder block building just off highway No. 16, at Glendale Springs, N. C. Note: Glendale Springs, N. C. is located between North Wilkesboro, N. C. and Jefferson, N. C. Highway 16. Traveling from North Wilkesboro, N. C., turn right at Glendale Springs, Traveling from Jefferson, N. C., turn left at Glendale Springs. Church in a small grove of pines on right in sight from Glendale Springs, N. C.

BEAVER CREEK—Fourth Saturday night 7 p. m., and Sunday 2 p. m. A brick church building, located about three miles from West Jefferson, N. C. Take highway 221 about one mile toward Boone, N. C. turn left on highway 163 about 2 miles, Church on left side of highway.

BIG HELTON—Sunday (only) 2 p. m., following the third Saturday. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgill, N. C. Take Highway 194 from Lansing, N. C. to Sturgills, N. C., turn left, church about one mile on left side of road.

HORSE CREEK—Sunday (only) 11 a. m. following the fourth Saturday. A white wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, N. C. Take Highway 194 from West Jefferson, N. C., to Lansing, N. C. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile, turn left on 1324, follow 1324 to Joe Hampton road, follow to end of pavement, turn left to church.

MEADOW FORK—Sunday after Second Saturday—A white weatherboard building. Located on Highway # 18. Between North Wilkesboro, N. C. and Laurel Springs, N. C. Near Blue Ridge Parkway.

NORTH FORK—Sunday (only) 2 p. m. following the first Saturday. A white asbestos shingle church building, located about three miles west of Warrensville, N. C. Located between Warrensville, N. C. and Trade, Tenn. Take Highway No. 88 out of Warrensville, N. C., about one mile you will come to the North Fork of New River, take first right hand road, church about two miles on right side of road.

RIVERVIEW—Third Sunday following the third Saturday. A brick church building, located about eight miles from West Jefferson, N. C. Take Highway 221 about one mile and a half toward Boone, N. C. Turn left on state road No. 1147, go about six miles, church on left side of road.

ROANS CREEK—Fourth Saturday, 2 p. m. and Sunday, 11 a. m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, N. C., and Laurel Springs, N. C. Take Highway No. 88 out of Jefferson, N. C. about seven miles, church on left side of road.

SENER—Second Saturday, 11 a. m. and Sunday, 2 p. m. A brick church building, located between Jefferson, N. C. and Sparta, N. C. Take Highway 221 out of Jefferson, N. C. about eight miles, near Nathan's Creek School.

STATISTICAL TABLE - 1977

CHURCHES

MESSENGERS

CHURCHES	MESENGERS	Communion Month	Sat. of Meeting	Ordained Elders	Licentiates	Rec. by Exp. & Bapt.	Received by Relation	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd. by Letter	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Bear Creek.....	Bro. Wayne Severt, Sister Annie Pierce, Sister Carrie Severt, Sister Margaret Jarvis, Alt.....	May	1	1			1				19	\$ 60.00
Beaver Creek	Bro. Ralph Miller, Bro. Don Walters, Sister Willa Grey Miller, Sister Jean Walters, Alt.....	May	4			1		1			18	37.00
Big Helton.....	Bro. B. O. Dolinger, Bro. Gaither Blevins, Sister Gladys Blevins, Sis. Locky Spencer, Alt.....	July	3								20	90.00
Horse Creek..	Deacon Carl Ball, Bro. Millard Davis, Bro. Calvin Barker, Sis. Lessie Ball, Alt.....	June	4								6	25.00
Meadow Fork.....	Lic. Samuel Whittington, Sis. Mabel Johnson, Bro. Clarence Brown, Sis. Nora Whittington, Alt.....	Aug.	2	2	1				1		20	84.00
North Fork....	Bro. Grover Burchette, Sister Hettie Sapp, Sis. Kathleen Burchette, Sis. Floss Roten, Alt.....	Aug.	1						1		21	54.00
Riverview.....	Bro. Willard Hartzog, Bro. Paul Miller, Sis. Maggie Miller, Sis. Ila Sheets, Alt.....	June	3	3							34	75.00
Roans Creek..	Deacon G. L. Mash, Bro. Oscar Burgess, Bro. Guy Reeves, Bro. Richard Bare, Alt.....	July	4	1		7					49	66.00
Senter.....	Bro. Bertie Bare, Bro. Bobby Absher, Bro. Norman Brown, Bro. Paul Bare, Alt.....	June	2			2			2		66	113.00
	TOTAL.....			7	1	10	1	1	4	253		\$604.00

