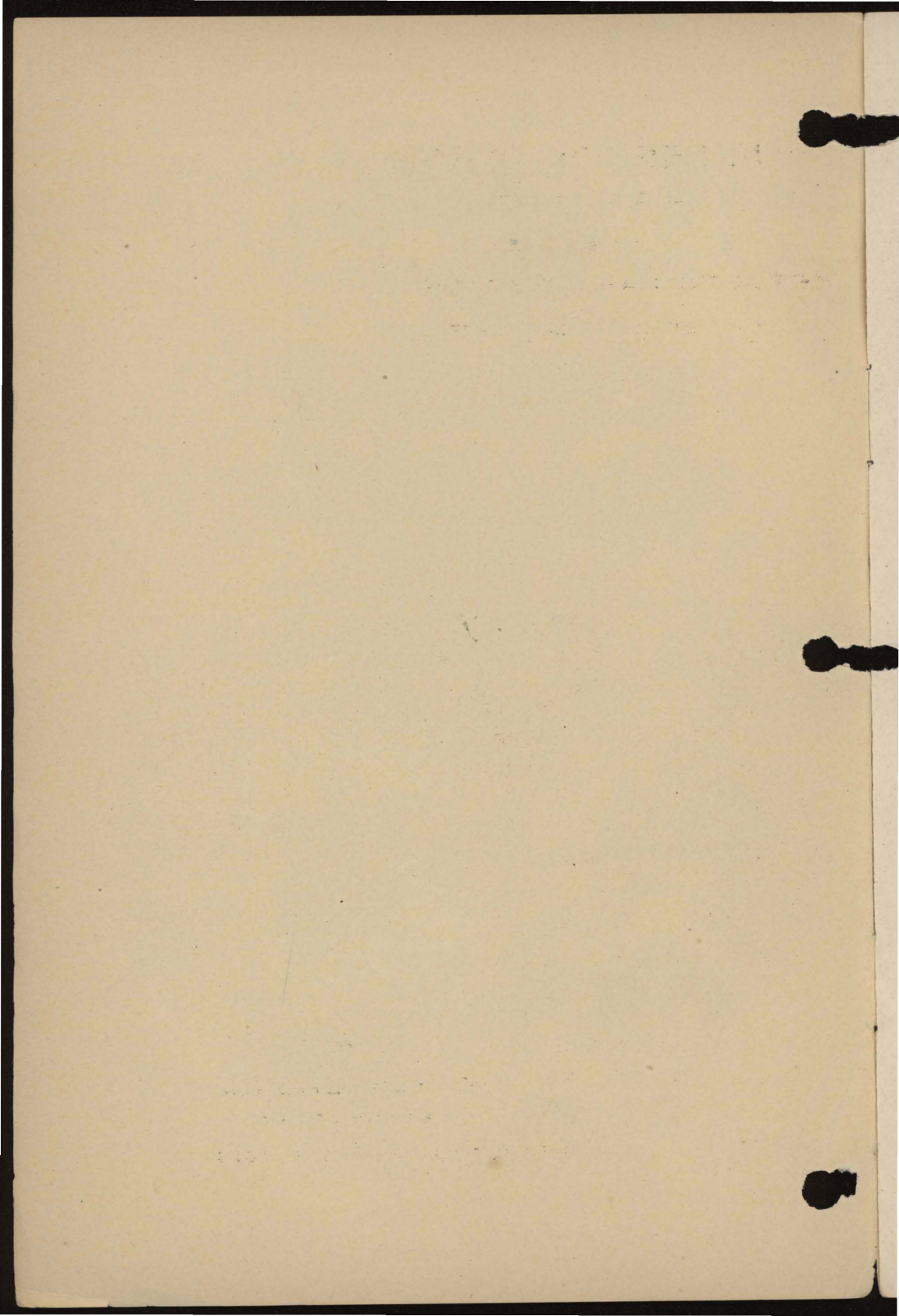


MINUTES OF THE  
144TH SESSION  
OF THE  
KETOCTON ASSOCIATION  
OF OLD SCHOOL BAPTISTS



HELD WITH  
THUMB RUN CHURCH  
FAUQUIER COUNTY, VA.,  
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## FRIDAY'S SESSION.

1. Pursuant to adjournment, the Kettocton Association of Primitive Baptists met with Thumb Run Church, Fauquier County, Va. After singing hymn No. 148 of Hymnal (or 212 of the Ebenezer Selections), and prayer by Elder Hassell, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Sylvester Hassell. Text: 117th Psalm, 2nd verse.

2. An intermission of one and one-half hours was taken, after which the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and after singing, and prayer by Elder Funk, letters from the different churches were read, and the statistics as per statistical table.

3. The Moderator announced the expiration of his time, and the Clerk was called to the Chair. Bro. Norton was continued Moderator. Bro. Wiltshire, our Clerk, being absent, Bro. H. C. Allnutt was chosen.

4. Brethren not in correspondence invited to seats with us. Brethren Sylvester Hassell and Charles Meads of North Carolina, and Elder Bretz, of Indiana, reported.

5. Bro. A. J. Shuler, Elder Pitman, J. R. Sutphin, David Shuler and R. C. Priest, reported from Ebenezer Association. Correspondence continued.

6. Juniatta Association, Elder C. L. Funk reported. Correspondence continued.

7. Patterson Creek. Correspondence continued.
  8. Salem Association. Correspondence continued.
  9. Fisher's River. Correspondence continued.
  10. Circular Letter was called for and read by Elder Bretz. On motion of Elder Dalton and second was received without further proceedings.
  11. The following Financial Committee was then appointed: Elias Moore, Samuel Moore, J. M. Rinker, J. K. Hall, J. W. Power and Alvin Rector.
  12. The Committee to arrange preaching was then chosen: T. F. Moore, E. H. McDonald, A. M. Lewis, G. A. Comer, E. Davis, J. W. Lockhart, R. T. Morrison.
  12. Elder Bretz preached a discourse from the Third Chapter of First Corinthians. Prayer by Elder Garland.
- Adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

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SATURDAY'S SESSION.

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment, singing hymn 53 of the Hymnal. Prayer by Elder R. H. Pitman.
2. The following Messengers agreed to attend Ebenezer Association: Elders Dalton, Garland and Alexander; Brethren E. H. McDonald, John W. Power, Eddie Payne, Jas. W. Moore and Samuel Moore.
3. Patterson Creek: Elders Dalton and Garland, and Bro. A. M. Lewis.
4. Juniatta Association: Elders A. J. Garland and J. T. Alexander.
5. Elder Norton was selected to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder Garland, Alternate.

6. The following Committee was selected to invite ministers to our Association: Elders C. H. Waters, T. S. Dalton, and J. A. Norton.

7. It was order that number and distribution of Minutes be as last year, and several copies sent Elders Hassell, Meads, and Bretz.

8. Bethel and Union Churches having called for the Association, it was ordered that the Association be held with Union Church next year.

9. A vote of thanks was extended for the kind and liberal entertainment.

10. Elder T. S. Dalton was selected to write the Circular Letter for the next Association.

11. The Association adjourned to meet with Union Church Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1910.

J. A. NORTON, Moderator,  
H. C. ALLNUTT, Clerk.

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## CIRCULAR LETTER

The Ketocton Association of Primitive Baptists Assembled with the Thumb Run Church, of Fauquier County, Va., to the Churches Composing her Body with all who Love the Truth, Sendeth GREETING:

Realizing that our Annual Letter is a "footprint of the flock" made for the guidance of the children of God in the generations to follow, we would state as clearly as we are able what we surely believe concerning the hope of, and in, the second personal, bodily, literal coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ, at the close of this present gospel dispensation.

The Apostle stated to the brethren at Thessalonica (Thess. 5: 1), that there was no need that he write to them of the times

and seasons in which Jesus would descend from heaven, for they knew that His coming would be as a thief in the night, but admonished them that they, as children of God, were not of the night, nor darkness, that they should be taken unawares and shocked and surprised, as the ungodly will surely be; and exhorted them not to sleep as the ungodly, but to watch soberly, that is thoughtfully, being alive and wakeful to the fact of the coming of the Lord. In this letter we would stir up your pure minds to an earnest consideration of Scripture teaching on this important subject. It may be that just now the Church is drowsy, and a little indifferent to this doctrine. Strange as it may seem, we hear series of sermons preached, touching ably and instructively many subjects concerning Salvation, without touching this rich and comforting theme, except in the most casual way.

Seldom do we hear of the *resurrection of the dead* as a literal fact, presented in its fullness, and the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ from Heaven so intimately connected with the salvation of our bodies, receives even less attention.

We believe and hold as a sacred truth that Jesus Christ will as surely come in His own person, at the end of this age, as we believe He came in the end of the Jewish age, to put away sin by offering His body a sacrifice.

This same body which was nailed to the cross was taken down and placed in a tomb. This body came out of the tomb and was *identified* without leaving room for a doubt concerning the identification. To prove that the body dead yesterday is the same body living to-day he stayed forty days with those who knew him, convincing all witnesses that it is "I, myself, and not a spirit or ghost, but a flesh, bones and blood man, the same Man who went into the tomb." making Thomas touch Him to see that He was flesh and bone, and eating food to show his normal physical condition.

When he had established *this*, he went out with the Galilean witnesses, and as they looked on Him an' talked with Him, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their

sight. Acts 1:9. Does the individual, personal entity cease to exist and dissolve into a ghost when the Galileans can no longer see him? Who will say that there is not now existing somewhere in space the person identified as the once crucified and arisen Jesus of Nazareth, and yet susceptible of identification?

The angels settled this. "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven shall *so* come, *in like manner* as ye have seen Him go into heaven. This coming here promised, is not to be by the spirit in our regeneration, in our refreshings, and in our death. There is a unity in the trinity, and in regeneration we receive Christ the hope of glory. In our experience we have His felt presence strengthening us; at our death we hope to go to Him, not that He will come to us except in the sense of His *abiding* with us. Those who are asleep concerning the burning fact of the bodily coming, confuse the office work of the Comforter with that of the Saviour. The Comforter takes of the things of Jesus and shows them unto us, while Jesus our High Priest is in the presence of God for us. There Peter says He will stay "until the times of the restitution of all things," then He, God, will send Jesus, and Peter calls upon the Jews to repent of their opposition; that their sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord, or from the Lord's being present.

While with us He promised "If I go away I will come again and receive you unto myself." John 14:3. Read this connection and see that Thomas understood it to be a personal *going*, hence a personal coming, and Jesus let him so understand.

No reader of the New Testament will deny that the Apostles as well as the Disciples were commanded to watch for His appearing in person, and expected Him to come as promised by the angels. Our citizenship is in Heaven from whence also we look for the Saviour, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile bodies that they may be fashioned like unto His

glorious body. Phil. 3: 20. The Lord *himself* shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel and with the trump of God; the spirits of the righteous dead He will bring with Him. Thess. 4: 14-17.

The fact that the bodies of the dead will be raised up, and those who remain will be changed, at His coming, makes the hope of His coming a blessed hope for which we are looking, even the glorious appearing of the great God, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us (both our bodies and our souls) that He might redeem us (our body and soul) from all iniquity and death (the effects of sin) and purify unto Himself a peculiar people.

Infidelity has been saying, where is the promise of His coming, for since the fathers fell asleep all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.

Peter fortified the beloved brethren against the scoffers by reminding them that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day, the Lord is not slack concerning His *promise* (not promises, but the promise of His coming) as some men count slackness but is long suffering to usward, not willing that any (for whom He died) might perish but that all should come to repentance. None of the saints shall be cut off by His coming, before all are gathered in; then He is to come not as the sin bearer, as formerly, but in power and great glory. Dearly beloved let us not sleep as do others, but be sober, looking for His appearing.

C. H. W.



P. O. ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS PRESENT

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Elder Charles Meads, Weeksville, N. C.  
Elder Sylvester Hassell, Williamston, N. C.  
Elder Geo. A. Bretz, Huntington, Ind.  
Elder C. L. Funk, Needmore, Pa.  
Elder R. H. Pitman, Luray, Va.  
Elder J. A. Norton, 1908 9th St., Washington, D. C.  
Elder T. S. Dalton, Front Royal, Va.  
Elder J. T. Alexander, Waxpool, Va.  
Elder J. F. Priest, Marshall, Va.  
Elder J. A. Garland, Front Royal, Va.  
Elder P. S. Lester, Floyd, Va.

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ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY.

A. M.—Elder Sylvester Hassell. Text, Psalm 117.  
P. M.—Geo. A. Bretz. Text, 3d Chap. 1st Corinthians.

SATURDAY.

A. M.—Elder Chas. Meads. Text, Matt. 16: 13-18 vrs. inc.  
A. M.—Elder R. H. Pitman. Acts 26: 28.  
P. M.—Elder P. G. Lester. Luke 24: 32.  
P. M.—Elder C. L. Funk. Luke 1: 46-53 vrs. inc.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.	MESSENGERS.	Sundays of Meeting	No. Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Minute Fund	Ministerial Fund
Bethel, E. E. Oliver	E. D. Philips, E. E. Oliver, L. M. Hummer, Ashby Hummer, A. M. Lewis	1st						2	42	\$1.60	\$11.00
Barrows Run, J. A. Norton	Thos F. Moore, C. J. Zirkle, Gordan Payne, Eddie Payne	4th						1	21	1.00	
Columbia. No report											
Chappawamsic, J. T. Alexander	Elder J. T. Alexander, R. L. Arrington	3rd	1					2	21	1.40	
Goose Creek, A. J. Garland	A. J. Garland, Abner Cornwell, B. Grant, Geo. Gordon	4th	1						32	1.00	
Greenwood, A. J. Garland	W. H. Smith, E. Davis, Alford Calvert, J. H. Milsted, W. S. Athey, A. J. Garland	3rd					2	2	41	1.00	
Happy Creek, T. S. Dalton	T. S. Dalton, J. M. Rinker, W. J. Butler, A. J. Garland	4th	4	2				1	51	2.00	2.15
Independent Hill, J. T. Alexander	J. T. Alexander, Andrew J. Kinchelo	2nd							14	.60	
Kettle Run, A. J. Garland	W. G. Iden, E. Nelson, Geo. E. Maddox	3rd						1	13	1.25	
North Fork, J. A. Norton	T. Stipe, John Hall	3rd	2						13	.75	1.50
Seneca, C. H. Waters	C. H. Waters, H. C. Allnutt	2nd						1	20	2.50	13.00
South River, A. J. Garland	A. J. Garland, Isaac Rudacill, Phillip Rudacill, DeWitt Gore, R. T. Morrison	1st			1	2		1	24	1.00	
Thumb Run, T. S. Dalton	All members of the church	3rd							74	1.50	21.00
Upperville, T. S. Dalton	Abner Iden, John K. Hall, Alfred Payne	1st	1					1	33	1.50	3.75
Union Church, J. A. Norton	G. A. Comer, J. S. Weeden	5th							19	.75	3.75
Waterlick, A. J. Garland	A. J. Garland	5th							16		
White Oak, E. E. Oliver										1.00	
Washington, C. H. Waters	J. A. Norton, S. P. McDonald	3rd		1	by experience				31	2.00	7.50

