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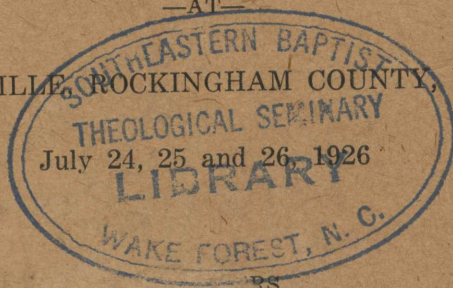
MINUTES
— OF THE —
TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
— OF THE —
UPPER COUNTRY LINE
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

—AT—

REIDSVILLE, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N. C.

July 24, 25 and 26, 1926



E. R. HARRIS, Moderator, Reidsville, N. C.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk, Altamahaw, N. C.
ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Clerk, Reidsville, N. C.

Articles of Faith

We, the messengers of the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association, agree, for the satisfaction of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor with the help of the Lord to maintain.

1. We believe in the being of God as Almighty, Eternal, Unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word which Word we believe to be of divine authority and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of man. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of his own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man he was good and upright, but by his own transgression he fell from that good and upright state, and being the head and representative of the whole human race, they being his natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself, and they were partakers of, and exposed to, the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly, or to truly repent of his sins, or believe in Christ, except he be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they can utterly refuse the call; but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith.

8. We believe that God's elect will be converted and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that those that are called by grace and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in all God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principal of love.

11. We believe baptism by immersion, and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or

true believer.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline and that associations, councils and conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church, the keeping, holding or maintaining of any principal or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and final judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

16. Lastly, we believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an association capacity wherein each church ought to be represented by the messengers to advise with each other in conference.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and shall in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messengers shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he violates the rules of this decorum.

8. No messengers shall address another in any other term or appellation other than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views, after any messenger, having a right to speak, may reply to any new matter introduced by the Moderator.

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11. Any member who shall violate any of the rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Gilliam, 1st Peter 1:1-5 verses and Elder O. J. Denny, Rom. 5:6, 7, 8 and 9 and Rom. 6: last verse.

2. After an intermission the Association convened and after praise and prayer by Elder F. W. Keene, proceed to business.

(a) Moved that the Clerk call the roll of churches and mark all absentee messengers, which was agreed.

(b) Moved that we elect Deacon E. R. Harris Moderator, which was done.

(c) Moved that the Committee on Arrangements for Preaching shall consist of the Moderator of the Association, the Association Clerk, and the Messengers from Reidsville Church, which was agreed.

(d) Moved that the Moderator appoint all necessary committees, which was agreed, and the following appointed, to-wit: Committee on Finance.....J. J. Lambeth, C. S. Delancy Committee to Distribute Minutes.....T. W. Rice, W. D. Blalock

(e) Moved that the Clerk be allowed to call an assistant, which was agreed, and Elder T. A. Stanfield was called to his assistance.

3. Petitionary letters were called for. None received.

4. Messengers and visitors from corresponding associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated:

Little River—Elder Everett Jones.

Black Creek—Elder J. W. Wyatt and Minutes.

Fishers River—Elder G. O. Key and Minutes.

White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones and Minutes.

Mayo—Elders H. F. Hutchens, J. F. and D. V. Spangler, J. A. Fagg and others.

Kehukee—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—Bros. H. E. Satterfield, W. A. Warren, Elder E. C. Oakes and others, and Minutes.

Abbott's Creek—Elder Sam McMillian, L. A. Wright, T. L. Maness, C. B. Owens and Elder H. S. Williams.

Contentnea—Bro. E. A. Stanfield, Elders J. P. Tingle, A. M. Crisp and Minutes.

Pig River—J. W. Ramsey, T. H. Eanes and others.

Smith's River—Elders J. D. Cockram, L. I. Gilbert.

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Staunton River—Brethren J. H. Butcher, T. J. Wood, Elders W. R. Dodd, J. E. Herndon, and Minutes.

New River—Not represented. Minutes.

Mill Branch—Not represented.

Baltimore—Not represented.

Salem—Elder C. A. Davis, Bro. W. L. Teague, and others and Minutes.

Mountain—Not represented. Minutes.

Maine Conference—Elder F. W. Keene.

Seven Mile—Not represented.

Zion—Not represented. Minutes.

Durham—(Colored) Minutes.

5. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association were read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table of this minute.

6. On motion the Association adjourned to meet again Monday morning, July 26, 1926, at 9 o'clock.

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator.

J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 26, 9:00 O'CLOCK

7. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy proceeded to business.

8. The messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called upon to report. All reports were carefully noted, and those who could not attend were excused.

9. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations at their next sitting as follows:

Little River—Elder J. W. Gilliam,

Black Creek—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elder B. F. McKinney.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

White Oak—Elders, J. W. Gilliam, M. B. Martin.

Mayo—Elder O. J. Denny, Bro. W. G. Dix.

Kefukey—Elder T. A. Stanfield.

Lower Country Line—Elders J. W. Gilliam, O. J. Denny, M. B. Martin, B. F. McKinney, W. P. Warren, and others.

Abbott's Creek—Elders J. W. Gilliam, W. C. Jones, and others.

Contentnea—J. M. Dennis, Elders M. B. Martin, W. M. Maness, T. A. Stanfield.

Pig River—Minutes.

Smith's River—Minutes.

Staunton River—Elders J. W. Gilliam, B. F. McKinney, O. J. Denny, E. R. Harris.

New River—Minutes.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Salem—Elders J. W. Gilliam, W. C. Jones, J. M. Dennis, J. R. Jones

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Mountain—Minutes

Seven Mile—Minutes.

Durham—(Colored) Minutes.

10. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Gilliam's Alamance County, N. C., to begin at 10 o'clock on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July 1927, and continue three days, and Elder B. F. McKinney be requested to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder B. B. McKinney to be his alternate.

11. The Finance Committee made the following report to the Association:

Contributions from the churches.....	\$127.76
Contributions from the friends in the congregation.....	26.35
	\$154.11
Totals funds received.....	\$154.11

RECOMMENDATION FOR DISTRIBUTION

For printing, postage, and mailing 1,000 Minutes.....	\$ 37.00
For the Clerk's services.....	15.00
For visiting ministers.....	102.11
	\$154.11
Total Disbursements	\$154.11

Moved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and the Committee excused, which was agreed.

12. Moved that our Clerk have 1,000 of these Minutes printed and distributed with the churches of this Association and among the Sister Associations with whom we correspond, which was agreed.

13. Whereas: our brethren have been well favored in preaching the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and many have been blessed to hear and understand same, and enjoy the Association now drawing to a close, be it therefore resolved:

(a) That we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed.

(b) That we extend thanks to the brethren, sisters, and friends who have extended such generous hospitality in taking care of the Association.

(c) That we extend thanks to the Warehousemen: the owners and operators of the Pinnix and Union Warehousees for the use of the warehouses for the general convenience and comfort of the Association.

MINISTERS

Elders in our Association and their addresses:

Elder B. F. McKinney, Reidsville, N. C., Star Route.

Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.

Elder O J. Denny, Winston-Salem, N. C.

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- Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., Route No. 1.
- Elder B. F. McKinney, Hurdle Mills, N. C.
- Elder W. M. Monsees, Wilson, N. C.
- Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C. Route No. 1.
- Elder J. P. Johnson, Danville, Va. Route No. 3.
- Elder T. A. Stanfield, Reidsville, N. C. Star Route.
- Elder M. B. Martin, Altamahaw, N. C. Route No. 2.

VISITING ELDERS AT THIS SESSION OF OUR ASSOCIATION

- Elder C. A. Davis, Salem Association.
- Elder Isaac Jones, White Oak.
- Elder L. H. Hardy, Hunting Quarters Church.
- Elder J. F. Spangler, Mayo.
- Elder J. W. Flinchum, Mayo.
- Elder D. V. Spangler, Mayo.
- Elder J. W. Wyatt, Black Creek.
- Elder J. E. Herndon, Staunton River.
- Elder J. A. Fagg, Mayo.
- Elder G. O. Key, Fisher's River.
- Elder H. F. Hutchens, Mayo.
- Elder W. R. Dodd, Staunton River.
- Elder J. F. Sigall, Pig River.
- Elder J. P. Tingle, Contentnea.
- Elder Everett Jones, Little River.
- Elder J. D. Cockram, Smith River.
- Elder Samuel McMillian, Abbott's Creek.
- Elder E. L. Cobb, Black Creek.
- Elder S. J. Reich, Salem Association.
- Elder J. T. Cox, Mayo.
- Elder E. C. Oakes, Lower Country Line.
- Elder A. M. Crisp, Contentnea.
- Elder G. M. Trent, Mayo.
- Elder H. S. Williams, Abbott's Creek.
- Elder L. J. Gilbert, Smith River.
- Elder F. W. Keene, Maine Conference.

PREACHING

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Gilliam from 1st. Peter 1:1-4.

Saturday Afternoon—

1. Elder J. A. Fagg—Text: Matt. 9:1.
2. Elder G. O. Key—Text: The foundation of God standeth sure, etc., and II Tim. 2:19.

At 5 O'Clock—

1. Elder J. D. Cockram—Text: John 5:25-28.

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At 8 O'Clock—

1. Elder H. F. Hutchens—Text: Ex. 11:7.
2. Elder D. V. Spangler—Text: Rom. 8:1-2.

Sunday Morning, 10 O'Clock—

1. Elder Isaac Jones—Text: In that day shall a fountain be opened.

2. Elder L. H. Hardy—Text: Eph. 1:1-6.
3. Elder J. F. Spangler—Text: Prov. 8:22-24.

Sunday Afternoon—

1. Elder Samuel McMillian—Text: St. Mark 4:3-8.
2. Elder E. L. Cobb—Did not get text.
3. Elder J. W. Flinchum—Text: 1st Cor. 2:1.

At 5 O'Clock—

1. Elder W. R. Dodd—Text: Heb. 11:1-2.
2. Elder H. S. Williams—Text: II Tim. 4-2.
3. Elder Ben Martin—Text: As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

At 8 O'Clock—

1. Elder J. W. Wyatt—Text: Col. 1-16.
2. Elder F. W. Keene—Text: Ex. 13:13.

Monday Morning, at 10:30—

1. Elder J. F. Stigall—Did not get text.
2. Elder J. P. Tingle—Did not get text.
3. Elder C. A. Davis—Did not get text.

List of churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of rotation of sessions since the Country Line Association divided into Upper and Lower Country Line Associations in 1906, as follows:

*Gilliam's	1909-1927
Oak Grove	1910
Lynch's Creek	1911
Lick Fork	1912
Pleasant Grove	1913
McCray	1914
Greensboro	1915
Dan River	1916
New Hope	1917
Moon's Creek	1918
Monticello	1919
Prospect Hill	1920
Wolf Island	1921
Bush Arbor	1922
Big Meadows	1923
Country Line	1924
Harmony	1907-1925
Reidsville	1908-1926

* Appointed to be held.

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MAILING LIST OF CHURCHES

	No. Minutes
Arbor—J. L. Simmons, Yanceyville, N. C., R. 2.....	60
Dig Meadows—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.....	25
Country Line—Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C.....	15
Dan River—W. G. Dix, Ruffin, N. C., Route No. 2.....	40
Gilliam's—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. No. 1..	40
Harmony—W. A. Ward, Cedar Grove, N. C.....	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Saunders, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 5.....	30
Lynch's Creek—Wm. Warren, Corbett, N. C.....	25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. No. 3.....	25
Moon's Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. No. 5.....	25
Pleasant Grove—Elder T. A. Stanfield, Reidsville, N. C., Star Route	50
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C.....	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.....	50
Wolf Island—J. R. Stone, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 3.....	55
Oak Grove—Robt. H. James, Yanceyville, N. C., R. No. 1.....	20
New Hope—J. S. Knowles, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 6.....	50
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C.....	25
Greensboro—I. E. Neal, Greensboro, N. C.....	38

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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Abbott's Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C.....	18
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.....	18
Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.....	20
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. No. 1..	25
Kehukey—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.....	27
Little River—Robt. Smith, Benson, N. C.	
Mayo—S. G. Dobbins, Claudville, Va.....	20
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Roanoke, Va.....	20
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.....	18
Smith's River—Elder J. D. Cockram, Stuart, Va.....	18
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, 147 Broad St., Danville, Va.....	18
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.....	20
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.....	20
Mountain—J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.....	15
Pig River—Elder E. L. Blankenship, Boon's Mill, Va.....	15
Seven Mile—Elder L. A. Johnson, Benson, N. C.....	15
Mill Branch—W. C. Brown, Tabor, N. C.....	20
Durham (colored)—Bro. Joe Graves, Reidsville, N. C., R. 5.....	20

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STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Recs by E. and B.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contributions
Prospect Hill	W. P. Warren, W. D. Blalock, W. D. Burch	3	1		3			20	\$10.00
Bush Arbor	Elders B. F. McKinney, W. C. King, Bro. J. E. Simmons	1					2	43	11.55
Big Meadows	Elders W. C. Jones, *W. H. Johnson, *N. P. Napier							11	2.00
Country Line	Elder W. C. King, Pastor by request							8	8.00
Dan River	Bren. W. G. Dix, T. W. Rice, *L. B. Strader				1		1	20	6.00
Gilliam's	Elder J. W. Gilliam, G. L. Rudd, *T. W. Saunders	1			1			24	17.26
Harmony	Brother *W. A. Ward, *Sister Wilson							11	2.00
Lick Fork	Bros. *Lewis Apple, *J. P. Lovelace, C. L. Saunders				1			22	7.50
Lynches Creek	William Warren							4	3.00
McCray's	G. A. Porterfield, *Robt. Cates, *Sister Lula Aldredge						1	14	8.00
Moon's Creek	*Sister Belle Neal, *Sister Travis, Elder J. P. Johnson						1	4	2.00
Oak Grove	Bros. G. W. Walker, *S. L. Gwyn, W. H. Ware		2		2			8	3.60
Pleasant Grove	Bro. R. A. Poteat, Sister Poteat, *Bro. R. H. Jones	1	1					48	10.35
Reidsville	Bros. E. R. Harris, B. L. Hurdle					1	1	26	13.00
Wolf Island	Elder W. C. Jones, Pastor by request	2				1	1	44	2.00
New Hope	Bros. *G. R. Robertson, D. B. Paschal, J. J. Somers				1	1	3	13	4.00
Monticello	Bren. J. J. Lambeth, H. W. Lambeth, W. D. Lambeth	2						16	7.00
Greensboro	Elder O. J. Denny, *J. R. Jones, *J. H. Combs		3					41	10.50
Totals		10	7		8	2	9	377	127.76

Absentees marked *

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