

Minutes
OF THE
One Hundred Fifteenth
Annual Session
OF THE
Senter District
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Senter Church

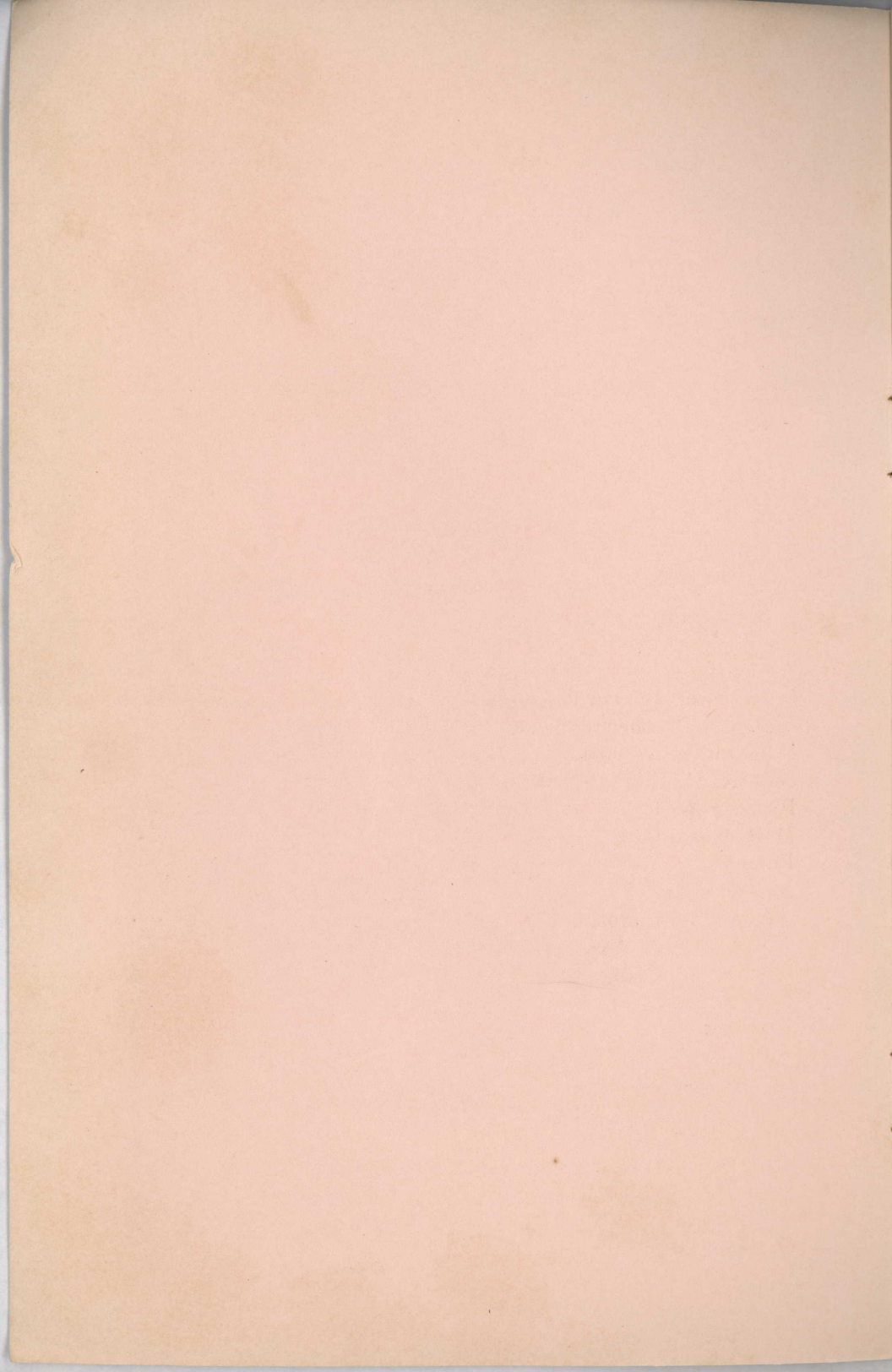
ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6, 7 AND 8,

❧ [1968] ❧

Next session convenes with Senter Church, located about 8 miles northeast of Jefferson, N. C. just off highway 221, near Nathan's Creek School, on Friday before the second Sunday in September 12, 13 and 14, 1969.

OFFICERS

ELDER JACK MCGINNIS Moderator
511 6th St., North Wilkesboro, N. C. 28659; Ph. 667-6777
BROTHER EARL W. SEVERT Clerk
4798 N. Cherry St., Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105;
Ph. 725-7191



Proceedings

Of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association Held at Senter Church

FRIDAY—September 6, 1968

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year, and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder J. H. Blackburn from the Mates Creek Association, Ky.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder G. D. Roten of the Senter Association. Text, Titus 1:2, In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches read, correspondents seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder Jack McGinnis, Moderator; Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters. Received none.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated, given the right hand of welcome:

Mountain Association of N. C.: Elder Walter Evans, Brother A. C. Holloway and wife, Brother J. Mack Osborne, Brother Robert Cleary, Brother Troy Cleary, Brother Lon M. Reeves and wife, Licentiate Elmer Sparks, Brother G. R. Douglas and wife, Brother Green Ward, Brother M. A. Jenkins and wife, Brother A. J. Reeves and wife, Brother Garnett Bold, Brother Clarence Ward.

Mates Creek Association, Ky.: Elder J. H. Blackburn and wife, Elder Frank Wheeler, Elder Walter G. Runyon.

Echeconnee Association, Ga.: Elder Paul R. Mann.

Mount Zion Association, W. Va.: Elder Owen D. Harvey and wife, Sister Minnie S. White, Elder J. H. Sutphin, Brother Wint McNeill and wife.

Ketocton Association, Va.: Elder W. G. Fletcher.

Silver Creek Association, N. C.: Brother C. D. McGee, Brother Thomas Hall, Brother Alfred Jenkins, Brother Sam Hartley, Sister Daise Hartley.

Little River Association, N. C.: Brother R. H. Reeves and wife.

Prince William Association, S. C.: Elder C. J. DeLoach.

New Liberty Association, W. Va.: Elder J. M. Whaling and wife.

Independent Churches:

Walnut Cove Church, N. C.: Elder F. R. Moore.

Worrell Memorial Church, Va.: Elder Wilbur F. Worrell and wife.

St. Clairs Bottom Church, Va.: Brother Wiley B. Greer, Brother Dan Blevins, Brother Everett Blevins, Sister Ada E. Davis.

Montview Church, N. C.: Brother Frank A. King.

Grace Church, Fla.: Elder Ernest Blanton.

Tidewater Church, Va.: Elder Frank E. McCarty, Sisters Dorothy and Sharon McCarty, Brother A. L. Carnell, Sister Annie J. Carnell.

Mt. Carmel Church, Md., Brother L. H. Davis.

Stone Wall Church, Va.: Elder L. H. Moran, Elder S. S. Walker.

Zion Rest Church, N. C.: Brother E. M. Smith.

Spoon Creek Church, Va.: Elder L. J. Corns, Brother L. G. Sheppard and wife.

Reddis River Church, N. C.: Sister T. C. Wagner, Sister P. H. Whittington, Sister Doshie Whittington, Sister Dolly Hester.

Chestnut Grove Church, Va.: Elder H. B. Thomas.

Mt. Olive Church, Va.: Sister L. H. Moran.

No Creek Church, N. C.: Sister M. G. Mauldin.

Salisbury Church, N. C.: Brother M. G. Mauldin, Sister Robert Gentry.

Pine Church, N. C.: Sister Jackie Mauldin.

Florida: Elder Percy Ming.

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

(1) Committee on Finance: Brother Bertie Bare, Brother Ben Dolinger, Brothers Clarence Brown, Tom Fowler.

(2) Committee on Arrangements: Brothers Norman

Brown, Tom Severt, Elder Floyd F. South.

(3) Committee on Ministry: Brothers G. O. Burgess, Frank Thompson, Gaither Blevins.

6. That the Committee on Arrangements meet in the church house Saturday morning 9:30 a. m. for conference.

7. To adjourn until 10:00 a. m. Saturday with song and prayer by Elder C. J. DeLoach from the Prince William Association, S. C.

SATURDAY—September 7, 1968

The Association met as scheduled, called to order with song and prayer by Elder W. G. Fletcher from the Ketocton Association, Va.

ON MOTION:

1. Roll called, absentees excused.

2. Reading of Constitution, also Rules of Decorum, omitted.

3. The Committee on Arrangements recommend that we continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors. The Association to be held on Friday before the second Sunday in September. The Association rotate back to the churches, except when they do not ask for it. If not, the Association is to go to Senter Church.

4. Continue correspondence with Powells Valley Association through minutes approved.

5. Rules of Decorum and Constitution to appear in minutes.

6. That minutes be mailed to all visitors.

7. To appoint the Clerk as Treasurer for overseeing printing of 600 copies of the Minutes, also distribution of same.

8. The Finance Committee handle the balance of the funds and distribution of same, to visiting Elders.

9. Next Association to convene at Senter Church, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1969. Located about eight miles northeast of Jefferson, N. C. just off highway 221, near Nathan's Creek Church, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 12, 13, and 14, 1969.

10. Obituaries to appear in minutes.
11. Finance Committee reported as follows:
 Received from the churches \$237.50
- Expenditures:
 To the Moderator \$ 10.00
 To the Clerk 15.00
 Printing and postage of minutes 75.00 \$100.00
12. Minutes to be read and approved.
13. Adjourn through song and prayer by Elder J. M. Whaling from the New Liberty Association, W. Va.
- ELDER JACK MCGINNIS, Moderator
 BROTHER EARL K. SEVERT, Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

- Elder J. H. Blackburn, opened service.
- Elder G. D. Roten, Introductory Sermon.

Friday Evening:

- 1. Elder Wilbur Worrell
- 2. Elder Paul R. Mann
- 3. Elder F. R. Moore, Closed with prayer.

Friday Night at Beaver Creek Church:

- 1. Elder Frank Wheeler opened service
- 2. Elder J. H. Blackburn
- 3. Elder Wilbur F. Worrell

Saturday Morning:

- 1. Elder C. J. DeLoach, opened service.
- 2. Elder L. J. Corns
- 3. Elder J. H. Blackburn
- 4. Elder Frank E. McCarty

Saturday Evening:

- 1. Elder W. G. Fletcher
- 2. Elder Owen D. Harvey
- 3. Elder J. M. Whaling

Saturday Night at Senter Church:

- 1. Elder Walter Runyon, opened service
- 2. Elder S. S. Walker
- 3. Elder Gene F. Watson

Sunday Morning:

- 1. Elder H. B. Thomas, opened service
- 2. Elder C. J. LeLoach
- 3. Elder Frank Wheeler
- 4. Elder L. H. Moran

Sunday Evening:

- 1. Elder Ernest Blanton
- 2. Elder Percy Ming
- 3. Elder Walter Evans
- 4. Elder H. B. Thomas, closed with prayer.

Thus closed another session of the Senter Association with peace and union felt by one and all.—Clerk

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder G. D. Roten, Fleetwood, N. C.
 Elder Edd Severt, Ennice, N. C.
 Elder C. O. Yates, Fleetwood, N. C.
 Elder Jack McGinnis, 511 6th St., North Wilkesboro, N.C.
 Elder Floyd F. South, West Jefferson, N. C.
 Lic. Woodrow Craft, Fleetwood, N. C.

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

Churches	Clerks and Addresses	Church Messengers
Bear Creek	—Earl W. Severts, 4798 N. Cherry St., Winston-Salem, N.C. Sisters Bell Miller, Vertie Jones, Marrie Miller	
Beaver Creek	—Clarence R. Brown, Rt. 2, Box 184, Crumpler, N. C. Brothers Clarence R. Brown, Ralph Miller, Eld. Floyd F. South, Brother R. L. Speaks, alt.	
Big Helton	—B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C.	Brothers
G. E. Kilby,	B. O. Dolinger, G. O. Blevins, Sister Emma Dollinger, alt.	
Horse Creek	—Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.	Brothers Carl Ball, Millard Davis, Sister Lela Greer, Sister Lessie Ball, alt.
North Fork	—Carrie W. Miller, Rt. 1, Box 177, Warrensville, N. C. Sisters Bessie Miller, Carrie W. Miller, Hettie Sapp, Edna Roten, alt.	
Riverview	—Elder C. O. Yates, Rt. 2, Fleetwood, N. C.;	Elder Jack McGinnis, Brothers Claud Bare, Clifford McNeill, Eld C. O. Yates, alt.
Roans Creek	—G. L. Mash, Rt. 1, Box 56, Jefferson, N. C.	Brothers
Senter	—G. L. Mash, G. O. Burgess, Frank Thompson, Tom Severt, alt. —Annie Jones, Crumpler, N. C. Jim Walters, Lester Wyrick, Brother Norman Brown, alt.	Brothers Bertie Bare,

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bear Creek—Elders Dewey Roten, Allen Whittington
 Beaver Creek—Elders Dewey Roten, Floyd South.
 Big Helton—Elders Dewey Roten, Jack McGinnis
 Horse Creek—Elders Dewey Roten, C. O. Yates
 North Fork—Elders Dewey Roten, Jack McGinnis
 Riverview—Elder Dewey Roten
 Roans Creek—Elders Jack McGinnis, Allen Whittington
 Senter—Elders Dewey Roten, Jack McGinnis, and Tom Ward

WISHING WELL

To our visiting brethren and friends,—We of the Senter Association wish at this time to thank you most heartily for your grand display publicly in personally attending our recent gathering.

In unity there is strength.

—Clerk

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and No. of Minutes	—	Clerks and their Addresses
Bear Creek: Earl W. Severt, 4798 N. Cherry St. Winston Salem, N. C.		25
Beaver Creek: Clarence R. Brown, Crumpler, N. C.		25
Big Helton: B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C.		60
Horse Creek: Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.		25
North Fork: Carrie W. Miller, Rt. 1, Box 177, Warrensville, N. C. ..		30
Riverview: C. O. Yates, Fleetwood, N. C.		30
Roans Creek: G. L. Mesh, Rt. 1, Box 56, Jefferson, N. C.		45
Senter: Annie Jones, Crumpler, N. C.		55

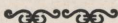
DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Ebenezer: Carroll R. Shuler, Stanley, Va.	25
Mates Creek: Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.	25
Mountain: Raymond R. Nichols, Rt. 1, Galax, Va.	25
Mt. Zion, J. R. Lilly, Box 345, Hinton, W. Va.	25
Piney Grove: S. O. Shelton, Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.	25
Powells Valley, Ray Wells, 113 Melbourne Rd. Oak Ridge, Tenn.	25
United P. B.: Elder Allen Easter, Hillsville, Va.	25

COMMUNION MEETINGS

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

- Bear Creek—1st Sat. and Sun. May 3 and 4, 1969
- Beaver Creek—4th Sat. and Sun. May 24 and 25, 1969
- Senter—2nd Sat. and Sun. June 14 and 15, 1969
- Riverview—3rd Sat. and Sun. June 21 and 22, 1969
- Horse Creek—4th Sat. and Sun. June 28 and 29, 1969
- North Fork—1st Sat. and Sun. Junly 5 and 6, 1969
- Big Helton—3rd Sat. and Sun. July 19 and 20, 1969
- Roans Creek—4th Sat. and Sun. July 26 and 27, 1969



OBITUARIES

WILEY LEONARD PERRY

Wiley Leonard Perry, retired farmer, trader and lumberman, son of Jonathan and Alvah Sheets Perry was born in Ashe County, May 24, 1887. Departed this life August 30, 1961, making his stay on earth 74 years, 3 months and 6 days.

He was married to Mauda Lewis, May 3, 1908. To this union was born two sons and three daughters, one daughter Ruth preceded him in death. The sons are: Claude Perry of Manassas, Va. and Charles Perry of Roseville, Ohio. The daughters are: Mrs. Grace Holman of Charleston, W. Va. and Mrs. Claude Taylor of Manassas, Va. The wife also survives, with eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Brother and sisters surviving are: Lunday and Reed Perry of Sedro Wooley, Washington, Albert Perry of Lansing, N. C., Mrs. M. V. Davis and Mrs. B. O. Dolinger both of Lansing, N. C., and Mrs. Gilam Weaver of Whitetop, Va.

Leonard professed a hope in Christ and joined the Helton Primitive Baptist Church March 1925 and remained a faithful member until death.

He was a good husband, a dedicated father, a loyal citizen and a helping neighbor, ready at any time and under any circumstance to administer to any needy person or cause.

The funeral was conducted September 2, at the Helton Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Edd Davis and the Rev. Alvin Howell. The body was laid to rest in the Lewis cemetery on the farm where Leonard and Mauda spent their early married life.

A loving voice from us is gone,
Two busy hands have folded;
They rest in peace in the beyond,
In God's big hands unfolded.

This voice from out the heavenly way,
In tones of thunder, seems to say,
Life may grow weary, stormy and steeper,
But remember, you are your brother's keeper.

—Written by Lillie B. Perry

ELDER WILEY E. HESTER



Elder Wiley E. Hester was born Feb. 13, 1904, departed this life Aug. 30, 1967, making his stay on earth 63 years, 6 months and 17 days.

Elder Hester joined the Saints Delight Primitive Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C. July 17, 1943 and was liberated to speak in public 2nd Saturday, Aug. 1957; received his letter from Saints Delight Church 2nd Saturday Oct. 1954.

December 7, 1954 Elder Hester moved his membership to Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church by letter and was ordained to the ministry May 7, 1955, where he remained a faithful member until death.

Elder Hester's deep-seated principles of Christian Faith made him outstanding in the churches wherever he visited. Always an inspiration, he was firm in his belief, never deviating but always strong in expressing salvation by the grace of God.

His love of God's creatures won for him a warm spot in the hearts of all who had the pleasure of knowing Him.

We feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

—Clerk

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 wise 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 reprov'd 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 from 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 proceedings 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Sat. of Meeting	Licensed	Gifts	Ordained Elders	By Exp. & Bap.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
Bear Creek	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	19	\$25.00
Beaver Creek	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1	20	20.00
Big Helton	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	52	45.50
Horse Creek	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	15.00
North Fork	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	16.00
Riverview	3	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	34	37.00
Roans Creek	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	40.00
Senter	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	39.00
Total	5	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	4	6	270	237.50

